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Flanked by law enforcement, Madison County Sheriff Randy Tucker speaks at a press conference last Thursday following court proceedings against Edgar James Egbert, a Canton man who pleaded

guilty to six counts of attempted murder. Deputy Brad Sullivan, seated behind Tucker, continues his recovery after Egbert shot him in the head following a high-speed chase in September 2019.

ELECTION

Democrats dueling for control of Canton

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CANTON — Democrats are dueling over who will control municipal elections after the mayor set up his own Democratic election commission at the end of January.

An evidentiary hearing on the dueling election committees is set for today in Circuit Court in front of Special Judge Lamar Pickard to determine which committee is charged with running next month's party primary.

The dispute arose after a couple of duly-elected Canton Municipal Democratic Election Commissioners resigned following their election in 2017, explained John Scanlan, chair of the Canton Municipal Democratic Election Commission.

Scanlan said that two of the elected commission members resigned and were later replaced. He said Truly and State Rep. Ed Blackmon held a meeting to form a new committee citing a law that allows a municipality to form a temporary political party committee in the event one is not formed.

"The problem is the statute is specific and you can only do that in the case where one does not exist," he said.

Scanlan contends the commission created by Truly and Blackmon is unlawful since the commission he chairs already existed.

Truly's formation of a new commission coincides with the filing of a list of qualified and unqualified candidates by the original Canton Municipal Democratic Election Commission. Truly, and his wife, Democrat Election Commissioner Natwassie Truly, were both listed as unqualified for "residency" reasons, according to a document filed with the circuit clerk's office.

Truly's challengers have in the past raised questions about Truly's residency, suggesting he lives outside the city limits, though no challenge has been successful.

Others on the "not qualified" list are Ward 1 Alderman Rodriguez Brown, Ward 2 Alderman Fred Esco Jr. both for residency and Ward 6 Alderman candidate Monica Johnson Gilkey for "failure to appear/attest before clerk."

The list of candidate submissions was signed by "John J. See CANTON, page A2

Deputy tells court he was 'murdered'

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The man who shot a Madison County Sheriff's deputy in 2019 leaving him maimed and dependent on his children to help him bathe pleaded guilty to six counts of attempted murder last week, but Brad Sullivan, the deputy, told the court he was "murdered."

"He murdered Deputy Brad Sullivan," Sullivan told a courtroom packed with law enforcement officers on Thursday in Canton.

Edgar James Egbert of Canton pleaded guilty to six counts of attempted murder in the September 2019 shooting of Sullivan and another deputy who was treated and released.

Egbert entered the guilty pleas in a trial that began at 10 a.m. Thursday in Madison County Circuit Court in front of Judge John Emfinger.

Sullivan has been wheelchair bound and lost vision in his right eye since Egbert shot him on Sept. 5, 2019, as he fled deputies.

Sullivan, reading from a typed

statement, went on to say that life as he knew it ended that day.

Though he is making strides in his recovery, Sullivan, a single parent, said his injuries have had cascading effects on his family, particularly his children.

Sullivan said his 17-year-old daughter has to help him in the bathroom, bathing and getting into bed. "No child should have to do that," Sullivan told the court.

Sullivan said he cannot play in the yard with his young son because of Egbert.

Sullivan told the court he felt a "hard blow to the head" and said he could feel what felt like electricity going through his body. He soon realized he could barely move but could hear shouting and gunshots around him.

In his statement to the court, he recounted feeling the warmth of his own blood and asking a fellow deputy if anyone else was injured.

Emfinger handed down a sentence of 210 years or 35 years per



Edgar Egbert

count for Egbert to be served consecutively.

Emfinger from the bench said the events of that day "cannot be undone" and that "no penalty is sufficient" for the crimes Egbert committed.

The charges stem from the Sept. 5, 2019, incident that began in northwestern Madison County and ended in Canton after a pursuit.

Egbert was accused of abducting a man and tying him up inside Egbert's home in northwestern Madison County. An ensuing chase led to the gunfire seriously injuring Sullivan.

Sullivan told the court he was not in the area when that call went out but decided to respond because he was a hostage negotiator "not knowing it would be my last call."

Sullivan addressed the court recounting the events of the day and the struggles of his recovery.

He said Egbert had taken "the coward's way out" in dealing with issues in his life and that his own

life will never be the same. He said that he did not think Egbert could be given a strong enough sentence.

Addressing the court as well, Sheriff Randy Tucker said he wished Egbert could receive the death penalty and asked the judge to consider the strongest sentence on each count.

Egbert "preyed on innocent lives" that day and he said the Sheriff's Office "foiled his plan."

Egbert killed one of his deputies, he said, "a man of Christ" and had been "recreated" by his experience, saying that God had a "further purpose" for him.

Egbert was also allowed to address the court. "I don't expect forgiveness," Egbert said, and he apologized for his actions and said his only intention was to die that day.

"Instead of death," Egbert said. "I have lost everything I had."

He said that it was God's will that he survived and said he prayed that God would "bless and heal Brad."

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INTEGRITY AND CONVICTION

In 11th term, Mayor Mary isn't finished

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Throughout her lengthy and admired reign, Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler has been a person of integrity and conviction, essential to governing so effectively for four decades, she says.

Drawing no opponent in this spring's municipal elections, Hawkins-Butler has in effect earned an 11th term, having first been elected in 1981. She has faced no formidable opposition since.

"It was a feeling of relief," Hawkins-Butler said of not garnering an opponent.

"I have been a little controversial," Hawkins Butler said of

her time in office. "I stand by my convictions and beliefs and have never wavered from that."

When she was first elected Mayor of Madison after serving one term as an alderman, Hawkins-Butler said she had no roadmap for the development of the city.

"We redefined economic development and made housing our economic development," Hawkins-Butler said. "We wanted to create a community where people wanted to live with their families in a safe community with good schools and a place people were proud to call home."

By putting houses and residential community development first, Hawkins-Butler said

the city turned down some businesses and opportunities that many other communities would have loved to have.

"We didn't accept anything and everything just to create a tax base," Hawkins-Butler said. "We went the other way using good building codes and designs to create a community."

Hawkins-Butler said she and other people in the community believed that if the city grew the population, business would come because of the demographics.

Denson Robinson, who worked under Hawkins-Butler as Madison's public works director for 30 years, said he was proud to be a part of the team that was building Madison.

"I felt like we were headed in the right direction and a lot of times we second-guessed ourselves but that is not unusual in the business that we were in, building a city," Robinson said. "In the long run we must have done something right."

Lucille Nichols, executive director of the Home Place, a retirement community in Madison, said she has known Hawkins-Butler since before she became mayor.

"She is irreplaceable," Nichols said. "Just look at the progress that she has made for the City of Madison for all of our residents. The advancement of design. Her unique and original."

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Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler hugs Madison Avenue students.

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Costco traffic lights to be operational in May

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RIDGELAND — Permanent traffic lights are up at the entrance to the Costco on the Highland Colony Parkway but the lights will not be in operation until May, officials said.

The traffic lights will replace temporary traffic signals that were installed last March when the store opened because ordering the antique-looking traffic signal poles was the long-term delay, said Chris Trebisky, a senior project engineer with Neel-Schaffer.

The new lights were 100% paid for through \$926,000 in grants from the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District administered through the Mississippi Department of Transportation as part of a Local Public Agency project, said Mike McCollum, Ridgeland Public Works director.

Only a few companies make the traffic light poles Ridgeland has made the standard throughout the city and the poles have to be made to order, according to Trebisky.

The city applied for the MDOT grant for Renaissance Phases III and IV approximately 18 months ago, Trebisky said.

In the interim, Costco put in the temporary traffic lights, Trebisky said.

While the new lights are installed on the poles, electronics still need to be installed and then the lights have to go through a 30-day test period, McCollum said. The lights should be operational by May, he said.



Photo by Scott Hawkins

Workers with Lewis Electric Inc. installed new permanent traffic signals at the Costco on the Highland Colony Parkway last week.

Egbert

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Bubba Bramlett said they were happy with the sentence. Bramlett said the sentence on the six counts was enough

for them to know that Egbert would never live another day outside of a prison cell.

Egbert originally faced eight charges. Bramlett said they had decided not to pursue a kidnapping charge and a felony fleeing charge any further.

He said they received

Egbert's competency report on Monday and knew he would be ruled competent to stand trial.

"At this time things started happening real quick," Bramlett said.

Assistant District Attorney Ashley Allen said during the trial that she is thankful that

she was not prosecuting six counts of murder and that Egbert's actions on that September day were "calculated."

She said what he did was an "attempted execution of an entire shift of the Madison County Sheriff's Office" citing Egbert's wife's testimony that he said that day that he intended to kill every cop that approached their house.

She said that he "got his grace" in that he was not facing the death penalty and that the only other grace that would be extended his way was the dismissal of the kidnapping and fleeing charge.

Bramlett said the defense noted that Egbert would plead guilty to the attempted murder charges.

Bramlett said they did not pursue the kidnapping charge any further because the victim had died of unrelated causes and had no immediate family.

He said the felony fleeing charge was not pursued because it would not have had a significant impact on the sentencing.

Bramlett said the case had

been an "all hands on deck" prosecution for his office.

Allen also spoke after the trial, as well as Tucker and Sullivan.

Tucker said he shared a hug with Sullivan after the trial that was "a little bit tighter and had a little bit more love." He said the trial brought "another level of healing" for Sullivan, his department and many others.

"He's endured more than any of us could ever imagine and I'm glad to have him here," Tucker said. "God's got a reason for him to still be here. We are going to stay with him, and he is going to stay with us."

After court Sullivan told reporters he looked forward to continuing his rehab and recovery and hoped to be able to do more with his children.

"It has been a long road and we still have a long way to go," he said. "I'm hoping one day I might be able to get around and walk a little more and maybe be able to do some more stuff with my kids."

Sullivan motioned to the large group of law enforcement standing outside saying it was a "tight-knit family." Many law enforcement groups were represented including the FBI and MBI, Ridgeland and Madison police departments, Wildlife, Fishery and Parks officials and other groups.

Sullivan was wounded at approximately 7:15 a.m. Sept. 5, 2019, after Egbert crashed his vehicle into a ditch in a chase that ended near the Canton Country Club on Mississippi 16 east. Egbert then exited the vehicle and started shooting.

