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RENAISSANCE PHASE III

Chick-fil-A coming to Highland Colony

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RIDGELAND — A Chick-fil-A is coming to the Highland Colony Parkway across from Costco.

The matter was decided 7-0 on the consent agenda at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Tuesday night.

Alderman had considered and approved a site plan and architectural review for the new Chick-fil-A at the Renaissance Phase III development.

The store will be between

the Costco Fuel Center and Wendy's on the west side of the parkway.

Community Development Director Alan Hart had presented the project to the city board at a Monday evening work session and recommended the board approve the project.

Hart said he had worked with the developer to ensure that the design of the building matched the city's architectural standards.

"They beefed up the design of the canopy and added brick columns," Hart said. "I think it is still a very simple design and

everything fits with the building."

Ward 2 Alderman Chuck Gautier asked if the restaurant would impede traffic on the parkway.

Hart said that the design includes some "stacking space" for at least 65 vehicles. He said in his opinion they had ample room to accommodate customers.

"The parking lot is bigger than any Chick-fil-A's I have ever seen," Hart said. "It would probably take 100 cars before they were out on Highland Colony."



Ridgeland aldermen on Tuesday approved the plans for a Chick-fil-A to be built on Highland Colony Parkway across from Costco.



Harper Solop, left, prepares to pick up son, Wilder, after a 13-month deployment in the Middle East. Looking on are wife Sarah

Beth Solop and daughter Ava. A short that will be filmed in Canton this month will focus on Sarah Beth's time as a military wife.

ELECTION

Incumbents defeated in Canton primary

By SCOTT HAWKINS scott@onlinemadison.com

CANTON — The Ward 4 alderman race appears headed to a runoff and at least three incumbent aldermen were defeated in Democratic Party primary elections here Tuesday.

Defeated incumbents include:

- Ward 1 incumbent Rodriguez Brown who lost to challenger Colby Walker.
• Ward 2 incumbent Fred Esco Jr. who lost to challenger Renee Truss.
• Ward 5 incumbent Tim C. Taylor, who lost to challenger John E. Brown.

All candidates in Tuesday's municipal primaries ran as Democrats.

Mayor William Truly did not have a Democrat challenge but faces Republican Charles Chip Matthews in the June 8 general election.

City Clerk Debra Brown said her office was working Wednesday to do a final tally of all votes, including affidavit and absentee ballots to certify the results from Tuesday's election.

Following are early numbers from the precinct machines and are not yet official until the votes are certified.

Ward 1

Challenger Colby Walker got 133 votes or 51% of the vote and incumbent Rodriguez Brown, who got 122 votes, or 48.9% of the vote.

If that percentage holds up through the certification of votes,

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Film centers on wife of combat vet

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

A Gluckstadt woman has tapped two of her best friends for a short film project to be shot in Canton about her experiences as a military wife during her husband's deployment.

Sarah Beth Solop is an actress, producer and story creator on the short film titled "Deployed" which is being shot in Canton next weekend.

The project is personal for Solop. It tells the story of a military spouse and her struggles during her husband's deployment based on Solop's own experience.

"The whole point of this project is to show

what it is like during deployment from the perspective of a military spouse and their children," Solop said.

Solop grew up in Ridgeland. She is the daughter of Bill and Mindy Tew. Four years ago she and her husband and high school sweetheart, Harper, moved back to the area and now live in Gluckstadt with their three children.

They graduated a year apart from each other at Jackson Preparatory School. She graduated in 2006 and he graduated in 2007.

They were married in 2012 while she was in Los Angeles trying her hand at acting. She said she was not in LA long before Harper proposed. "It is incredible to have this full-circle moment

where I am developing and shooting a project around my hometown," Solop said.

"Leaving LA kind of felt like a detour at the time but it gave me these experiences and stories that I feel like nobody else tells. During my time as a military spouse and spending time with other military spouses during deployments, I have met so many amazing women and thought their story needed to be told."

1st Lt. Harper Solop is now in the Army National Guard and is a Marine Corps combat veteran.

She has tapped two good friends of hers, director Jaclyn Bethany and writer Amy Berryman, to

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TURN OF THE CENTURY

Historic architecture inspires Arlington

By JOHN LEE john@onlinemadison.com

MADISON — A new residential development with a proposed 125 homes on 40 acres inspired by the great American neighborhoods of the turn of the century could be under construction here later this year.

