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STOLEN VEHICLE

Jackson teens lead police on high-speed chase

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RIDGELAND — A juvenile and two teenagers were arrested here Tuesday after they evaded police for two days in a stolen vehicle.

The driver was a juvenile who had been detained in a

Juvenile Detention Facility. Ridgeland Police Chief Brian Myers said the juvenile has been charged with receiving stolen property, fleeing-manifest extreme indifference, and disorderly conduct.

The two teens who were passengers when the car was stopped have been identified

as Kajuan Beverly Joice Peters and Daniel Pheon Mason, both of Jackson.

Peters, 19, 3514 Rainey Road, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, disorderly conduct, false ID information, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Mason, 18, 457 Trent Drive, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, disorderly conduct, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Myers said RPD's encounter with the trio began on Monday evening, Sept. 11. Ridgeland officers located a

stolen Honda Accord near Old Canton Road and attempted to stop the driver, Myers said.

"The vehicle fled and the pursuit was terminated due to the danger to our motorists," Myers said.

Myers said Madison County Sheriff's Deputies later

located the stolen Accord on the Natchez Trace where it fled from them back into the jurisdiction of Ridgeland.

"Efforts to disable the vehicle were made and the vehicle continued into Jackson and the pursuit was again

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ELECTION
Chairman:
Poll worker
ineligible
to vote

By **MICHAEL SIMMONS**
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A Madison County supervisor is looking for answers after being alerted by an election commissioner that a man ineligible to vote was working as a poll worker during the Democrat primary last month.

Pat Truesdale, chairman of the Madison County Election Commission, sent supervisors and county officials an email last week claiming fraud by a poll worker after discovering the county paid a disenfranchised person not only money for working but also transporting ballots.

Madison County had a contract with the Republican Party but the Democrat Party did not want the county to help run their primary election.

As a result, according to Truesdale, a person ineligible to vote worked the election.

"During the last primary cycle the Democrats consistently refused to share any information of the names or numbers of people they had hired to serve as poll workers/managers," Truesdale wrote in her email.

She said they weren't sure if the precincts would be fully

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CITY PAYMENTS
Tax collector
shortfall found
during audit

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A \$618,000 shortfall in the Madison County Tax Collector's office appears to have been caused by overpayment of tax collection commissions, a forensic auditor told the Board of Supervisors last week.

Stephanie Smith, a forensic auditor with Ridgeland-based Grantham Poole, was hired in July to review the shortfalls following the most recent county audit.

"My charge was to find the shortfall and look at it," Smith told supervisors.

She explained that since the county collects ad valorem taxes for Madison and Ridgeland, they are supposed to keep up to \$75,000 in commissions and the rest is diverted to the cities. She said that the county was receiving excess commissions, and then when they turned around and paid it back to the cities, it was paid out

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community helpers



Life Flight Medevac visited Madison-Ridgeland Academy last week for some hands-on learning for students of all ages. The PK4 classes were learning about community helpers and transportation last week, while

high school students took a deep dive into healthcare careers in MRA's Biomedical Services class.

Nothing Bundt Cakes to open in Madison

By **JOHN LEE**
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MADISON — Residents here can expect a brand new Nothing Bundt Cakes on Grandview this fall.

Nothing Bundt Cakes is based in Flowood and offers a wide variety of bundt cakes for many different occasions.

Bethany Stevens, general manager of the Nothing Bundt Cakes Flowood location, said her store is a high-volume bakery and always stays busy.

"We've recently gotten several suggestions from our guests that we should open a location in Madison," Stevens said. "I think it'll do pretty well, and I don't think it'll take away from our business here in Flowood. I imagine people in Gluckstadt will want to go there along with some people in Jackson."

The Madison bakery will be located at 175 Grandview Boulevard next to Best Buy in the old Subway location. Stevens said construction should start next week on Sep. 18.

"We expect the Madison location to be open sometime in November," Stevens said. "My assistant manager, Alyssa Catlan, will be the general manager of the new location and she is really excited."

Stevens said what makes Nothing Bundt Cakes stand out is the top-tier customer service along with their delicious cakes.

"Our cakes taste the best and we



Nothing Bundt Cakes is opening on Grandview Boulevard this fall.

have a wide variety of flavors with different decorations, but our guest service is pretty amazing," she said. "The way we greet our guests is very personal and we try to make them feel special. We do what we can to make sure every single person leaves our bakery happy and comes back for whatever occasion they celebrate."

Nothing Bundt Cakes' highlight

flavors are Chocolate Chocolate Chip, Lemon, Red Velvet, and White Chocolate Raspberry. They also offer seasonal flavors like Pumpkin Spice for fall, and Peppermint Chocolate Chip for Christmas.

The cakes also come in four different sizes: Bundtinis (mini), Bundtlet (small), 8-inch (medium), and 10-inch (large).

All cakes can be customized for any occasion, including birthdays, baby showers, weddings, teacher appreciation days, anniversaries, graduations, sporting events, and other special events. NBC also carries a variety of retail items to enhance celebrations like cake candles, party packs, balloons, and anything extra special.



R'land 'Neighbor Night Out' set for Oct. 12

By JOHN LEE
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RIDGELAND – Residents here will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with

police officers and firefighters during the city's "Neighbor Night Out" event in order to get better acquainted with first responders to enhance crime prevention efforts.

Lt. Sara Perkins of RPD said the nationwide movement started in 1984 in Philadelphia, Penn.

The local event serves as an annual community-building campaign that promotes partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.

RPD has hosted Neighborhood Night Out since 2013. "It's something that's really important to us," Perkins said. "I started with RPD in 2013 and I remember we started it because we realized we're not in our neighborhoods as much as we want to be, and we really only see a lot of people when we're out

on a call. We wanted to be more involved in the community through meet and greets."

Neighborhood Night Out begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. on Oct. 12.

Perkins said that during Neighborhood Night Out, RPD officers get to be face-to-face with Ridgeland residents and listen to things they are concerned about along with learning how the department operates.

"This way, we can put those concerns in our patrols," she said. "The mayor and alderman also come out with us along with the fire department, and it's a great time of fellowship with

everyone coming together."

Traditionally, neighbors turn their front porch lights on and gather in their yards to show solidarity against crime, and many Ridgeland neighborhoods have chosen to have a cookout or a covered dish block party.

Others plan to have the event catered and include drawings for prizes. Police officers, firefighters, and elected city officials will visit around Ridgeland.

Perkins said the feedback has been great over the last 10 years and there is always a large turnout.

"The neighborhoods come up with a meeting spot to do different things, and a lot of times they pick a house and put lawn chairs out front," Perkins said. "Some neighborhoods have concerns they want officers to speak about, like people running stop signs. It's really up to the neighborhoods on whether they want the officers to just mingle and visit or speak about certain things."

RPD believes that relationships established during the event improve communication between citizens and officers, and better communi-

cation can assist the department in combating crime and provide opportunities for crime prevention education.

For any Ridgeland citizens or businesses interested in hosting an event, or neighborhoods that want to participate, contact Perkins at sara.perkins@ridgelandms.org or call 601-856-2121.

Election

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staffed and later found they were over-staffed, with "as many as 15-17 people working on election day."

"This cost Madison County heavily," she said.

She said a man who was purged from the voter rolls for "having a disenfranchising crime conviction of embezzlement from Rankin County" who knew they were ineligible to vote still worked the polls.

"He had tried to vote absentee in person at the Circuit Clerk's office..." she wrote. "After looking at his record in SEMS I advised (circuit clerk employee) that unless he could furnish proof his conviction had been vacated or his voting rights restored he was unable to vote absentee."