Other law enforcement officers involved in the pursuit returned fire, hitting the suspect before taking him into custody. Tucker said that close to 100 rounds were fired off that day.

Sullivan said he remembers being instructed not to fall asleep until he arrived at UMMC where he slipped into a six-week coma.



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Scanlan, Chair, Legitimate Canton Municipal Democrat Election Commission."

Meanwhile, Canton aldermen in February voted to abolish the city's election commission and are asking the county Board of Supervisors to take over municipal elections.

Canton Mayor William

Truly vetoed the decision, but the aldermen overrode him.

The Madison County Election Commission met Friday and determined that if the council were to take over the Canton Election Commission's duties the county would only handle the general election in June in which the only contested race is

for mayor.

The rest of the Canton municipal elections have only Democratic Party candidates and would be decided in the Democratic primary in April.

Espy advised supervisors on Monday to delay any action on Canton's request for Madison County to take over the Canton Municipal elections until after Thursday's hearing that will determine "which party executive commission is legitimate."

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Fatal motorcycle accident claims one of Santa's helpers

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Mitch Brown started his Santa gig when his nephew's now-grown children were young.

Madison police said Brown was the victim of a Sunday afternoon one-vehicle motorcycle wreck and succumbed to his injuries Monday afternoon.

"He started his Santa Gig when our kids were young and he always played the part so well," nephew Scott Riddell of Pochahontas said in a Facebook post. "It was tough at family gatherings because Coop and Taylor always asked why he looked like the Santa they took pictures with."

Mitchell C. Brown, 65, of Madison died Monday at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson due to injuries suffered in the wreck, said Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman.

"The men and women of the Madison Police Department extend their condolences as well as their thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Mr. Brown," Newman said.

The crash remains under investigation by traffic crash investigators of the Madison Police Department, Newman said.

Newman said the accident occurred at approximately 3:19 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, and the MPD received a call about a one-vehicle motorcycle accident northbound on Interstate 55 near the 109 mile-marker.

"Upon officers' and other emergency personnels' arrival



Mitch Brown, here as one of Santa's helpers, died in the crash.

they found a male driver of the motorcycle along with the bike in the center median area of the interstate," Newman said.

"Emergency personnel immediately began administering aid to the driver who appeared to be seriously injured."

Through information obtained from witnesses, officers were able to determine that the motorcycle was proceeding northbound on I-55 in that area when, for an unknown reason, the driver lost control. Newman

said as a result the motorcycle crashed on the grassy area of the center median of the interstate.

The left northbound lane of I-55 was blocked for approximately an hour and a half while the accident scene was cleared, Newman said.

Brown's obituary had not been published by press time, but he graduated from Callaway High School in Jackson and Mississippi State University, according to his Facebook page.

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The Donald reboots

President Biden has only needed a month or so to cancel Donald Trump's four-year campaign to "make America first." Before six weeks had passed, Mr. Trump was back, harkening to a crowd of admirers chanting, "Four more years!" Predictions are for soothsayers and weathermen, but it would be no stranger than a slowing septuagenarian winning the presidency from his basement for Americans to opt for a once and future president.

Mr. Trump made his return from post-impeachment isolation to the spotlight Sunday at "America Uncanceled" — the 2021 gathering of political activists put on by the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). With its customary venue across the Potomac River from the nation's capital off-limits owing to the pandemic, the four-day conference unfolded in Orlando, Florida, "an oasis of freedom," in the words of Gov. Ron DeSantis, up the interstate from the Trump home at Mar-a-Lago.

With a 90-minute speech to hundreds assembled, and likely millions livestreaming, Mr. Trump led what resembled the first political rally of the 2024 campaign. Pledging to join party faithful in working to reclaim both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate from Democrats in 2022, he intoned, "And then a Republican president will make a triumphant return to the White House. And I wonder who that will be?" Who, who, who will that be?" Canceled he is not.

In the meantime, Mr. Trump is free to remind Americans of the "disastrous" Biden policies that have effectively put

America last: returning to the Obama-era immigration rules that entice illegals by the hundreds of thousands to flood the southern border, rejoining deficient international agreements on climate change and Iran's nuclear program, and crippling American energy independence with the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Perhaps most unfair is Mr. Biden's refusal to credit Team Trump with the success of "Operation Warp Speed" in creating multiple coronavirus vaccines in record time, or even to manage a hat-tip for his own disease-defeating inoculation.

Mr. Trump is the clear favorite for the Republican nomination in 2024, according to The Washington Times/CPAC straw poll. He garnered 55% of the vote, while home-state hero Mr. DeSantis was runner-up with 21%, and South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem was a distant third with 4%. Asked whether the former president should run, 68% replied in the affirmative.

If anything, Democrats' two impeachment trials — including the acquitted charge of leading an insurrection against the U.S. government — have galvanized the view among many Americans that only Mr. Trump, flaws and all, has the fortitude to cancel the leftward surge that Mr. Biden leads.

In the annals of presidential history, Grover Cleveland alone has managed to win the White House, lose it and win it back four years later. That timespan is an eternity in politics, and no one is master of his own fate. Still, a presidential past could be prologue for Donald Trump.

— The Washington Times

LESLEY ANDRESS DAVIS

In defense of female sports

Given the cultural revolution in which we currently find ourselves, it should not be surprising that we are debating the once-obvious question of whether it is fair for biological males to compete against biological females in sports. Senator Angela Hill (R., Picayune) is leading the charge in Mississippi to protect the rights of our girls and women by sponsoring The Fairness Act, which would ensure that only biological females compete on public school girls' sports teams in our state.

As a former athlete and Mississippi State University women's basketball player, this issue is of particular importance to me. My high school basketball team was nationally ranked and finished first in Mississippi my junior year and second my senior year. We routinely practiced against our school's varsity boys' team, which had nowhere near our record or ranking.

Despite our being at the top of our game in high school women's sports with an All-American player and numerous others who went on to play college ball, the boys' team handily beat us every time — it was ugly.

This male advantage seems clear across all sports. Allyson Felix is probably the fastest female sprinter in the world, holding more records than Usain Bolt. Her best time for the 400 meter is 49.26 seconds, but just in 2017, that time was beaten over 15,000 times by boys and men.

Venus and Serena Williams once boasted they could beat any male tennis player ranked outside the top 200. In 1998, a male ranked 203rd took them up on their wager and handily beat them both decisively, 6-1 over Serena and 6-2 over Venus. What if we never knew of a Serena and Venus Williams because they never had the space to compete and advance to the top of their sport?

As a little girl, I was inspired by the few female athletes that were featured prominently. Fortunately, a lot has changed in female sports since I played.

The incredible growth in

women's sports over the past almost 50 years has been in part the result of the enactment of Title IX in 1972, a federal law specifically designed to create equal opportunities and access for females in education and athletics.

Before Title IX, an estimated 3 percent of girls in America participated in sports; today, about two in five (more than 40 percent) of girls play sports. The number of women playing college sports has increased by more than 600 percent, and the number of young women playing high school sports has increased more than 900 percent. The impact Title IX has had on young girls and adult female athletes is immeasurable. It is not a coincidence that 98 percent of female CEOs played competitive sports.

Yet, all of this hard-fought progress women have made in athletics could be eroded if our state lawmakers fail to ensure that our girls have a level playing field.

For instance, over the last few years in Connecticut, two biological males who had never distinguished themselves when competing on male track teams came to identify as girls/women. They joined their respective schools' girls' track teams and competed in track meets against biological girls. It should come as no surprise that they dominated girls' track by winning 15 state championships, in the process stripping away 85 opportunities for biological females to advance to higher levels in girls' track. Along the way, they broke 17 girls' state track records, records no girl will likely ever get close to.

I have compassion for trans athletes' struggles, and I understand their desire to compete in sports. Yet, we must be able to have honest, biology-based discussions on the matter without name-calling, fear of being canceled, and without assuming evil motives of those with whom we disagree.

Too many today are afraid to state the obvious: science shows us that male-bodied athletes are generally bigger, taller, faster,

and stronger than females. Males benefit from greater speed and power, adding up to 10-50 percent advantage over female athletes, depending on the sport.

Physicians like Michelle Cretella have been stating the same, that men and women are profoundly genetically different, and that no hormone therapy or body-altering surgery can reverse these biological changes. "[M]en and women have—at a minimum—6,500 genetic differences between us. And this impacts every cell of our bodies...."

When we ignore the undeniable biological advantage that males have, girls are harmed, harmed by the loss of medals, trophies, records, podium spots, college recruitment and scholarships. To use one of the favorite phrases of the left, where are the "safe spaces" for young girls and women? Where is the concern for their physical and mental health and the character development that comes from competition?

Fortunately, at least for now, most Mississippians see past the claims of today's cultural revolutionaries. Recent polling demonstrated that 79 percent of Mississippi voters support such legislation. This includes 87 percent of Republicans, 65 percent of Democrats, and 83 percent of independents.

We cannot look to Washington to protect the civil rights of young girls and women in Mississippi. Mississippi is one of only ten states that has no policy addressing the participation of biological male athletes in girls' high school sports. We need our lawmakers to protect the rights of young girls and women in our state and pass The Fairness Act now.

We as a nation and a state have made too much progress for women's rights over many decades to now watch it all be taken away.

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PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Is Biden reenlisting in war?

Thursday, in its first military action, the Biden Pentagon sent two U.S. F-15Es to strike targets of Kataib Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Iraqi militia just inside the eastern border of Syria.

The U.S. strikes were in retaliation for a missile attack on a U.S. base in Irbil, capital of Iraqi Kurdistan, which killed a contractor and wounded a U.S. soldier.

"We're confident that the target was being used by the same Shia militia that conducted the strikes," said Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

But Democratic Sens. Tim Kaine and Chris Murphy want to know where President Joe Biden got his authority to launch attacks in Syria, where there was no clear or present danger to any U.S. troops.

Days before the U.S. strike, Kataib Hezbollah issued a statement denying any complicity in the Irbil attack: "We absolutely did not target Erbil or the Green Zone and have no knowledge of the group that did."

Iran has also denied any involvement in the missile attack on the Americans. On a visit to Baghdad, Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif called for an investigation as to who is initiating the attacks inside Iraq.

"We emphasize the need for the Iraqi government to find the perpetrators of these incidents," said Zarif.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Russian forces in Syria got only four or five minutes' notice that U.S. planes were on their way to a strike.

