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MADISON STATION ELEMENTARY

Police release new school traffic plan

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

MADISON — Police have instituted a new traffic pattern for entry to Madison Station Elementary from the Reunion Parkway due to construction on the campus, authorities said. "Madison Station is currently going through new

construction on campus that caused the re-routing of traffic on campus which caused a traffic issue onto Reunion Parkway," MPD Lt. Micah Taylor said.

A social media post explaining the change went up on Tuesday afternoon from the Madison Police Department. The post featured a dia-



gram of a traffic pattern that was implemented Wednesday morning and will be in effect every morning from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. through the remainder of the school year.

The diagram shows police cars at both entries to the school off of the Reunion Parkway who will be directing traffic onto campus during those times. Right-hand

lanes heading eastbound will be dedicated for school traffic during those hours.

The area where Lake Village Drive connects to the Parkway will be a right turn only during those hours as well.

Police will be stationed at the easternmost entrance to

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EXPLOITATION

Police nab man in sting

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

RIDGELAND — A Madison man was arrested at Northpark mall for the alleged exploitation of a child.



The man, Mark Wayne Williams, 60, of Madison, was arrested and charged with exploitation of a child on Saturday, March 9 in a mall parking lot at 12:39 p.m.

Exploitation of a child is a felony offense.

Ridgeland Police Lt. Bret Bertucci said Williams was caught in a sting operation. He believed he was communicating with a 15-year-old through a text messaging app.

Williams is out of jail on a \$75,000 bond. Williams was in court on March 12 and the case was bound over to the grand jury, Bertucci said. Bertucci said the bond included a stipulation Williams wears an electronic monitoring device.

RESTAURANT

Martin's to open at Livingston

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

LIVINGSTON — A long-standing Jackson-based venue for food, drinks and live music will be opening a second location here this summer.

Joseph Stodghill, the owner of Martin's Downtown on State Street in Jackson since 2012, said he looks forward to bringing their "really good food, live music and extensive drink selection" to their newly-announced location on Church Road in Livingston where The Gathering was formerly located.

"We are committed to this long-term," Stodghill said.

In addition to Martin's Livingston, Stodghill said they

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Cast members of the upcoming Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet performance of "Alice in Wonderland" pose for a group picture. Performances will be held at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on March 23, and at 2 p.m. on March 24.

JACKSON ACADEMY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet presents 'Alice in Wonderland'

By STAFF REPORTS news@onlinemadison.com

The Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet, under the artistic direction of Jennifer Beasley, will present the fairytale ballet "Alice in Wonderland" at Jackson Academy Performing Arts Center. MMB is the only ballet company in Mississippi that is a member of Regional Dance America, a national organization that seeks to promote and elevate the art of dance throughout the nation. The dancers of MMB are chosen by audition from the company's affiliated school, the Mississippi Metropolitan Dance Academy (MMDA).

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previous productions including "Cinderella", "The Little Mermaid", "The Wizard of Oz", "Frozen Heart: The Tale of the Snow Queen", and "Beauty and the Beast." The company also presents its annual production of "The Nutcracker" each December at the Jackson Academy Performing Arts Center. MMB is the only ballet company in Mississippi that is a member of Regional Dance America, a national organization that seeks to promote and elevate the art of dance throughout the nation. The dancers of MMB are chosen by audition from the company's affiliated school, the Mississippi Metropolitan Dance Academy (MMDA).

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ballet back to the stage in 2024." Maple is a former dancer with New York's famed American Ballet Theatre where he performed alongside ballet greats Mikhail Baryshnikov and Natalia Makarova and worked with famous choreographers George Balanchine, Jerome Robbins, and Twyla Tharp. After a 20-year career as a dancer, Maple began choreographing and working with the Pasadena Dance Theatre in his home state of California. Since that time, Maple has won numerous awards for his choreography, which has been presented throughout the United States and abroad, and he also established his own school and company in Irvine, California, the Maple Youth Ballet.

Maple's version of "Alice in Wonderland" is based on Lewis Carroll's famous stories Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass and was first presented by the Maple Youth Ballet in 2011. The ballet matches opulent costumes, sumptuous scenery, and a stunning array of special effects with comic charm and virtuoso dancing. Audiences will be captivated as Alice follows the White

Rabbit down the rabbit hole, takes tea with the eccentric Mad Hatter, teases Tweedledee and Tweedledum, meets the Cheshire Cat, and stands up to the infamous Queen of Hearts, all in an action-packed dream world brought to life through the magic of dance. "This is a ballet that will surprise and delight audiences young and old," says Crystal Skelton, MMB Artistic Associate. "This 'Alice' goes beyond the classic fairytale in terms of cleverness, humor, and originality. When the final curtain comes down, the audience will likely all be smiling like the Cheshire Cat!"

Featured MMB dancers in the production include Rebecca Trowbridge, a senior at Madison Ridgeland Academy, in the lead role of Alice; Emily Garner, a junior at Madison Central High School,

as the Cheshire Cat; Hart Maley, a senior at Jackson Prep, as the Queen of Hearts; Sophia Huang, a junior at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, as the White Rabbit; Grace Gardner, a junior at Ger-

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Ray memorialized with plaque at press box

By DUNCAN DENT
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The late Madison Police officer Corey Ray was recognized with a plaque in his memory on the press box at the Madison Central Baseball Stadium before Tuesday night's game.

"It was a beautiful tribute to Corey," Ray's mother, Karen Golden, said. "I am pleased and honored. It is so nice to see that he is still remembered and loved."

Golden and Ray's father, Charles Ray, threw out the ceremonial first pitch for the game after a dedication ceremony in which they were given a copy of the plaque and flowers flanked by local law enforcement.

"I couldn't count how many police officers were there," Golden said.

Dignitaries included Madison Police Chief Gene Waldrop and Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler.

"Thank You Madison Central for honoring officer Corey Ray and his family tonight," MPD said in a statement on social media. "The Jaguar Press Box naming will be a lasting tribute to his everlasting impact he had on all of us. Corey Ray truly had



Madison Police Chief Gene Waldrop, Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler and Corey Ray's parents, Karen Golden and Charles Ray, are flanked by law enforcement at ceremony Tuesday night at Madison Central. The late Corey Ray was memorialized with a plaque at the press box.

return to action tomorrow evening at West Jones before the 8-6 Ridgeland Titans on Saturday in Ridgeland. The Jags dropped Tuesday's game to West Jones 2-0 going 11-5 on the season. the Jags

Describing the crowd, Golden said it was "a good turnout." The Jags dropped Tuesday's game to West Jones 2-0 going 11-5 on the season. the Jags

Golden said Ray enjoyed all MC sports but that Jaguar Baseball was "his heart." Golden said she knew baseball season was coming because Ray would set up a card table in the den with his computer to

fine-tune edited music drops, walk-out songs and sound effects for use during the games he announced. She said that the table was usually set up throughout the whole season.

Corey Evan Ray, 41, of Ridgeland, died July 14, 2021, at his home surrounded by family and friends. Golden, said he went peacefully after a lengthy struggle with an extended illness.

Ray put in long hours at the school and would often go by to check on things on holidays and his days off, his mother said.

Ray was born on May 8, 1980. He graduated high school from Madison Central and joined the Madison County Sheriff's Office in the same year, 1998. He served with the Sheriff's Office for 12 years.

In 2010, Ray joined the Madison Police Department and worked in Dispatch before becoming the School Resource Officer for Madison Central High School.

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wanted to maintain the gas station portion as well.

"I have always liked that location," he said. "We live about two miles from Livingston and use that gas station

all the time."

In addition to gas, Stodghill wants to offer full breakfast offerings and competitively priced, staple grocery items at the gas station.

He said a remodel would be in the works and could shut the gas station down for a day or two but noted they plan to continue to pump gas through the entire transition.

Stodghill said he heard that space was open in early January — a day he remembers well because he had surgery that morning.

"As soon as I got home and got comfortable I started working the phones," he said.

Stodghill said they hope to open in May.

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mantown High School as the Cook and the Butterfly; Annalyse Binkley, a junior at Northwest Rankin High School, as the Tiger Lily and the March Hare; and Eleanora Ellis, a senior at Northwest Rankin High School, as the Duchess. Daniel Prewitt, a former dancer with Ballet Magnificat, will perform the iconic role of the Mad Hatter. William Johnson, a native of Clinton, will appear as the rollerblading Queen's Executioner, a character that is one of many wacky, unexpected elements in

what is definitely not your average ballet.