Arlington at Colony Park would be situated in the southwest corner of Lake Castle and the Highland Colony and could have homes on the market as early as next summer pending the city's approval process.

"Arlington's design has taken its inspiration from the great American neighborhoods

of the turn of the century," said Jason Ellis, developer and spokesman for Lake Castle Development. "It will have emphasis on classical American architecture found from Mississippi to Virginia."

Ellis said he has seen more people who are looking to downsize in terms of square feet without giving up on quality. At least half of Arlington's homes will target the \$450,000 to \$550,000 price range.

The Madison Mayor and Board of Alderman approved the concept during a regular meeting on March 16.

Ellis said the next step is for the city to approve a rezoning

request on the property from its current C-1 status, which accommodates commercial structures such as one or two-story office buildings, to a residential planned unit development.

If the city approves the rezoning, Ellis said it would change the zoning status to a combination of R-2 (Residential, Low Density) and R-4 (Residential Zone Four).

R-2 means "residential accommodation," which would allow for residential flat buildings and multiple dwelling houses such as villas and townhouses. R-4 accommodates res-

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A rendering shows the concept behind the new Arlington neighborhood under consideration in Madison inspired by the great turn of the century American neighborhoods.

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Local tea company lands on Kroger's shelves

By SCOTT HAWKINS
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Brewed naturally with organic herbs and spices and bottled at peak freshness, INAKA is the first roasted grain tea in North America and is being distributed out of a warehouse in Madison County, but it's not your regular cup of tea.

Roasted grain teas have long been consumed across the world, and the family company based out of Jackson says they were born to share this tradition with everyone.

INAKA tea is inspired by a traditional tea known as mugicha in Japanese or boricha in Korean and damaicha in Chinese, and it is described as "the best drink you've probably never heard of," by the makers of INAKA tea.

Chat Phillips, a former economic development consultant,

said he first discovered barley tea while he was in college and studying abroad in Japan where he had his first sip of barley tea.

He said it was a hot and humid day and someone gave him a drink of what he thought was iced tea but was actually mugicha. He drank it and has been a fan of the drink ever since.

"I kept up my Japanese and would go back," Phillips said. "The first thing I would buy was barley tea." Phillips said he would load up some to bring back but later started experimenting with roasting grains and brewing his own tea at home.

Mugicha is made by simmering barley that has been roasted until the grains take on a rich, nutty flavor.

Phillips said he finally found a combination he liked, got together with his wife, Ste-



INAKA tea, a roasted grain tea, is available in three different varieties — original barley, mint, and ginger. The tea is on the shelves of local Kroger stores.

vie, and they decided to go into production in 2019. The operation was slowed some due to COVID-19 but has recently begun to pick up with 17 Kroger locations in the Southeast, including Madison County stores, now stocking INAKA tea on their shelves.

"We decided to go for it," Chat said of the decision to start INAKA Tea Company. "We are the first company in the United States to brew barley tea."

Barley tea is consumed either cold or room temperature. "We drink it over ice," Stevie said.

They settled on the name INAKA, which means "Countryside" in Japanese, for the name of their tea company, Stevie said.

The barley tea is rich in antioxidants and vitamins A and C, which the Phillipses said help circulation which in

turn helps you relax.

The couple, who lives in Jackson, said they had to outsource grain roasting to a grain roaster in North Carolina and the brewing and bottling to a company in Dallas.

The bottled product, however, is shipped back to a warehouse in Madison near Sowell Road where they handle the day-to-day distribution.

In addition to being on Kroger shelves, INAKA Tea has also been on shelves of Corner Market Grocery stores in Hattiesburg and Jackson for several months.

INAKA Tea comes in three varieties, the original barley tea, and a mint and a ginger variety.

INAKA Tea also can be found in select coffee shops in the Jackson Metropolitan area.

INAKA Tea sells for \$2.29 per bottle.

Madison County COVID cases still on the decline

By JOHN LEE
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As vaccinations in Madison County continue to rise, COVID-19 cases continue to decline throughout the county.

According to Tuesday's Mississippi State Department of Health report, 69,482 people have been vaccinated in Madison County, up 5,106 from last week's 64,376 total.

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. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, Madison County has recorded 9,864 COVID-19 cases, up 48 cases from 9,816 in last week's report, and 209 COVID-19 deaths, up one from last week's report.