Bottom line: Those conducting these attacks on U.S. bases and troops in Iraq, provoking American counterstrikes, seek to ignite a conflict between the U.S. and Iran, and its proxies in Iraq and Syria.

And they are succeeding. Biden broke with former President Donald Trump on the latter's decision to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal and

No clear or present danger to any U.S. troops, yet Biden orders military strike.

impose "maximum pressure" sanctions to compel Iran to negotiate a more restrictive deal. But Biden has yet to reveal his own strategy or goals in dealing with Tehran.

Is he willing to accept a return to the nuclear deal the U.S., U.K., France, Germany, China and Russia negotiated with Iran in 2015? And if that deal is now no longer adequate, how does Biden propose to get Iran to negotiate and agree to a tougher deal?

The leverage we have are the sanctions Trump imposed. If Biden lifts those in return for Iran returning to the terms of the 2015 deal, he surrenders all of his leverage for a new deal covering Tehran's missile development and aid to Shia militias in Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

But if Biden refuses to lift the Trump sanctions, Iran is likely to revive its nuclear enrichment program, give up on the U.S. and elect a hard-line regime this year that could adopt a policy of attacking U.S. interests and personnel across the region until the Americans go home.

Six weeks into his administration, Biden seems in danger of being drawn back indefinitely into the forever wars of the Middle East.

In Afghanistan, under the terms of the peace deal negotiated with the Taliban in 2020, all U.S. troops are to be out of the country by May 1.

Under that deal, not a single U.S. soldier has been lost in combat in the last year.

If the U.S. announces, as some believe is likely, that we are not going to withdraw all forces by May 1, the Taliban, who control half the country, are likely to begin targeting the remaining American troops in the country.

Biden could then be pre-

sented with this Hobbesian choice: Flee Afghanistan under fire, or send more U.S. troops to protect those we left behind. Writes William Ruger, a veteran of the war and Trump's nominee to be ambassador to Afghanistan:

"Keeping our troops in Afghanistan beyond the promised deadline is pushing them back in the Taliban's cross hairs and indefinitely continuing an ... unwinnable war, which has already cost more than \$2 trillion and more than 2,400 American lives ...

"Anything less than a full drawdown means that Afghanistan will become President Biden's war. He will have to own the predictably terrible consequences of continuing a war that can't be won."

Looking at our 20 years of military intervention in the Middle East, since Osama bin Laden drew us in by bringing down the twin towers and hitting the Pentagon, what is on the asset side of our balance sheet?

Two decades of fighting in Afghanistan, yet the Taliban enemy we ousted in 2001 seems today destined to retake power when we depart.

Pro-Iranian Shia militia dominate the Iraq that we sent an army to liberate from Saddam Hussein. In Yemen and Syria, we bear major moral responsibility for two of the worst humanitarian disasters of the 21st century, and we are facing strategic defeats in both theaters.

In Libya, whose regime we helped to overthrow, Turks and Russians are fighting for control.

And China, which stayed out of all these wars we started — or into which we plunged — has prospered in these 20 years as few other nations in modern history.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."

RICH LOWRY

Alzheimer's be not proud

There are a hundred things I could tell you about my late mother that are more important than the disease that caught her in its grip the last few years of her life.

I could tell you about her relationship with my older brother, who has autism, and her deep, lifelong friendship with him.

I could tell you how she took her experience fighting the schools to educate and treat my brother decently and went into social work as a career, helping countless other disabled and mentally ill people.

I could tell you about her accomplished painting, her love of cats, or her civic involvement.

After losing her last week, though, I want to share something about the worst, about the end, about the Alzheimer's disease that took this vibrant woman, who made friends and plans wherever she went, and confined her to a wheelchair and rendered her nearly mute and inert.

Because I've come to believe that this crushing disease does not, during almost all its progression, achieve as complete a victory as it might seem.

It takes away so much. The ability to live independently. The ability to talk. And in the end, the ability, or will, to eat. There are no heartening stories of Alzheimer's survivors.

But our personhood is so strong that the disease, even in its late stages, can't fully extinguish the human personality. No, the spark is still there, flickering, very difficult to detect at times, but there.

I acknowledge that some

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families have worse experiences than mine, wrenching though it was, and Alzheimer's forces you constantly to ratchet your expectations downward. First, you're glad of conversation, even if it doesn't make much sense. Then, you're glad of any words. Finally, you are glad of, well, anything.

Still, there are little gems of surprises. Once, I was wheeling my mom from the cafeteria area in her nursing home, hoping to get her from Point A to Point B without incident, when she reached out and got a death grip on the chair of another resident.

This other resident was a notably stately woman. "Hello, gorgeous!" said my Mom. Where did that come from?

Toward the end, when things were bleakest, my Mom would still shine through the shroud of the disease. If she talked, it was always incoherently, but I could see her making points the way she always had. She might chuckle softly at a mention of my brother. Even when I couldn't get anything else out of her, she'd hum, to patriotic songs, to hymns, to "Ode to Joy."

No matter how bad it got, you'd see grace notes in the

incredible love showered on her and others by the staff of the facility caring for her. Or another resident would do something amusing or touching.

I remember an otherwise despairing visit, when another lady sat down randomly besides us. I said I liked the stuffed dog she had in a basket on her walker. She said he was a good boy, began to pet him, and then kissed him a couple times lovingly on the snout. It was so sweet, I was moved to tears.

The last time I visited my Mom, days before she took to her death bed, I badgered her, as I often did, to try to get a reaction out of her: "Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you love me?"

Sometimes she wouldn't say anything. Sometimes you might notice her trying to reply. This time, she got out an unmistakable, "yep."

I played the "1812 Overture" on my phone, loud. Again, to get a reaction, I swung my arms in exaggerated, mock conductor movements, especially toward the finale, with Tchaikovsky's chimes ringing and the cannons firing in a crashing crescendo of victory and resolve.

And right at the end, my Mom briefly raised and twisted her hand in a conductor motion of her own.

Take that, you merciless, godawful disease.

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

BIBLE SELECTION

Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

— Psalm 37:1-2



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GETTING THE MESSAGE/Rev. Chris Shelton

Acts 4:23-31

This passage begins with Peter and John giving a report to the church of what the chief priests and elders had said to them (verse 23). They had been given an unlawful command accompanied with threats for non-compliance: "you are not to speak in the name of Jesus (verse 18)."

The church responds by proclaiming the sovereignty of God over creation and providence. God is the ruler with absolute power. He made all things; he is not the work of man's hands, nor a god of man's imaginations.

We find the phrase (verse 24), "Sovereign Lord, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them," throughout the Scriptures. In Psalm 146 it is used to make a distinction between those who look to the Lord and those who put their hope in the rulers of men. In Revelation 10 it is a mandate to the church to be faithful in proclaiming God's word in tribulation.

Facing the threats of men, the church looks to the power and majesty of the Sovereign Lord. It is an argument from the greater to the lesser. If God made all things, then he is able to do whatever he wills. He will ultimately prevail, so as his people we focus on his will and leave the temporary consequences to him.

The church moves from God's creative power to his prophetic word. They quote Psalm 2, which depicts the foolishness of kings and rulers on earth being opposed to the Lord's anointed Savior and King, which the church identifies as the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a lot at stake. The Psalm warns people they must "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you perish in the way." But, "blessed are those who take refuge in him." Therefore the wisdom of the church is the wisdom the Lord Jesus taught: "Do not fear men who can only kill the body but not the soul; rather fear God who can destroy both body and soul in hell."

There is a natural animosity in men toward the truth of Christ. It stems from the absence of love toward God, and therefore the angry resistance to being confronted with his divine word and judgments against our wickedness.

There is no negative to embracing Christ

and being delivered from sin and death. But men love sin and idols. This passage instructs you to take careful inventory of your thoughts of God and of Christ whom he sent to save. He is the only way of salvation. God does not make idle threats. Neither does he fail to keep his promises. You must choose between sin and the Lord. Our lives here are short and uncertain; this world is not worth losing your soul. And the Lord is full of mercy to those who call on him.

In verses 27-28, the church applies Psalm 2 to what took place when Jesus was unjustly put to death by Herod, Pilate, and all the people. It was all written of through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit long before it happened.

The Lord didn't just foreknow what was going to happen, but in verse 28 we see that men putting Christ to death was what God's "hand and plan had predestined to take place." God does not cause men to sin, but he sovereignly brings good out of it. The death of Christ is the prime example of this. We must remember, though, sin is no less evil because God brings good out of it.

The wonder of the gospel is that men who put Christ to death are offered life in his name. Murder is an awful thing; to murder the holy, only begotten Son of God, all the more. There are none who can justly say they are innocent of it. If God numbers our sin, not one of us can stand. Remarkably, if you "kiss the Son," whom you crucified, all your sins are sponged away. Such is the grace of God.

We see the request of the church to the Lord in the face of the threats they have received. They ask for boldness to continue to proclaim Christ to the world (verse 29). What is striking is they do not ask for the threat to be removed or for their oppressors to be judged. They are walking in their Savior's steps, who prayed on the cross for those persecuting him. Some of the rulers will come to faith (Chapter 6). Vengeance for those who remain in unbelief will come in due time. Until then, grace is offered in Christ. His church is to maintain faithfulness and diligence it proclaiming his word to the world.

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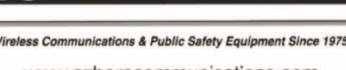
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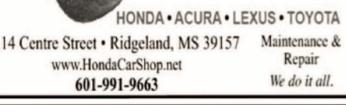
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OBITUARIES

Wyndell A. Varner



Wyndell Varner

Wyndell A. Varner went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 24 at Baptist Hospital. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on Monday, March 1st with services to follow, at First Baptist Church of Madison. Burial will be at Parkway Memorial Cemetery.

Wyndell was born on May 19, 1932 in Jones County, MS to the late Alvie E. and Miriam W. Varner. He was an only child. He was a graduate of George S. Gardner High School and received a B. S. Degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He also continued his education with additional post-graduate work in Psychology at Mississippi College.

Mr. Varner was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Wyndell married the love

of his life, Betty Aultman of Hattiesburg, MS on September 2, 1956. After working for ten years in the New Orleans, LA and Hattiesburg, MS areas, they moved to Jackson and spent 55 years in the metro area.

Wyndell worked at Dixie National Life Insurance Company for twenty-two years. He spent the last several years working there as the Vice President of Policy-owner Relations and State Services. He retired in May 1994.