Audiences can enhance their experience in Wonderland by making plans to attend the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, which will follow both of the matinee performances. Embark on a whimsical journey with your family as you step into the Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet's Wonderland -themed tea! Immerse yourselves in the enchanting world of Alice, the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit, and many more of the delightful characters, all bedecked in their finest costumes. Guests will capture cherished memories by posing for photos alongside the beloved characters from the ballet. Refreshments will be provided by CW

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Pickleball tourney raises funds for PD

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RIDGELAND- A pickleball tournament with 150 players organized locally and held in Ridgeland earlier this month raised \$2,500 for the Ridgeland Police Department, tournament organizers said.

Darryl Breland, tournament director with the Pickle Pals of Caroline, said they held their annual Spring Fling Pickleball Tournament, at the Ridgeland Tennis Center over the weekend of March 9.

"It was a wonderful event and something we do annually," Breland said.

The club was founded in Lake Caroline but quickly outgrew courts out there for their annual tournament. This is their third tournament and their second in Ridgeland.

This year's competition featured 150 contestants from the local community as well as some out-of-town guests who traveled from as far as Nashville to compete.

The tournament raised \$2,500 dollars for the Ridgeland Police Department's K-9 unit.

"Through their passion for pickleball and their commitment to community welfare," Breland said. "The Pickle Pals of Caroline have once again demonstrated the profound impact sports can have in supporting charitable causes and fostering local camaraderie."

Ridgeland Police Chief Brian Myers said the donation will go towards the purchase of a heat guard and door popper for the department's new K9 vehicle.

"The heat guard warns our K9 Officer if his vehicle were to cut off while the dog is in the vehicle unattended," Myers said. "We want to make sure our canine has a safe, cool environment at all times. The door popper is a remote on the K9 Officer's duty belt that will open the door and allow the dog to react if the Officer is struggling with a suspect outside the vehicle."

Breland said the Pickle Pals are already planning for another tournament next year in early March.

Traffic

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assist those coming west-bound on the Parkway to cleanly make a left-hand turn to merge into the school traffic lines.

"This should help," Mary Katherine Burris commented on the social media post.

"Thank goodness," Tony Jeff replied. "That's much better flow coming from Annandale."

MPD asks motorists to "please continue to reduce your speed to 20 mph as you travel through the school zone and please be aware of the officers working the traffic to ensure everyone's safety getting to and from their destinations."

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Choreography by Charles Maple

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Clock ticking for TikTok

When Congress does something on a bipartisan basis, it's cause for concern. President Biden and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, San Francisco Democrat, are of one mind with Reps. Dan Crenshaw and Chip Roy, both Texas Republicans, when it comes to outlawing the teen-favorite social media platform TikTok.

This consensus propelled a lopsided 352-65 vote in the House last week in favor of legislation blocking the app — unless Beijing-based ByteDance sells its considerable stake in TikTok. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, New York Democrat, hasn't weighed in yet, but it's hard to see him reining in members eager to see TikTok go away.

It doesn't help that millions of teens are addicted, drawn in by the app's endless supply of short, rapid-fire videos. TikTok encourages users to join the latest trends by uploading videos of their own. These could involve anything from performing silly dance moves to doing stupid things like tasting laundry detergent pods — material designed to rile up gullible media outlets that aren't in on the joke.

But there's a sinister side to TikTok's algorithmic content barrage. Some are concerned the app promotes aberrant behavior, transgenderism, and a general dumbing down of society — just the sort of things the Chinese government might use to weaken its main adversary.

The Protecting Americans From Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act is broader than it needs to be to handle these issues, and that is by design. The measure criminalizes distribution of any application that is "controlled by a foreign adversary," which could mean having a significant investor "subject to the direction or control of a foreign person."

It's left to the president to interpret that

Government is snooping

The government is spying on you without lifting a finger. Gone are the days of G-men sneaking into homes to plant bugs or tap phone lines while listening in from a nondescript van parked across the street. Today's law enforcement agencies snoop in comfort by asking private companies to supply a detailed dossier of your habits, beliefs and preferences in exchange for taxpayer cash.

"Governments can and are colluding with these corporate agents to develop a picture not only of our actions but of our thought and words so that deviation from the desired end can be mapped, rewarded and punished," psychologist Jordan Peterson explained March 7 in his testimony before the House Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government.

Google last year responded to more than 2,000 warrantless requests for information from government entities through national security demand letters. The Silicon Valley search giant also responded to 164,350 requests pursuant to some kind of legal authority, charging up to \$245 per occurrence, raking in millions in extra cash.

Other providers will sell personal data to anyone with a big enough checkbook — no pretense of legal process needed. Earlier this year, Sen. Ron Wyden, Oregon Democrat, released documents confirming that the National Security Agency and Defense Intelligence Agency have been gobbling up as much "commercially acquired" private data as they can.

This form of warrantless intrusion on the lives of ordinary citizens happens because the courts invented an exception to the Fourth Amendment called the "third-party doctrine." It rests upon the absurd premise that customers have no expectation of privacy in the information

vague wording by designating whether a particular foreign power presents a "significant threat to the national security of the United States." It's up to the head of the Department of Justice to enforce the rest of the bill's provisions. This is not a comforting arrangement, as both have already abused these very designations in the past.

In 2016, the Justice Department lied to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court by calling Carter Page, a volunteer for Donald Trump's campaign, an "agent of a foreign power." To get away with it, then-FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith doctored an email to conceal evidence that Mr. Page was actually a source for the U.S. government.

The same DOJ then went after Gen. Michael Flynn, then-President-elect Trump's incoming national security adviser, because he told the Russian ambassador not to overreact to the expulsion of Russian diplomats. White House meeting notes show that it was none other than then-Vice President Joe Biden who suggested charging Mr. Flynn under the Logan Act, a dormant 18th-century statute meant to dissuade private citizens from conducting foreign policy.

A DOJ that is happy to deceive the FISA court and a president eager to misinterpret arcane laws to indict his enemies will have no scruples when it comes to twisting this new bill to serve partisan ends. For instance, the administration could simply declare Elon Musk under "Russian influence" — repeating exactly what it did to Mr. Trump — to force the largest free-speech platform, X, off the internet.

If the proposed TikTok ban can be abused, it will be abused.

— *The Washington Times*

they generate while doing business with a bank, cellphone provider or tech giant.

Of course, government agencies insist they use this loophole to collect "only the most useful data relevant to mission requirements." But this is a dodge. As Edward Snowden revealed, the NSA already taps into internet providers to sweep up all communications without a warrant. Private companies collect more data that can often be more personal and revealing than phone calls and email.

For instance, Tesla places cameras in their vehicles to watch drivers at all times for "safety" purposes. A recent Reuters investigation revealed some misbehaving employees would look through the recordings and share the most embarrassing moments around the office.

Car companies like General Motors have been selling highly detailed customer records — where and when they drive, and how fast — to the data broker LexisNexis, according to a New York Times report.

Intelligence and law enforcement agencies say "trust us" with the information they are amassing, but their devious ways have been exposed. In a top-secret 2017 memo, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court discovered unlawful spying on U.S. residents using what is known as FISA Section 702 authority. "NSA estimates that approximately eighty-five percent of those queries ... were not compliant with applicable minimization procedures," Judge Rosemary Collyer wrote in the declassified memo.

The infrastructure for building a dystopian future is already here. Congress can stop it by ending the third-party doctrine requiring knowing consent before customer data can be shared and sold — especially to Uncle Sam.

— *The Washington Times*

CAL THOMAS

The smell of mendacity

"What's that smell in this room? Didn't you notice it, B rick? Didn't you notice a powerful and obnoxious odor of mendacity in this room? There ain't nothin' more powerful than the odor of mendacity. You can smell it. It smells like death." — (Big Daddy in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof")

Court decisions can sound complicated because they sometimes contain legal language that is difficult for a layperson to understand. That's not the situation in the case of Fulton County, Georgia's District Attorney Fani Willis and special prosecutor Nathan Wade. Judge Scott McAfee gave Willis a choice — either dump Wade, with whom she'd had a romantic relationship, as prosecutor in the case against Donald Trump, or leave the case herself. Wade quickly tendered his resignation. It's hard to see how anyone except the most strident anti-Trumper will see the outcome of a trial with Willis on the case as fair.

The judge's ruling contained a word one rarely hears used these days. McAfee wrote that while a conflict of interest wasn't proved, "an odor of mendacity remains."