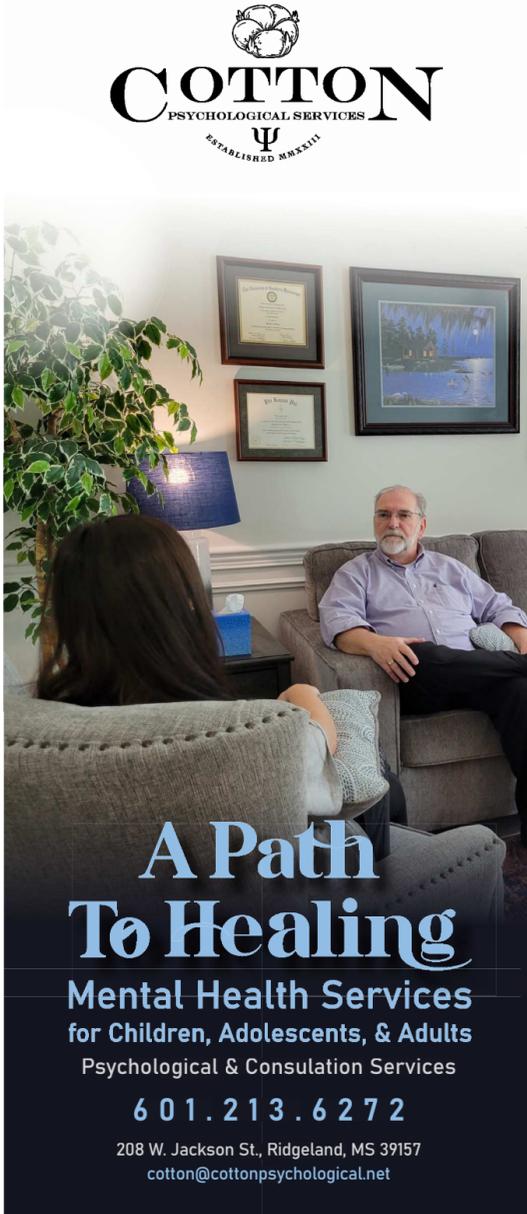
The individual was paid \$264.80, including \$50 for transport to/from the precinct and \$14.80 in mileage.

"It is my sincere hope that the Board of Supervisors would work out a method in which the election commission can be in charge of all elections and hiring of all poll workers to avoid this happening again," she concluded.

District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter is hoping to get some answers.

"I think that both parties should have a contract with the county to run the primaries," he said. "The rules have to be followed. They are there for a reason."

He said he wants to explore whether the county can reclaim the payment made given the facts he was ineligible to work.



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SECTION 1. That for the fiscal year 2024, there shall be and is hereby levied on all taxable real, personal, vehicle and public utility property within the corporate limits of the City of Madison, Mississippi, for ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes as indicated, the following levies to be collected upon each dollar of assessed value as shown upon the real, personal, vehicle and public utility ad valorem assessment rolls of the City of Madison as to such property within the corporate limits, to-wit:

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

SO RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, on this the 5th day of September, 2023.

s/ Mary Hawkins Butler
Mary Hawkins Butler
Mayor

Attest:

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

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Audit

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twice on the books.

"Going as far back as the fiscal year that ended in 2018, there was no mechanism in place to cut those commissions off to the county," Smith said. "The Tax Collector's office was paying these ad valorem commissions to the county."

She said an employee, who is no longer at the office, would look up one day and see the cap was hit and then they would settle the money.

"This ad valorem money received was settled twice," she said. "It should have gone to (the cities). It should not have gone to the county. That created the shortfall."

Supervisors asked about Flora, Gluckstadt and Canton. Smith said Flora has never

hit the \$75,000 threshold and neither has Gluckstadt since it's a new municipality. She said she was investigating if an agreement is in place with Canton.

She told supervisors that going back to 2018, the cities have all been made whole.

"What safeguards can we put in effect to make sure this doesn't happen again," District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter asked.

Smith said earlier this year they implemented a software safeguard to prevent this from occurring.

"There were some assumptions and prematurely things that were taken by this board as funds missing in my office," Tax Collector Kay Pace said. "That's incorrect. There have never been any funds missing in my office."

Smith asked the board if they wanted her to continue investigating some issues she

noted or if they wanted her work to end on the board.

"There are, I know, at least four areas I'd like to dig a little deeper into," she said, pointing to the tax sale, refunds, voided credit card transactions and bank reconciliation.

Board President Gerald Steen asked if she could look further back than 2018 to make sure that the cities and the county all properly received the money owed to them.

"We want to make sure that everything is fair between the county and the cities," he said.

The board approved for Smith to continue working on the Tax Collector's books.

The effects of the shortfall remain to be seen, with County Administrator Greg Higginbotham telling supervisors in June that the audit resulted in a "qualified opinion," which could impact the county's borrowing ability.

Chase

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terminated to protect the public," Myers said.

Officers again located the stolen Honda Accord on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 3:12 p.m., near south Wheatley Street. Myers said the suspect, when officers attempted to stop the stolen Accord, fled

once again.

"His erratic driving placed the public in danger and the pursuit was once again terminated to protect other motorists," Myers said.

The vehicle was again spotted on Lenard Avenue by a Department of Public Safety helicopter which alerted RPD units to the area.

"Ultimately, our K9 and K9 handler apprehended all three suspects after the driver attempted to flee in the stolen

vehicle by driving on the railroad tracks that run parallel to Highway 51 in Ridgeland," Myers said.

"Special thanks to the MS Department of Public Safety and to the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Without the teamwork of multiple agencies these dangerous criminals would still be at large," Myers added.

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Biden's alias email situation

At the height of Watergate, then-President Richard Nixon boldly asserted that the American people had a right to know "whether or not their president is a crook." The same is true today.

The question takes on added significance as accumulating evidence suggests that President Biden may have used the influence of the various governmental offices he has held over his long career to enrich himself, his family and his associates.

The people who are supposed to ask tough questions about such matters have been strangely silent on the latest disclosure about the underhanded way in which Mr. Biden communicated with son Hunter about matters including Ukraine.

More than 5,000 pseudonymous emails sent and received by Mr. Biden in his years as vice president are in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration).

The messages that have come to light so far show Mr. Biden used fake names like Robin Ware, Robert L. Peters and JRB Ware to discuss the then-vice president's schedule, his availability to take phone calls to "prep" him before interacting with a foreign leader and the appointment of at least one person to a position in the U.S. government.

The National Archives has redacted the bulk of the messages, asserting that they contain personal information exempt from freedom of information laws. Still, the very existence of an underhanded communications channel is troubling, given the president's insistence that he never mixed official business with his son's dubious overseas endeavors.

It's difficult to come up with a plausible reason for using pseudonyms other than evasion of disclosure rules that were established, because the public has a right to know exactly what public officials are

doing with their tax dollars. The retention of official documents is such serious business that the Justice Department has indicted former President Donald Trump on charges that he mishandled them.

According to a recent CNN poll, 61% of American voters think the president was in some way involved with Hunter Biden's business activities. Nearly half, 42%, said they believed those activities were probably illegal. And 29% stopped short of that, saying they were merely unethical.

The extraordinary efforts taken by Mr. Biden's allies in and out of government to discredit and keep secret the contents of Hunter's laptop add credence to the allegations of corrupt practices such as influence peddling may be part of the Biden family way of doing things. By any reasonable standard, the laptop contents and the clandestine email identities ought to be enough to set off alarm bells.

Given the hopelessly partisan leadership at the Justice Department, it's unlikely that any real investigation will take place. The department bent over backward to sanction Hillary Clinton's surreptitious use of a secret email server concealed in her bathroom, while simultaneously launching a full-scale inquiry into her main political rival on the flimsiest of evidence.

That leaves it to House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to provide the muscle to back up the inquiry being conducted by House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer, who wants to get to the bottom of the matter. The Kentucky Republican is likely to meet administration resistance the further he delves into the topic.

Nixon gave his famous Watergate speech 50 years ago, and his words still resonate. If Mr. Biden has an explanation of his actions that doesn't involve the word "crook," he ought to have no problem releasing the official emails, unredacted.

— *The Washington Times*

The war on oil

America's time at the top of the geopolitical order is under serious threat. President Biden's war on domestic fossil fuels — a priceless buried treasure — is squandering the nation's advantage, and up-and-coming economic competitors are seizing this unprecedented opportunity to advance their own position.

While Mr. Biden spent much of August lounging on the beach in Delaware and relaxing in the Lake Tahoe mansion of billionaire activist Tom Steyer, a bloc of developing economies was busy building a brighter future for themselves.

At its just-concluded conference in Johannesburg, BRICS — an acronym for participants Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — announced the addition of six new members: Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

When the enlargement takes effect Jan. 1, 2024, the partnership is likely to constitute a significant economic rival to the Group of Seven, made up of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, plus the European Union.

Most consequential are the oil riches of a fortified BRICS. With the addition of Saudi Arabia and the UAE, the alliance will double its share of worldwide oil production from 20% to 42%, according to the Energy Institute and ING Research.