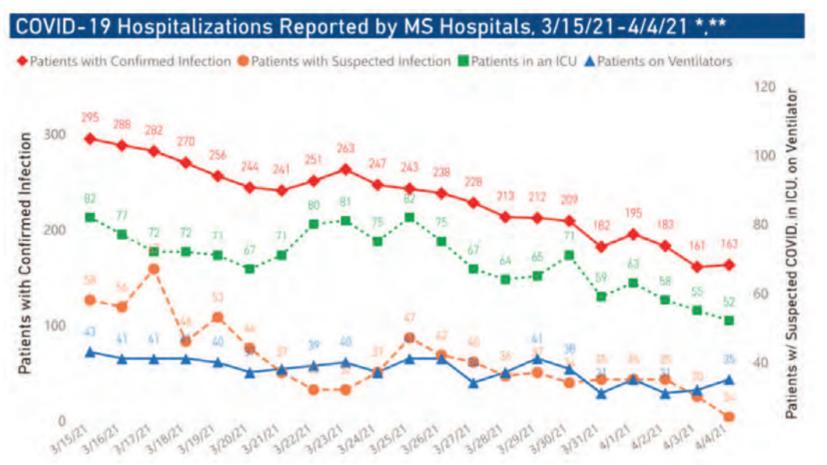
Madison County Schools have reported between one and five cases among teachers and staff for the week of March 29 to April 2, with those cases coming from Madison-Ridgeland Academy where one teacher and two students have needed to quarantine during that period.

Vaccines are currently avail-

able for all Mississippians age 16 and older and are available at the Walmart locations in Canton and Madison. Go to <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19appointment#local> to check availability.

Vaccinations also are currently being administered by appointment in Madison County at Canton High School, 634 Finney Road in Canton on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

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



Hospitalizations attributed to COVID-19 continue to be on the decline throughout Mississippi, according to data from the Mississippi State Department of Health. Statewide, hospitalizations peaked in January with 1,444 patients with confirmed infection. That total has continued to decline since, with less than 200 patients across the state hospitalized with a confirmed case of COVID-19.



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Election

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Walker will be the winner with a simple 51% margin.

Ward 2
Renee Truss got 122 votes to defeat incumbent Fred Esco Jr., who got 92 votes

Ward 3
Incumbent Les Penn got 164 votes to defeat challenger Angie Levy-Ware, who got 65

votes.

Ward 4
The race is headed to an April 27 runoff after challenger Markee Blount got 67 votes, or 36.6% of the 183 total votes in that race and incumbent Daphne Sims got 51 votes, or 26.2% of the votes in the race. Other candidates in the Ward 4 race were Jonathan

Dixon, who got 41 votes and Danny T. Louis, who got 29 votes.

Ward 5
John E. Brown beat incumbent Tim C. Taylor, according to Brown. Preliminary vote totals show Brown edged Taylor by a vote of 109 to 106.

Ward 6
Monica Johnson Gilkey got 117 votes to beat Cleo Williams, who got 63 votes.

Ward 7
Incumbent Lafayette E. Wales got 175 votes to beat challenger Dante' L. Ollie, who got 44 votes.

Registration, absentee deadlines
The last day to register for the June 8 general election is May 10.

The deadline for in-person absentee voting is noon June 5 and absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the municipal clerk's office within five business days.



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Law Enforcement Appreciation Week

Local city and county chambers of commerce, tourism and economic development organizations announce plans for the 2021 Madison County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week slated for May 9-14. This event is in conjunction with national law enforcement appreciation week. Madison County has been celebrating law enforcement leaders, officers and staff since 2015. They invite yhr business community, schools, churches, organizations and individuals to join in a county-wide week of celebration and commemoration of the outstanding work of our city and county law enforcement, and for their dedication and commitment to the protection of the citizens and businesses of Madison County! Pictured, left to right, are: Elizabeth Fulcher, Madison the City Chamber of Commerce; Chris Chapman, Ridgeland Tourism Commission; Jan Collins, Madison County Business League & Foundation; Linda Bynum, Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce; Jana Padgett, Canton Tourism; and Kristy Daniels, Ridgeland Chamber Volunteer.



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State Treasurer David McRae returns unclaimed money to the Mississippi State Department of Health.

CORRECTION

In the April 1, edition of the Madison County Journal, the story titled "7 new school outbreaks reported as COVID-19 cases decline in county," included incorrect information attributed to the Mississippi State Department of Health. Madison County

Schools have not reported any outbreaks since Feb. 1, and in total have only had 7 COVID-19 outbreaks since January. The 7 outbreaks were inadvertently reported as being "new" as opposed to being reported as the total since January 2021.