Since retirement, he served three years as a Madison County representative on the Advisory Committee for Aging Programs in the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District. He also served for a number of years on the Retiree Consultant committee of the Madison County Economic Development Authority.

Wyndell and Betty were members of First Baptist Church Madison. Wyndell served as both an active and inactive Deacon at the church for many years.

Mr. Varner preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife of 64 years.

Survivors include children Debbie V. Hilliard, Madison, MS, and J. Lane Varner (Judy) of Terry, MS. Granddaughters Lindsey Hilliard, Sarah Phillips (Zach), Hannah Graham (Knox) all of Madison, and Faith McCarty (Austin) of Oxford, MS. Four Great-Grandchildren, six nieces, three nephews, and two first cousins.

The family would also like to thank Mr. Varner's 3 special caregivers Janie, Evon, and Fred who became part of the family as well.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Building Fund of First Baptist Madison, 2100 Main Street, Madison, MS 39110

Edwina Galyean



Edwina Galyean

Julia Edwina Knight Galyean never met a stranger, had an endless supply of hugs, lipstick kisses and smiles for those she loved and never let anyone leave without an "I love you, Sweet-heart!". After bravely battling breast cancer for 10 years, she passed away in her home on Wednesday, February 17, surrounded by family and her faithful dog, Dooley. She was born August 8, 1949, in Canton, Mississippi, graduated from Madison-Ridgeland High School and had a successful career in insurance for many years. After living in Florida and then Texas for many years, she returned home to Mississippi in 2007.

She leaves behind her siblings, Charles Knight (Linda) and Patricia Griffin (Bill); her nieces, nephews, grandnieces

and grandnephews; her stepson, Eric Galyean; and her dog, Dooley who was her constant companion for 10 years.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lee Galyean; her parents, Charles and Julia Knight; and her sister, Catherine Knight Baber.

Though she had no children of her own, she cared for each of her nieces and nephews, as well as their children, as if they were hers. She was a stand in Mom and Grandmother and a sister to more than just her siblings, with lifelong friends to testify.

Visitation will be Friday, February 26, 2021 at Hickory Ridge Baptist Church in Florence, MS from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The funeral service will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the

church. A Graveside service will follow at Glenwood Memorial Park in Richland, MS, weather permitting. Brad Griffin, Brandon Baber, John Middleton, Jeffrey Middleton, Steven Lofton, and Chad Brown will serve pallbearers. The family encourages all that attend to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Edwina asked that if you would like to make a donation to help fight Breast Cancer, please donate to The Baptist Health Foundation program called "Fund for the Girls" that helps women who are uninsured or underinsured get mammograms, ultrasounds and biopsies, if needed, at the Baptist Breast Center. There are NO administrative costs, and all funds go directly to the services provided to the patients. <https://baptisthealth.foundation/how-we-help/fund-for-the-girls>.

Rosemary "Rosie" DeMoney

Rosemary "Rosie" Winters DeMoney of Madison left her earthly body to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 25, 2021. Rosemary was born on April 5, 1959. She worked a total of 35 years as an activities director for senior adults and was passionate about their care and well-being. She worked at Sunnybrook Estates in Madison for 13

years. Rosie leaves behind her husband of almost 40 years, the love of her life, Jack. She loved her church family at Old Rice Road Baptist Church. Rosie is survived by her husband, Jack, her daughter, Kristen (Destin) Dell of Madison, her son, Josh DeMoney of Madison, one granddaughter, Mary Channing Dell of Madison and her beloved pit bull,

Kobe. She is also survived by 2 sisters, Lynn (Wayne) Vick of Cleveland, Ms. Sherry (Thomas) Brown of Greenville, and 2 brothers, Ronnie (Lisa) Winters and Ty Winters also of Greenville, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents, G.W. Winters and Sarah Shaw. Services were held February 27, 2021.

Betty Rose Irby Lawrence

Betty Rose Irby Lawrence of Canton, 75, died February 25, 2021, at St. Dominic's Hospital after a brief illness due to complications from a stroke. Funeral services were held at Breeland Funeral Home February 28, 2021.

Mrs. Lawrence was the daughter of T.O. and Eloise (Weems) Irby. She was born in Morton, MS, and attended Morton public schools and Belhaven College. She was employed by a number of companies in various administrative capacities, including Madison County Equipment, Petroleum Marketers, and the Mississippi Soil and Water

Conservation Commission. Mrs. Lawrence is survived by her six children: Patsy "Kit" Hicks (Mike); Dewye "Dee" Lawrence, Jr.; Donna Lawrence; Jacqueline "Jackie" Sowell (Terry); Richard

Lawrence; Regina Ferguson (Denman); together with fourteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dewye Lawrence, Sr.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The vision of man

Please turn in your Bible to Daniel 10:1-21. In this chapter, we learn that Daniel has been given a vision from God while he was in mourning and prayer. This vision emphasizes the truth that human causes and effects are not the only forces or influences operative in this world. In fact, they are not even the most important influences in this world. The messenger of God came to Daniel to tell him something that would give him strength and peace, and this message is designed to give us strength and peace as well. In fact, there are three things that we can learn from this passage. First, we see that God wants us to have a heart for the people of God, and to express that heart in prayer. Secondly, we learn that God wants us to know and remember His greatness, forgiveness and faithfulness. Thirdly and finally, we see that God wants us to be aware of the greater battle behind our struggles.

I. God Wants Us To Have A Heart For The People Of God, And To Express That Heart In Prayer.

In verses 1-4, we get a glimpse of Daniel's heart and his concern for the people of God. Daniel was apparently still in Babylon, even though we know that in the first year of Cyrus some of the exiles went back to Jerusalem. And yet we learn from Ezra 1:1-4 that Daniel remained in Babylon. It is also significant that Daniel tells us that those three weeks in which he was fasting occurred during the feast days of Passover and unleavened bread. Those were not days for fasting. Those were days for celebration. Those were days meant for the people of God to remember the great deliverance that the Lord had given them in the exodus and the promises that He would pour out upon them. But Daniel is in sackcloth and ashes, abstaining from tasty food and in deep prayer and mourning. Why was Daniel still there and why was he fasting? It is probably because Daniel felt that the greatest thing that he could do for the work of the rebuilding of Jerusalem would be to pray for the people of God. He had heard of the opposition to the building program. He knew that there were many powerful forces established in the ancient places of Israel that were determined to keep Israel from rebuilding the temple and the walls, and so he devoted him-

self to praying the work of God through those days of crisis.

In fact, that was precisely what he was praying about when the angelic visitor came to him. He was praying for the people of God, and he was praying for the protection and the blessing of the work of rebuilding Jerusalem and the temple. In his personal sacrifice and spiritual commitment to a goal he would not enjoy, Daniel serves as an example to us. He was wholly devoted to seeing the children of Israel re-established in the worship of God in Jerusalem, even though he himself would never receive an earthly benefit from that work. We are also reminded in this passage of what a tremendous need we have in the church today for intercessors like Daniel. We live in a day where we are far more infatuated with programs than we are with prayer. But as E. M. Bounds once said, "The church is looking for better methods. God is looking for better men, for people are God's methods."

II. God Wants Us To Know And Remember His Greatness, Forgiveness And Faithfulness.

In verses 4-9, we have this overwhelming vision of the heavenly visitor. In this vision, God teaches us that He wants us to know and remember His greatness, forgiveness and faithfulness. This vision itself is meant to communicate the all-powerfulness of the Lord, the all-gloriousness of the Lord, and the strength of His providence on behalf of His people. In verses 5-6, we read that the angel was dressed in linen, which was the clothing that the High Priest wore when he entered into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement to offer a sacrifice for the forgiveness of his people's sins. Daniel is being reminded of the forgiveness of God in this vision. Daniel has been pouring out his heart. He was confessing himself before God and wondering if God is just going to wipe His people off the face of the earth because of their wickedness. And what does God show him? The vision of a man in linen reminding him of the priest, and reminding him of the forgiveness which God has purchased for His people. By reminding Daniel of His past forgiveness and His continuing faithfulness, God was encouraging Daniel to trust in Him, even in a bleak time. Knowl-

edge of God's great work in the past encourages us to trust Him in the future. We also see that the presence of God which He brings to Daniel in his hour of need leaves a mark on Daniel. When God draws close to Daniel, he is left on his face, trembling, prostrate, and then unconscious. And even when he is lifted to his feet by the angelic visitor, he trembles in the presence of the Lord. This passage reminds us that the presence of the Lord leaves its mark on us.

III. God Wants Us To Be Aware Of The Greater Battle Behind Our Struggles.

In verses 10-21, we see a picture of the spiritual battle for the kingdom. Daniel was always a man who thought beyond his own individual circumstances. He was preoccupied with the big picture of the people of God. And in this passage, God is letting Daniel know that there is something even bigger going on in the return from exile. In verses 12-13, the angelic visitor tells Daniel that there is a conflict behind the return from captivity which involves a spiritual battle in which Daniel's prayers are playing a part. The angel tells Daniel that he is battling with principalities and powers far above this earthly conflict who are working to prevent the return from captivity. As Daniel had prayed, God in heaven had heard, for God had set Daniel praying. Daniel's prayer was simply a reflection of God's own heart. And in God's decree, one was sent out to do spiritual battle in response to Daniel's prayers. This passage stresses to us the power of prayer. Now, it is important to note that the power of prayer is not in the prayer. The power of prayer is in God. For Daniel, though left behind by those faithful Israelites gone back to Jerusalem to rebuild the broken walls, was in the presence of God and he was not alone. There is a passage from this world to the heavenly world and vice-versa. And not only did Daniel use it, he lived at the point of contact between the two through his communion with God. May God also help us live in conscious communion with Him through prayer.

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Center for Pregnancy Choices

Life @ Walk



www.cpcmetrofriends.org/LifeWalk

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Flwood Nature Park

Registration 8 to 9 a.m. • Walk 9 a.m.

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship
8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

Sunday School
9:40 a.m.

Evening Worship
6 p.m.

Family Night Dinner (Wed.)
5 p.m. to 6:15 (Miller Hall)

Mid-Week Worship/Study
(Check website)

Livestream
fpcjackson.org/livestream
11 a.m. 6 p.m.

WLBT-TV3
10 a.m.