While not meant to interfere with OPEC's grip on global oil prices, the bloc will likely extend special trade relations among some of the world's foremost oil producers and consumers.

Ominously, fresh trade ties among participating nations could usurp American economic links. Russia has already displaced the United States as the primary

supplier of oil to Brazil, helping Moscow recover oil sales dampened by NATO sanctions imposed in response to its Ukraine invasion.

While growing oil sales fill Russian coffers, Mr. Biden is effectively blocking new prospects for the U.S. energy industry. In July, he set aside 11 million watery acres in the Gulf of Mexico for wildlife preservation, rendering the area off-limits to oil and gas drilling.

With domestic crude oil production still falling short of its 2019 record of 13 million barrels a day, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, BRICS competitors are slaking market demand for energy that the president is spurning.

In addition, U.S. nemesis Iran is poised to profit from its BRICS membership. Saddled with heavy economic sanctions owing to its stubborn quest for nuclear weapons, Tehran now has enough eager buyers that its crude exports hit a 10-year record in August.

Beyond oil, new BRICS links could impact other vital trade ties. Returning home from the recent BRICS confab, Chinese President Xi Jinping doubled down on China's oppression of ethnic Uyghurs — a practice that has led to a U.S. ban on products sourced from Uyghur slave labor. U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo was forced to fly into those rhetorical headwinds when traveling to Beijing for talks on lessening bilateral trade tensions.

The fossil-fuel-rich BRICS bloc ascends while President Biden degrades domestic energy resources that give the U.S. a natural advantage in global economic competition. It's not his style to make America great.

— *The Washington Times*

DOUGLAS CARSWELL

Remember September 11th

Twenty two years ago America was hit by a horrific terrorist attack. Like many readers, I can remember exactly where I was when I first heard that a plane had struck the Twin Towers.

An entire generation of young Americans has, of course, been born since that terrible day, with no recollection of an event many of us can never forget.

That makes it vital that we take a moment this year to think about September 11th 2001. We should remember the victims who headed out to work that day expecting to see their loved ones again. We should remember the heroes, too, especially those on flight 93, whose selfless actions saved many lives.

Let us not forget, either, why it was that a group of savages in a distant land should want to commit such an atrocity.

Over the past two decades a myth has emerged that the attack on the Twin Towers was somehow pay back against American interference in Iraq or Afghanistan. This idea, surprisingly widespread in Europe, puts the cart before the horse.

America invaded Iraq and Afghanistan in response to the attack on the Twin Towers. The invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan could not possibly have been a cause of it.

Islamist terrorists first attempted to blow up the Twin Towers way back in 1993. At that time, America's direct involvement in the Middle East had been largely limited to the liberation of Kuwait — at the invitation of Arab leaders. Indeed, America had had pre-

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cious little direct military involvement in the region since Ronald Reagan pulled US peacekeepers out of Lebanon in 1983.

No, the real reason Islamist terrorists attacked America 22 years ago is because America exists.

Why does the existence of America offend the Islamists? It's not about Israel or George Bush. America is resented by Islamists because the United States represents not only a better way of life, but the best way of life yet lived by any portion of humankind.

Cultural relativism, an often well-meaning belief that every way of life is equally valid, is so pervasive among America's elite, I fear it blinds them to the truth; there is no better place to live your life than in the United States of America.

The United States is founded on a revolutionary set of principles that emerged out of the European Enlightenment — that each of us is created equal and in possession of natural rights. The US is governed not by theocrats, but by a Constitution written by men.

Even more galling for the Islamist fundamentalist, this American system works.

Think of the southern US border today. Thousands of people from every part of the planet are clamouring to get

into the United States. They are not trying to make their way into Yemen or Syria.

If, like the Islamists, you believe that the path of a perfect society is to order it in accordance with fundamentalist Islamist principles, the evidence from Iran, Sudan or Libya is not entirely encouraging for your cause.

One of the first acts of America's first President, George Washington, was to state explicitly that it was not enough to merely tolerate religious differences. Henceforth in this country, he wrote to the Jewish congregation in Newport in 1790, people of every faith should "enjoy the exercise of their inherent natural rights".

That idea of religious freedom must be hard to take if you believe that you alone have an understanding of the divine.

These are the principles on which America was founded, and they are a better way of organizing a society than every other way ever attempted.

Perhaps most important, we should remember the brave Americans who stepped forward after the attack on the Twin Towers to protect the American way of life. Thanks to many thousands of brave acts — some big, some small, some documented, others untold — they have helped keep this country, and the West, largely safe ever since. Thank you.

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CHARLES HURT

Joe Biden's hasty COVID-19 retreat

Is there a doctor in the house? The first lady has COVID-19!

Oh, thank goodness. Jill Biden is a doctor. Everything will be fine.

Best of all, she has already taken the precautions to avoid getting COVID-19 in the first place. She takes this whole pandemic very, very seriously.

Dr. Biden is double-vaccinated, quintuple-boosted and already twice infected. Can a gal be any more immune from the Wu flu?

And, like we said, she is a "doctor"! So, she trusts the science.

The White House's truly historic press secretary announced this week that the first lady is "experiencing mild symptoms" and will remain in Delaware for the week.

This always raises an awkward question: Who will step in to take care of President Biden at the White House and change him when he needs it? Somebody get the number for Visiting Angels in Washington. They make house calls.

Historic White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre, who is historic, said the president has been repeatedly tested for COVID-19 and — unsurprisingly — failed each test. Perhaps this is why he refuses to take a cognitive exam.

She also said he is not experiencing any symptoms. But then again, Mr. Biden has not experienced any symptoms of a heartbeat or respiration in months.

Still, following his wife's lead, Mr. Biden will take all unnecessary precautions to perform for the cameras that he takes COVID-19 very seriously.

"He will be masking while indoors and around people, in

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alignment with CDC guidance. And, as has been the practice in the past, the president will remove his mask when sufficiently distanced from others indoors and while outside as well," Ms. Jean-Pierre "said."

The word "said" is in quotation marks because while she did say those words, she was nervously cheating by reading the words off a prepared statement while pretending to speak naturally. This is one of the things that makes Ms. Jean-Pierre so historic.

The other thing that makes Ms. Jean-Pierre so historic is the way she always appears to be drowning while speaking at the lectern of the White House press briefing room. She faces off every day against the most ridiculous, compliant press in U.S. history (somebody asked Wednesday if the White House is opposed to "lynching"), and yet she still manages to get outsmarted every day.

The incompetence contained in one single human defies all science and logic — which makes it all the more remarkable that the White House remains so dedicated to "trusting the science."

Within an hour of the historic press secretary announcing that President Biden would wear a mask indoors and outdoors and remove his mask only when "sufficiently distanced" from others, Mr. Biden appeared in the East Room to bestow the Medal of Honor to retired Army Capt. Larry Taylor.

Mr. Taylor displayed extraordinary heroism as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam when he risked his life to save the lives of four other American troops. Today, he is 81 years old, which puts him right in the sweet spot of being most vulnerable to catching and dying from COVID-19.

Mr. Biden walked into the room, all masked up. Yet when it came time to pin the Medal of Honor around the neck of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Biden inexplicably removed his mask and hovered all around the great warrior's face. During the entire procedure, Mr. Biden was at the approximate distance from Mr. Taylor that Mr. Biden prefers when sniffing the hair of little girls.

After pinning the medal on Mr. Taylor, Mr. Biden beat a hasty retreat — inexplicably walking off the stage, shuffling down the aisle and leaving the ceremony. Everyone in attendance was confused, but at least it wasn't as deadly and as costly as Mr. Biden's last retreat from Afghanistan.

The next day, historic White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre was asked about Mr. Biden's puzzling performance and his reckless disregard for Mr. Taylor's health. First, she claimed Mr. Biden's sudden departure was entirely intentional — to relieve Mr. Taylor of the president's noxious COVID-19 breath.

"We know what works," she explained. "We do."

Asked about the new government mask guidelines popping up all over the country, she further explained: "The CDC — they are the experts. They use science."

Truly historic.
Charles Hurt is the opinion editor at The Washington Times.