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Opinion & Editorials

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Fight Russia or China?

China forcing America to address questions we have been avoiding for about as long as we can.

Last Monday, in a single six-hour period, NATO launched 10 air intercepts to shadow six separate groups of Russian bombers and fighters over the Arctic, North Atlantic, North Sea, Black Sea and Baltic Sea.

Last week also brought reports that Moscow is increasing its troop presence in Crimea and along its borders with Ukraine.

Joe Biden responded. In his first conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Biden assured him of our “unwavering support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of Russia’s ongoing aggression in the Donbass and Crimea.”

Though Ukraine is not a member of NATO, and we have no treaty obligation to fight in its defense, this comes close to a war guarantee. Biden seems to be saying that if it comes to a shooting war between Moscow and Kiev, we will be there on the side of Kiev.

Last week, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov answered that if the U.S. sends troops to Ukraine, Russia will respond.

Again, is Biden saying that in the event of a military clash between Ukrainians and Russians in Crimea, Donetsk or Luhansk, the U.S. will intervene militarily on the side of Ukraine?

Such a pledge could put us at war with a nuclear-armed Russia in a region where we have never had vital interests, and without the approval of the only institution authorized to declare war — Congress.

Meanwhile, off Whitsun Reef in the South China Sea, which Beijing occupies but Manila claims, China has amassed 220 maritime militia ships.

This huge Chinese flotilla arrived after Secretary of State Anthony Blinken put Beijing on notice that any attack on Philippine planes or ships challenging Beijing’s claim to rocks and reefs of the South China Sea that are in Manila’s exclusive economic zone will be

backed by the U.S.

Our 70-year-old mutual security treaty with Manila covers these islets and reefs, said Blinken, though some are already occupied and fortified by China.

Apparently, if Manila uses force to assert its claims and expel the Chinese, then we will fight beside our Philippine allies. This amounts to a war guarantee of the kind that forced the British to declare war on Germany in 1939 over the invasion of Poland.

Two weeks ago, 20 Chinese military aircraft entered Taiwan’s air defense identification zone in the largest incursion yet by Beijing over the waters between Taiwan and Taiwan-controlled Pratas Islands. As national security correspondent Bill Gertz writes in today’s Washington Times:

“China is stepping up provocative activities targeting regional American allies in Asia ... with an escalating number of military flights around Taiwan and the massing of more than 200 fishing ships near a disputed Philippines reef.

“China also raised tensions with Japan, announcing last week that Tokyo must drop all claims to the disputed Senkaku Islands, an uninhabited island chain that Japan has administered for decades but that Beijing recently claimed as its territory.

“The most serious provocation took place March 29. An exercise by the People’s Liberation Army air force that included 10 warplanes flew into Taiwan’s air defense zone is what analysts say appeared to be a simulated attack on the island. It came just three days after an earlier mass warplane incursion.”

While China appears clear

about its aims and claims to virtually all of the islands in the South China Sea and East China Sea as well as Taiwan — it is less clear about its intentions as to when to validate those claims.

As for the U.S., does the present foggy ambiguity as to what we may or may not do as China goes about asserting its claims serve our vital interests in avoiding war with the greatest power on the largest continent on earth?

If red lines are to be laid down, they ought to be laid down by the one constitutional body with the authority to authorize or declare war — Congress. And questions need to be answered to avoid the kinds of miscalculations that led to horrific world wars in the 20th century.

Are the reefs and rocks the Philippines claim in the South China Sea, claims contradicted by China, covered by the U.S. mutual security treaty of 1951? Are we honor-bound to fight China on behalf of the Philippines, if Manila attempts to reclaim islets China occupies?

What is our obligation if China moves to take the Senkakus? Would the United States join Japan in military action to hold or retrieve them?

What, exactly, is our commitment to Taiwan if China attempts to blockade, invade or seize Taiwan’s offshore islands?

John F. Kennedy in the second debate with Richard Nixon in 1960 wrote off Quemoy and Matsu in the Taiwan Strait as indefensible and not worth war with Mao’s China.

With its warnings and threats, China is forcing America to address questions we have been avoiding for about as long as we can.

China is saying that it is not bluffing: These islands are ours!

Time to show our cards.