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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

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN UNTIL April 1, 2021

LOCATION: MADISON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR
CANTON OFFICE-- 125 West North St Room 111
MADISON OFFICE-- 171 Cobblestone Dr

OFFICE HOURS 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. (AFTER HOURS BY APPOINTMENT)

Basic Information Needed When Applying For Homestead Exemption:
Recorded Deed, Lease or Will
Social Security Number/Date of Birth/Phone Number/Email for Applicant & Spouse
Automobile Tag Numbers
Settlement Statement/Closing Disclosure
Valid MS proof of identification
(MS drivers license/MS photo identification card)
For a Complete Listing of Requirements Visit Our Web Site @ www.madison-co.com



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Lake Caroline expanding on 42-acre tract

By SCOTT HAWKINS
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Lake Caroline developers are adding another block of houses in a 42-acre tract that will be known as Pinehurst of Caroline.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors on Feb. 22 approved the plat for Pinehurst of Caroline that was submitted

by the planning commission for approval.

The addition is just the latest in the Lake Caroline subdivision that includes a golf course and other amenities.

Pinehurst of Caroline is bordered by Lake Ridge Drive, Hampton Ridge and Hampton Crossing.

Supervisors also approved a variance for a dead-end street

in Pinehurst of Caroline that is longer than the usual maximum 500 feet allowed by the county.

Attempts were unsuccessful to reach developers at Caroline LLC for more details on Pinehurst of Caroline.

In other matters at the Feb. 22 Board of Supervisors meeting, supervisors:

- Approved a proposal for

Batchelor Creek delineation and permitting with Headwaters Natural Resources Consulting for a fee not to exceed \$7,000. "This contract will provide the required permitting to remove vegetative debris between the Canton city limits and I-55 to improve traffic flow during storms," the board said.

- Acknowledged the court

order dismissing the \$60 million NCL Waste lawsuit against Madison County. "The suit was dismissed by the court with prejudice, meaning the lawsuit cannot be filed again under the same facts and details," the board said.

• Approved the nomination of William "Don" Seagrove, for an additional five-year term, as a commissioner on the

Lake Lorman Utility District.

- Authorized correspondence to members of the United States Congress, who represent Madison County, soliciting support for our request for federal funds regarding transportation, watershed management, law enforcement/public safety and broadband access.

Merit Health Madison names top employees of '20

CANTON — Top employees and managers of the year at Merit Health Madison were recently announced by the hospital.

Michelle Goss, LPN, and unit secretary for Surgical Services, was named Employee of the Year. Marty Jenkins, director of Facilities, was

named Non-Clinical Manager of the Year. Carmen Alexander, manager of the Medical/Surgical units, was named Clinical Manager of the Year. Merit Health Madison Chief Executive Officer Brit Phelps said the annual awards are the highest honor bestowed on employees and managers that go beyond

the call of their regular duties.

"Michelle, Marty and Carmen exemplify the high caliber of professionalism in everything they do," said Phelps. "I am delighted to recognize their many contributions to our hospital and perhaps most visible, the compassion and dedication they extend to our patients."

Goss has worked in her chosen vocation — a role that allows her to serve others — since 2007. Her role as a licensed professional nurse and unit secretary in Surgical Services is to assist patient care teams before and after surgery and coordinate communication with hospital departments.

As director of Facilities, Jenkins, a Canton resident, is responsible for total oversight of Merit Health Madison's plant operations. In short, he keeps the hospital operational. He also oversees security for patients and staff.

Alexander, director of the hospital's Medical/Surgical

nursing units, has been employed at Merit Health Madison since 2017, and has worked in her field since 1994. Besides managing the department and juggling a multitude of management responsibilities, she often serves on the front lines alongside her employees as a nurse.

CLAIMS DOCKET

Claims Docket
From 1/10/2021 to 1/23/2021

Claim Number	Invoice Number	Amount	Vendor Name	DESCRIPTION
Fund 001 GENERAL COUNTY				
1490	1526.33		PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	GROSS WAGES
1491	5000.00		AMERICAN RED CROSS	GRANTS & SUBSIDIES
1492	10.00		BEAR CREEK WATER ASSN	UTILITIES
1493	105.00		CAPITAL LOCKSMITH COMPANY	BUILDING AND GROUND REPAIR
1494	64.80		CITY OF MADISON WATER DEP	UTILITIES
1495	20376.30		CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES
1496	3087.78		CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES
1497	160.56		DEVINEY RENTAL & SUPPLY	OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS
1498	20.00		EAST MADISON WATER ASSOCI	UTILITIES
1499	3220.43		ENTERGY UTILITIES	UTILITIES
1500	2756.60		ENTERGY UTILITIES	UTILITIES
1501	279.25		MAGNOLIA LOCKSMITH	BUILDING AND GROUND REPAIR
1502	8633.20		JH&H ARCHITECTS PLANNERS	COURTHOUSE FACILITY STUDY
1503	130.00		OVERHEAD DOOR CO. OF JACK	BUILDING AND GROUND REPAIR
1504	6020.00		TERRY SERVICE, INC.	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS-DEC
1505	3586.30		WINN MANAGEMENT COMPANY	L LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE
1506	26.46		JOEL SHOWS	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
1507	100.00		BOARD OF CERTIFIED COURT	DUES-LAURIE ABRAHAM
1508	29131.30		SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	FEEDING PRISONERS
1509	607.60		LB413164 BLUE 360 MEDIA	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS
1510	420.08		ADAPCO, INC.	EQUIP REPAIR
1511	216.70		EVA ROSS FIELDS	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
1512	5000.00		STRATEGIC MARKETING GROUP	CONSULTING - DEC
1513	1292.75		SOUTHERN ADMINISTRATORS &	FSA ADMIN FEE
1514	444.60		WAGE WORKS, INC.	ADMIN FEES COBRA
1515	44.23		AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	PHONE SERVICE
1516	529.40		AT&T	PHONE SERVICE
1517	200.00		SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSI	NOTICE OF APPEAL 2020
1518	708.00		BUFKIN MECHANICAL, INC	BLDG REPAIR SUPPLIES
1519	1000.00		CAPITOL BODY SHOP INC OF	VEHICLE REPAIRS
1520	82.45		RAYBORN HARVEY, CSR #1274	TRANSCRIPTS
1521	151.28		JACKSON DATA PRODUCTS, I	IN OFFICE SUPPLIES
1522	201.73		OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1523	142.41		ENTERGY UTILITIES	UTILITIES
1524	9389.80		ENTERGY UTILITIES	UTILITIES
1525	137.90		INTERSTATE BATTERIES	VEHICLE REPAIRS
1526	189.33		JEFCOAT FENCE CO., INC	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
1527	741.22		ALEX BREELAND	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
1528	826.32		METRIX SOLUTIONS, LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1529	7105.60		E LEWIS DBA/ F M SOFT	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS-JAN
1530	83.50		WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1531	684.00		AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BU	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1532	378.00		LUIS DIAZ INTERPRETER	INTERPRETER
1533	339.74		OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1534	3752.81		SOUTHERN CONNECTION POLIC	UNIFORMS/WEARING APPAREL
1535	620.00		SOUTHERN CONNECTION POLIC	UNIFORMS/WEARING APPAREL
1536	850.00		TRI-STATE CONSULTING SERV	WEB/GIS SUPPORT
1537	118.96		AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BU	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1538	893.60		STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAG	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1539	688.88		STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAG	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1540	3920.00		MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY	C MISC-DHS PRIOR YEAR EXPENS
1541	14573.24		MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DIS	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES
1542	8381.28		MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DIS	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES
1543	239.11		MADCO PROPERTIES, LLC	UTILITIES
1544	593.28		THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS
1545	1500.00		MAXEY WANN, PLLC	LEGAL FEES
1546	120.00		MS CHAPTER IAAO	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS
1547	440.00		IAAO(INTNL ASSN OF ASSES	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS
1548	1090.75		JACKSON DATA PRODUCTS, I	IN OFFICE SUPPLIES
1549	219.00		SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURC	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS
1550	3589.95		U.S.NEXT, INC.	SERVER HOSTING SUPPORT
1551	2749.83		DIVERSIFIED COMPANIES, LL	PROCESSING TAG RENEWALS
1552	250.00		DELTA COMPUTER SYSTEMS, I	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS-JAN
1553	5072.24		MS STATE UNIV EXTENSION S	GRANTS & SUBSIDIES
1554	990.00		TOWERCOM SOUTH, LLC	TOWER RENT
1555	80.00		CAPITAL LOCKSMITH COMPANY	BUILDING AND GROUND REPAIR
1556	6490.72		CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES
1557	473.25		ELKINS WHOLESAL, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES
1558	341.06		GRAINGER	BUILDING AND GROUND REPAIR
1559	528.00		NICK CLARK'S OFFICE PARTN	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1560	5519.32		MILLETTE ADMINISTRATORS,	MEDICAL FEES
1561	10493.75		ANITA E WRAY	COUNTY REGISTRAR
1562	791.90		SOUTHERN PIPE & SUPPLY	OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS
1563	12500.00		BUTLER SNOW	CONSULTING - JAN
1564	5000.00		CLEARWATER GROUP, LLC	CONSULTING-JAN
1565	12377.98		CENTRAL.MS.PLANINDEV.DIST	WJC RENT - JAN
1566	23220.11		CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI COURT	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
1567	310.50		NATALIE KIRBY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
1568	330.00		LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
1569	62.85		MADISON COUNTY COOP	JAIL SUPPLIES
1570	83.50		WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1571	262.50		OZBORN COMMUNICATIONS, LL	RADIO REPAIRS
1572	645.00		LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
1573	147.93		JACKSON DATA PRODUCTS, I	IN OFFICE SUPPLIES
1574	223.69		PHILLIPS LUMBER & HOME CE	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
1575	1197.00		CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT AND	IAAO COURSE 300-MITCH
1576	25.00		SUPERIOR TIRE RECAPPERS,	VEHICLE REPAIRS
1577	3750.28		AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	PHONE SERVICE
1578	2118.30		LAWRENCE PRINTING COMPANY	2 PART TAX RECEIPTS
1579	2363.10		QUALITY CHEMICAL & SUPPLY	CENTER PULL TOWELS
1580	1639.21		METRIX SOLUTIONS, LLC	CYTRANCE ANTIVIRUS
1581	1650.00		METRIX SOLUTIONS, LLC	OFFICE 365 MONTHLY
1582	120.96		ARAMARK UNIFORM & CAREER	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS
1583	2891.50		CONVERGEONE, INC	MONTHLY E-MAIL SUPPORT-JAN
1584	189.72		DIXIE SPRINGS OF JACKSON,	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS
1585	254.70		OMEGA ELECTRIC, LLC	BUILDING AND GROUND REPAIR
1586	39.12		MADISON ACE HARDWARE	OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS
1587	220.35		ARROW DISTRIBUTION, LLC	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
1588	4501.46		METRIX SOLUTIONS, LLC	DELL SUPPORT RENEWAL
1589	2477.76		METRIX SOLUTIONS, LLC	CISCO SMARTNET RENEWAL
1590	2295.32		METRIX SOLUTIONS, LLC	VMWARE RENEWAL
1591	417.50		PLEIUM CORPORATION	NETWORK ENGINEERING
1592	604.67		AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	FLEET TRACKING
1593	2074.32		C SPIRE WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE
1594	199.99		MCKISSOCK, LLC	USPAP COURSE - BRENT SMITH
1595	3150.00		CITY OF CANTON	USE FOR JURY SELECTION
1596	16326.23		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
1597	12706.27		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
1598	5461.15		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
1599	11698.68		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
1600	392622.07		PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	GROSS WAGES
1601	164.38		PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	GROSS WAGES
1708	5000.00		SELF FUNDED INSURANCE ACC	COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE
Fund 012 PLANNING & ZONING FUND				
34	5582.50		TAYLOR WELTONS POLITZ DUH	LEGAL FEES
35	26.29		AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	FLEET TRACKING
36	102.86		C SPIRE WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE
37	37.69		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
38	41.00		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
39	40.95		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
Fund 015 SELF INSURANCE FUND				
24	56565.36		UMIR	HEALTH-CLAIMS
25	32231.92		UMIR	HEALTH-ADMIN-JAN ADMIN FEE
26	16100.04		GLJARDIAN	LIFE/VISION/DENTAL-ADMIN
Fund 030 CANTENEN FUND				
7	2091.00		SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC	JAIL SUPPLIES
Fund 097 E911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND				
23	2444.60		AT&T	PHONE SERVICE
24	330.00		TOWERCOM SOUTH, LLC	TOWER RENT
25	778257.25		MOTOROLA INC	PORTABLE RADIOS
26	5928.20		AT&T	OTHER MACHINERY & EQUIP
27	27648.70		PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	GROSS WAGES
Fund 104 LAW LIBRARY				
7	1266.00		RELEX INC, DBA LEXISNEXIS	LAW LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION
Fund 105 SOLID WASTE FUND				
24	1283.00		SOUTHERN TIRE RECYCLING L	CONTAINER RENTAL
25	171221.85		WASTE MANAGEMENT OF JACK	S GARBAGE PICK-UP
26	11127.15		REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC	LANDFILL CHARGES
Fund 108 TAX COLLECTOR INTERFACE FUND				
1	611.60		JACKSON PAPER COMPANY	OFFICE SUPPLIES
2	996.12		OFFICE DEPOT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES
Fund 115 1/4 MILL FIRE DISTRICT FUND				
47	749.54		OVERHEAD DOOR CO. OF JACK	BUILDING AND GROUND REPAIR
48	447.00		SOUTHERN CONNECTION POLIC	SIGNS AND DECALS
49	330.00		TOWERCOM SOUTH, LLC	TOWER RENT
50	52.58		AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	FLEET TRACKING
51	47.14		C SPIRE WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE
52	29.54		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
53	32.15		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
54	99.41		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	VEHICLE REPAIRS
55	90.13		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	VEHICLE REPAIRS
Fund 150 ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND				
199	147226.38		PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	GROSS WAGES
200	7287.50		MENDROP ENGINEERING RESOU	DEWESEE ROAD ROW STAKING
201	2017.47		ENTERGY UTILITIES	UTILITIES
202	59.27		ENTERGY UTILITIES	UTILITIES
203	2710.59		CINTAS CORPORATION #210	UNIFORM RENTAL
204	420.73		ARROW DISTRIBUTION, LLC	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
205	119.88		ARAMARK UNIFORM & CAREER	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
206	11833.77		NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC	CATLETT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
207	1949.54		TRI-STATE TRUCK CENTER IN	ROAD MACH & EQUIPMENT REP
208	750.00		SMITH BOYS TRUCKING, INC.	OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE
209	103.36		UNIFIRST FIRST AID AND SA	MEDICAL SUPPLIES
210	132.19		CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITE	UTILITIES
211	256.02		FLEETPRIDE	REPAIR PARTS
212	41.48		KRAFT AUTO PARTS, INC.	REPAIR PARTS
213	2329.04		LEE TRACTOR COMPANY OF MS	REPAIR PARTS
214	218.78		NAPA AUTO PARTS OF CANTON	REPAIR PARTS
215	330.00		TOWERCOM SOUTH, LLC	TOWER RENT
216	13155.80		APAC-MISSISSIPPI INC	COLD MIX ASPHALT
217	2334.50		GOODOLE CONSTRUCTION COMP	FILL DIRT
218	8651.55		REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC	LANDFILL CHARGES
219	41.00		PUCKETT RENTS	OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS
220	238.93		PHILLIPS LUMBER & ASSOC.	CE OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS
221	1472.24		AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	FLEET TRACKING
222	670.68		C SPIRE WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE
223	3497.44		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
224	1687.83		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
225	2283.58		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
226	3163.51		FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	GASOLINE
Fund 160 BRIDGE & CULVERT FUND				
32	12525.79		PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	GROSS WAGES
33	22834.15		WAGONER ENGINEERING, INC	WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
34	17700.00		BLURTON, BANKS, & ASSOC.	STORM DRAIN REPAIR
35	6200.00		BLURTON, BANKS, & ASSOC.	REPAIR CURB INLETS
36	8575.00		BLURTON, BANKS, & ASSOC.	REPAIR DRAINAGE PIPE
37	4428.00		G & O SUPPLY, INC	18'X30' HDPE PIPE
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Madison doctor serves as Legislative Doctor of the Day