For those who didn't get far with vocabulary in high school English class, mendacity is defined as "untruthfulness; tendency to lie."

Most people are familiar with the courtroom oath to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." Judge McAfee concluded Willis and Wade were not telling the whole truth, but the case could go forward anyway even while their relationship

No one seems to mind that mendacity, while always present in the political arena, appears to be increasing everywhere. If allowed to spread it will create a "smell like death" in our legal system.

carried "the appearance of impropriety."

If one is engaging in behavior that appears inappropriate to a judge, doesn't that potentially taint the outcome of a case in the public's eyes?

Judge McAfee's ruling is reminiscent of two other cases. FBI Director James Comey declined to prosecute Hillary Clinton for her mishandling of classified information while she was secretary of state. The New York Times reported: "Comey rebuked Mrs. Clinton as being 'extremely careless' in using a private email address and server. He raised questions about her judgment, contradicted statements she has made about her email practices, (and) said it was possible that hostile foreign governments had gained access to her account."

Then there was what Special Counsel Robert Hur said about Joe Biden's careless handling of classified documents during his time in the Senate, as vice president and until he became president. After five hours of interviewing Biden over two days, Hur concluded that Biden didn't break the law and besides, a

jury in heavily Democratic Washington would be unlikely to convict him because he would be viewed as a "well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory."

Biden wasn't elderly when he began stashing documents in unsecured locations. Under the law he was not supposed to have them and didn't have the power in his previous posts to declassify them.

Is this the new standard for high government officials who violate laws that are supposed to protect classified documents? If so, Congress needs to re-write the laws and include the rest of us under their protection.

These cases will only fuel the growing belief that there is a two-tiered justice system in America. It also further undermines what is becoming a cliché — that "no one is above the law."

One does not have to be a supporter of Donald Trump, as his former vice president Mike Pence announced last week he is not, to have the view that Trump is being treated "unfairly," as he likes to say, and that the 91 felony charges he must fight with his own money, as opposed to the endless cash governments can spend, has placed him at a disadvantage.

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RICH LOWRY

Dem leadership signals left-wing base

The uncommitted voters of Michigan say "jump," and Chuck Schumer asks "how high"?

The Senate majority leader gave an extraordinary speech flaying the democratically elected leader of an ally engaged in fighting a defensive war against a hideous terrorist enemy.

The speech calling on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to go, along with increasingly critical statements by the White House, shows that the Democrats have decided that appeasing their left-wing base in an election year is now their top consideration.

This is bad all around. As a matter of basic decency, this is not something that allies do to one another, especially not in wartime. Present unvarnished views in private? Absolutely. Try to nudge a partner toward a favored policy? Sure. But blast a friendly government in hopes that it can be toppled via a new election, just months after suffering a monstrous attack and as it is still trying to destroy a terrorist group deeply embedded in an urban environment? No.

The fact of the matter is that this is not Bibi Netanyahu's war. It is the nation of Israel's war. Netanyahu sustained political damage after the Oct. 7 attack, but his goal of prosecuting the war against Hamas to its completion is widely shared in Israel. Immediately after the attack, Israel formed a government of national unity that has pursued the war policy that Democrats now find so objectionable. If Netanyahu were to resign tomorrow, any number

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of things might change, but the war against Hamas would stay the same.

It is easy, sitting in Washington, D.C., and worrying about how to placate the anti-Israel uncommitted voters in the Democratic primary, to forget the shock of the massive pogrom carried out by Hamas on that infamous day in October. Israelis, though, aren't going to forget, nor should they.

It's a key tell about Schumer's intentions that his speech engendered a universally negative reaction in Israel, and Schumer — who is no naif — must have anticipated as much. Benny Gantz, who would presumably run against Netanyahu in a future election, harshly rejected the Schumer call for a new government. So, the only place where Schumer could have any assurance of advancing his cause was here at home.

What stronger signal could there be that the Democratic leadership has heard the activist calls to rein in Israel than the previously staunch supporter of the Jewish state, Chuck Schumer, unloading on its wartime government?

Hamas has been getting devastated on the battlefield, but the turn against Israel among Democratic officials in the U.S. is a sign of the success of its longer, deeply cynical strategy. By doing every-

thing in its power to create the predicate for more civilian casualties in Gaza, Hamas hopes to turn international opinion against Israel. So it has done in one of the two major American political parties.

If you had told many of the same Democrats criticizing Israel today that within five months of the Oct. 7 attack they would be inveighing against Israel's war against Hamas, they would have been incredulous. If you had told them they would be getting pushed around by pro-Hamas sentiment in their own party, they would have rejected the idea as impossible. If you had told them they would have been seeking a two-state solution as one of their highest post-Oct. 7 priorities, they might have considered it a smear.

Yet here we are.

On top of everything else, this isn't good domestic politics. There is still majority support for Israel. The anti-Israel turn demonstrates, yet again, that the Biden campaign is pursuing a base strategy in November. Just the last couple of days, Kamala Harris visited an abortion clinic, Joe Biden suggested there will be no executive action at the border, and Schumer — having run it by the White House first — delivered his philippic.

What's fidelity to an ally compared to zeal in pursuit of an embattled president's election strategy?

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

— Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

OBITUARIES

Elbert Riley Hilliard

Elbert Riley Hilliard, director emeritus, Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), departed his earthly life March 17, 2024. He was an educator, historical administrator, historic preservationist, and dedicated public servant who spent 39 years with MDAH. At the time of his retirement on December 31, 2004, Elbert was the longest serving State Historic Preservation Officer in the nation.

A visitation will be held at the Madison Methodist Church beginning at 9:30 am March 21, with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 am, along with a brief graveside service at the Montgomery Memorial Cemetery, 500 Locust Lane, Madison, where he will be interred next to his beloved wife of over 61 years, Claire Gibson Nicols Hilliard, who passed away on January 20, 2020.

Elbert is survived by his daughters, Lee Michelle Hilliard of Homewood, AL, and Tessa Lynelle Hilliard Minchew and her husband, Rudy Gauthier of Greensboro, NC, and his first cousins, Colleen Riley Ghormley, of Combine, TX, and Eleanor Riley Lally of Mesquite, TX. In addition to his wife, Claire, Elbert was predeceased by his parents, Elbert Richardson Hilliard and Arlie Riley Hilliard, his two older sisters, Izora A. Hilliard and Mary Melvin Hilliard Gilchrist, and his step-mother, Virginia Younts Hilliard.

Born February 8, 1937, at his Riley grandparents' home in Lambert, Mississippi, Elbert acquired the nickname "my little buddy," resulting in friends and colleagues referring to him as "Buddy" throughout his life. Elbert attended school at Anguilla, where he met his future wife, then Claire Nicols. They were married in the Anguilla Methodist Church on August 3, 1958.

In 1958, Elbert graduated from Delta State College with a bachelor's degree in social studies and physical education. During his freshman year, Elbert was told by his mentor, Dr. Joseph O. Baylen that he should major in history. When Dr. Baylen accepted a position at Mississippi State in 1957, he recommended Elbert to Dr. John K. Bettersworth and Dr. Glover Moore for acceptance into graduate school, an action that had a major influence on Elbert's life, for it was there in Dr. Moore's class on historiography that he first learned of the existence of MDAH.

After receiving his M.A. degree in history in August 1959, Elbert and Claire taught in the Natchez-Adams County School System. In June 1960, Elbert and Claire moved to Madison to join the Madison County School System where Claire taught first grade, and Elbert taught history courses and coached boys and girls basketball, baseball, and girls track. Here, he earned the esteem of his students and acquired his second lifetime nickname, "Coach Hilliard."

Elbert joined MDAH as the curator of history and administrator of the Old Capitol Museum in July 1965, serving under the tutelage of the renowned Charlotte Capers, MDAH's beloved and highly respected third director. Elbert became the first director of the Division of Historic Sites and Archaeology (now Historic Preservation) in 1970, and in that position initiated and led MDAH's participation in the National Historic Preservation Program that was established by the U.S. Congress' enactment of the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966. He also oversaw the implementation of the State Antiquities Law that has resulted in the preservation of innumerable Mississippi Landmark properties and a recognition by citizens and elected officials of the importance and economic impact of historic preservation.

Elbert became director of MDAH in July 1973 and served in that capacity until his retirement on December 31, 2004. As MDAH director, Elbert also served as Mississippi's first State Historical Records Coordinator, as secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Historical Society (a volunteer position that he continued to hold until March 2018), and as a member of the Board of Editors of the Heritage of Mississippi Series since its inception. He had the privilege of working under the leadership of the Board of Trustees president, William F. Winter, and the other members of the MDAH's non-political board.