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EDITORIALS

Public safety vs. parole

Habitual offender Robert Leon Jackson of Jackson from down around Manship Street near Baptist Hospital had been out of prison for seven months on the state’s Earned Release Supervision Program when he shot and killed clerk Megan Staats and customer Jeremy Apperson at the CEFCO convenience store in Philadelphia, Miss., in August 2018.

A bill that would make more inmates eligible for the possibility of parole is before the governor, but state Sen. Jenifer Branning, a Republican from Philadelphia, has her doubts about the measure being signed and so do we.

Don’t sign the bill, Governor.

Since Jackson was first jailed in November 2002 for armed robbery at age 14 in Hinds County, he has spent over 80% of his life in jail.

Even with that amount of time behind bars, Jackson served less than 48% of his total sentencing.

Two innocent Mississippians are dead because of early release and a sloppy justice system in Hinds County that let Jackson off on attempted murder charges because the store clerk had a gun and shot him in self-defense as wasn’t shot to death himself.

We are thankful for lawmakers like Sen. Branning who are willing to stand their ground on principle.

“I have my doubts about that but we will see,” said Branning, who voted against the early parole measure.

Rep. Jill Ford, a Republican from Madison, voted against the bill as well.

Staats, 27, left a young daughter she loved spending time with when she wasn’t at work.

Apperson’s wife and young son were in the vehicle when the 33-year-old concealed-carry permit holder was gunned

down at the gas pumps and never saw it coming.

The horrific events of that day when Jackson went on his rampage are still haunting. But thanks to an excellent local law enforcement response Jackson is in prison where he belongs — like a lot of these folks the Democrats and enough Republicans want to let out early.

Last week, the Senate voted 35-13 and the House voted 91-25 to pass the final version of Senate Bill 2795. Both chambers are, ironically, controlled by Republicans.

“I felt like there were not adequate protections from a public safety perspective,” Branning said of her vote against the bill.

Reeves vetoed a bill last year that was similar but not identical to the one that legislators passed.

A key difference the liberal proponents say is that this year’s bill would not allow parole consideration for anybody convicted of murder, said Senate Corrections Committee Chairman Juan Barnett, a Democrat from Heidelberg.

That would still not stop Robert Leon Jackson out on early release from driving from Jackson to Philadelphia one Saturday and murdering two people.

“I think the bill from a public safety perspective was a big improvement over the bill that was brought forward last year,” Branning said. “I just think it went just a little too far. My reasoning was just public safety.”

Proponents of the bill point out that Mississippi has some people serving long sentences for nonviolent offenses, and the state’s prison system came under Justice Department investigation last year after outbreaks of violence among inmates.

We are all for prison reform, but this bill goes too far and we hope Gov. Reeves will tap the brakes and send it back for work.

MLB’s foul ball in Georgia

When the commissioner of Major League Baseball on Friday made the knee-jerk decision to pull the 2021 All-Star Game out of Atlanta to punish Georgia for its new election-integrity law, he involved baseball in something that’s none of his — or MLB’s — business.

Rob Manfred could soon come to regret that politically correct, but ill-informed move. It has spawned a backlash in Congress that could lead to MLB losing its 99-year-old exemption from federal antitrust laws.

Until now, MLB had wisely steered clear of the virtue-signaling left-wing politics that have become a secondary raison d’être for the NBA and to a lesser extent for the NFL. Perhaps Mr. Manfred was envious of the liberal-media glow his counterparts in those sports regularly bask in.

Apparently believing the untruths of Democrats and self-appointed liberal voting rights activists about the law, Mr. Manfred defended the Atlanta pullout as “the best way to demonstrate our values as a sport.”

It’s obvious that he didn’t bother to educate himself independently as to what Georgia’s new election-integrity law actually does — and doesn’t do — before buying into what an understandably angry Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp rightly calls the “fear, political opportunism and liberal lies” about it.

Rob Manfred puts baseball in middle of political fight

If Mr. Manfred had reached out to Mr. Kemp first, he’d know the law doesn’t disenfranchise Blacks — or anyone else. To the contrary, it makes it “easy to vote, but hard to cheat,” the governor says.

“This attack on our state is the direct result of the repeated lies from [President] Joe Biden and [failed 2018 Georgia gubernatorial candidate] Stacey Abrams about a bill that expands access to the ballot box and ensures the integrity of our elections,” Mr. Kemp said.

Mr. Biden’s attacks on the Georgia law, which he likened to Jim Crow, were so egregiously false that Washington Post fact-checker Glenn Kessler awarded him four Pinocchios.