BIBLE SELECTION

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
— Psalm 121:1-2 (ESV)

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

#1 FARM & CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT
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BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The son of man must go

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you turn with me to Matthew 26:20-25. There are certain events in life that cause us to take stock of ourselves. Sometimes an occurrence causes us to ask soul-searching questions about ourselves. Questions like, "What am I doing with my life? Am I wasting it? Am I really caring about the things that are the greatest priority?" The event that is recorded in this passage is such a life-changing, stock-taking event. It forced the disciples to ask some questions about their hearts and it forced them to respond to Jesus. And I'd like you to see the two diverging responses to Jesus' announcement in this passage. Firstly, in verses 20 - 22, you see the disciples' response to Jesus' announcement of betrayal. Secondly, in verses 23 - 25, you see Judas' response to Jesus' reiteration of His betrayal.

I. The Response of the Disciples

In verses 20 - 22, Jesus announces the unthinkable. He announces that one of His own disciples, not one of the five hundred, not one of the seventy, but one of the twelve would betray Him. And the disciples respond to this with astonished unbelief and with self-distrust. I mean they begin to question their own hearts in response to what the Lord has said.

Notice the humility, and the repentance, and the self-examining response of Jesus' disciples to this announcement. Do you notice that the disciples are not indignant at what Jesus has just said. Their response is not, "How dare you say this about me! I've walked with you through thick and thin. I've stuck by Your side when everybody fled. How could You say that about one of us, that we are going to be Your betrayer?" Every single disciple, except one, responds by saying, "Lord, I'm a sinner. I know my heart. Surely, surely though, it's not going to be me. Please Lord, tell me that it's not going to be me who betrays You in the end." That self-distrust, that humility in Jesus' warning is a sign of grace.

Sometimes we feel burdened to confront someone we love, someone who is a Christian friend, about a sin. And our greatest fear in those circumstances is that they won't receive our rebuke as the wounds of a friend, but they will draw

up, they will be defensive, and they will hate us for it. They will reject our well-meaning proof and rebuke. Instead of receiving it as something that we have intended to help build them up, they will see it as an attack upon themselves, and they'll steel themselves against that friendly rebuke, and they will reject us.

We see this very often. And sometimes it's a mark of a graceless heart. For when we stand up against God for rebuke and we say, "I will not accept - how dare you call me a sinner. How dare you call me a person in need of grace. How dare you call me someone who needs to repent." When that's our response to the overtures of God's word, that's a sign that we have not experienced grace. Because those who experience grace, know that they need grace. And they know they need to repent precisely because they have experienced grace. And I think it is a great mark of these disciples that when Jesus says, "Look, one of you is going to betray Me," their response is to immediately examine their own hearts, because they know in the darkness of their hearts, that it is possible that they could do it. So instead of rebuking the Lord Jesus, they just say, "Lord, surely, after all this, not me."

II. The Response of Judas

In verses 23 - 25, Jesus reiterates His announcement. In fact, He makes it a little more painful this time, identifying the betrayer and pronouncing the doom of the betrayer. Even in light of that, we see Judas respond as a hypocrite.

Verse 23 serves as a warning for Judas. Jesus, by reiterating this warning, is calling Judas to repentance. Notice His words, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me." Have you noticed that Jesus responds in such a way so as not to draw attention to Judas. We know from John that none of the disciples caught on at the Lord's Supper. John leans over to Jesus and says, "Lord, tell me who it is." The disciples didn't catch on. The Lord Jesus has identified Judas to himself, but not to the other disciples. He has left open the gate of repentance. But Judas will not respond to this kind offer of the Lord.

But I want you to see something even more

shocking than that. After Jesus has made it clear that one of the disciples will betray Him, after He has made it clear to Judas that he will betray Him, and after Jesus has warned Judas of the doom which awaits if he betrays Him, Judas says, "Surely it is not I, Teacher." I don't know whether there is significance in the fact that the other disciples said, "surely, it is not I, Lord," while Judas said, "Surely it is not I, teacher." But I do know this. Judas has certainly denied and betrayed Jesus' Lordship over him by trying to bluff Him. Judas knows that he is about to betray Jesus, but he lies anyway, showing that he rejected the gospel.

And I want you to remember that no man in the history of the world had ever had the gospel more continuously or more clearly presented to him than Judas. Yet, he still rejected it. If that does not remind you that God must do a sovereign work of the Holy Spirit in your heart before you can respond to the gospel, then nothing will ever convince you of that. Judas had seen the Christ and His works, yet he turned his back on Him, and he persisted with his betrayal and his evil doing.

This response of Judas reminds us of how those who do not love Jesus Christ and do not have grace in their hearts receive rebukes. In the Old Testament, the prophets would go to the kings and the people of Israel with a warning, a rebuke of repentance. And what was the Israelites' response? "Is that you, O troubler of Israel. Why are you saying these mean things about us?" And Judas responds in the same way to the Lord Jesus. He attempts to bluff Him. After all that Jesus has told him, Judas' heart has not been moved by Jesus' truth. And so he goes out into the night with a heart of stone to betray the Lord Jesus Christ. How will we respond to the rebuke of Christ? We must pray that God in His grace will open our eyes so that we might receive the rebuke and also receive the remedy.

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



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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED
PROTECTION (EWP) PROGRAM
PROJECT**

Bids will be received by the Madison County Board of Supervisors until 10 A.M. Friday, October 13, 2023, at the NRCS-NR234423(C019) EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION (EWP) PROGRAM PROJECT. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project generally consists of erosion control and repair items. Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods:

1. Sealed bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, October 13, 2023, at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's office, Room 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All sealed bids submitted to the Chancery Clerk's office shall be marked on the outside face of the envelope "NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION (EWP) PROGRAM PROJECT," and shall have the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number written on the outside of the envelope. If any envelope is not so marked, said bid shall not be opened and considered.

2. Electronic bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, October 13, 2023, as a PDF file via Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically as a PDF file shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number as part of its PDF electronic bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Questions regarding plans and specifications should be sent to Tim Bryan, P.E. with the Madison County Engineer's Office at tim.bryan@madison-co.com or 601-790-2520, no later than 10 Business Days prior to Bid Opening.

Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Madison County Board of Supervisors By: (s) Kesha Jackson, Purchase Clerk

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

CHRISTIAN ANTONY GRAVES
PETITIONER
VS.
CAUSE NO.: 20-757-W

**SYLVIA ANN THORNTON AND
JAMES EDWARD THORNTON
RESPONDENT
BRITTANY FAITH MCPHAIL
INTERESTED PARTY**

RULE 81 SUMMONS

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: BRITTANY FAITH MCPHAIL**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 6th day of October, 2023, at the Madison County Chancery Court, before the Honorable James C. Walker, Chancellor and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or 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 official seal of said Court, this the 29th day of August, 2023.

**MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY
CLERK**

BY: /s/ Ronny Lott,
D.C.
Ronny Lott

RULE 81 SUMMONS

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADI-
SON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
YOUTH COURT DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF B.K.H, A MI-
NOR, BY
AND THROUGH LINDSEY HERR,
YOUTH COURT PROSECUTOR AND
NEXT FRIEND AND GUARDIAN AD
LITEM, JOSHUA COE PETITIONERS
V. CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-344**

**MAKALA ARIYON HARRIS, MAR-
TAVIOUS TRALOR, and ANY UN-
KNOWN
PUTATIVE FATHER
RESPONDENTS
MADISON COUNTY CHILD PRO-
TECTION SERVICES
AS THE AGENCY HOLDING CUSTO-
DY OF THE MINOR
RESPONDENT**

TO:
ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, whose name, place of residence and post office address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry;

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 am on October 17, 2023 before the Honorable Staci O'Neal, Madison County Youth Court, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 28th day of August, 2023.

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CLERK

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

CHRISTIAN ANTONY GRAVES
PETITIONER
VS.
CAUSE NO.: 20-757-W

Public Notices

**SYLVIA ANN THORNTON AND
JAMES EDWARD THORNTON
RESPONDENT
BRITTANY FAITH MCPHAIL
INTERESTED PARTY**

RULE 4 SUMMONS

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: BRITTANY FAITH MCPHAIL**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S)

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

You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to Andrew S. Sorrentino, the attorney for the Plaintiff whose address is 108 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Your response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days from the date of delivery of this summons and motion or a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and official seal of said Court, this the 29th day of August, 2023.

**MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY
CLERK**

BY: /s/ Ronny Lott,
D.C.
Ronny Lott

RULE 81 SUMMONS

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADI-
SON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
YOUTH COURT DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF R.D.B,
A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH LIND-
SEY HERR,
YOUTH COURT PROSECUTOR AND
NEXT FRIEND AND GUARDIAN
AD LITEM, JOSHUA COE
PETITIONERS**

V. CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-346

**QUENITA NICHOLE BARNES and
UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER,
RESPONDENTS**

**MADISON COUNTY CHILD PRO-
TECTION SERVICES
AS THE AGENCY HOLDING CUSTO-
DY OF THE MINOR CHILD
RESPONDENT**

TO:
ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, whose name, place of residence and post office address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry;

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 am on October 17, 2023 before the Honorable Staci O'Neal, Madison County Youth Court, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 28th day of August, 2023.

**ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CLERK**

**SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE
OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, Radco Construction, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company executed a Deed of Trust to Donald G. Griffin, Trustee for Community Bank of Mississippi, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust was recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi in Instrument no. 934508 at Book 4090, Page 477; and,

WHEREAS, Community Bank of Mississippi, the present owner of the indebtedness and holder of the above described Deed of Trust, appointed Jeff D. Rawlings in the place and stead of Donald G. Griffin or any subsequently appointed substituted trustee, said Substitution of Trustee being recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said County in Instrument no. 954353 at Book 4193, Page 219; and,

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Community Bank of Mississippi, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff D. Rawlings, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on the 15th day of September, 2023, offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the Front Door of the Madison County Courthouse, 128 W. North Street, Canton, Mississippi to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Madison County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 1124 and 1125, Heron's Bay of Caroline, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi, in Plat Cabinet F, Slides 180A and 180B reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of August, 2023.

/s/ Jeff D. Rawlings
Jeff D. Rawlings, Substituted Trustee for
Community Bank of Mississippi

Dates of Publication: August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2023

Jeff Rawlings
Rawlings & MacInnis
P.O. Box 1789
Madison, Ms. 39130

Public Notices

601-898-1180

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT C. BERTOLET, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23-588-C**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on June 21, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Robert C. Bertolet, 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 90 days after the date of the first publication of this notice or they will forever be barred.

This the 31st day of August, 2023.
Robert Todd Bertolet
Executor of the Estate of Robert C. Bertolet, Deceased

Ian Austin (MSB #104584)
Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, P.A.
P.O. Box 6020
Ridgeland, MS 39158
Telephone 601-856-7200

RESOLUTION FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR THE REAL, PERSONAL, VEHICLE AND PUBLIC UTILITY PROPERTY FOR TAXES FOR THE CITY OF MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

SECTION 1. That for the fiscal year 2024, there shall be and is hereby levied on all taxable real, personal, vehicle and public utility property within the corporate limits of the City of Madison, Mississippi, for ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes as indicated, the following levies to be collected upon each dollar of assessed value as shown upon the real, personal, vehicle and public utility ad valorem assessment rolls of the City of Madison as to such property within the corporate limits, to-wit:

GENERAL FUND 21.0 mills
DEBT SERVICE FUND 7.8 mills

TOTAL FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES: 28.8 mills
SECTION 2. That for cause, this Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

SO RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, on this the 5th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Mary Hawkins Butler
Mary Hawkins Butler
Mayor

Attest:

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

(Seal)

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi

Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the

following: 2007 HYUNDAI SONATA, VIN #

5NPEU46F37H204981, \$ 2728.50.

Public sale of this

abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on

Friday September 15, 2023 at Big Byrd Towing, LLC located at 120 E. State St. Ridgeland, MS 39157 at 10:00 A.M.

RULE 81 SUMMONS

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADI-
SON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
YOUTH COURT DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF G.D.K, A MI-
NOR, BY
AND THROUGH LINDSEY HERR,
YOUTH COURT PROSECUTOR
AND NEXT FRIEND AND GUARDIAN
AD LITEM, JOSHUA COE PETITIONERS
V. CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-343**

**KASEY GRACE KING, KEITH AL-
LEN BARRETT, and ANY UNKNOWN
PUTATIVE FATHER
RESPONDENTS**

**MADISON COUNTY CHILD PRO-
TECTION SERVICES
AS THE AGENCY HOLDING CUSTO-
DY OF THE MINOR CHILD RESPON-
DENT**

TO:
**ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE
FATHER, whose name, place of residence and post office address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry;**

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 am on October 17, 2023 before the Honorable Staci O'Neal, Madison County Youth Court, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 28th day of August, 2023.

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CLERK

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADI-
SON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL.
RIDGELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
PLAINTIFF
VS.
Civil Cause No. 2023-0754 JO**

**THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE
DOLLARS (\$3,159.00) IN UNITED
STATES CURRENCY
AND ONE (1) DIAMOND BACK
7.62MM RIFLE SERIAL
DB2159853, ONE (1) RUGER**

Public Notices

**5.7X28 CALIBER HANDGUN
BEARING # 64237123, AND ONE (1)
COBRA 22 CALIBER
HANDGUN SERIAL # 091955
DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Joshua Isaiah Jones of 109 Pine Knoll Dr. Apt. 111, Ridgeland, MS 39157

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

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

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

Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this the 29th day of August 2023.

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:**

ROY KEITH EASLEY, DECEASED

CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-296

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 2nd day of August, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, Civil Action No. 23-296 to the undersigned **Robert Keith Easley**, on the Estate of **Roy Keith Easley, deceased**, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to present same to the Clerk of the said 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.

DATED, this the 2nd day of August 2023.

Robert Keith Easley, Administrator

BY: /s/ Kimberly M. Phillips
Kimberly M. Phillips, Attorney for Administrator

PREPARED BY:

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Kimberly M. Phillips, MSB No. 106143
Rainer & Phillips, PLLC
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Brandon, Mississippi 39043
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kphillips@rainerlaw.net

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2003 HONDA ELEMENT, VIN # 5J6YH18593 L000139, \$3959.00, a 2002 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER, VIN #JTEG-F21A820030054, \$3959.00, a 2012 GMC ACADIA, VIN #1GKKRRED8 CJ353362, \$3959.00, a 2017 MERCEDES GLA 250, VIN #WDCTG4EB1 HJ296382, \$3852.00, and a 2010 MINNI COOPER, VIN #WMMWF3C51 ATU77784, \$3852.00. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday September 15, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

RULE 81 SUMMONS

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADI-
SON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
YOUTH COURT DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF A.N.L,
A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH LIND-
SEY HERR,
YOUTH COURT PROSECUTOR AND
NEXT FRIEND AND GUARDIAN
AD LITEM, JOSHUA COE
PETITIONERS**

V. CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-345

**FLOREA BENNETT LUCKETT, OTIS
STEVENS, and UNKNOWN PU-
TATIVE FATHER
RESPONDENTS
MADISON COUNTY CHILD PRO-
TECTIVE SERVICES AS THE AGEN-
CY HOLDING CUSTODY OF THE
MINOR CHILD
RESPONDENT**

TO:
ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, whose name, place of residence and post office address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry;

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 29th day of August, 2023.

Public Notices

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CLERK

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENGINEER-
ING SERVICES
YANDELL ROAD TO GLUCKSTADT
ROAD CONNECTOR**

The Madison County Board of Supervisors intends to employ a consulting engineering firm to provide engineering services utilizing a Cost plus Fixed Fee contract for the **Yandell Road to Gluckstadt Road Connector Project**. This project will consist of a new road on new alignment beginning near the intersection of Yandell Road at Clark-dell Road and heading west over US 51 to connect to the eastern end of Gluckstadt Road. Services shall include project management, environmental studies/permitting, capacity analysis, field surveys, geotechnical investigations (bridges and retaining walls), centerline soil profiles, conceptual plans, profile grades, plan-profile sheets, hydraulic design (bridge and roadway), bridge layouts, structural design of bridges and appurtenances, permanent signing plans and details, traffic signal plans, roadway right of way plans, final bridge and roadway construction plans (PS&E), right of way maps and deeds, right of way acquisition, utility coordination, bidding services, and other roadway related services. The firm shall provide these services following MDOT's Project Development Manual for Local Public Agencies (LPAs).

Upon selection, negotiation, and execution of contract, the County anticipates the duration of the contract to be based upon the selected firm's proposed schedule as agreed to by all parties. The County anticipates executing the contract by November 2023.