Dr. Sara Robertson of Madison, a pediatric anesthesiologist and assistant professor at University of Mississippi Medical Center, served as Legislative Doctor of the Day at the Capitol on Monday, February 22, 2021. In that capacity, the Madison resident was available to provide emergency medical treatment to lawmakers and staff. She is standing with Senators John Horhn and Walter Michel.

Hit-and-run claims life of cyclist

By DUNCAN DENT
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An avid cyclist died in a hit-and-run accident on Nissan Drive last Tuesday evening.

Robert H. Walker, 74, an attorney at Wells Marble & Hurst, was fatally injured in the accident reported at 6:42 p.m. Feb. 23 on Nissan Drive just south of Canton not far from the automobile assembly plant, according to Mississippi Highway Patrol spokesman Kervin K. Stewart.

Walker of Jackson enjoyed two things most of all, his obituary said, "spending time with his family (especially his 4 grandchildren) and cycling with his friends."

Though no vehicle description is available at this time, Stewart said MHP investigators determined that



Robert Walker, an avid cyclist and attorney for Wells Marble & Hurst, was fatally killed in a hit-and-run accident on Nissan Drive last week.

Walker was struck and killed by a vehicle while he was riding his bicycle on Nissan Drive near Ragsdale Road just outside of Canton.

They determined that the vehicle left the scene traveling south on Nissan Drive.

"This crash is being inves-

tigated by members of the MHP Crash Team," Stewart said.

Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is encouraged to contact MHP and make a report by calling 601-420-6342.

LEGALS

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ALAN BARNES, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 21-129 (B) VIRGINIA LEE BARNES, PETITIONER NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 22nd day of February, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Personal Representative of the Estate of William Alan Barnes, Deceased, being probated in Cause No. 2021-129 (B) on the docket of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present 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 23rd day of February, 2021. /s/ Virginia Lee Barnes Virginia Lee Barnes, Personal Representative PREPARED BY: Jeffrey B. McGuire (MSB# 104622) HANCOCK LAW FIRM, PLLC Post Office Box 1078 Ridgeland, MS 39158 Tel: (601) 853-2223

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CAROLYN WILLIAMSON HULL, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2020-1046 (C) NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary, having been granted on the 12th day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Carolyn Williamson Hull, 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 23rd day of February, 2021. /s/ Phillip David Hull PHILLIP DAVID HULL, Executor under the Last Will and Testament and Codicil of Carolyn Williamson Hull, deceased PUBLISHED: 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 SOLICITOR

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MABLE L. GIBSON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-131 (C) NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12th day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison Hinds County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Mable L. Gibson, 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 23rd day of February, 2021. /s/ Patricia Kay Gibson PATRICIA KAY GIBSON, Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Mable L. Gibson, deceased PUBLISHED: SAMUEL H. WILLIFORD, MSB #100095 WILLIFORD, McALLISTER, JACOBUS & WHITE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite A Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 Telephone No. 601.991-2000 SOLICITOR

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE SETTLEMENT OF MAHAGANIE PROMISE, A MINOR CAUSE NO. 2020-1092 B STEPHANIE PROMISE, NATURAL MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON TO: JOHNNIE PROMISE, last known address: unknown Current Address: unknown You have been made a Respondent in the matter filed in this Court by Stephanie Promise, on behalf of the minor, Mahaganie Promise, who has filed a Petition to Settle Doubtful Claim of a Minor and to Execute Releases and all Necessary Settlement Documents. Defendants other than you in this action are Stephanie Promise. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND COMMANDED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AT THE MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 146 WEST CENTER STREET, CANTON, MISSISSIPPI, 39046, ON MONDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M. IN COURTROOM 1 TO JOIN IN SAID PETITION. In case of your failure to appear and respond, a Judgment will be entered granting the relief 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 the seal of said Court, this the 23rd day of February, 2021. RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk Madison County, Canton, Mississippi ISSUED

AT THE REQUEST OF: Collin Maley, Esquire Maley Law Group, P.A. P.O. Box 12827 Jackson, MS 39236 Tel: 601-360-2300 / Fax: 601-981-2103 Dates of Publication: (Madison County Journal) February 25, 2021; March 4, 2021; March 11, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE HEIRS AT LAW OF PATRICK SHOWERS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-cv-112/C DENEEN SHOWERS PETITIONER SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: Deneen Showers, Bryan Littleton, Ryan Littleton, Breanna Showers, Brandon Showers, a Minor and the Unknown Heirs at Law of Patrick Showers, deceased, whose name, residence, whereabouts, post office addresses, and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain same. You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by DENEEN SHOWERS, petitioner, seeking a determination of heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of PATRICK SHOWERS, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on March 25, 2021, in the Chancery Court Chambers of the Holmes County Courthouse located at 2 Court Square in Lexington, Mississippi, before the Honorable Judge Robert G. Clark III, presiding, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 9th day of February, 2021. RONNY LOTT CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI By: s/STACY TOTEN D.C. (S E A L)

We, the officers of Red 8 Kitchen Inc intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a corporation under the trade name of Red 8 Kitchen Inc located at 910 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland MS 39157 in Madison County. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s)/member(s)/trustee of the above named business are: Fai Kam Ngai, owner, 109 Glenwood Bend, Madison, MS 39110. If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division Department of Revenue P. O. Box 22828 Jackson, MS 39225 Date of First Publication March 4, 2021 This the 2nd day of March, 2021.