Moving the Midsummer Classic out of Atlanta will cost the city an estimated \$100 million in economic activity. That will hurt foremost the small businesses — retailers, restaurants and motels — and their employees in the vicinity of the Atlanta Braves’ Truist Park, where the game was to have been played July 13.

“Georgians will not be bullied,” a defiant Mr. Kemp said. “We will continue to stand up for secure, accessible, fair elections.”

Since pushback is the only thing bullies understand, Rep. Jeff Duncan, South Carolina Republican, and Sen. Mike Lee, Utah Republican, said Friday they would examine whether Major League Baseball’s antitrust exemption should be revoked.

Under that exemption, which dates to 1922 and is something no other pro team sport enjoys, MLB “does not have to follow antitrust laws that govern player contracts, franchise movement and media contracts,” according to BaseballAmerica.com.

Losing that exemption would be a high price for MLB to pay for Mr. Manfred’s political grandstanding.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

Wokeness worse than the Russians

Why do the Russians need to bother spreading disinformation when our own domestic sources do a much better job at it?

We just went through a four-year national obsession with Kremlin disinformation. It supposedly swayed the 2016 presidential election. It was “sowing divisions” in American society. It accounted for the discovery of Hunter Biden’s laptop during the 2020 election.

Social media companies were excoriated for allegedly letting Russian disinfo poison their networks, and the American mind.

There was nothing that some Russian operators — spending a pittance — couldn’t do. The former Time magazine managing editor and Obama state department official Richard Stengel wrote a book called “Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation and What We Can Do About It.” According to Stengel, the Russians had mounted “an unprecedented attack against the very foundation of our democracy.”

The Russians were amateurs, though. If they really knew what they were doing, they’d spread rank lies about election reforms passed by an American state, make the deceptions so pervasive that the president of the United States would casually repeat them, unjustifiably dredge up memories of a terrible period of repression in America, relentlessly racialize the debate, and intimidate corporate America into thoughtlessly entering the partisan fight and discrediting itself with a significant segment of the population.

No, Russian trolls operating somewhere in St. Petersburg

Woke disinformation is more pervasive and powerful than Russian disinformation.

didn’t undertake this highly successful information operation against the Georgia election law — Stacey Abrams and her allies in media and politics did.

If the Russians had the requisite skill, they’d spread the false story that a talented American governor had sold out his citizens by letting a campaign contribution distort his distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, suppressing all facts to the contrary and stoking yet more conspiratorial thinking about the governor among his political opponents.

The Russians couldn’t pull this off — yet “60 Minutes” did, in a laughably dishonest report over the weekend about Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis using the most popular grocery store chain in the state to get the vaccine in the arms of Floridians.

If the Russians were devious enough, they’d take a god-awful mass shooting, ignore all of the evidence about the perpetrator’s motives to define it as a crime driven by racial hatred, and undermine faith in the local police and FBI when they presented the facts.

The Russians couldn’t manage this, either — but a veritable army of media commentators and progressive politicians could. They insisted against the available evidence that the Atlanta spa shooter must have been driven by hatred of Asians, while Democratic senators openly dissented from the FBI director’s statement that

the shooting wasn’t a hate crime.

If the Russians had the power or know-how, they’d spin a story of American law enforcement as a racist occupying force that should be resisted in “largely peaceful” protests all over the country, putting the cops on their back foot and creating an environment of spiraling disorder and violence in some of the most iconic U.S. cities.

Of course, the Russians also had nothing to do with this — Black Lives Matter and the media did all of the hard work and have largely managed to ignore the rising tide of crime that is undoing one of the signal America domestic accomplishments of the past several decades.

None of this is to dismiss the pernicious influence of Russian information operations and cyber strikes, especially overseas, or to minimize the hideousness of the Putin regime. But it is galling to see the same people who sounded the klaxons about Russians undermining faith in the American system for years themselves spread — or at least casually accept — progressive narratives based on poisonous lies about our own country.

The Russians are never going to stop running their information campaigns against the West, which date back to the Soviet Union. But they must occasionally be tempted to stand back in envy and awe at all that the U.S. promoters of woke narratives have been able to accomplish without them.