To be considered, the "Expression of Interest" proposal must respond to all requirements of this Legal Advertisement. The recommended proposal length should not exceed twenty-five (25) pages, exclusive of appendices. The resumes (which should not exceed 2 pages per individual in length), SF-330 Part II, proof of State Licensure and certificates requirements, and other information not relevant to the requirements should be included in the appendices. The Consultant's cover letter, table of contents, summaries and introductions, team organizational chart, past performances, and any other responses to the evaluation criteria should be included in the 25 pages. Pages should be numbered, single-spaced, one-sided, 8.5" by 11" with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. No more than five pages may be 11" by 17", but they may count as two sheets each against the recommended 25 page maximum. Information within the recommended 25 page limit of the proposal should be complete and sufficient in scope for the selection committee to evaluate the Consultant. Also, all text information in the recommended 25 page limit should be shown in a readable font, size 12 points or larger. Headers, charts, and other graphics may be provided in a different font type and size providing they are legible. Section dividers, tabs, or similar means are recommended but are not counted as part of the recommended 25 page limit. These recommendations will be considered when evaluating the quality of proposal.

With the exception of the information to be supplied in the appendices, the "Expression of Interest" proposal should be divided into the following sections as listed below.

Consulting engineering firms (CONSULTANT) interested in providing these services may so indicate by furnishing the County five (5) copies and one (1) CD/jump drive of an Expression of Interest which should consist of the following unless specifically stated otherwise:

1. The Prime CONSULTANT should provide a cover letter specifying the name and complete description of the Contract, the name of the Prime CONSULTANT and any of its Subconsultant(s), the name of an individual who will be the single point of contact throughout the selection process, the name of the project manager, the location and address of the managing office, and the location and address of the office(s) that may be assigned the work. Should any Subconsultant(s) be listed as team members, identify the roles of each of the team's members. In addition, the CONSULTANT must note if this is a joint venture;

2. The CONSULTANT should provide a company profile showing the overall capabilities of firm(s);

3. The CONSULTANT should provide a resume for each principal member, the project manager, and employee(s) of the firm anticipated to be assigned to the project. Also, provide a team organizational chart and list each person's experience and qualifications, including proof that the Project Manager is licensed as a Mississippi Professional Engineer and that the firm has met state licensure and certification requirements. The team organizational chart should include each individual's name, job description (for the project), and company of employment. In addition, the CONSULTANT should provide proof that at a minimum the project manager has attended and received certification through MDOT for the Project Development Manual Training for Local Public Agencies;

4. The CONSULTANT should provide a description of similar type work completed during the past five (5) years which qualifies the consultant for this work. **Provide a detailed description of the role of the consultant and define whether the consultant was the prime or a subconsultant. Include in the description the amount of the consultant's contract for the work they provided for the project, the date the consultant's project was initiated, the consultant's scheduled completion date in accordance with the progress schedule, and when the consultant completed the work as stated in the contract. If the consultant's project was not completed on-time, identify any justifications.** The firm should provide contact information for each of the projects. This will include the name of the client and client's representative that can verify and discuss the project;

5. The CONSULTANT should provide a work plan and progress schedule that identifies task benchmarks and time required for each segment or

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phase of work;

6. The CONSULTANT should provide Part II of Standard Form (SF) 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications. If a firm has branch offices, complete the form for each specific branch office seeking work. In addition, this form should be completed for any subconsultants in the same manner. This form can be obtained at the following web-address:

[http://sp.gomdot.com/Consulting%20Services/Forms/Standard%20Form%20\(SF\)%203030,%20Part%20II.pdf](http://sp.gomdot.com/Consulting%20Services/Forms/Standard%20Form%20(SF)%203030,%20Part%20II.pdf).



Canton Academy Homecoming Court announced

Homecoming Court members, pictured left to right, are Cash Johnson (7th), Addy Reams (7th), Garrett Moore (8th), Piper Cooley (8th), Knox Butler (9th), Morgan Holden (9th), Hannah Dill (12th), Riley Lambert (12th), Anna Claire Mabry (12th), Ashlyn Thompson (12th), Jordyn Claire Watkins (11th), Zach Smith (11th), Mac Stacey (10th), and Kaitlyn Warren (10th). Flower girls are, from left, are Sadie Curro, Amelia Cado, Quinn Coleman, Cooper Lloyd, and Livie Joy Bennett. The Crown Bearer is Sawyer Canoy.

Public Notices

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ding listed on the envelope. Please put only one bid form in each envelope. All bids shall be submitted in duplicate. Bids will only be accepted on forms provided by the City and downloaded from www.centralbidding.com and the prices quoted will be binding for the period from November 8, 2023 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, unless otherwise indicated. Contracts for purchase will be made from the lowest and/or best bids submitted, but the Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and accept or reject any part of a bid.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN MARCUS "MARC" O'CAIN ,

Civil Action File No.: 2023-560-B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of John Marcus O' Cain, Deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of June 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Civil Action File No. 23-560-B notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to have such claims probated and registered by the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, at Canton within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or said claims will be forever barred. EXECUTED on this 5th day of September, 2023.

Electronic Bidding: www.centralbidding.com

Hand Delivery: City of Ridgeland, Attn: Renee Buckner, 100 W. School Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

Mailing Address: City of Ridgeland, Attn: Renee Buckner P.O. Box 217, Ridgeland, MS 39158

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
BY: /s/ Paula Tierce
Paula Tierce, City Clerk

Published: September 14, 2023 and September 21, 2023

Furnish 2 proofs of publication/City of Ridgeland

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION OF THE STATUTORY WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF WALKER ALLEN FIELDER, DECEASED

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: THE UNKNOWN statutory WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF WALKER ALLEN FIELDER, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court seeking a determination of the statutory wrongful death beneficiaries of Walker Allen Fielder, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against a Petition to Determine Statutory Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Walker Allen Fielder, Deceased, in this action at 8:30 a.m. on October 23, 2023 in the Madison County Chancery Building in Canton, Mississippi, to show cause, if any you can, why Allison Butler Fielder, Edgar Allen Fielder, and Abby Elizabeth Fielder should not be declared the statutory wrongful death beneficiaries of Walker Allen Fielder, deceased, pursuant to Sections 11-7-13 and 91-1-27 of the Mississippi Code, and why such other relief as prayed for should not be granted. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a Decree or Order will be entered against you finding the above-named persons to be the statutory wrongful death beneficiaries of Walker Allen Fielder, deceased.

/s/ Pamela New O' Cain
Pamela New O' Cain, Administratrix

John W. Christopher (MSB #6100)
LeFleur's Bluff Tower
4780 I-55 North, Suite 100-14
Jackson, MS 39211
Telephone: (769) 777-4231
john@jchristopherlaw.com

Publish: _____, _____, _____, 2023.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

State of Mississippi, ex rel.
Ridgeland Police Department,

Plaintiff,
v.

One (1) 2022 Jeep Wagoneer bearing VIN 1C4SJVD1NS200646,

Defendant.
Civil Action No. 2023-1062 JO

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Preston Carl Adams of 1455 Rosebank Mr. Olive Rd. Lexington, MS 39095, Daja Phillips of 210 Amanda Dr. Apt. 3B, Greenwood, MS 38930, or any unknown owner of one (1) 2022 Jeep Wagoneer Bearing VIN # 1C4SJVD1NS200646

A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by the Madison Police Department, seeking forfeiture of One (1) 2019 Black F-350. Defendants other than you in this action are Leonard Ellis. You are required by law to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is: Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046.

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

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of this Court this, the 25th day of August, 2023.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk
Madison County, Mississippi

BY: Rita Carpenter
DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

JOHNNY BYRANT DOW and CASEY COLLINS PLAINTIFF

VS.
CAUSE NO. 23-528
SYDNEY ELISE LOFTON DEFENDANT

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: SYDNEY ELISE LOFTON
Whose current physical and mailing address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by the Plaintiffs seeking termination of parental rights and adoption of the minor child B.L.D.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 8th day of November 2023, in the Courtroom of Madison County Chancery Court House at 146 W Center St, Canton, MS 39046, 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 complaint or 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 this Court, this the ___ day of ___ 2023.