Elbert frequently mentioned how fortunate he was in having the support of both the board and the talented and dedicated staff members who were committed to the MDAH's mission and public service.

During his tenure with MDAH, Elbert witnessed its growth from small quarters in the north wing of the War Memorial Building in 1965 to what is now the Charlotte Capers Building in 1971, and then to the new state-of-the-art William F. Winter Building in 2003. He frequently noted that, due to the support of the Mississippi Legislature and visionary citizens across the state, MDAH has evolved into a comprehensive historical agency responsible for duties and programs administered by two or more separate agencies in most states. Since its establishment in 1902, MDAH has only had seven directors, and Elbert considered himself fortunate in having known all of them except for the Department's first director, Dunbar Rowland. Katie Blount, current MDAH Director, noted Elbert's unique impact when she said, "Elbert Hilliard led MDAH for 39 years during which MDAH grew into a multi-faceted historical agency with a national reputation for excellence. His work had a profound impact on the effort to preserve, interpret, and promote Mississippi history. He led with humility, compassion, and wisdom, and those of us who served under him loved and admired him for those qualities as well as his enormous impact on this agency and the state."

On the occasion of Elbert's retirement, the MDAH Board of Trustees granted him director emeritus status, effective January 1, 2005, and adopted a resolution honoring him for his service. Citing a few of his countless contributions, the Board noted the growth of a multi-faceted historical agency with a national reputation for excellence; his overseeing 17 historic properties, six of which are National Historic Landmarks; his invaluable work with the Mississippi Legislature to strengthen and clarify Mississippi's laws governing historic preservation, state and local government records, and archival and library security. Former governor and board president, William F. Winter said at Elbert's retirement, "Elbert has helped make the Department one of the most stable in state government—one that doesn't change with each administration."

Governor Haley Barbour, presiding over Elbert's retirement reception in the rotunda of the Old Capitol Museum, proclaimed January 27, 2005, as "Elbert Hilliard Day." The Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate adopted concurrent resolutions "commending the legacy of public service of Elbert R. Hilliard and congratulating him on the occasion of his retirement after 39 remarkable years with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History."

Following his retirement, Elbert served as a volunteer at MDAH, receiving in 2012 the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service's Marsha Meeks Kelly Award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service, as well as President Barack Obama's Call to Service Award and Volunteer Service Award in 2011. In 2010, Governor Barbour presented Elbert the Mississippi Medal of Service. At its annual meeting in 2017, the Mississippi Historical Society presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to

Elbert.

During his service as MDAH director, Elbert actively supported the Mississippi Heritage Trust as well as the Mississippi Main Street Association and encouraged mayors and local officials throughout the state to request MDAH's assistance in identifying and preserving the important cultural resources in their respective communities. No one was more responsive than Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler of Madison. At the dedication of the state historical marker for the Montgomery Memorial Cemetery in August 2023, Mayor Hawkins-Butler credited Elbert for educating her on the history of Madison and stated, "We wouldn't have the Madison we do today if not for him. He gave me insight and courage during all of my battles and told me how important it is to preserve this community. He is my mentor."

Through the years, Elbert remembered the influence that Delta State had on his life. In May 2005, he received the first honorary doctorate to be awarded by Delta State University and in 2007 was named to the university's Alumni Hall of Fame.

A lifelong Methodist, Elbert was a longtime faithful member of the Madison United Methodist Church, teaching youth and adult Sunday School classes, serving for many years on the church's administrative council, the building committee for the new sanctuary, the stained-glass window committee, and as the church historian. In 2009, he received the Mississippi Conference's Tobias Gibson Award for his significant contributions to the preservation of Methodist history. From 2005 to 2015, he served as chair of the Pearl River Church Historic Council that coordinates the annual Lambuth Day ceremony and oversees the preservation of the historic Pearl River Church that has been designated a World Heritage Landmark by the United Methodist General Conference Commission on Archives and History.

Elbert's daughters would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Sam Peeples for his long-time care of their father, as well as Dr. Carla Monico and Dr. Hamp Jones; the Reverend Linda Rickman, Madison Methodist Church, for her visits and spiritual support; and the church members active in the Congregational Care Ministry. Special thanks are extended to Carrie and Ray Barksdale, who, following Claire's death, "adopted" Elbert as their "oldest child"; to Ken P'Pool and the late Dick Durgin for all that they did to help Elbert make it through his loss of Claire, and to all of the many other individuals who provided Elbert with support.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pearl River Methodist Church & Cemetery Endowment, c/o Methodist Foundation of Mississippi, P.O. Box 2415, Ridgeland, MS 39158; Madison Methodist Church Congregational Care Ministry, 100 Post Oak Road, Madison, MS 39110; William and Elise Winter Endowment for the Two Mississippi Museums, c/o Mississippi Historical Society, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571; Mississippi Heritage Trust, P.O. Box 577, Jackson, MS 39205-0577; MDAH Historic Properties Trust Fund, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571; or a favorite charity.

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BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

God help us

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn to Psalm 83. This Psalm is an imprecatory Psalm. An imprecatory Psalm is when the Old Testament people of God prayed that He would judge and even curse His and their enemies. Do these kinds of Psalms have anything to teach us today? Some Christians have said no, that they don't have anything to teach the Christian about how we are to view the world and the persecution of God's people, but I want to suggest otherwise.

I want you to see three things from this Psalm. I want you to see first the cry for help that is lifted up in verse 1. And then the desperate situation that's described in verses 2 – 8. And then finally the warlike prayer in verses 9 – 18.

I. A Cry for Help
First of all, let's look at this cry for help. In verse 1 we hear, "O God, do not remain quiet; do not be silent and O God, do not be still." You see the struggle of the psalmist here. The whole nation is in a tight spot, surrounded by their enemies, and they feel as if God is not active in this situation. He's silent. And so the question that's in the heart of the psalmist is, "Is God silent in this time for action? Is He not there for me?"

The striking thing is that God tells His servant Asaph to write this down and to put it in the hymnbook of the people of God. Now, this is stunning! Because we know that our God is not silent in our time of need. In fact, we learn from the Scriptures that our heavenly Father watches over Israel day and night, but the psalmist doesn't feel that right now.

We need to remember that truth in our own prayers, because all of us lift up prayers that we think are hopeless, and all of us lift up prayers that we think God has turned a deaf ear to. But God is always watching over His people, and not from a distance: right up next to us, in the middle of us. And that's the first thing that we need to see. God is not silent, but He knows that sometimes we think He is, and He even ministers to us in that.

II. A Desperate Situation

Next, there is a description of this desperate situation in verses 2 – 8. Here's the encirclement of God's people by their enemies. The whole world is against

them, the whole world wants to cut them off, the whole world wants to drive them out of the land that God has given them. I want you to see two things from this.

Firstly, you need to understand that this reflects Genesis 3:15, the serpent warring against the seed of the woman. This is the story of those two seeds that begin in Genesis, flowing down through the lines of Cain and Seth: the seed of the serpent seeking to strike the seed of the woman. Why is that so significant? Because if the serpent can cut off the seed of the woman, if the serpent can break the line of Israel, he thinks he can prevent the seed of the woman from coming into this world: the Messiah.

Secondly, the psalmist, in this dire description of the enemies of God surrounding them and desiring to cut them off, is supplying you with words to pray for persecuted Christians around the world today. Countless Christians are facing persecution and martyrdom. More Christians have died the martyr's death in the twentieth century and in our lifetime than in all the other centuries combined, and it is so important that our prayers for them become a regular part of our daily routine—not just one Sunday a year. In this Psalm, we see application for the church today because the seed of the serpent still wars against the people of God. And so we pray that God would come and judge and relieve those who are laying down their lives for the faith.

III. A Warlike Prayer

In verses 9 – 18, we see this warlike prayer, a petition for God's divine curse on His enemies. Now, there are many Christians who say imprecation is only an Old Testament thing. Some claim that these Psalms are sub-Christian because we are to love our neighbor and not hate our enemy. Certainly, we wouldn't argue a moment against the call to love our enemies. And we should have a desire to see the nations come to a saving knowledge of God. But how does that square up with Paul's prayers against the false prophets? How does that square up against the martyrs' prayers in the Book of Revelation against those who are persecuting Christians? Let me just share with you a few quotes from some wise Christians commenting on them.

