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'NO MORE LANDFILLS'

Landfill battle now in Legislature

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Investors in a proposed third landfill in Madison County are continuing to push the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to approve the landfill site even after the company withdrew its application, an attorney representing a coalition opposed to

the dump said Thursday. Attorney Ron Farris said that remaining investors asked the state as recently as Feb. 4 to keep permit applications alive. The move comes after the Mississippi House of Representatives on Wednesday overwhelmingly passed legislation that would prohibit a third municipal landfill in any coun-

ty having two already without giving the citizens of that county the right to vote, Farris said. One day prior, on Feb. 3, MDEQ formally received a written request from NCL Waste LLC to "withdraw all permit applications submitted to MDEQ relating to the NCL Landfill project in Madison County, Mississippi."

MDEQ officials previously stated that submission of a letter from the applicant, in this case NCL Waste LLC, was sufficient to withdraw the permit applications, pending since 2017, Farris said in a press release Thursday. "However, MDEQ won't acknowledge the withdrawal," the press release states. "Then, on Feb. 4, 2021, Michael Bil-

berry of Phoenix Waste LLC, which claims to own 50% of NCL Waste, issued a second letter to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality requesting that all permit applications remain intact. Bilberry's letter was issued and received several days after NCL Waste, LLC formally withdrew the applications. As of this date, MDEQ has not

confirmed the letter received on Feb. 3, nor have they confirmed that they are considering the landfill applications withdrawn. "Withdrawal of the applications came the same week that NCL dismissed its lawsuits against the Madison County Board of Supervisors and the City of Ridgeland, in line with See LANDFILL, page A7



Photo by Scott Hawkins

A vehicle traverses Main Street in Madison with a sheet of ice on its windshield Tuesday afternoon. Madison County and much of Mississippi was pummeled on Monday with a winter storm that

dropped a mixture of snow, sleet and ice. Businesses and schools throughout the metro remained closed on Wednesday as the region braced for another winter storm.

Amid storm, garbage pickup a concern

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Madison City Hall was taking calls Wednesday morning assisting residents with questions about garbage collection and roads but urging them to stay home. "(We are) trying to keep the roads and bridges safe," said Madison Public Works Director David Hodge. "Other than that, we are just trying to keep people at home." Overall, things were going pretty smoothly, he said. There have

been no major power outages, but it hasn't been this cold since 1900, according to the National Weather Service. "We are asking our employees to come in if they can make it," Hodge said. "We have boots on the ground and are making calls as needed, throwing salt and sand out as needed." Madison County, like much of Texas and the Southeast, was blanketed in ice and snow and remained frozen over and closed Wednesday with garbage collection suspended

and mid-week church activities cancelled. Entergy had been directed to start rolling blackouts in Mississippi, but those were suspended. Residents were asked to lower thermostats and conserve power. On Wednesday morning, only 56 of 49,591 Madison County Entergy customers were without service, according to poweroutage.us. Schools, government offices and most businesses have been closed since Monday after a winter storm moved in Sunday afternoon bring-

ing record low temperatures, including 14 degrees recorded Tuesday breaking the previous record of 15 set in 1900. The Madison Parkway Bridge was closed Sunday afternoon and while most roadways have remained open they are treacherous, officials have said. Governmental offices were closed Monday for the President's Day observance and Canton, Madison and Ridgeland city halls were closed Tuesday and Wednesday due See STORM, page A3

TRANSGENDER

Bill aims to set up rules for athletes

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A bill that would ban transgender athletes from competing in female sports at Mississippi schools and universities passed the state Senate 34-9 with four senators voting present late on the night of Thursday, Feb. 11. A "present" vote does not count as a yes or a no vote. The bill's author, Sen. Angela Burks Hill, R-Dist. 40, which includes Pearl River and Marion counties, said she introduced the bill after seeing issues arise in places such as in Connecticut, where lawsuits have been filed after biological females lost titles to transgender athletes. "I also got calls from coaches in Mississippi who have athletes they believe would want to compete as females," Hill said. Senate Bill 2536, also known as the "Mississippi Fairness Act," would "require any public school, institution of higher learning or institution of higher learning that is a member of the NCAA, NAIA or NJCCA to designate its athletic teams or sports according to biological sex; to provide protection for any school or institution of higher education that maintains separate athletic teams or sports for students of the female sex; to create private cause of action; and for related purposes." Hill said she was pleased with the overwhelming support of the bill in the Senate and hopes it will pass in the House. Hill also said she is encouraged because State Rep. Jill Ford, R Dist. 73, Madison, added an See ATHLETES, page A7

RIDGELAND

Dedication held for new City Hall

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RIDGELAND — About 100 people turned out Sunday afternoon despite sleet and snow for a dedication ceremony at the new Ridgeland City Hall at U.S. 51 and W. School Street. Most attendees, wearing facial coverings to help prevent the potential spread of COVID-19, huddled beneath a canvastent with heaters set up in front of the entryway to the new City Hall. The Rev. Ryan Lamberson of Word of Life Church gave the invocation before members of the Ridgeland High School AFJROTC Color Guard posted the colors, including raising the new Mississippi State Flag.

Ridgeland Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Holder led the group in the pledge of allegiance before the Ridgeland High School Singers, under the direction of Ridgeland High School Choral Director Rachel Landrum, performed the "The Star-Spangled Banner." Mayor Gene F. McGee addressed the crowd thanking many people who played a part in getting the new building constructed and in operation. Among those McGee honored and thanked were U.S. Rep. Michael Guest and U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, who could not attend due to weather, state Sen. Walter Michel, state Reps. Jill Ford, Debra Gibbs and former state Rep. Rita Martinson, State Sen. John Hohm, Madi-

son County Supervisor Gerald Steen and members of the Ridgeland Board of Aldermen. Also in attendance were leaders of Benchmark Construction, the construction managers on the project, representatives of Dean & Dean Construction and architects and engineers, all of whom McGee thanked. "Our historical committee," McGee said, "... Nancy Batson, Robby Carr, Donna Dye, Polly Hammack, Mike Porter and Pat Truesdale ... have done a wonderful job of gathering the historical artifacts to put in our history room, and we are very proud of that." McGee also acknowledged city employees for helping with See CITY HALL, page A2



The Ridgeland High School Choir performs at a dedication for the new City Hall.

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University Physicians moves clinic operations

By RUTH CUMMINS
Special to the Journal

JACKSON – Convenient access to care in multiple specialties is available for residents of Madison County and surrounding areas in clinics staffed by University of Mississippi Medical Center surgeons and specialists.

University Physicians has moved its clinic operations next to Merit Health Madison into Suite 204 of Merit's medical office building at 163 River Oaks Drive in Canton. The hospital is a short drive off the Nissan Parkway from Interstate 55.