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2008 JEEP PATRIOT, VIN # 1J8FT28058D731621\$ 2787.35. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle will be held on Friday March 12, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI-

ESTATE OF ELOISE HALL BISHOP, DECEASED NO. 2020-1085-BNOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 29th day of December, 2020, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Eloise Hall Bishop, 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 24th day of February, 2021. COMMERCIAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY By: S/ Elizabeth R. White Elizabeth R. White, Trust Officer James L. Pettis, III, MSB #151BIGGS, INGRAM, PETTIS & SOLOP, PLLC Post Office Box 14028 Jackson, Mississippi 39236-40286028(601) 987-5300(601) 987-5327 (Fax) jpettis@bpislaw.com AT-TORNEY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI MEADOWBROOK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AND MAURIN-OGDEN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PLAINTIFFS VS. GLENDA D. RUSHING DEFENDANT CAUSE NO. 20-231 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S EXECUTION SALES-TATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON WHEREAS, Meadowbrook Limited Partnership, and Maurin-Ogden Limited Liability Company recovered a Judgment in the Circuit Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2020-0116 on October 6, 2020, against Glenda D. Rushing, and the Judgment was enrolled in the Judgment Roll of Madison County, Mississippi, on October 9, 2020, and the remaining amount of the Judgment has not been satisfied, being due and unpaid to date in the sum of \$245,399.96, plus accrued interest and costs as of March 1, 2021. Each day thereafter the outstanding amount will grow by \$65.75 per day; THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Sheriff of Madison County, Mississippi, shall sell the property described in Exhibit "A". THEREFORE, I, Randy Tucker, Sheriff of Madison County, Mississippi, give notice that on March 24, 2021, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., I will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash at the northeast door/entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, at Canton, Mississippi the above-described property. The undersigned Sheriff of Madison County, Mississippi, shall sell only such title as is vested in Glenda D. Rushing in the above property. SIGNED on this the 22nd day of February, 2021, RANDY TUCKER, SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI By: /s/ Randy Grewe Deputy Sheriff TO BE PUBLISHED: March 4, 2021, March 11, 2021 and March 18, 2021 EXHIBIT A Lots 4 and 6 on the North side of Semmes Street and also Lots 5 and 7 on the East side of Maxwell Lane (now known as Belview Street), according to the official map of the City of Canton, which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid and as a part of this description.

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Corner of the SW1/4 of SB1/4 of Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 4 East, run thence North 12 degrees 40 minutes West for 83.5 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein-described, and from said point of beginning run thence North 6 degrees 30 minutes West for 403.0 feet along a street, thence South 83 degrees 12 minutes West for 279 feet, thence South 2 degrees 54 Minutes West for 376 feet, thence South 74 degrees 30 minutes West for 110 feet to the approximate center of a creek, thence South 32 degrees 35 minutes. East for 70 feet along said creek, thence North 76 degrees East for 422 feet to the point of beginning, and containing in all 3.2 acres, more or less, and, all being partly in win of SE1/4 and partly in E1/2 of SW1/4 of said Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 4 East. PARCEL 2 Lot. number Two of the Camden School Division as shown on the plat made by M. 11 James & Son which is on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi reference being hereby made to said plat for more particular description of said lot, and containing 4.50 acres, together with the two buildings situated thereon, one being called the Manuel Training Building; and the other being a residence house, LESS AND EXCEPT from above described tract a triangular shaped piece of land on the west side of said Lot #2, this triangular shaped tract being described as follows; Beginning at a point at the Northwest corner of Lot #2, and run thence in a southeasterly direction to a stake on the south line of said lot, said stake on the South line being at the dividing line of the East line of the E1/2 of SW1/4, Section 24 and the West line of the W1/2 of SE1M, Section 24, all in Township 11 North, Range 4 East, and thence run West to the Southwest corner of said Lot #2 and thence 300 feet North along the West line of said lot to the point of beginning. Said plat of the Camden School Subdivision is hereby made a part of this description. Said plat being duly of record in the Chancery Clerk's office for said county in Plat Book No. 3 at page 80 thereof.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI MEADOWBROOK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AND MAURIN-OGDEN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PLAINTIFFS VS. GLENDA D. RUSHING DEFENDANT CAUSE NO. 20-231 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S EXECUTION SALES-TATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON WHEREAS, Meadowbrook Limited Partnership, and Maurin-Ogden Limited Liability Company recovered a Judgment in the Circuit Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2020-0116 on October 6, 2020, against Glenda D. Rushing, and the Judgment was enrolled in the Judgment Roll of Madison County, Mississippi, on October 9, 2020, and the remaining amount of the Judgment has not been satisfied, being due and unpaid to date in the sum of \$245,399.96, plus accrued interest and costs as of March 1, 2021. Each day thereafter the outstanding amount will grow by \$65.75 per day; THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Sheriff of Madison County, Mississippi, shall sell the property described in Exhibit "A". THEREFORE, I, Randy Tucker, Sheriff of Madison County, Mississippi, give notice that on March 24, 2021, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., I will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash at the northeast door/entrance of the Madison County Courthouse, at Canton, Mississippi the above-described property. The undersigned Sheriff of Madison County, Mississippi, shall sell only such title as is vested in Glenda D. Rushing in the above property. SIGNED on this the 22nd day of February, 2021, RANDY TUCKER, SHERIFF OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI By: /s/ Randy Grewe Deputy Sheriff TO BE PUBLISHED: March 4, 2021, March 11, 2021 and March 18, 2021 EXHIBIT AA parcel of land containing 151.00 acres (6,577,625.96 square feet), more or less, being situated in the Eastern 1/2 of the Western 1/2 of Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 3 East, Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Commence at a ferrous metal rod marking the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, said pin also being the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; run thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds East for a distance of 1327.42 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 04 seconds East for a distance of 4946.54 feet; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 150.32 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 10 seconds West for a distance of 274.41 feet to the Southern right-of-way of Dinkins Street; thence run along said right-of-way South 89 degrees 43 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 96.86 feet; thence leave said right-of-way and run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 182.58 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of

1030.44 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance 1138.31 feet; thence South 05 degrees 24 minutes 41 seconds West for a distance of 162.90 feet; thence South 00 degrees 56 minutes 17 seconds West for a distance of 707.40 feet; thence South 00 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 3028.84 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE HEIRS AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF CLETA HOWELL, DECEASED Cause No.: 2021-82W SUMMONS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMONS: Any and all persons or parties who are interested in or claim any right, title or interest as heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Cleta Howell, deceased, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Glen Howard, if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same, and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry, and whose places of residence, post offices, and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same. You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in the County of Joyce England to establish the heirs-at-law and wrongful death beneficiaries of Cleta Howell, deceased. IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable James C. Walker, of the Chancery Court of Madison County, at the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi, on the 23rd day of March, 2021, at 8:45 a.m., next, then and there to show cause, if any they can why Ronald Howell should not be declared the only heir-at-law and wrongful death beneficiary of Cleta Howell, deceased, according to law, and further to do and suffer such things as shall be considered and ordered by the Court aforesaid in the premises, and have then and there this, with an endorsement thereon to the manner in which you shall have served. YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth herein above before the Honorable James C. Walker in Canton, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Madison County, Mississippi, this 24th day of February, 2021. RONNY LOTT, CLERK MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT (Seal) BY: Kim Sievers, D.C.

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 1998 HONDA PRELUDE, VIN # JHMBB6149WC015531, \$ 2675.00. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle will be held on Friday March 19, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2001 CHEVY TRUCK, VIN # 2GCE-K19T811275558, \$3381.20. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle will be held on Friday March 19, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Chief Towing & Recovery, 891 Robinson Springs Road, Madison, MS 39110.

LEGAL NOTICE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES The City of Madison requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide engineering services for work related to the implementation of approved FY 2021 CDBG project(s). You are invited to submit a proposal in person, in accordance with this request, to the Office of the Community Development, City of Madison, 1004 Madison Avenue, Madison, Mississippi 39110, no later than 5:00 p.m. local time on April 1, 2021. If mailed, proposals must be postmarked by April 1, 2021, and mailed to P.O. Box 40, Madison, MS 39130. Attention: Kianca Stringfellow, Office of Community Development. The Engineer will be responsible for performing all engineering services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies. The scope of work includes but is not limited to the following: 1) prepare plans and specifications, 2) distrib-

ute bid documents, 3) assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabulation, 4) assist in the execution of construction contracts, 5) hold pre-construction conference, and 6) perform construction inspection including periodic reports to the City and approve all payment requests. The City of Madison is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Woman-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. The City also encourages Section 3 eligible businesses to submit proposals. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 17010) requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that the City and its contractors that participate in the above referenced Program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower income residents of Madison. Section 3 also requires that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to Section 3 eligible business concerns. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for CDBG Engineering Services." Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points), Experience (40 points) and Capacity for Performance (20 points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail: Qualifications - List of qualifications of persons to be assigned to project; Experience - Information regarding the firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, including the type and amount of grants awarded, the project activities, and the status of the projects; Capacity for Performance - Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services. The City will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individuals. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. Subject to CDBG award(s) and the removal of all environmental conditions, the City will award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposals has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the City, price and other factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will be executed for each awarded project, and the contract will be on a fixed price basis. The City has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM NOBLE, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2020-985-WNOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters Testamentary on the Estate of William Noble, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of November 2020, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi in Civil Action File No. 2020-985-W, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have such claims probated and registered by the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Executed on this 23rd day of November 2020. /S/ William Thomas Battle Noble William Thomas Battle Noble, Executor, John W. Christopher, MSB #6100 Christopher Law Office, PLLC 313 Kingsbridge Road, Madison, MS 39110 Telephone: (601) 259-5287 Publish: 3/3/21, 3/11/21 & 3/18/21

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARTHA JANE MADEWELL, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 2021-153 CBY: JUSTIN ALAN MADEWELL EXECUTOR NOTICE OF EXECUTOR TO CREDITORS OF MARTHA JANE MADEWELL, DECEASED Letters Testamentary, having been granted on the 1st day of March, 2021 by the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Martha Jane Madewell, deceased, in Cause Number 2021-153 C on the docket of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication hereof or they will be forever barred. THIS the 2nd day of March, 2021. /s/ Justin Alar Madewell Justin Alar Madewell, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Martha Jane Madewell, Deceased

Mandatory mask order lifted

By SCOTT HAWKINS
scott@onlinemadison.com

Gov. Tate Reeves on Tuesday lifted mask orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic but encouraged facial coverings and left them in effect for K-12 schools.