Walt Kaiser says, "These are not statements of personal vendetta. They are utterances of zeal for the kingdom of God and its glory. To be sure, the attacks which provoked these prayers were not from personal enemies; rather, they were rightfully seen as attacks against God and especially His representatives in the promised line of the Messiah. If these prayers of malediction, if these prayers of imprecation were intrinsically sinful, one would have a difficult time explaining the Lord's curse upon Capernaum, or Paul's prayer of anathema upon the false teachers or the prayers of the martyrs who ask for vengeance from the Lord." C.S. Lewis says, "The ferocious parts of the Psalms serve as a reminder that there is in the world such a thing as wickedness, and that it is hateful to God."

And these Psalms in the end are not only a call for just judgment: they are a call for God to exercise His reign against all opposition. These Psalms have something to say to us as Christians today as we face world opposition, because there are those who seek to destroy God's church. Yes, we pray for conversion. In fact, isn't it interesting? This Psalm gets close to praying for the conversion of the enemies of God. Look at verse 16: "Fill their faces with dishonor, that they may seek Thy name, O Lord." It goes on. Look at verse 18: "That they may know that Thou alone, whose name is the Lord, art Most High over all the earth." The imprecatory Psalms teach us to pray that the nations would have to acknowledge what they don't want to acknowledge: that God is Lord. They do not, however, keep us from praying that even the enemies of the people of God would by grace become His friends. We pray these prayers of imprecation against those who would persecute our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ in hard places around the world, yet at the same time we long to see even the enemies of God become trophies of His grace.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Gluckstadt hereby gives notice that the annual audited financial report for the year ending September 30, 2022 has been completed, as required by law. Copies are available to the public for review in the City Clerk's office, located at City Hall, 343 Distribution Drive.

The City Clerk shall furnish any resident of the municipality a copy of the full text of the audit upon request.

This the 1st Day of March, 2024,

_____/s/ Walter Morrison
MAYOR, CITY OF GLUCKSTADT

_____/s/ Lindsay Kellum
CITY CLERK, CITY OF GLUCKSTADT

Public Notices

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
Date of Notice: March 21, 2024

Name of Responsible Entity: Madison County 125 West North Street P.O. Box 608 Canton, MS 39046 Telephone Number of RE: 601-855-5500

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Madison County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 9, 2024 Madison County will submit a request to the Mississippi Development Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as West Madison County Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$618,750 for the purpose of improving the sewer in the Kearney Park neighborhood of Madison County.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Madison County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Madison County: Gerald Steen, Board President 125 West North Street Canton, MS 39046. ERR can be examined and is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5 :00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Lindsay Sellers: Central Mississippi Planning and Development District 1020 Centre Pointe Blvd Pearl, MS 39208. All comments received by April 9, 2024 will be considered by Madison County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Madison County certifies to the Mississippi Development Authority that Gerald Steen in his capacity as Board President consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Madison County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Mississippi Development Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and Madison County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Madison County; (b) Madison County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Mississippi Development Authority; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Mississippi Development Authority Community Incentives Division at P.O. Box 849 Jackson, MS 39205-0849. Potential objectors should contact the Mississippi Development Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gerald Steen, Board President

MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR Madison County Department of Engineering/Road Management MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI The Madison County Department of Engineering/Road Management is currently seeking to fill the position of a Motor Grader Operator. The motor grader operator's primary responsibilities will be the safe, efficient and effective operation of a motor grader to grade roadbeds, leveling land, excavating foundations for structures, and paving surfaces with asphalt or concrete. While also moving soil, gravel, or other materials to create smooth surfaces on roads or other construction sites. Requirements: Motor grader operator typically need a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED). Minimum 2 years' experience operating a motor grader; Candidate must be able to work assigned schedule, which is typically Monday-Friday with occasional Saturdays. Candidate should have a valid Mississippi Driver License. This is a full-time non-exempt position. Applications may be picked up from the administrative office located on the second floor of the Madison County Chancery Court/Administrative Building, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046 or the Madison Department of Engineering, 3137 South Liberty Street, Canton, MS 39046. Application along with resumes must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at HR@madison-co.com . Application deadline is March 29, 2024 at 5 p.m. Drug screening and a criminal background check required. Applications and applicants' information will remain confidential.

Madison County is an EEO/ADA Employer.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by The City of Gluckstadt at 343 Distribution Drive, Madison, Mississippi, 39110

Public Notices

until 2:00 p.m. on, Tuesday April 23, 2024, for the project known as:

City of Gluckstadt Police Station & Municipal Court Access Control and Camera Systems

The bids will be publicly opened and read on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at 343 Distribution Drive, Madison, Mississippi, 39110. Plans and specifications are on file at certain plan rooms and copies thereof may be obtained by contacting:

Dean Architecture, P.A. 661 Sunnybrook Road Suite 140 Ridgeland, MS 39157

Plans and Specifications are available via Planroom at Jackson Blueprint Co. www.jaxblue.com. No partial sets of documents will be issued.

Proposals shall be submitted on Bid Forms provided in the specifications. The current Certificate of Responsibility Number of the bidder shall appear on the outside of each sealed envelope containing a proposal, said envelope being plainly marked "PROPOSAL FOR" Gluckstadt Police Station and Municipal Court Access Control and Camera Systems.

Electronic Proposals will be accepted through Central Bidding at https://www.centralbidding.com

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to 5% of the bid, payable to the City of Gluckstadt as bid security.

A Payment and Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest, best and acceptable bidder, except that The City of Gluckstadt reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding and to reject any and all bids.

The City of Gluckstadt Mr. Walter C. Morrison, IV, Mayor

DATES OF PUBLICATION 21 March, 2024 28 March, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JONATHAN ARCHIE, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2024-226C

SHELIA CATCHING PETITIONER

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF JONATHAN ARCHIE, DECEASED RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND STATUTORY BENEFICIARIES OF JONATHAN ARCHIE, DECEASED

You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Petitioner Shelia. Catching seeking an adjudication that Jolian Archie (son) and Modesty Archie (daughter) are the sole and only heirs at law of Jonathan Archie, deceased. There are no other Respondents in this action.

You are summoned to appear before the Madison County Chancery Court at 9:00 A.M. on the 1st day of May, in the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, to show cause why Jolian Archie (son) and Modesty Archie (daughter) should not be declared to be the sole heirs-at-law of Jonathan Archie, deceased, wherein you are made a Respondent and why such other leave as prayed for should not be granted. You are further notified that your failure to appear in court on the day and time herein set forth will result in a judgment against you for the relief prayed for in the petition.

Issued under my hand and official seal of said Court, this 6th day of March, 2024.

/s/Ronny Lott Madison County Chancery Clerk

By: /s/Kelsey Rodriguez D.C

Attorney for Petitioner: Adrienne H. Aikens, Bar #103674 Schwartz & Associates, P.A. 162 E. Amite Street Jackson, MS 39201 Telephone: 601-988-8888 Email: aaikens@1call.org

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAE G. STRICKLAND, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 24-CV-00074 GUY L. STRICKLAND PETITIONER NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MAE G. STRICKLAND, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Mae G. Strickland, Deceased, having been granted on the 22nd day of February, 2024, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication hereof, or they will forever be barred. THIS THE 22nd day of February, 2024. GUY L. STRICKLAND, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MAE G. STRICKLAND, DECEASED PUBLISH 3 TIMES Prepared by: M. BLAKE HARTHCOCK, MSB #105821 FRANK SHAW LAW FIRM, PLLC 133 EAST JEFFERSON STREET KOSCIUSKO, MS 39090 PHONE: (662)-289-4740 FAX: (662)-289-4989

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anywise affected thereby, that Owner Toby Butler has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance to allow for an accessory building height increase from 10 feet to 22 feet in a RE-A (Residential Estate District), as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property located at 209 Green Oak Lane, 2.9 Acres. Parcel Number 072B-03B-014/01.00.

Public Notices

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

For additional information, contact Madison City Hall, Planning Department at 601.856.7116.

By: s/Susan B. Crandall Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk Director of Finance and Administration

Publication: March 21, 2024

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi

Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2010 NISSAN ROGUE, VIN

#JN8AS5MT4AW020383. \$4119.50. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday March 29, 2024 at Big Byrd Towing & Recovery located at 120 E. State St. Ridgeland, MS 39157 at 10:00 A.M.