Providers offering clinic appointments there at this time include Dr. Scott Berry, breast surgery; Dr. Jonathan Carroll, Dr. Thomas Helling and Dr. Jenetta Thompson, general surgery; Dr. Barbara Craft and Dr. Grace Shumaker, breast oncology; Dr. Jim Hurt and Dr. George Russell, adult orthopaedics; Dr. Patrick Wright, pediatric orthopaedics; Dr. Channing Twyner, pain management; Dr. Marc Walker and Dr. Jared Davis, plastic surgery; Dr. Charles Pound and nurse practitioner Nichole Owens, urology; and Dr. James



Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for University Physicians' new clinic space at Merit Health Madison are, from left, Karla Dukes, medical office assistant; Dr. Martin Tucker, chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Margaret Head, chief ambulatory officer for UMMC's adult hospitals; Dr. Jared Davis, assistant professor of plastic surgery; Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor for health affairs; Paul Bird, director of surgical ambulatory operations; Dr. Alan Jones, associate vice chancellor for clinical affairs; Dr. Christopher Anderson, James D. Hardy Professor and Chair of Surgery; and Dr. Channing Twyner, assistant professor of anesthesiology.

Wynn and Dr. Praise Matemavi, dialysis and vascular access. Additional specialties and

providers may be added at a later date. "Our Merit Health Madison vision in the Department of

Surgery has been years in the making," said Dr. Christopher Anderson, James D. Hardy Professor and chair of the

department. "We're excited to open this new clinic to help support our UMMC surgical services in that hospital."

University Physicians offers general surgery services at Merit Health Madison in addition to surgery specialties that include adult and pediatric ophthalmology, breast and breast oncology, dental, oculoplastics, oral and maxillofacial, adult and pediatric orthopaedics, pain management, pediatric ENT, plastic surgery, oncology, urogynecology, urology, and dialysis and vascular access.

Amanda Laura serves as University Physicians' surgery nurse manager at Merit Health Madison.

"Our clinic at Merit (Health) Madison gives our patients access to University Physicians in a location that is easily accessible and closer to home," said Margaret Head, UMMC chief ambulatory officer for adult services.

Merit Health's location just north of Jackson "puts many of our surgeons in a more convenient location for our patients in the north metro area, in addition to those traveling from the northern area of the state," said Anderson, who also serves as chief perioperative physician.

"We are committed to continue growing the specialties we offer at this location."

"We are excited to provide orthopaedic care for our patients at Merit (Health) Madison," said Russell, James L. Hughes, Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery. "The new medical office facilities, combined with the hospital facilities, will allow us to expand our services."

Madison retiree Morise Moore Hines, one of Helling's patients, said she's glad for the opportunity to receive her care from him at Merit Health Madison. She saw Helling Feb. 11 in anticipation of scheduling a surgery.

"It's so convenient," Hines said. "It takes me about 15 minutes, if that. It's a straight shot on the interstate."

"To just park in front of the building and get out and walk in the door ... that's like putting down the red carpet," Hines said.

For appointments with University Physicians at Merit Health Madison Suite 204, call (601) 815-9006 for orthopaedics and (601) 496-6376 for all other specialties.

City Hall

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the move, getting the computer equipment running and said public works employees and other department employees were instrumental in moving boxes to the new location quickly and efficiently when city workers moved into the new facility on Feb. 1.

"Alan Hart (director of community development) helped just being sure that everything besides our construction management was going the way that it needed to go, working with furniture people, working with the architect, doing all kind of

things and being sure people were doing the right kind of things," McGee said. "So, Alan, thank you. He is a rock."

Each mention McGee gave was followed by a round of applause.

"My administrative assistant, Lisa Walters, has been dual in this move," McGee said. "You just won't believe what all she has done to be sure it is organized. She has taken control of this like a mother hen, and I tell you she has done a great job. I appreciate that, Lisa."

McGee went on to recount some of the history behind the new "City Center."

"The City Center was first identified in 2008 in a Ridgeland master plan," McGee said, adding the city still uses the

same master plan. "Every aldermen (board) since then have remained focused on implementing the city's No. 1 priority and that is the Ridgeland City Center."

McGee said city leaders purchased the 25 acres of land for the center in 2008 and obtained grants and permits for environmental cleanup of the property.

"We spent the next few years designing the project and developing the funding capacity to get to this very day," McGee said. "We picked this location because it is universally the center of the city. To make it possible we battled through property acquisition, environmental testing, remediation, demolition of buildings and removal of nearly 40,000 tons of concrete and

foundations that were crushed and recycled to use in other projects."

McGee said the City Center's location is an excellent choice for access to other city offices and has room for expansion.

"(It) is surrounded by the library, the court services, the police station and adjacent Freedom Ridge Park," McGee said. "We have additional building sites for the future that may include more government buildings, a library, a civic center, a Choctaw Indian Agency and Performing Arts, and it is also possible that we can surface some of the property and sell it to some developers. We are really excited about that fact."

McGee said the city broke ground on the facility 548 days before Sunday's dedication.

"We are so happy to see the fruits of our labor, not only for a new city hall but the other huge projects we had like Lake Harbor Construction and Colony Park Boulevard," said McGee who recently secured his ninth-consecutive term as Mayor of Ridgeland after garnering no opposition for his reelection. "All of those particular projects

have been done and are now a reality. And guess what. All of that was done with no tax increase."

Before officials cut the ribbon, Hart provided some details on the new building.

"The new Ridgeland City Hall is designed by Dean & Dean and is a two-story brick and stone structure of approximately 32,000 square feet," Hart said. "The building features aluminum artwork right here that is inspired by the city's logo and a Veterans' Memory Park in front of it, complete with a bell that can be rung in honor of any veteran who served our great country."

Hart said the two-story lobby features artwork, including murals by Mark Mallett and glass art by Pearl River Glass.

"Adjacent to the lobby you will find a well-appointed history room that includes artifacts, maps and more to preserve the history of Ridgeland," Hart said. "On the opposite side of the lobby you will find the boardroom which can comfortably seat an audience of 70 people and includes the latest technology."

Hart said the building fea-

tures an enclosed and temperature-controlled IT server room and traffic control division with traffic monitors to cover the entire city.

"The public works department features an emergency operations center focused on providing continuous service to the community in times of crisis," Hart said.

"Beyond these areas you'll find that the rest of the building is simply built for function and service. The finishes in the mayor's office, finance administration, water billing, community development, public works, recreation and parks, are all very simple and budget friendly."

The Rev. Mark Byrd, Ph.D., of First Ridgeland gave the benediction followed by the Ridgeland High School singers for a closing rendition of "America The Beautiful."

Then aldermen and other public officials and dignitaries cut a big red ribbon before people entered the building for tours.



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\$1M bond in Grandview kidnapping incident

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MADISON — A Florida man arrested here last week still remains in police custody facing domestic violence and traffic charges and a \$1 million bond, officials said.

Madison Police have Keith L. Green, 25, of Lauderdale, Florida, in custody facing domestic violence charges and a number of traffic violations following an incident on Grandview Boulevard on the evening of Feb. 11.

Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman said that on Feb. 11, at

approximately 6:53 p.m., officers of MPD responded to the parking lot of the Lowe's on Grandview Boulevard for a report of a domestic disturbance in progress.

As officers arrived on the scene, they learned that a male and female subject had exited a vehicle in the parking lot and were arguing. During the argument, the male subject, who would later be identified as Green, allegedly struck the female several times.

Green then entered the vehicle, which belonged to the female, and fled the scene with the female subject's 1-year-old

child in the backseat.

As he exited the parking lot in the vehicle and proceeded to the intersection of Grandview Boulevard and Mississippi 463, he disregarded the traffic light and entered the intersection colliding with another vehicle, officials said. At this time officers were arriving at the crash location where they took the male subject into custody and administered aid to the child and others involved in the crash.



Keith Green

The child was transported to the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children with non-life-threatening injuries.

There were no other injuries as a result of the crash. The female victim was treated for minor injuries received during the incident as

well. Green was still housed in the Madison County Jail on Wednesday facing simple domestic violence charges and also faces charges on numerous traffic violations, including failure to stop, driving with a suspended license and two charges of disobedience of a traffic signal.

Newman said that additional charges of kidnapping and unauthorized taking/possession of a motor vehicle are pending.

Newman said Green's initial appearance in the Madison Municipal Court was Friday, Feb. 12. His charges are simple domestic violence, auto theft, kidnapping, felony fleeing and several traffic violations. His bond was set by the judge as follows:

- Kidnapping: \$1,000,000
- Auto Theft & Felony Fleeing: \$50,000
- Simple Domestic Violence & Traffic Violations: \$6,000

COVID-19 cases on the downslide

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Madison County COVID-19 numbers continue to drop or stay steady as the state Department of Health has reported one new death over the past week in the county.

The Mississippi State Department of Health is reporting a death toll of 189 in Madison County from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic up one death from last week's reported total of 188.

New cases continue to grow at a slower pace in the county. Officials reported 124 new cases this week, down 195 new cases from last week and 273 cases the week before that.

Madison County has a reported total of 9,324 con-

firmed COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began last March.

MSDH identified 684 new cases statewide on Wednesday bringing the total number of cases reported on the state since the pandemic began to 289,398 with a reported 23 new deaths since Dec. 12. Six of those deaths came between Feb. 11 and Feb. 15.

MSDH reports that Madison County has had 25,840 first and second-round doses administered by county of residence.

Vaccines are available at the Walmart locations in Canton and Madison. Go to <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment#local> to check availability.

The state of Mississippi is currently giving COVID-19 immunizations for the follow-

ing:

- All healthcare workers and EMT/paramedics
- Persons age 65 or older or those with pre-existing conditions.

Vaccinations are currently being administered in Madison County at Canton High School, 634 Finney Road, Canton, through Friday.

Sign up online at covidvaccine.unc.edu or call 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.

In total, 6,524 deaths have been reported in the state since the pandemic began last March.

Much of Mississippi, including Madison, Rankin and Hinds counties, remain under a mask mandate and social distancing orders by Gov. Tate Reeves through March 3.

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to the winter storm.

Meanwhile, Madison County remains under a second winter storm warning with expected wintry mix of ice and snow through Thursday with skies clearing Friday and eventually warming Sunday.

Temperatures, however, are projected to remain at or below freezing through the

weekend.

Hodge said most of the calls the city received are concerning roads with people asking the city to make the roads more passable.

"We are throwing sand and other deicing agents on the roads and bridges," Hodge said.

Some calls are from people asking about garbage collection, Hodge said. Waste Management has not made a determination when collection will resume.

"We will post updates on our social media," Hodge said

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EDITORIALS

Silencing conservatives

Some people may find President Joe Biden's repeated calls for "unity" a welcome respite from the division of the Trump years. Maybe so, but the evolving discussion around allowing the government to step in and censor the free press should be as alarming as anything the former president did.

It is especially frightening that some of the leaders of this effort are academics and journalists, both of whom thrive because of our traditional free speech culture. Progressive columnists have called for government interventions in the media marketplace to ensure fairness and accuracy, the "de-platforming" from the Internet of sites that spread "disinformation," for cable and satellite carriers to be bullied into dropping conservative media channels, and for organized boycotts of products advertised on conservative news outlets to convince sponsors to walk away unless the editorial side of things is "reformed."

It's easy to have unity once all questioning and dissenting voices are suppressed. But would that be good for the country? There's no doubt Mr. Biden is serious about bringing us together but, for that to happen, both sides must admit they've played a part in dividing the country.

Conservatives and conservative media do have things to answer for, but to blame them alone for the nation's problems is itself disinformation. The concerted, sustained effort to shut-down and shut-out Fox News, One America, and Newsmax — outlets all created, at least in part, as

response to continuing leftward drift over decades of the rest of the broadcast media is outrageous.

It goes without saying that if the effort to silence conservative broadcasters succeeds, it won't be long before the same tactics are used against conservative publications. Varied points of view must be given the opportunity for expression if voters are to educate themselves and reach their own conclusions.

Leading the charge but hardly alone is Media Matters, a progressive group founded by David Brock, that's waged a lengthy campaign targeting Fox News and, increasingly, the Murdoch family who are its major shareholders.

Why Fox? It's where approximately half the country gets its news. If it's silenced, how will its viewers react, especially if it's the government that does it? The answer, one suspects, is not well. We are living in an age where trust in the media is at an all-time low. According to Axios, 56 percent of Americans agree that "Journalists and reporters are purposely trying to mislead people by saying things they know are false or gross exaggerations."

The distrusting, jaded attitude toward the media as an institution isn't the result of conservative media. Recent events have let us all see behind the curtain just how hostile the media environment with all its self-righteous indignation truly is. Americans believe that what they see on TV is dishonest, and understandably are unsure of what to believe anymore.

— *The Washington Times*

Lockdowns taking toll

Coronavirus lockdowns are taking a visceral toll on families and, in particular, working women, with C. Nicole Mason, the chief executive officer of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, dubbing it the first-ever "she-session."

Overall, women have lost 5.4 million jobs during the recession, nearly 1 million more job losses than men. In December, Black, Hispanic and Asian women accounted for all of women's job losses that month and 154,000 Black women dropped out of the labor force entirely.

It's not surprising.

As Democrats bend to teachers' unions demands, schools have remained shuttered with no urgency to return to five day a week in person learning. Working mothers, still the primary caretakers, found their support systems of early school drop-offs, after-school programs and other childcare deteriorate before their eyes. They had to become their household's primary chef, teacher, cleaner, nanny — and there was still their daily 9 to 5.

Among working mothers in dual-career couples, 40% say they spend an additional three or more hours a day on childcare and home responsibilities than pre-pandemic, while 27% of fathers said the same, according to a study by McKinsey and Lean In. More than half of mothers say they are responsible for either all or most of the work at home.