Mississippians are encouraged, though not ordered, to wear a face covering and practice social distancing, he said.

Seating for K-12 extracurricular activities at outdoor venues is now set at 50% capacity and 25% maximum seating capacity inside. Seating capacity for indoor bowl and arena seating is now increased to 50%.

Madison County has recorded 9,480 COVID-19 cases and 203 COVID-19 deaths since the pandemic began last March, according to statistics released Wednesday by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

New cases grew at a faster pace last week than the previous week with 110 new confirmed COVID-19 cases as compared to 54 the week prior.

Madison County has now reported 36,348 vaccinations being administered in the county since the vaccine



Statewide, COVID-19 cases and deaths are on the decline.

became available. That number is up 7,439 vaccinations over last week's number of 28,909 total vaccinations.

The MSDH vaccination report does not distinguish the county of residence of the people receiving the vaccines so all of those vaccines may not have been administered to people who are residents of Madison County.

Vaccines are available at the Walmart locations in Canton and Madison. Go to <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19apoint.html#local> to check availability.

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

- Mississippi teachers and

first responders

- 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 covid-vaccine.umd.edu or call 1-877-978-6453. The website is the best option, officials have said.

In total, 183,292 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 112,383 probable cases for a total of 295,675 COVID-19 and 6,743 deaths have been reported in the state since last March.



K-9 officers recognized by U.S. Police Canine Association

Officer Lee Sanders and K9 Ira and Officer Justin Elliott and K9 Erska were recently recognized at the 2021 USPCA (United States Police Canine Association) Region 26 Trials held in Petal. Officer Sanders and Ira achieved 1st Place in Vehicle Narcotics Detection, 2nd Place in Suspect Search and 4th Place in Overall Narcotics. Officer Elliott and Erska achieved 2nd Place in Explosives Search/Detection and Rookie Dog for Patrol. Sanders and Ira and Elliott and Erska also achieved 1st Place as part of a team in Patrol while Sanders achieved 3rd Place as part of a team in Team Narcotics.



St. Andrew's named Top 20% in the country by Newsweek

St. Andrew's Episcopal School ranks among the top 20 percent of all private high schools in the United States and is the #1 private high school in Mississippi. Newsweek reported the rankings in a February 3, 2021 article, listing St. Andrew's #178 in its ranking of the nation's top 1,000 private schools. "The Newsweek ranking reinforces what we already knew," said Tom Sheppard, St. Andrew's head of school. "While we're happy to be recognized as the best in Mississippi, St. Andrew's offers a national caliber education. Our ranking as one of the top 20 percent of schools in America is reflected in the caliber of our faculty and our programming and in the achievements of our current students and our alumni nationwide."

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inal ideas and her intelligence are just beyond comparison."

Nichols, who has lived in Madison since 1968, said she supported Hawkins-Butler from the beginning.

In her first term as mayor, Hawkins-Butler said the population of Madison was 2,200 people.

Hawkins-Butler said she held town meetings to hear from residents about what they wanted their community to be as it grew and developed.

"Madison was a small town that they didn't want to lose the charm of what was called the area's historical district," she said.

"We wanted it known that we did not want to be an extension of Jackson or Ridgeland. We wanted you to know when you came to Madison. That was our goal. We immediately went to work on land use, on zoning ordinances."

Hawkins-Butler and a group of Madison leaders used Germantown, Tennessee, as an example of how to create the type of community they wanted Madison to become.

"It was the closest one for us to visit and see the results of their work and to see that we really could make it happen," Hawkins-Butler said.

The Jaycees organized a trip for Madison community leaders to travel to Germantown and meet with that city's leaders, she said.

"Germantown hosted Madison Day, and we discussed what could be for Madison," Hawkins-Butler said, adding leaders realized that "this is not just a pipe dream. We can do this."

Hawkins-Butler said the approach of developing a housing community to bring business was considered a backward approach to economic development at the time and was a new concept for Mississippi.

"I have said many, many times that Madison has set the standard for policy on how to build a city, and that's the way you look at it," she said. "We were building a city for tomorrow. We did not accept anything and everything ... to create a tax base, because if we had, we would have been just another suburb."

For the efforts of staying true to that mission over the years, Hawkins-Butler said Madison has earned state and national accolades.

"Madison has drawn the attention of Red Book Magazine, of Family Circle, of Good Housekeeping, Southern Living, and we have been ranked as one of the top communities in the country," she said. "We have been deemed Mississippi's most successful city, Mississippi's safest city and the list goes on."

Hawkins-Butler said the accolades are not due to her efforts alone.

"It is because of the hard work of so many people," she said.

Looking back at her early days in office, Hawkins-Butler said she had naysayers who questioned her judgment as a young mayor, and she had to

stay the course with the help and support of people in the community who shared the vision of what Madison could become.

"We never lost sight of our dream," Hawkins-Butler said, acknowledging that the original plan has been modified and tweaked over the years "as all good plans are."

"The bottom line is, we treated housing as our industry, and we focused on the place that people want to live here, and we put policies in place for residential development first and knew that if the people would come, the businesses would follow because they would have a market," Hawkins-Butler said.

"We were creating our own marketplace." The formula has worked. Madison now has approximately 28,000 residents as Hawkins-Butler is entering her 11th term as mayor and many major retailers and chains have outlets in Madison.

All of those businesses, however, had to work within Madison's strict codes and guidelines for such developments.

Hawkins-Butler said Madison has taken baby steps over the years, and she has had to overcome challenges along the way, including lawsuits against the city, and her personally, over developments, including a well-known battle with Walmart.

"Madison is in a great location and there were those who didn't want any rules to play by," Hawkins-Butler said. "Everybody knows about the battle of Walmart. That went on for years and years. Every city and every town wants a Walmart. Walmart was welcome but we had visions of brick and columns."

Hawkins-Butler said the battle garnered plenty of press coverage including political cartoons and Walmart even produced a survey to see if she would be re-elected.

"They were going to wait me out," Hawkins-Butler said with a laugh, adding, "I need to write a book."

Walmart eventually relented and built the Walmart location to Madison's standards.

Nichols said she never doubted Hawkins-Butler's ability to prevail with her ideas.

"When she could confront people like the CEO of Walmart, I think she is capable of handling herself with anybody," Nichols said.

Robinson said he believes Hawkins-Butler has succeeded in building a great city.

"It is obvious that she has done a very good job," Robinson said. "If you look around the way Madison has grown and the property values and the number of people that continue to move in here they were pleased with something that's going on. The property values remain high and we are trying to get more and more businesses in here to make life a little more comfortable for everybody. I think she has done a good job."

Robinson agreed Hawkins-Butler has stayed true to her convictions.

"She had a vision and her saying always was, 'If you build the rooftops, the rest of it will come and they will come in a quality manner,'" Robinson said. "I believe that is what happened. The property values on

the older homes are very well and they continue to build new homes at record rates new lots and new subdivision. Anytime you take the approach that she took, we took, there are going to be some naysayers in the group and some never got over it and some did. I think we obviously made the right decisions based on what the city is today."

For her next term, Hawkins-Butler said she hopes to focus more on the Madison Historical District.

"We have gotten to the point where we are proud to say we are Mississippi's Safest City, we are proud to say this is a place where people want to live and now we look at things we preserve," Hawkins-Butler said. "That is the Historic District of Madison, the area between U.S. 51 and the old school — the red brick building that is the school and the gym. Around that area on Main Street. We fought for 20 years just to protect Main Street. MDOT wanted to come in and five-lane it, make it a thoroughfare and it was a battle. How many people would fight for 20 years? Then we got the bypass. The parkway. Now that we have that area secured, now we can go to work."

Hawkins-Butler said construction of the historic Madison archway, the Half Shell Oyster House and the Village at Madison developments are just the beginning of the Madison Historic District development and that more is coming.

"It is all in the timing," she said.

Nichols said she supports Hawkins-Butler's efforts in the Historic District around Main Street.

"I'd like to see it completed," Nichols said.

Robinson said he expects more of the same from Hawkins-Butler in her 11th term.

"I know we are dealing with new businesses wanting to come to town and the subdivisions," Robinson said. "It will be more of the same, I'm sure. I think what she is doing continues to be good."

One of the aspects of being mayor that Hawkins-Butler said she enjoys is speaking to students at area elementary schools.

"I tell the children to dream big," she said, adding one of her favorite things is having a young parent come to her and thank her for speaking to their child's class and saying she had spoken to their class when they were in school.

Hawkins-Butler said she enjoys sharing tidbits with the students about the city's history, including that it was once the strawberry capital of the world and she emphasizes that police officers are their friends and firemen teach them how to drop and roll in a fire.

"They teach them how to take care of themselves and the importance of calling the number 911," Hawkins-Butler said. "I talk to them about being mayor, and that they can be mayor, too."

The lessons come from experience. Over her years as mayor of Madison, Hawkins-Butler said she has learned a few things and among those are, "Never give up. Don't stop seeing your dream. I always said Madison is worth fighting for."

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