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2013 FORD ESCAPE, VIN # 1FMCU0F71D UB77785, \$2996.00. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday March 29, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles, that the 2016 Buick Lacrosse bearing serial number 1G4GB5G36G F169710 and registered to Toshoney Thompson will be sold, along with all contents of the above automobile for repair and storage charges and for the costs of this sale as follows: The sale will be held April 5, 2024, at 829 Ridgewood Road, Ridgeland MS 39157 at 9:00 am. The seller reserves the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

WHEREAS, Letters of Testaments on the Estate of David Phares Carby, Deceased, were granted and issued to the undersigned, Melinda Everett by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 24-158-B on the 23rd day of February, 2024. NOW THEREFORE, all persons having a claim or claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this Notice to Creditors. A failure to so probate and register said claim or claims within said time will forever bar the same. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand, this the 26th day of February, 2024.

MELINDA EVERETT PHILIP E. CARBY, ESQ. Solicitors

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM M. PATRICK, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 24-65 (B)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 24th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of William M. Patrick, Jr., 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.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES, this the 13th day of March, 2024.

/s/Philippus "Philip" D. Leroux PHILIPPUS "PHILIP" D. LEROUX, Executor under the Last Will and Testament of William M. Patrick, Jr., Deceased

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SOLICITOR

Madison County Board of Supervisors Softball Complex Sulfur Springs Park Madison County, Mississippi

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the project named below by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, Madison County, Mississippi until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Single stipulated sum bids will be received for all work required by the contract documents in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods:

- 1. Electronic Bids will be accepted until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, by electronic submission as a PDF file at http://www.madison-co.com/bids . Each bidder submitting a bid electronically shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number and a signed copy of Madison County's bid sheet as part of its PDF bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered.

Public Notices

2. Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's Office, Rooms 225-228,125 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All sealed bids submitted to Chancery Clerk's office shall be marked on the outside face of the envelope "Bid: Softball Complex Sulfur Springs Park 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 or considered.

Sealed bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope marked plainly on the outside of the envelope with the following: Madison County Board of Supervisors Softball Complex Sulfur Springs Park 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046. In, addition, the envelope shall list the bidders Company Name, Company Address and the Certificate of Responsibility. Envelopes not so marked will not be opened.

Contract Documents consisting of Plans and Specifications Entitled: Madison County Board of Supervisors Softball Complex Sulfur Springs Park Madison County, Mississippi

Bid information will be listed under http://www.madison-co.com/bids .

Bid documents are being made available via paper copy or digital pdf. To obtain plans, plan holders are to register online at http://www.madison-co.com/bids and at http://www.jharchitectsplans.com . All plan holders are to have a valid email address for registration. No partial set of Documents will be issued. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please contact Kesha Jackson, Purchasing Clerk at 601-855- 5534.

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at the Sulfur Springs Park, 929 Sulfur Springs Road, Camden, Mississippi 39045 at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Bids shall be submitted only upon the blank bid forms provided with the Specifications and must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of Certified Check or acceptable Bid Bond in the amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the Base Bid; such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the bid, execute a contract and post-Performance and Payment Bonds in the form and amount within the time specified. The Bid Bond, if used, shall be payable to the Owner.

Bids must be received on or before the scheduled time for opening of bids.

All bids submitted in excess of \$50,000 by a Prime or Subcontractor to do any erection, building, construction, repair, maintenance, or related work must be in compliance with and subject to Sections 31-3-15 and 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as annotated and amended, and in all case law pertaining thereto.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities, Madison County Board of Supervisors have the right to reject any and all bids.

OWNER: Madison County Board of Supervisors 125 West North Street Canton, Mississippi 39046

ARCHITECT: JH&H Architects, Planners, Interiors PA 1047 Flowood Drive Flowood, Mississippi 39232-9533 Phone: (601) 948-4601 Fax: (601) 352-6200 email: jhh@jharchitects.com

DATES OF PUBLICATION: March 21, 2024 March 28, 2024

Notice to Bidders Depository of Funds

Notice is hereby given to all qualified financial institutions that the school board of the Canton Public School District, pursuant to the provisions of section 37-7-333, 27-105-305 and 27-105-315 of the Mississippi code of 1972 as amended, shall receive sealed bids for the privilege of keeping the school district funds from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, and thereafter until new arrangements shall be made according to law. Said bids shall be received at the Office of the Superintendent, 403 East Lincoln Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024, and each shall be submitted on the bid proposal form, which may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent. The school board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bids. To be considered, each sealed bid shall have "Depository Bid" March 28, 2024, written or typed on its face.

Canton Public School District /s/ Gary Hannah Gary Hannah, Superintendent

Publish: March 7, 2024 March 14, 2024 March 21, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID PHARES CARBY, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 24-158B

VS.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DAVID PHARES CARBY, DECEASED; WHOSE NAMES, RESIDENCES, WHEREABOUTS, POST OFFICE ADDRESSES, AND STREET ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PETITIONER AND TO HER ATTORNEY AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY BY EACH TO ASCERTAIN SAME RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DAVID PHARES CARBY, DECEASED; WHOSE NAMES, RESIDENCES, WHEREABOUTS, POST OFFICE ADDRESSES, AND STREET AD-

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DRESSES ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PETITIONER AND TO HER ATTORNEY AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY BY EACH TO ASCERTAIN SAME

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Melinda Everett, Administratrix the Estate of DAVID PHARES CARBY , Complainant, seeking determination of heirship of DAVID PHARES CARBY , Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 12th day of April, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse at Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the things demanded in the Complaint.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the 27th day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

(SEAL)

SLEDGE'S WRECKER SERVICE LLC. P. O. BOX 1694 MADISON, MS 39130 TELE (601) 856-8220

NOTICE OF SALE is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor 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:

- 2012 TOYOTA TACOMA VIN# 5TFU4EN1CX038216 1995 GMC SEIRRA VIN# 2GTEC19KX5118633 1995 GMC SIERRA VIN# 2GTEC19K9S1565040 2011 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN# 1N4AL2AP5BC180912 2005 FORD F-250 VIN# 1FTSW21P35EC99878 2017 JEEP RENEGADE VIN# ZACCJABB7HPF50980 2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA VIN# 2G1WB58K379235993 2023 NISSAN SENTRA VIN# 3N1AB8CV9PY223483

Date of Sale: MARCH 31, 2024 Time: 9:30 am Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021, Monticello Construction and Real Estate, LLC, by its managing member, Moe Chowdhury, executed a Deed of Trust to Granville Tate, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Trustmark National Bank, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, as Instrument # 947233 in Book T-4151 at Page 902, subsequently modified by instrument dated September 1, 2022, recorded as Instrument # 969343 in Book T-4262 at Page 140, and subsequently modified by instrument dated July 25, 2023, recorded as Instrument # 986736 in Book T-4356 at Page 897; and,

WHEREAS, Trustmark National Bank, the holder of said Deed of Trust and the Note secured thereby, substituted J. Mark Franklin, III as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated February 29, 2024, and recorded in Book as Instrument # 999764 in Book 4414 at Page 585 in the office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid; 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, and the legal holder of said indebtedness having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the Trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned J. Mark Franklin, III, being the Substitute Trustee, do hereby give notice to the said April 11, 2024, between 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., being the legal hours of sale, I will proceed to sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Front door of the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, State of Mississippi, the following real property described and conveyed in said Deed of Trust, lying and being situated in Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2, Bridgewater Eleven-D, 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 at Slide 64 A&B, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid or and as a part of this description.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 7th day of March, 2024.

/s/ J. Mark Franklin, III J. MARK FRANKLIN, III SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

J. Mark Franklin, III MCKAY LAWLER FRANKLIN & FOREMAN, PLLC Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2488 Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158-2488 (601) 572-8778

POSTED: March 7, 2024

PUBLISHED: March 14, 2024, March 21, 2024, March 28, 2024, and April 4, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL MERCIER NEWMAN, DECEASED CAUSE NO.24-58 B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF CAROL MERCIER NEWMAN

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County Mississippi, upon the Estate of CAROL MERCIER NEWMAN, being Cause No. 24-58 B, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of this Court within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

/s/ KEVIN NEWMAN KEVIN NEWMAN, PETITIONER AND EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL MERCIER NEWMAN, DECEASED

MATT A. BALDRIDGE (MSB # 102636) Baldrige Law Firm, PLLC Post Office Box 4026 Madison, MS 39110 Telephone: (601) 706-9063 Fax: (866) 726-0531 E-mail: matt@baldrigelawfirm.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO. 2024-214

JOHNNY PARKER, DECEASED JEFFREY PARKER, PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on March 4, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Johnny Parker, 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 13th day of March, 2024. JEFFREY PARKER, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY PARKER, DECEASED

PUBLISH 3 TIMES

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In the Matter of the Estate of ERMA HUDSON, Deceased CAUSE NO.: 2024-126B ADRIENNE HUDSON PETITIONER

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW ERMA HUDSON, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition filed in this Court by ADRIENNE HUDSON, Petitioner in the above-captioned matter, seeking to establish heirs at law of ERMA HUDSON, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and respond to the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 A. M. on the 10 th of May, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Madison County, in Canton, Mississippi, located at 146 W Center St., Canton, MS 39046, and in case of your failure to appear and respond, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief 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 5th day of March, 2024. Ronny Lott, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

By: /s/ Kelsey R. D.C.