The study, taken over the summer, found about one in five working mothers said they are considering dropping out of the workforce, compared with 11% of fathers. An additional 15% of mothers reported they were considering dialing back their careers and among women with young children, nearly a quarter said they

may take a leave of absence or quit altogether.

Before the pandemic, women of all races and color were carving out a larger role in the workforce, reaching nearly 50%. There were advances in gender pay equity and attaining leadership positions on par with their male colleagues. Continued pandemic lockdowns and school closures threaten to unravel all of it. Women's labor force participation rate hit a 33-year low in January, according to a National Women's Law Center analysis of the latest jobs report.

Democrats are in a precarious position. They've long championed gender equity but their draconian coronavirus policies are to the detriment of working mothers and families. Instead of listening to the science, they're caving to special interest groups.

On average, in red states, three times as many children have access to five day a week in-person learning as in blue states. Nearly four times as many children in blue states are 100 percent remote. The average unemployment rate in blue states is 6.8% compared with 5% in red states, while the average coronavirus death rate remains negligible between the two. School reopening, unfortunately, has become a political issue.

Republicans, if they are wise, will make safely reopening schools their No. 1 rallying cry in upcoming elections. It's the one policy proposal that unites all the factions in the GOP, but more importantly, it's the right policy prescription for our nation.

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Will the Left reunite GOP?

"Our historic, patriotic and beautiful movement to Make America Great Again has only just begun." So said Citizen Trump Saturday on his acquittal by the Senate of the impeachment article of "incitement of insurrection" in the Jan 6 invasion of the Capitol.

"I look forward to continuing our incredible journey together to achieve American greatness for all our people," said Trump. "We have so much work ahead of us, and soon we will emerge with a vision for a bright, radiant and limitless American future."

Translation: Donald Trump is not going anywhere soon.

The new Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell, has another view.

While he had voted to acquit Trump because he saw the Senate as acting outside the Constitution in prosecuting a former president, now a private citizen, he was unequivocal about the validity of the charge.

Trump is guilty, said McConnell: "There's no question, none, that President Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of (Jan. 6)."

"The people who stormed this building believed they were acting on the wishes and instructions of their president. And having that belief was a foreseeable consequence of the growing crescendo of false statements, conspiracy theories and reckless hyperbole which the defeated president kept shouting into the largest megaphone on planet Earth."

Nor had then-President Trump done his duty to stop the rioting by his followers: "He did not do his job. He did not take steps so federal law could be faithfully executed and order restored."

McConnell was saying that Trump not only was guilty of the charge of incitement but also has disqualified himself as leader of the Republican Party, and the party should wash its hands of the former president.

If it's Trump's Party now, McConnell was saying, he is seceding.

Democrats, the Left, the Establishment, media, cancel-culture can reunite GOP.

Nikki Haley, whom Trump honored by naming her U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, in an interview published Friday, told Politico that Trump, "let us down. ... We shouldn't have followed him, and we shouldn't have listened to him. And we can't let that ever happen again."

Haley, too, has belatedly washed her hands of her benefactor.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham called McConnell's remark a burden for the party to bear in 2022 and Trump the still-indispensable leader:

"We need to unite the party. Trump-plus is the way back in 2022. ... We can't do that without Donald Trump."

Who is the future party leader? Who comes after Trump?

The succession struggle in the GOP is now underway. But as for now, Donald Trump is The Man, and he is not going anywhere.

As former president and most recent nominee, he is the party's titular leader. He won the largest total of popular votes in party history, 74 million. He intends to raise millions and campaign in 2022 in states where he is wanted — and in states where he may not be wanted.

And he will likely set the issues agenda, as a media obsessed with Trump will elevate everything he says, if only to denounce it.

Yet, Trump's immediate future is likely to see a blizzard of subpoenas from litigants and prosecutors that will take a toll of his time and resources.

Still, even if Trump cannot unite the Republican Party, he brings, far and away, the largest pile of chips to the table.

That House Republicans voted 19-1 against impeachment and Senate Republicans voted 6-

1 against conviction testifies to the breadth and depth of his support. As for the Never-Trumpers, John Weaver seems to have done for the Lincoln Project what John Wilkes Booth did for Ford's Theater.

What can reunite a party as divided as it hasn't been since the Barry Goldwater-Nelson Rockefeller battle of 1964?

The Democrats can; the left can; the establishment can; the media can; the cancel-cultural elite can — all of whom are disliked or detested by Republicans. Its enemies can reunite the Republican Party.

The Biden crowd has already killed the Keystone XL pipeline and put federal lands off-limits to future drilling, imperiling the energy independence the GOP had achieved under Trump.

The open-borders crowd, which seeks to swamp Middle America with millions of new migrants, is seeking to emasculate U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, end deportations and tear down the Trump wall.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom of California is in danger of being recalled and fired, and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York may be charged with misleading federal authorities about how many New Yorkers died in nursing homes because he assigned COVID-19 positive patients into rooms alongside them.

While the invasion of the Capitol was the most publicized act of mob violence in decades, it was not the most violent, nor is it the norm.

When antifa, Black Lives Matter and leftist allies smashed statues, looted and torched inner cities and attacked cops in 2020, that was the norm. And the street criminals who compiled those new records of shootings and killings last year in almost all of our cities, they were not Oath Keepers or Proud Boys.

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TY MARTIN | TEENAGE REPUBLICANS

Republicans seek diversity

The Republican Party is about limited government, individual liberties and working people of all walks of life who desire better opportunities for their children.

As the chairman of the Neshoba County Teenage Republicans, I want to lay out a plan for the next four years that highlights what conservatives need to do in order to reclaim a majority in Congress, take back the White House and reach out to African-Americans and other minorities.

The Republican Party in 2016 controlled the Office of the President, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate while also holding on to a strong conservative Supreme Court.

As of the most recent election, our party has lost everything except the Supreme Court. We need a change.

This loss could be a major blow to Republicans, but as a leader in the conservative movement both in Neshoba County and on the state level, I see a path forward that includes increasing our minority outreach and spreading our strong message of limited government and individual liberties for all Americans.

One of the first things the GOP needs to do in order to win again is to increase our minority outreach.

Former President Trump in the November election gained six percentage points among black men and five percentage points among Hispanic women.

The Trump Campaign did this right during their campaign with those kinds of gains. He visited largely black and Hispanic areas and introduced policies that not only help these two groups but made many Americans flourish.

We must reform our party to attract young, diverse people and improve our minority outreach.

ish. Trump received 47 percent of the overall vote.

Historically, our party does not have a good history of success with minority engagement. Like it or not, it's true and we need work in that area.

The best way we can solve our need for diversity is on the local level. By getting involved with minority groups and engaging our friends, we will be able to demonstrate the real Republican Party, not the one created in the media.