Ronny Lott
Madison County Chancery Clerk

By: _____ D.C.
Price D. Henley
P.O. Box 1260
Hazlehurst, MS 39083
Telephone: 601-623-9155
Email: pdhenley@gmail.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Lucy Diane Pugh

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Lucy Diane Pugh, deceased, having on the 30th day of August, 2023, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2023-894-B, notice is, therefore, hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 5th day of September, 2023. /s/ Joshua Lamar Pugh Joshua Lamar Pugh, Administrator BENTLEY E. CONNER

Attorney at Law

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

Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this 29th day of August 2023.

ANITA WRAY
MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

I/We, the member(s) of 320 New Manssdale Lodging F&B LLC intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, §67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a Limited Liability Company under the trade name of Garden Grill & Bar located at 320 New Manssdale Rd, Madison, MS 39110. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of all owners/ partners/ officer(s)/ members and/or majority stockholders/ trustee of the above are as follows:

Name: Bhupender Patel
Address: 2749 Bayhill Woods Cove, Collierville, TN, 38017
If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division Department of Revenue P. O. Box 22828 Jackson, MS 39225 Date of First Publication: 7th of September, 2023

Table with columns: Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types, Total. Rows include REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, and Total Revenue & Beginning Cash Balance.

Table for CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SDA Legal Proposed Combined Budget Report. Columns: Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types, Total. Rows include Revenues, Expenditures, and Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures.

Table for CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SDA Legal Proposed Combined Budget Report. Columns: Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types, Total. Rows include Other Financing Sources (Uses) and Net Change in Fund Balances.

Table for CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SDA Legal Proposed Combined Budget Report. Columns: Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types, Total. Rows include Fund Balances / Retained Earnings for July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

The above Original Combined Budget Report has been approved by the school board as noted in our board minutes dated _____

Board President: Johnny Brown (signature and printed name), Date: July 11, 2023
Board Secretary: Shivochie Dinkins (signature and printed name), Date: 7/11/23

BANKING

Daly new president of Madison division

By STAFF REPORTS staff@onlinemadison.com

Marc Petro, Chief Executive Officer for Community Bank's Central Region recently announced that Barney Daly has joined Community Bank as the President of the Madison County Division. With over 40 years of experience in the banking industry, Daly brings an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience to the role. He will oversee the divisions daily operations, while also continuing the growth focus of Community Bank.



A graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Finance, he went on to earn his Master of Business Administration from Mississippi College. Daly is also a graduate of The Graduate School of Banking at LSU and the University of Oklahoma Lending Graduate School.

An advocate of education in Madison County, Daly has served as Co-President of the Madison Avenue Upper Elementary School PTO, Madison Middle School PTO, Madison Central High School PTO, Past President of the Assisi Early Learning Center and served on the Madison County School District Bi-Racial Committee. He currently serves on the board of St. Anthony Catholic School. In December of 2020, Lt Governor Delbert Hosemann appointed Daly to the Post-Secondary Financial Assistance Board. He was reappointed to that board in July of 2022.

In addition to his involvement in education, Daly is heavily involved in his local community, including serving on the Board of Directors for New Stage Theatre, Mississippi Arthritis Foundation, National Kidney Foundation of MS and the Farish Street YMCA. He has served as the President of the Jackson Club, Capital City Club, United Way of the Capital Area and the Madison County Business League and Foundation. He recently served as The American Heart Association's Co-Chair of the Go Red for Women Campaign for the Jackson Metro, as well as the 2020-2021 Chair of the American Heart Association.

He currently serves on the boards of the Canopy Children's Solutions (past Treasurer), MS Blood Services (Vice Chairman), St Catherine's Village, (Vice Chairman), Keath Killebrew Foundation and Madison County Business League and Foundation (past Chairman). He is the current chairman of the Living Services Board and the Madison County Community Trust.

Daly is an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, where he serves as a Eucharistic minister and a small group leader.

He is married to Patti Daly and they have two daughters, Morgan (Anthony) Farmer and Hannah Daly. More importantly, he has two precious grandchildren, Aubrey who is 9 and Bodie who is almost 2.

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CITY OF RIDGELAND BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES & EXPENDITURES For Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024

Table with columns for GENERAL FUND, COURT SERVICES FEES FUND, ROAD & BRIDGE TAX FUND, COMBINED WITH GENERAL FUND, TREE MITIGATION FUND, POLICE DONATION FUND, POLICE CONFERENCE/HOSTING FUND. Rows include REVENUES (Taxes, Intergovernmental revenues, etc.) and EXPENDITURES (Judicial, Personnel, Supplies, etc.).

Table with columns for GENERAL FUND, COURT SERVICES FEES FUND, ROAD & BRIDGE TAX FUND, COMBINED WITH GENERAL FUND, POLICE DONATION FUND, FIRE DONATION FUND. Rows include EXPENDITURES (Community Promotion, Engineering, Personnel, etc.) and Total Expenditures and Year-end Balance.

Table with columns for GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND, COLONY PARK TIF BOND FUND, HIGGINBOTHAM TIF, RENAISSANCE PHASE III TIF, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOREBRIE & SECURE FUND. Rows include REVENUES (Taxes, Intergovernmental revenues, etc.) and EXPENDITURES (Police Department, Debt Service, etc.).

Table with columns for PUBLIC UTILITY FUND, EMCOR REGIONAL SEWER, WATER HOOKUP FEES, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, FIRE SERVICES FEES, SEWER HOOKUP FEES, SANITATION FUND. Rows include REVENUES (Charges for governmental services, etc.) and EXPENDITURES (Public Works, Fire Department, etc.).

Table with columns for CITY ENTRANCE SIGN HWY 51, EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD REHAB, LAKE HARBOUR OVERLAY, LAKE HARB INTERSECTION, HIGHLAND COMMERCE DRIVE, WHEATLEY STREET RECONSTRUCTION. Rows include REVENUES (Intergovernmental revenues, etc.) and EXPENDITURES (Public Works, etc.).

Table with columns for CITY CENTER, 2019 \$19.9MM BOND ISSUE, HWY 51 LAKE HARB DR INTERSECTION, PURLE CREEK/FREEDOM RIDGE DRAINAGE, STEED RD MULTUSE TRAIL, HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY REBUILD. Rows include REVENUES (Intergovernmental revenues, etc.) and EXPENDITURES (Public Works, etc.).

Table with columns for ADVANCED WATER METER PROJECT, HIGHLAND COLONY WELL & TANK, ARPA PROJECT, EPA GRANT PROJECTS. Rows include REVENUES (Intergovernmental revenues, etc.) and EXPENDITURES (Water and sewer projects, etc.).

Madison doctor to lead association

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Family physician Stephen C. Hammack, MD, FAAFP of Madison, was elected president of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) at the association's Annual Meeting in July.

Dr. Hammack is board-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and has practiced for 16 years in central Mississippi.

Most recently, he has joined Hattiesburg Clinic at their new primary care location in Flowood.

Dr. Hammack has been a member of the MAFP since 2007 and has served on numerous MAFP committees, the Board of Directors, as Secretary, as Vice President, and as President-Elect before being elected President by his



Dr. Stephen Hammack

peers. Dr. Hammack is a native of Canton, and received his Bachelor of Engineering from the University of Mississippi. He attended medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He also completed residency training in Family Medicine at UMMC where he served as Chief Resident.

Active in the medical community, Dr. Hammack is also a member of the Central Medical Society and the Mississippi State Medical Association, where he serves on the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.

Dr. Hammack and his wife, Beth, have been married for 21 years. They have three children – Rachel, Caroline, and Matthew. They attend Broadmoor Baptist Church.

Former MCEDA exec tapped by Entergy

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

JACKSON- A former Madison County Economic Development Authority member is one of two new members to Entergy Mississippi's economic development team tapped to assist Mississippi communities expand and attract new business, Entergy spokesman Candace Coleman said.

Lauren Gurtowski is a business retention and expansion representative, tasked with assisting companies with navigating expansions,

Coleman said. "In her role, she consults on utility capacity, workforce development, tax incentives and grant opportunities," Coleman said.

Previously, Gurtowski served as the chief operating officer at the MCEDA, where she assisted in several location and expansion projects yielding more than \$1.5 billion in corporate investment and 2,200 jobs in Madison County.

Gurtowski obtained a



Lauren Gurtowski

degree in international business from Mississippi State University and is a certified economic developer. She is a member of the Industrial Economic Development Council and Mississippi Economic Development Council.