Harris announced as new U.S. Magistrate Judge

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

The judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi are proud to announce that on March 1, Andrew S. Harris of Madison succeeded F. Keith Ball, also of Madison, as U. S. Magistrate Judge in the Northern Division at Jackson. Mr. Harris is a long-time resident of Mississippi where

he has lived for the last 37 years. He received his B.A. from Millsaps College in 2007 and his J.D. from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he graduated first in his class. While in law school, Harris received numerous awards, including the William Prentice "Pete" Mitchell Award in Ethics and the Mississippi Law Journal Award presented to the third-year student who most contributed to the better-

ment of the publication. Before taking the federal bench, Harris served as a term law clerk for Judge Daniel P. Jordan III and subsequently worked with Jones Walker LLP in Jackson as an associate and later as a partner. In his law practice, Harris represented closely held businesses, publicly traded companies, and entrepreneurs on

a broad array of complex commercial matters, including those involving intellectual property, trademark, copyright and patent infringement. His work was recognized by the Mississippi Bar in 2020 when he received the annual Young Lawyer of Mississippi Award. He has also been awarded many other honors by professional organizations

and publications. Harris has also contributed significantly to his community and the state and federal bar associations. Among the numerous positions he has held on committees and boards, he was elected President of the Jackson Young Lawyers Association and President of the Board of Directors for Willowood

Developmental Center. Chief Judge Jordan noted the rigorous Magistrate Judge selection process and thanked the members of the Merit Selection Panel for their work. "Judge Harris is an excellent selection and a valuable addition to the Court family. We are proud to have him onboard," he said.



Andrew S. Harris of Madison takes the oath of office as new U.S. Magistrate Judge.



Roberts serves as Senate Page

Charley Falise Roberts of Madison recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Charley is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who sponsored her visit. Charley is the daughter of Brandon and Erica Roberts and attends Madison-Ridgeland Academy.

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PATRICIA M. LUCKETT; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR MADISON COUNTY; THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BY AND THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS, FIRMS, CORPORATIONS, OR OTHER ENTITIES HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN OR TO THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY, ALONG WITH ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERE-TO FOR MADISON COUNTY PARCEL NO. 09A-01-002/07.00 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

TO: Patricia M. Lockett, P.O. Box 40, Canton, MS 39046; Any and All firms, Corporations, other entities or individuals having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in MADISON COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 09A-01-002/07.00 and having the legal description: A tract of land situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 all in Section 1, Township 9 North, Range 4 East, and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a concrete monument representing the Southeast corner of the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 5 East, Madison County, Mississippi; thence South 0 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds East for 2507.15 to a point; thence North 90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds West for 4405.48 feet to an iron pin found on the western right of way line of Miggins Road (the western right of way line is 30 feet westward and is parallel to the physical center of said Miggins Road) which is the Northeast corner of the parcel of land conveyed by R. L. Goza to Larry L. Day et. ux. by Warranty Deed dated June 12, 1992, and recorded in Deed Book 301 at Page 091 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description; thence run northerly on the west line of Miggins Road for a distance of 248.96 feet to the northeast corner of the lot of parcel of land conveyed to Gelander Slaughter by Warranty Deed dated July 24, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 423 at Page 277 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk; thence continue northerly on the west line of Miggins Road for a distance of 228.04 feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of the tract conveyed to Charles Edward Miggins et. al. by Warranty Deed dated August 1, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 424 at Page 108; continue thence northerly on the west line of Miggins Road for a distance of 125.00 feet to the Point of Beginning and the southeast corner of the parcel described; thence run north 90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds West and parallel to the north line of the Miggins lot for a distance of 450 feet; more or less, to an iron pin on the west line of the property described in the Protective Covenants of Willowbrook dated December 11 1990, and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 728 at Page 315 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk; thence North 00 degrees, 09 minutes, 58 seconds West on the west line of "Willowbrook" for a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pin which is the northwest corner of the parcel described; thence run North 90 degree 00 minutes, 00 seconds East for 450 f more or less, to the western right of way line of Miggins Road; thence south on the western right of way line for a distance of 100.00 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described which contains one acre, more or less.

Other Defendants, as far as ascertained, in this action include: The State of Mississippi; Madison County, Mississippi; and the District Attorney for the Madison County.

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 Blackmon Carr, LLC, c/o lanessa E. Blackmon, Esq. the attorney for the plaintiff, whose street address is. 215 Katherine Drive, Flowood, MS 39232.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN (30) DAYS AFTER March 21, 2024, 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.

You must also file the original of your response with the clerk of this court within reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said court, this 13th day of March, 2024.

Ronny Lott, Clerk
Madison County Chancery Court
P.O. Box 404
Canton, MS 39046

BY: Kelsey Rodriguez, D.C

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO. 2024-214

JOHNNY PARKER, DECEASED
JEFFREY PARKER, PETITIONER
RULE 81 SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: The Heirs-at-Law of Johnny Parker, Deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown after

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diligent search and inquiry You have been made a defendant in this suit in this Court by Petitioner, Jeffrey Parker, seeking a judicial determination that Jeffrey Parker and Donny Parker are the sole and only heirs-at-law and statutory beneficiaries of Johnny Parker, deceased, under the Mississippi Wrongful Death Statute.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of May, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against as 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 11th day of March, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK ODESSA DRUMMOND, JR.,

DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-778 (W)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 22nd day of August 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of FRANK ODESSA DRUMMOND, JR., 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 14th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Dan M. Bagwell
DAN M. BAGWELL, Administrator of the Estate of Frank Odessa Drummond, Jr., deceased

SAMUEL H. WILLIFORD, MSB #100095
WILLIFORD, McALLISTER, JACOBUS & WHITE, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
303 Highland Park Cove, Suite A
Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157
(601) 991-2000

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Madison County Economic Development Authority, Canton, Mississippi will receive written sealed bids until the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m. local time, on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** at the office of the Madison County Economic Development Authority, 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi 39046, for the furnishing of all labor and materials and for the construction of that certain project designated as "MCEDA AWS Building 104 grading". Pursuant to Special Legislation for MCEDA Project Atlas, the bid period will be 7 days. Project Drawings and Specifications are on file and can be viewed at the office of MCEDA, 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS 39046.

Bids are for mass grading of a approximately 600 foot by 1100 foot building pad.

The total Contract Time will be 90 consecutive calendar days and the liquidated damages will be \$250.00 per consecutive calendar day thereafter.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Offices of MCEDA, 133 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS 39046 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. local time, on **Monday, March 18, 2024.**

Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check in the amount equal to 5% of the bid shall be furnished by each bidder as required by the contract documents.

Proposals must be qualified under Mississippi laws and shall hold current Certificates of Responsibility as issued by law.

Copies of the drawings and specifications, together with contract documents will be provided in electronic format only.

Award will be made to the lowest and best bidder and the MCEDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities.

Madison County Economic Development Authority
BY: Joseph P. Deason, Executive Director

PUBLISH DATES: **March 14, 2024**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO. 2024-214

JOHNNY PARKER, DECEASED
JEFFREY PARKER, PETITIONER
RULE 4 SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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TO: The unknown Wrongful Death Beneficiaries under the provisions of Section 11-7-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Annotated and Amended, of Johnny Parker, Deceased, and any other person or party claiming to be a wrongful death beneficiary of Johnny Parker, Deceased.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Jeffrey Parker, Petitioner, seeking a determination that Jeffrey Parker and Donny Parker are the only heirs-at-law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Johnny Parker, Deceased. Respondents other than you in this action are none.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Petition for Determination of Heirs-at-Law and Beneficiaries Under the Mississippi Wrongful Death Statute to Thandi Wade, Attorney for Petitioner, whose mailing address is Tatum & Wade, PLLC, P.O. Box 22688, Jackson, MS 39225-2688 and whose street address is 124 East Armitage Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Your response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Summons. If your response is not mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you as demanded in the Petition.