The second thing our party needs is to get more young people involved. The United States has 328 million people, where people ranging from 24-29 make up 23 million people and people ranging from 20 to 24 make up 22 million people.

This together is 45 million people, or roughly 47 percent of the votes in the 2020 election.

From now on, this generation will largely decide the next elections, and this year the Democrats did a far better job at youth outreach than the Republican Party did — and they won.

The myth about the GOP created in the media is that we are all older white males and sadly this is partly true, but I envision more aggressive outreach among all who champion limited government and individual liberties as I do.

Demographics are changing. We need younger voters in the GOP, more minority voters and more female voters if we can ever dream of taking back the House, the Senate and the

White House.

We do have fringe groups that I condemn such as QAnon operating under the flag of the Republican Party that are actively causing our support from these key demographic groups that we need to suffer.

I have signed on to a letter with Teenage Republicans from around the nation in order to hopefully make a dent in QAnon's activities. This letter denounces the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riots and directly condemns QAnon.

So, I call on all my fellow Republicans to stand united that we may once again take back our majority in Congress. We need to get back to doing actual work passing real bills that affect the working man and woman. We can focus on improving our economy once again instead of wasting taxpayer funds on the impeachment of a now private citizen.

If we can improve on the things I've talked about here, we have a very real shot at reclaiming our majority over the next four years.

This is why we must reform our party to accommodate the younger generations and improve minority outreach. Because in the end, young people are our future and they will decide who is elected over the next four years.

I look forward to a more diverse Grand Old Party holding its head even higher when we crush and wipe away the blemish left by the radical left. If we put forth better candidates with more principled policies, I think our future is bright.

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Acts 3: 17-26

In this passage, Peter applies his sermon (verses 11-16) to the crowd of people who are gathered and astonished at a crippled man being instantly healed. Peter has already explained that the man was healed through faith in Jesus of Nazareth. He has also declared that Jesus is the promised Christ of the prophets, and that they are culpable in his death. Very weighty statements.

Now he explains what they must do; repent. Peter then gives reasons to repent, teaching us the nature of repentance. The first incentive is the offer of forgiveness of sins. Peter says, "Brother, I know you acted in ignorance, as did your rulers." Peter is not excusing their guilt in putting Jesus to death, but he is saying it is forgivable, and their other sins as well.

He continues; "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out." Obviously, repentance involves knowing (and admitting) the guilt of your sins and turning to Christ. To have your sins "blotted out" means completely absolved, wiped off the record. God remembers them no more. This is how great the grace of God is. Christ has fully paid for sin, all your offenses against God's law.

The converse of this helps us understand the magnitude of it. To not have your sins blotted out means you are accountable for all of them before God, who hates sin. The grace of God shown to us in the person and work of Christ is amazing, but it also manifests to us the plight of the sinner without it. You are estranged from God and held accountable for your sins. You are justly condemned.

The second reason Peter gives to repent is that "times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." The turning to Christ for forgiveness restores your relationship with the Lord. As much as we may like sin, it is discomfiting to the soul. We fear death for a good reason; it is a terrible thing. Christ takes away the sting of death, which is sin. Death cannot harm one connected to Christ.

The sinful nature is such it must die, and a new nature disposed toward God's glory replaces it, and in it we may enjoy fellowship with God. The struggle against sin remains. But a repentant soul no longer aims to justify his sinful nature, rather to die to it. That is the nature of true repentance. The incentive is it brings joy in

knowing the blessedness of God. Christ replaces sin as the object of life.

Peter gives a third incentive in verses 21-22. Turning to Christ will make you a member of his kingdom when he comes again to restore all things. Therefore, turning to Christ is a blessing for you whether it is in the present or the future. Peter wrote in his first epistle that believers in Christ have an "incorruptible inheritance." And though they have trials now, they also have expectant joy in Christ.

In verses 22-24, Peter appeals to the prophets in the Old Testament who "all" wrote about the coming Messiah. Jesus is the one they wrote of. He quotes Moses in Deuteronomy 18: "The Lord God will raise up a prophet like me from your brothers. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people." Moses was pointing to Jesus of Nazareth.

Moses was a type of Christ. He was appointed by the Lord to be a mediator for the people, to deliver them from bondage. Yet he wrote of a greater prophet to come. He wrote of Christ. Christ brings light in the darkness, life in a world filled with death. There is no way to life apart from listening to him, apart from having him. But if you have him, you have everything.

Peter also mentions Samuel as a prophet who proclaimed the coming of Christ. Samuel was the one who anointed David as king of God's people. David would later conquer the enemies of God's people. He too was a type of Christ. His name means "beloved." Christ is the greater king David pointed to. Christ is the beloved of God, the only begotten Son of God. To love him is the way of life.

Peter is holding out life and death to us. God is saying turn to Christ and live. All the Scriptures have this one redemptive message. Look to the promised one of God (Christ), who destroys the works of the devil, and restores life with God for those under the power of sin and death.

You must ask yourself if you have repented; if you have turned to Christ; if you reckon yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ. If Christ is of greater worth to you than this present world, and if you are looking forward to his day, when he restores all to the glory of God, if you will embrace him and live.

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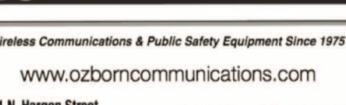
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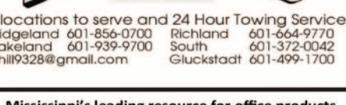
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A broken compressor at Little Dixie landfill resulted in a strong gas-like odor in the area.

Little Dixie odor problem addressed

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Mayor Gene F. McGee said that the city of Ridgeland has received multiple inquiries regarding a gas-like odor generated from the area of Little Dixie landfill. McGee said that he is pleased with the actions taken by Republic Services, owner of Little Dixie landfill, to fix the problem.

“I am thrilled with the swift response taken by Republic to fix the broken compressor causing the gas-like odor,” McGee said.

McGee said that Republic Services informed them that, during the recent holidays, the air compressor responsible for removing odors broke down. RS said that the broken air compressor was immediately fixed, but due to the breakdown, it took several days for gas flows to return to normal.

During the time of the breakdown, Little Dixie was in the process of a compressor upgrade, which doubles the overall compressor horsepower, and a backup compressor has been added to provide assistance when needed. The compressor upgrade began in mid-December and is now complete.

In addition, Little Dixie underwent an expansion of air supply lines and liquid conveyance forcemains, and compromised gas headers were replaced.

Furthermore, as a commitment to the facility, neighbors, and environmental responsibility, Rs said that they have taken advantage of increased manpower by a third-party contractor to provide dedicated onsite resources to improve the overall system performance, durability, and the ability to respond to after-hour challenges at Little Dixie.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The dream of the ram and the goat

Please turn with me in your Bible to Daniel 8:1-27. In Daniel chapter 8, we read about another vision occurring in the reign of Belshazzar. As we aim to look at the big picture of this passage, we are encouraged to recall again that God is clearly concerned not simply to supply Daniel with facts about the future, but to reveal himself to Daniel and to show him the outlines of his great plan in history and to give him encouragement in his own service. While we look at this great plan that God is showing Daniel, there are three things that we observe in particular. First, we see the vision and interpretation of the ram with the two horns. Secondly, we observe the vision and the interpretation of the goat with the horn between the eyes. Thirdly and finally, we see the vision and interpretation of the little horn.