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BIBLE SELECTION

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. — **2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (ESV)**

Consumer agency names Ridgeland 'fittest' in state

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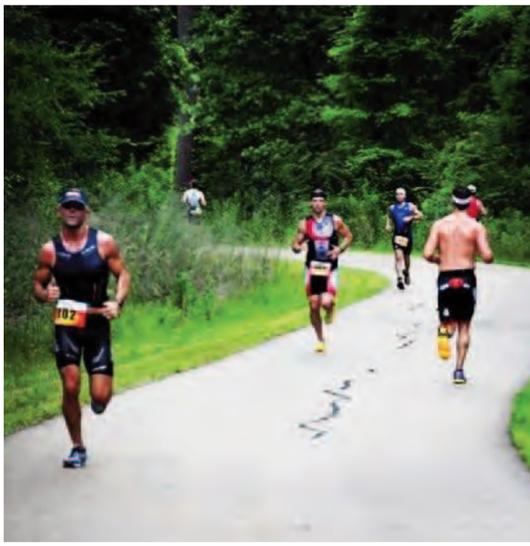
Ridgeland has been named among Mississippi's fittest cities by a nationally top-rated consumer insurance comparison agency.

City spokesman Mary Beth McCullough said the city is pleased to announce being selected as Insurify's 2021 Fittest Cities Award for Mississippi. She said that this is the first time Ridgeland has been recognized by this particular organization.

An avid cyclist himself, Mayor Gene F. McGee said his administration has always sought to provide excellent recreational facilities and outlets available to the public. He said the city appreciated being recognized once again for its efforts to improve public health.

"I am proud to say that Ridgeland has once again been nationally recognized for its commitment to provide recreational facilities to promote healthier lifestyles for our citizens," McGee said. "Our commitment to encourage health and fitness in Ridgeland is never-ending. From children's activities to senior adult programs, the City strives to accommodate all ages."

Ridgeland was chosen for this award based on its commitment to supporting the community's health and fitness. Insurify developed an algo-



The city of Ridgeland was recently named one of the Fittest cities in Mississippi. The city has a number of recreational facilities and even hosts the Heatwave Classic Triathlon each year.

gorithm using data collected by them. The Trust for Public Land and Niche, a ranking website, to identify the top city in each state.

According to Snežina Zachira, CEO of Insurify, the data scientists at Insurify analyzed cities in each state for the availability and accessibility of outdoor recreation facilities and for the proportion of community members working

in jobs that promote health and fitness or that demand significant physical activities.

"This award honors the cities that invest in the health of their communities by promoting accessibility to outdoor spaces for their residents," Zachira said. "We applaud these cities for their demonstrated commitment to supporting public fitness-friendly spaces."

Bell appointed Velma Jackson principal

Madison County Schools announced this week that Brendon Bell will serve as the next principal of Velma Jackson High School.

Bell comes to the position with nearly 13 years of experience in education as a coach, teacher, and administrator.

"I am excited for the opportunity to join the Falcon family and to continue to build and grow on Velma Jackson's solid foundation in academics, athletics, and the arts," Bell said. "I am really looking forward to getting to know the students, faculty, parents, and community and building those relationships."

Bell brings unique experience to the role of high school

principal, having spent nearly a decade in law enforcement before beginning a career in education. Bell was sworn in as a Jackson Police Officer in 2001, where he served first as a patrolman and later as a detective. He also has experience working in the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and the Hinds County Sheriff's Department Reserve Unit.

Bell comes to Velma Jackson from Madison County Schools' Academic Options Center, where he has served as principal since 2018. Prior to that role, he worked as an assistant principal at Old Town Mid-



Brendon Bell

dle School. He also has experience teaching and coaching at Northwest Rankin High School and in Jackson Public Schools, including coaching the Cardozo Middle School football team to a city championship in 2012.

"Mr. Bell has distinguished himself as an educator who truly cares for students, both in and out of the classroom. We are delighted for him to take on this new role and bring his knowledge, skills, and talents to Velma Jackson," said Superintendent Charlotte Seals.

Concept

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idential development in established neighborhoods with a variety of low height, low-density building forms.

The neighborhood would consist of approximately 125 lots varying in size from 2,200 square feet to 4,500 square feet on the 40 acres, Ellis said.

Lot sizes will also vary from

6,000 square feet for detached townhomes to 10,400 square feet for larger homes to correspond with home sizes.

Ellis said the amount of space between each house will vary depending on size and the majority of the houses will have 10-12 feet of space between the structure and the property line, with smaller houses having 6 to 8 feet of space between them.