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 seal of said Court, this the 11th day of March, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In the Matter of the Estate of ERMA HUDSON
CAUSE NO.:2024-126B
ADRIENNE HUDSON
PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 22nd day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, State of Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Erma Hudson 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 after the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

/s/ Adrienne Hudson
Adrienne Hudson, Administrator
Estate of Erma Hudson, Deceased

Publish: 03/07, 03/14, 03/21/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CORY J. MUNYON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-254 (W)

DLONRA MAE MUNYON, Petitioner

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 6th day of October, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Cory J. Munyon, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of the Chancery Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of the notice or said claims will be forever barred.

This the 6th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Dlonra Mae Munyon
DLONRA MAE MUNYON

Prepared by:
/s/ Jeffrey B. McGuire
Jeffrey B. McGuire (MSB #104622)
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE BROWN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2018-48

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CATHERINE BROWN, DECEASED

TO: Any and all persons who claim to be an Heir-at-Law of Catherine Brown, deceased, or, who claim any right, title or interest in or to any property of the deceased, real, personal or mixed

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition to Determine Heirs-at-law of Catherine Brown, Deceased filed in this Cause on March 6, 2024 (Doc. #18) by Tony Edmund, the duly appointed and acting Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Brown, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition filed against you in this action at 8:45 a.m. on the 22nd day of April, 2024, before the Honorable James C. Walker, Chancellor, in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Court-

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house in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you forever barring you from filing any claim against the Estate or other things demanded in said 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, on this the 8th day of March, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi
BY: Kelsey Rodriguez, D.C.
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SOLICITOR

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID AGRICULTURAL SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND

To all persons interested in the following described Agricultural Land in Madison County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 3 East

According to the official Tax Plat Map of Madison County 093E-1 E 001/00.00 with a PPIN 28696, containing 47.00 acres, m/1, part of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 & SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Madison County, Mississippi.

You are hereby notified that sealed bid to lease the lands described above for the Agricultural rights only for a period of 5 years may be filed with the Superintendent of Education of Canton Public School District or send by mail to 403 E. Lincoln Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, on or before 3:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of April 2024. All bids shall be submitted for the ENTIRE PARCEL and must include 100% of the amount bid for that parcel. This amount will be refunded if not the highest bid. The sealed bids submitted will be opened at 5:30 p.m. on the 9th day of April 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Board reserves the right to reduce the term or reject any and all bids

Canton Public School District Gary Hannah, Superintendent

Publish Two Times: 03/21/2024; 03/28/2024

I/We, the member(s) of E&M ENTERTAINMENT 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 THE RABBIT HOLE located at 145 REPUBLIC ST #711 MADISON MADISON CO. 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: JAMES R MOORE JR
Address: 145 REPUBLIC ST MADISON MS 39110
Name: CHRISTOPHER TODD EVERETT
Address: 220 NO. NAT CHEZ DR MADISON MS 39110
Name: JASON J. YOUNG
Address: 208 NO. NAT CHEZ DR MADISON, MS 39110
Name: WALTER A BRYAN JR
Address: 12513 GROS BEAK DR DENTON TX 76207
Name: Nancy H Black
Address: 121 Commons Place, Ridgeland, Ms 39157

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to:

Chief Counsel, Legal Division
Department of Revenue
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Living by faith

The letters to the churches we find in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 are in the context of the church facing tribulations in the world. The Lord Jesus Christ has revealed himself as the Savior of his people and the Lord of glory. From Heaven’s perspective, the important thing on earth is how the church is upholding the name of Christ and the gospel in a world of trouble.

The letters to the churches are to real churches in 1st Century Asia (modern Turkey), but they are written to be instruction to the churches who proclaim Christ’s name in every generation until his return. The Lord Jesus speaks first the church in Ephesus. He says, “I know your works” (Revelation 2: 2). The Lord can say to every church, your church and mine, “I know your works.” He can say it to you as an individual. We do well to remember this truth.

The Lord commends the church in Ephesus for their patient endurance under the pressure of false teachers. They had tested those who claimed to be apostles but were false. The church saw false teaching as no small thing, but rather an “evil.” It’s not easy to be faithful to the truth when it can cost you friendships, make enemies, and make you unpopular.

Nevertheless, the Lord Jesus requires his church to be faithful not only in proclaiming the truth, but refuting error. Serious error makes Christ to be no Christ. Truth is truth and error is error whether men think it so or not. There is a certain and immutable truth connected to Christ’s name.

We learn a couple of things here. There always has been and always will be a lot of error concerning the Christian faith. The devil is a deceiver. The truth glorifies God and humbles the pride of men, so there is resistance to it. Also, it is never in vain to defend the truth, no matter how lonely or difficult it is. The Lord knows and is pleased with those who bear up for his name’s sake.

After showing that he is most ready to commend all that is good, the Lord says, “But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first” (Revelation 2:4). This is a serious rebuke. Christ is speaking to his people and questioning whether they still have love for him. It doesn’t matter the good they are doing if their

love is declining.

The reason Jesus came into the world is that we might be saved from our sins and “know God” (John 17). To know God implies a love to God above anything else. The psalmist says, “Whom have I in heaven but you, and there is none on earth I desire but you O Lord.” The Lord insists on love because it was for that reason he called us out of the world.

The remedy to their fall is to “Repent and do the works you did at first” (verse 5). Here we need to remember the law/gospel distinction. The law says, “Do this and live.” The gospel says, “Believe in Christ and live.” The problem with the Christians in Ephesus is pride. They had been refuting error and developed a legal mindset, forgetting that it was only by grace that they had been saved. There was nothing lacking in the outward works, but much lacking in their hearts.

A legal mindset sees the works you do as what makes you more righteous than other men. A gospel mindset sees the works you do as those done to honor the Lord who paid the debt of your sin on the cross. The greater the legal mindset grows, the further away from Christ you go. Pride will replace love. Pride goes before the fall. The path back is to remember the reason you came to Christ and do the works out of love and thanksgiving.

The Lord gives a warning: “If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.” The lampstand represents light and life, the truth of the gospel. The warning is the loss of Christ, fellowship with God. The weightiness of this is plain, the life of the church and the soul of the individual is at stake. If this doesn’t humble us, we won’t be humbled.

In verse 7 the Lord says, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Repentance is always a call to turn and live. The Lord promises that the one who conquers (overcomes by faith) will be given access to “tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.” That is the inheritance of a world of love. So, let us love Christ and live by faith, casting off all pride.

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Obits

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Billy D. Johns

Mr. Billy D. Johns, aged 88, peacefully passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024, attended by his sons at St. Dominic Hospital following a recent stroke and a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. The family thanks Arden Hospice for their ministry during his hospitalization.

He was born in Scott County to Homer and Viola (White) Johns, where he spent his youth immersed in the family farm alongside his older siblings. There he cultivated values of hard work and dedication. In the course of a full life, he found his wife, Alma Jeffries Johns, and together they made a home in Jackson, filled with love and warmth of raising two boys. Billy dedicated many years at Colonial Baking Company, until his retirement. Later, transitioning to work alongside his brother, Roy Johns, at the City of Pearl Parks, and lastly as a subcontractor for MS Valley Gas with brother-in-law, Ken Mabry. Throughout his journey, he remained steadfast in his faith, finding Christian growth and fellowship as a member of Briarwood Baptist Church; previously worshipping at Broadmoor and Ridgecrest Baptist Churches prior to their relocation. Billy was an avid outdoorsman, finding peace in the tranquility of hunting and fishing.

Mr. Johns is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers (Roy & Fred), sisters (Louise & Geneva), and his beloved wife (2016) of nearly six decades. He leaves behind a legacy of faith and resilience, survived by his two sons, Jeffrey Johns (Terri) of Greenwood, and Jason Johns of Brandon; three grandchildren, Danielle Martin (Byron); Hunter, and Britton Alma Johns, as well as two beautiful great-grandchildren, Isaac and Henry Martin.

In honor of Billy's memory, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

A family service will be held to celebrate Billy's life and legacy at a later date, he will be interred in a private ceremony. Arrangements have been entrusted to Greenwood Delta Funeral Home (www.greenwooddeltafh.com).

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