I. The Ram with the Two Horns: the Persian Kingdom.

In verses 1-4, we read about the vision of the ram with two horns, and in verses 15-20, we are told explicitly the image of the ram represents the Persian Empire. We even know from extra biblical sources that the ram often times depicted Persia in the ancient world. In verse 4, the moving of the ram in all directions indicates the all-embracing expansion of the Persian kingdom. In relation, this vision also explains Daniel's authoritative interpretation of the handwriting on the wall regarding the demise of this kingdom in chapter 5. Daniel knew that the kingdom of Belshazzar was going to be conquered because the Lord had told him it was going to happen.

There is practical application for us even in the vision of the ram and the two horns because we ought to speak and act boldly like Daniel did before the king. What enabled Daniel to speak and act boldly is that he knew that his God was in control of the events of the world. Daniel was able to look Belshazzar in the eye and face him down because he knew his God ruled. We ought to know that also because our God does rule. The key is believing it enough to stand boldly and to act courageously. We are called to believe that God rules the events of history and remember that He rules history in righteousness. If we will believe that truth, we will be able to stand in the day of

temptation.

II. The Goat with the Horn between the Eyes: the Greek Empire of Alexander the Great.

In verses 5-8, we read about Daniel's second vision and then its interpretation in verses 21-22. The conspicuous horn between the eyes of the male goat is a clear reference to Alexander the Great who was a general in the Greek army at the age of 21. He had conquered the world as far as India by the age of 26. In fact, the reference to the goat who covered land without touching it is a reference to the speed of the conquest of the great king. The ram described in verses 1-4 is overthrown by this goat. It is in the complete destruction of the Persian army by Alexander the Great that we see the breaking of the ram's power. But immediately afterwards we are told that the large horn, Alexander, is broken and four horns replace him. These represent the division of Alexander's Greek kingdom. But in this vision immediately the attention shifts to the little horn that grows towards the east and towards the glorious land. This little horn is going to represent one of the small kingdoms that comes out of Alexander's kingdom. This little horn would not have been our interest because of the greatness of Alexander, but from God's perspective, that little horn is the focus of the vision and that reminds us that God views history differently than we do. God measures nations by how they treat His people. And this little horn was going to do great damage to the nation of Israel and to the people of God. And so this little horn is the focus of the vision for the remainder of the chapter. Why? Because what is important in history as far as God is concerned is what is happening to His people.

III. The Little Horn: Antiochus Epiphanes.

In verses 9-14, we read about the third vision which is interpreted in verses 23-27. The little horn represents Antiochus Epiphanes and the Syrian Empire. One of the four divisions of Alexander's Greek empire was Syria, and Antiochus was one of the kings in the dynasty. Antiochus gave himself the name, Theos Antiochus Epiphanes, which translates “The illustrious God, Antiochus.” In Jerusalem, he replaced the high priest, took

away the sacrifices, defiled the temple, and executed tens of thousands of Jews. Though these events would not happen in his lifetime, Daniel became sick for days when he heard about these events. This shows you the heart of Daniel. He was a man who was concerned for God's kingdom, and the thought of God's people existing under this type of persecution broke Daniel's heart. Yet, in Daniel 8:27, we read that though Daniel is overwhelmed by this vision, he continues to serve God faithfully. Daniel does not withdraw from the world and wait for the second coming; instead, he goes back to work. Daniel's response to seeing what the future holds is to live a holy life and do his duty.

There are at least three applications that we can learn from this passage. First, we learn that evil always and inevitably tends to overstep itself. We see the fall of great empires in this vision. Thus, we learn that no matter how brilliant, no matter how intelligent, no matter how powerful, evil oversteps itself. Why? Because sin is transgression and transgression is overstepping the law of God. And when you break the law, the law breaks you. Even though it looks like the evil of the world is prospering, it cannot last long. Secondly, we also learn that the strongest and greatest of men are weak without God. Sin and guilt renders them incapable of self-control and their lack of self-control eventually destroys them. Thirdly, we see a consistent pattern of Satan's opposition to God's work in His people's lives. For example, Antiochus Epiphanes removed the regular sacrifice, threw down the temple, disrupted fellowship among God's people, and introduced false teaching. These are the strategies of Satan. As we face evil in this world today, what should we do? By God's grace, we are to live holy lives, to do our duty, to remember that God rules in history, and to be on guard for the devices of the evil one. May God apply the truth of His Word to our hearts and enable us to live lives that glorify Him.

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FINAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION NOTICE

- *NEW HOMEOWNERS*
- *OVER 65 HOMEOWNERS (FIRST TIME)*
- *PEOPLE WHO FILED DEEDS IN 2020*
- *MARITAL STATUS CHANGE*
- *SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY (FIRST TIME)*
- *TOTAL DISABILITY VETERANS*

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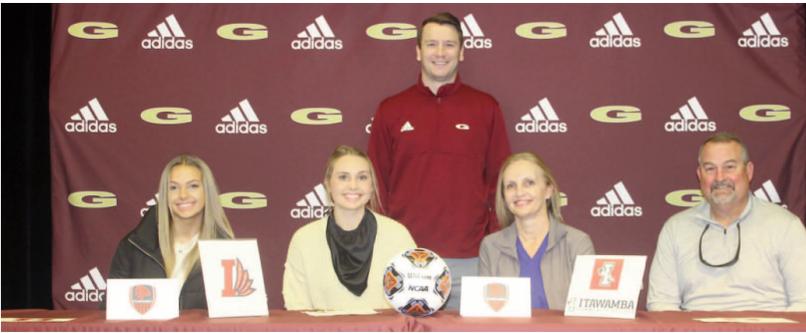
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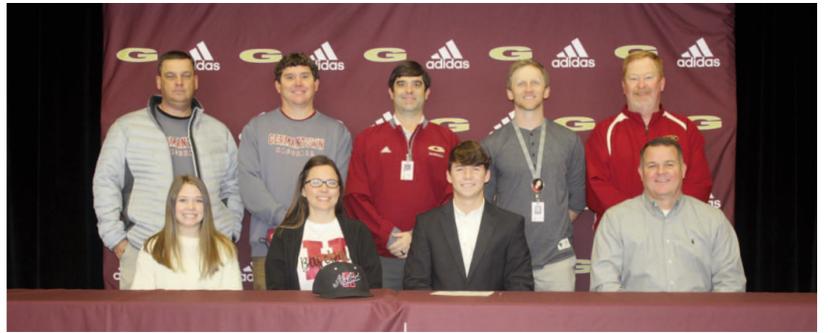
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National Signing Day



Mitchell signs with Itawamba Community College

Maloy Mitchell, a senior at Germantown High School, signed to play soccer at Itawamba Community College. Pictured with Maloy are her parents, Ben and Kristen Mitchell, her sister Lauren, and Head Girls Soccer Coach, JT Coward.