Coleman said the other team member is Stacy Lester who serves as senior project manager, focusing on industrial recruitment and site development.

"She acts as the liaison between prospective compa-

nies and engineering teams," Coleman said. "And she works closely with state and local partners to market Entergy served sites."

Lester has more than 16 years of experience in state, local and utility economic development.

She earned a bachelor's degree in polymer science and master's degree in economic development from the University of Southern Mississippi. She's a member of the Industrial Asset Management Council and Mississippi Economic Development Council.

Victim in fiery I-55 crash identified

By DUNCAN DENT
duncan@onlinemadison.com

The victim of a fiery mid-August automobile crash on I-55 between Ridgeland and Madison has been identified by using DNA testing results, officials said.

The man was identified as

Orlando Brown, 50, of Canton, according to Deputy Madison County Coroner Joel Shows.

Brown was identified after a DNA sample from a family member was compared to his DNA for positive identification at the state crime lab,

according to Shows. The identification was confirmed on Tuesday, Sept. 12, he said.

The crash happened at about 9 a.m. on Aug. 17. Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman said MPD received a 911 call regarding a gray passenger car traveling south-

bound in the northbound lanes of Interstate 55 in the Madison city limits.

The Madison Fire Department was on the scene to begin rescue efforts and extinguish the fire.

Brown was alone in the vehicle.



Young Professional Steering Committee announced

The Madison County Business League & Foundation (MCBL&F) is proud to announce the 2023-24 Madison County Young Professional (MCYP) Steering Committee and Officers. This group plans all events and activities for over 250 young professionals who work for companies that are members of MCBL&F. They also volunteer for reality fairs, career fairs with our Madison County Schools and philanthropic projects in the metro area. The mission of the Madison County Business League & Foundation Young Professionals is to provide young professionals and entrepreneurs with the opportunity to build relationships, serve the community and engage with business, political and civil leaders; thus, investing in the professional development of Madison County's future leaders. Pictured, front row from left, are Bradley Barnes, Melody Rosenbaum, Ben Lane, Pate DeMuth, Katie Hutson, Krystal Minor, Landon McCaskill (Middle) Jamie Lake, Jeanna Upchurch, William Bettis, Athena Chapin, Andrew Harris, Joe Jackson, Anna Norris Jones, Sean Doran, Karolina Simmons, Hunter Huguley, Ellis Wise (Back) Kyle Ketchings, Peyton Brown, Kyle Williams, Lee Hutchinson, Chamar McDonald, Whit Kendall, Ronald Dixon, Wes Neely, and Jacob Garner. Not Pictured: Brandy Andrews, Sasha Chukkapalli, Noelle Hunsinger, Hank Waterer, and James Worthy.

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Madison Central Yearbook financial staff announced

Pictured are the 2023-2024 Pawprint yearbook financial staff members. Back row left to right are Amyla White, Emma Grace Edwards, Kate Neil Davidson, Claire Bumgarner, McClara Morton, Willa Filgo, Pranavi Buddala, and Charleigh Flesher. Middle row left to right are Warren Hutchinson, Ryan Delaney, Gavin Parrow, Bailey Donahue, Claire Thomas, Neily Claire Collums, Mivie Barrett, Nora Bates, and Rivers Biggs. Front row left to right are Reed Cascio, Ty Miller, George Tickner, Elle Sandifer, business managers Sara Powell Taylor, Cole Flesher, and Avery Johnston; Callie Nation, Brooke Bumgarner, Mae Mae Davis, and Lauralee Hetzel.

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Madison Central Yearbook production staff announced

Pictured are the 2023-2024 Pawprint yearbook production staff members. Back row left to right are Audrey Hammett, Carson Chandler, Evie Edgar, Baleigh Adams, Lola Gates, Michaela Edmonston, and Anna Claire Loving. Middle row left to right are Hannah Davis, Southern Callahan, Mary Katherine McIntyre, Lola Williams, Lillian Heard, Bailey Bridges, Isabel Welch, Ella Trowbridge, and Brooke Fairfield. Front row left to right are Anna Edgar, Rebecca Warren, editors Lucy Hawk, Izzy Goddard, Angel Kaur, and Rachael Carpenter; Landry Gates, and Sarah Corley.

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Madison Central newspaper staff announced

Pictured are the 2023-2024 Uproar newspaper staff members. Back row left to right are Amelia Morris, Katherine Elfert, Violet Daniels, Hannah Evans, and Madie Moseley. Middle row left to right are Lauren Heffington, Emily Hodges, Dylan Thomas, and Jenny Nguyen. Front row left to right are business manager Brittan McFadden, editor Lohan Romero, Logan Kennedy, editor Avery Holland, and social media manager Meredith Morrow.



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Living by faith

At the beginning of Daniel chapter ten, we see that an aged Daniel is still in Babylon. This is somewhat surprising because it is the “third year of Cyrus king of Persia.” Cyrus had issued a decree a couple of years earlier that the Jews could return to their homeland and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple.

We don’t know why Daniel stayed in Babylon. The Lord probably gave Daniel a deep conviction to stay. He didn’t stay to enjoy the luxuries of Babylon. Verse three tells us that he went three weeks of depriving himself of normal grooming, as well as his normal diet. Daniel’s mind is on the people of God and the difficulties they face in rebuilding the city of Jerusalem.

In verse two we read that a word about great conflict had been revealed to Daniel. Daniel had no doubt heard the reports of the opposition the Jews were facing in their labors. You can read the books of Ezra and Nehemiah to see the details of it. Daniel was given a word about the great conflict or great suffering of the people of God to convey how completely dependent the people of God are on the grace and strength of the Lord to do the work of the Lord.

Hence, you see Daniel fasting and praying. Here is a man who will never see in his lifetime the work he is praying for. Daniel loved the church, or the people of God. He loved to see God’s name exalted. There is always great difficulty in building the church. Not only from men, but there is spiritual opposition from the devil.

A desire for God’s glory in the church is a sign of being born again. Not only that the present generation may glorify God, but that the future generations will after we are long dead and gone. We naturally long for freedom in our country for our children and their children, but a longing for the church to grow and honor Christ is supernatural. It comes from the Spirit of God. Daniel challenges us as to what animates our life and where our passions are. His were on God’s kingdom. And God worked through his prayers and the prayers of others like him. The same can be true for us.

In verse 5-9, Daniel sees a stunning vision. It’s the vision of a glorious man.

There is debate on whether this is a divine person or angelic. The vision is so closely related to the appearance of the glorified Christ to the apostle John in Revelation chapter one, that we are pushed to see this as a vision of Christ that Daniel sees. And that is how I see this.

It is important to consider that the context of Revelation one is the same as here in Daniel ten. The book of Revelation is going to depict great conflict, especially spiritual conflict for the church in the world. How can the saints persevere through it? The answer is in the grace and power of Christ. So the visions are consolations to the saints that they are blessed by God even in the face of tribulation and death. Daniel’s vision also prepares him for what is to come.

In Daniel’s vision, the Lord is clothed in linen, clothing the high priest wore into the holy of holies. His face had “the appearance of lightning and his eyes like flaming torches” (verse 6). This image reflects the Lord’s holiness and righteous judgment. Whatever persecutions the saints are subjected to will be short lived and the enemies of Christ will face a vengeful God.

The “burnished bronze” of His limbs point to the moral purity and truth His kingdom is founded upon. Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. All who belong to Him build their lives upon this foundation. And they will be vindicated for their faith, their suffering and labors for the Lord remembered.

The sound of His words “like the sound of a multitude” is not only awe inspiring; it means His word will have the desired effect for which it goes forth. He is the Lord. His people are to remember who it is they serve while they travel through this world. Trust in God is the strength of hope.

The vision directs us to live by faith. The devil will lay siege to our faith above all else. If he can’t distort the truth, he will try to shake our faith with tribulation. This passage invites our prayers and confidence in our Lord. It is blessed to have such a Shepherd as Christ is.




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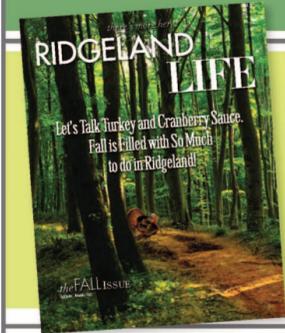
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