Buckner signs with Holmes Community College

Carson Buckner, a senior at Germantown High School signed to play baseball with Holmes Community College. Pictured with Carson are his parents, Luke and Pam Buckner, and his sister Sadie. Coaches pictured are Gregg Perry, TJ Grissom, Brian Hardy, Drew Crowell, Presley Hill.



Gardner signs with Copiah-Lincoln Community College

Colton Gardner, a senior at Germantown High School, signed to play football at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Pictured with Colton are his parents, Blair and Becky Gardner, and his siblings, Lawson and Hadley. Football Coaches pictured are Scott Brown, Steve Metz, Bruce Brady, Bryan Pittman, Charlie Shearer, Dustin Barrick, Brad Smothermon, and Tim Shramek.



Wasson signs with MS Gulf Coast CC

Dylan Wasson, a senior at Germantown High School, signed to play football at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Pictured with Dylan are his grandmother, Susan Castle, his parents, Wayne and Shannon Wasson, and his brother Walker. Football coaches pictured are Scott Brown, Steve Metz, Bryan Pittman, Bruce Brady, Dustin Barrick, Charlie Shearer, Brad Smothermon, and Tim Shramek.

Landfill

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statements their attorneys made to various parties and judges involved in the process.

"This makes no sense, Farris said, NCL finally decided to give up fighting for this dump and did exactly what MDEQ

told them to do in order to withdraw their applications, and now MDEQ, after more than a week, won't confirm that the applications are withdrawn. The thousands of people whose lives and future are at stake deserve better than this."

Farris, along with attorneys representing the City of Ridgeland, have called upon MDEQ to acknowledge the Feb. 3 let-

ter as formally withdrawing the applications.

"Under prevailing law, the withdrawal of the application by the applicant is effective upon receipt and, by its terms, that withdrawal was effective February 2 or February 3 at the latest," Farris said. "Anything that happened after that is immaterial in terms of whether the applications are withdrawn or not. NCL apparently did

have some kind of shakeup internally, but that did not happen until after NCL withdrew its applications.

"It is important that those in opposition to adding a third landfill in Madison County stand up and make their voices heard at MDEQ right now," Farris added.

"HB 949, a bi-partisan bill authored by Madison County State Representatives Jill Ford

(R) and Ed Blackmon (D), passed the Mississippi House 106-5 on Feb. 10," the press release states. "The bill now heads to the Senate, where a similar bill died last year.

"If you care about people's right to have a voice before landfills invade their communities, you need to call Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann and Mississippi Senators right now, Farris said. Hosemann's

office can be reached at 601-359-3200.

"Jackson Mayor Chokwe A. Lumumba and Mayor Gene McGee of Ridgeland, the City of Canton and the Town of Flora have spoken out against the landfill, and most recently the Hinds County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to oppose the landfill."

Athletes

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amendment banning transgender athletes from competing in female sports to a House bill on pay for student-athletes Thursday night.

Hill thanked Ford and others for their efforts in supporting the measure in social media post after Thursday night's vote.

"Late tonight, God blessed all our efforts," Hill's Facebook post states. "We passed the Fairness Act through the Senate with no questions and 20 plus co-authors. For all the people that helped and spoke out, the female athletes of MS thank you. This is amazing. Got to make it through the house next. Stacey, Becky, Jill, you lit the fire."

SB 2536 has met opposition from LGBTQ rights groups, including the ACLU of Mississippi, which has questioned the bill on its website under the header "5 Facts about Transgender Athletes and SB 2536."

In the post, the ACLU of Mississippi states the bill is similar to an effort to spread "fear and misinformation about LGBTQ people with the clear intention of undermining LGBTQ equality" in the buildup to marriage equality a few years back.

"Now we're seeing another uptick in dangerous, anti-LGBTQ bills in state capitols," the ACLU states. "The Mississippi senate is considering a bill, SB 2536, aimed at banning transgender women and girls from participating in sports. Bills like SB 2536 are simply the next iteration of their discriminatory efforts."

The five facts included in the post: Transgender athletes exist; A similar bill passed in Idaho was immediately suspended by a federal court as discriminatory against trans people; Advocates of female sports oppose such legislation; Transgender people do not have an advantage in sports; and The NCAA came out against the Idaho anti-trans athletics bill, calling it harmful to transgender student-athletes and against the NCAA's core values.

Despite the ACLU and the opposition, a recent Mason-Dixon poll showed that 79% of

Mississippians support the language on SB 2536, while 17% oppose it and 4% are undecided.

Hill said she has not heard much opposition to the bill, which many people had told her would be controversial.

Hill said she believes females could not compete against transgender athletes and win.

"These are just common-sense bills that are designed to protect female sports," Hill said. "It is that simple."

Conservatives reacted with relief that Senate Bill 2536 passed.

"Mississippians are breathing a sigh of relief now that Mississippi's senators have voted overwhelmingly to protect the rights of girls and women who engage in competitive athletics," stated Mississippi Center for Public Policy Executive Vice President Lesley Davis.

She continued, "Unlike what is happening in other states, our girls' and women's records will not be shattered by biological males competing against females. Women deserve to compete on a level playing field. Allowing males to compete in women's sports destroys fair competition and women's athletic opportunities.

"Mississippi owes a debt of gratitude to those in the Senate who stepped up and supported this legislation. We are especially grateful to Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann for his strong leadership and Senators Rita Potts Parks, John Polk, and Angela Hill. We also thank Speaker Philip Gunn, Rep. Becky Currie, Rep. Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes, and Rep. C. Scott Bounds for signaling their support in the House. Mississippi's female athletes and future female athletes thank you."

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGIE ANN PHELPS, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 2020-1021W NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters of Administration C.T.A. having been issued on January 22, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator C.T.A. of the ESTATE OF MARGIE ANN PHELPS, DECEASED, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present such claims to the Clerk of such Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or such claims will be forever barred. This, the 27th day of January, 2021. James Robert Mayo, Administrator C.T.A. of the Estate of Margie Ann Phelps, Deceaseds/Lacey L. Bailey By: Lacey L. Bailey (MSB #103041) PREPARED BY: Harris H. Barnes, III (MSB #2018) Lacey L. Bailey (MSB #103041) BARNES LAW FIRM, P.A. 5 River Bend Place, Suite A Flowood, Mississippi 39232-7618 Telephone: (601) 981-6336 PUBLICATION DATES: February 4, February 11 and February 18, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT V. M. HARRISON, DECEASED NO. 2021-70B NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of January, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the ESTATE OF ROBERT V. M. HARRISON, 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 29th day of January, 2021. s/ Freda Wallace Harrison Freda Wallace Harrison, Executor of the Estate of Robert V. M. Harrison, Deceaseds/ Leonard C. Martin Leonard C. Martin BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN,

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY FULCHER, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-34 BSUMMONS BY PUBLICATION-STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON TO: All Known and Unknown Heirs and Statutory Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Jeffrey Fulcher, Deceased NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S) You have been made a Defendant in the Petition to Determine Heirs and Statutory Wrongful Death Beneficiaries filed in this Court by Haley Thompson, Petitioner, seeking determination of and all known and unknown heirs and statutory wrongful death beneficiaries of Jeffrey Fulcher, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 29th day of March, 2021, in the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, before the Honorable Chancery Court Judge Cynthia Brewer, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered as requested by the Petitioner. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 28th day of January, 2021. Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk Madison County, Mississippi (SEAL) BY: Kim Seivers, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUNE H. JOHNSON BY HAROLD JOHNSON, PETITIONER CAUSE NO. 2021-66W SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JUNE H. JOHNSON, DECEASED You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Harold Johnson, Petitioner, seeking determination of heirship. There are no other defendants in this action. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 8:45 A.M. on the 9th day of March, 2021,

in the Chancery Court 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 you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 26th day of January, 2021. RONNIE LOTT, Madison Chancery Court Clerk By: Kim Seivers Deputy Clerk Publication Dates: 02/04/2021, 02/11/2021, 02/18/2021.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI COUNTY-WIDE ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT Bids will be received by the Madison County Board of Supervisors until 11 A.M. Friday, March 11, 2021, for Countywide Roadway Resurfacing Project. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project generally consists of milling, base repair and overlay of various roadways in the county. Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods: 1. Sealed bids will be received until 11 A.M. Friday, March 11, 2021 at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's office, Room 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All sealed bids submitted to the Chancery Clerk's office shall be marked on the outside face of the envelope "COUNTY-WIDE ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT," and shall have the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number written on the outside of the envelope. If any envelope is not so marked, said bid shall not be opened and considered. 2. Electronic bids will be received until 11 A.M. Friday, March 11, 2021, as a PDF file via Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically as a PDF file shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number as part of its PDF electronic bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered. Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.madison-co.com/>

Questions regarding plans and specifications should be sent to Tim Bryan, P.E. with the Madison County Engineer's Office at tim.bryan@madison-co.com or 601-790-2520. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at the Office of the County Engineer at 3137 South Liberty Street, Canton, MS 39046. Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Madison County Board of Supervisors By: (s) Kesha Buckner, Purchase Clerk Publication Dates: February 11, 2021 February 18, 2021 Madison County Journal

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S SALE WHEREAS, on November 25, 2015, YAGNAPURUSH, LLC, Grantor, executed a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (the "Deed of Trust") to Nessa Kreps, Trustee for the benefit of Ladder Capital Finance, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which Deed of Trust was filed for record on November 30, 2015, as Instrument Number 773789, in Book 3280, Page 393 in the Recorder's Office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi (the "Recorder's Office"); which Deed of Trust was assigned to TUEBOR TRS II LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, by assignment instrument recorded on December 18, 2015, as Instrument Number 774861, in Book 3286, Page 740 in the Recorder's Office; which Deed of Trust was further assigned to Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Trustee for the benefit of the Registered Holders of Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trust 2016-C33, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2016-C33 by assignment instrument recorded on May 2, 2016, as Instrument Number 782867, in Book 3333, Page 74 in the Recorder's Office; which Deed of Trust was further assigned to RSSWFCM2016-C33 - MS YPH, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company, by assignment instrument recorded on December 14, 2020, as Instrument Number 913087, in

Book 3959, Page 385 in the Recorder's Office; AND WHEREAS, RSSWFCM2016-C33 - MS YPH, LLC, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, did name, constitute, and appoint Michael Anthony Shaw, as Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust in the place and stead of Nessa Kreps, via instrument filed for record on December 29, 2020, as Instrument Number 914317, in Book 3966, Page 514 in the Recorder's Office; and WHEREAS, default was made and now exists in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust; and WHEREAS, RSSWFCM2016-C33 - MS YPH, LLC, as owner and holder of said Deed of Trust and the indebtedness secured thereby has exercised the option contained in said Deed of Trust and declared the entire indebtedness secured thereby immediately due and payable, and have called upon the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust therein contained, and requested that the undersigned Substituted Trustee sell said property under the provisions of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of satisfying the debt thereby secured and unpaid, together with attorney's fees and the expenses for the execution of this trust and of the selling of said property; AND NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Substituted Trustee, Michael Anthony Shaw, do hereby give notice that on the 25th day of February, 2021, during the legal hours between 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., I will proceed to sell at public auction, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash at the South front door of the Madison County Circuit Courthouse, located at 128 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046 the following described property with all improvements located thereon, now owned by YAGNAPURUSH, LLC, and situated in Madison County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: A parcel of land lying and being situated in the South 1/2 of Section 23, Township 9 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows: Commence at a Found Iron Pin at a fence corner marking the apparent southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town-

ship 9 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, Mississippi, and run thence North for a distance of 3120.00 feet to a point; thence run West for a distance of 1490.44 feet to a point; thence run North for a distance of 2529.11 feet to a point; thence run East for a distance of 200.00 feet to an iron pin on the easterly right-of-way line of Soldier Colony Road; thence run S 00 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds E along said right-of-way for a distance of 202.19 feet to a Chiseled 'X' in a concrete drive being the Point of Beginning of the parcel herein described. From said Point of Beginning run thence N 65 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds E for a distance of 405.36 feet to an iron pin; thence S 89 degrees 58 minutes 51 E for a distance of 29.51 feet to an iron pin; thence run S 00 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds E for a distance of 308.96 feet to an iron pin; thence run S 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds W for a distance of 142.09 feet to an iron pin; thence run N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds E for a distance of 23.10 feet to an iron pin; thence S 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds W for a distance of 258.03 feet to an iron pin on the easterly right-of-way line of Soldier Colony Road; thence run N 00 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds W along said right-of-way for a distance of 120.28 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel contains 2.00 acres, more or less. Together with a perpetual, irrevocable and non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and regress described in that certain Easement Agreement recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, in Land Book 3277, Page 270. Address reference: 133 Soldier Colony Road, Canton, MS Tax Parcel Reference: 092F-23C-004/01.011, the undersigned, will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS, MY SIGNATURE on this, the 14th day of January, 2021. s/ Michael Anthony Shaw MICHAEL ANTHONY SHAW, Substituted Trustee Jones Walker LLP 11 North Water Street Suite 1200 Mobile, AL 36602(251) 432-1414 Please Publish: January 28, February 4, February 11, and February 18, 2021

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