Arlington's conceptual master plan has received approval from the Madison Planning Commission and will now

begin final design work next month.

Ellis noted that formal closing of the purchase of the land from Highland Colony Land Company is expected within the next 90 days, with construction beginning later this year. He expects the first home lots to appear on the market next summer.

For more information about Arlington, contact Ellis at 601-941-8860.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

A prayer for all of life

Please turn in your Bible to Colossians 1:9-14. When Paul was in prison, he had received a report from Epaphras about the faith and the hope and the love which was growing in the church at Colossae. In this passage, the Apostle Paul gives us an outline of his prayer for the Colossians in response to that report from Epaphras. And there are four great truths that we see in this prayer for the Colossians. First, we see that every spiritual work is a motivation to prayer. Secondly, we observe that every believer must be filled with true knowledge. Thirdly, we see that every believer must be filled with real power. Fourthly and finally, we observe that the believer must be moved to thanksgiving.

I. Every Spiritual Work Is A Motivation To Prayer

In verse 9, Paul says, "for this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will." Paul understands that every spiritual work done by the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers is an encouragement for us to pray for them. So often our prayer is in response to disaster or affliction, and, of course, that is entirely appropriate. But Paul's logic also drove him to prayer when he saw God at work. And that is particularly important for us, because we don't tend to think that way. Normally, when things are going well, we are tempted not to pray, to put it on autopilot, and to cease to pray faithfully for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters. But this is not so for Paul. When Paul sees God at work, that is an impetus to prayer. Why? Because Paul knows that prayer is the instrument which God has ordained to bless His people through. Paul knows when he sees God at work, that is a sign that he needs to go to prayer. Paul's example for us reminds us that we must attend to prayer, not only in the hard times, but especially in the times where spiritual work is going on, that the work of the Spirit might continue and increase.

II. Filled With True Knowledge

In verses 9-10, we see the content of Paul's prayer. The first thing that Paul prays for is that they would be filled with a true knowledge. Paul wants

them to increase in the true knowledge of God, which is consistent with the gospel that has already been preached. He desires for them a knowledge which is not merely abstract or speculative, like the knowledge of the false teachers, but knowledge which has practical content to it. He prays for a knowledge of God that bears fruit and "fills them with the knowledge of His will." In contrast to the false knowledge that the Colossians have been exposed to, this knowledge is biblical, and it has practical implications. Christ's knowledge of God impacts all of life. It is character transforming knowledge. In verse 10, Paul says that when you are filled with this kind of knowledge of God, you walk in a manner worthy of your Lord, you seek to please God, and you bear fruit. We must remember Paul's great dictum that truth is unto godliness, that true knowledge of God makes us like Christ so that we can better carry out God's directives to us and experience truth for the purpose of promoting godliness.

III. Filled With Real Power

In verse 11, the Apostle Paul also asks that believers would be strengthened with all power. Remember again, these false teachers at Colossae had promised a counterfeit power. So Paul prays that the Colossians would be strengthened with all power in accordance with God's glorious might. The word "glory" was a substitute word that the Jewish people often used for "God" Himself. Paul is hinting at the might, the power, the strength which resides in the Almighty Himself. It is not a power within the Colossians that he is praying to be increased, it is a power which comes from God, which He implants in us, and which according to Paul in verse 11, produces three realities in our lives which includes "steadfastness, patience, and joy". Paul says that God is going to give them this power in accordance with His glorious might.

There are all sorts of people in the world today who are attempting to tell you that in order to be successful that you must tap the power within. My friends, what Paul is saying is exactly opposite of that. Until you realize that there is no power within yourself and you start to seek the power above,

you will never know true power. Seek the power outside yourself, because our weakness is made strong by His strength and because His strength is perfected in our weakness.

IV. Moved To Thanksgiving

In verse 12, Paul says that he is "giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints." Then, he recounts the things which are true about all believers. He says that we share in the inheritance of the saints, that we have been delivered from the domain of darkness, that we have been transferred into the kingdom of Son, and that we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. Until this part of his letter, Paul has been constantly saying, "I want this for you. I'm praying this for you." But when he gets to verse 12, the language turns to "we" and "us." Remember, Paul knew what it was to be lost and he knew what it was to be found, and Paul can't possibly say "you were lost and you were found." He has to say, "we were lost and we were found." So Paul gives thanks for God having qualified us for His inheritance. In other words, he says, "all the conditions have been met which entitle us to a full standing as the children of God." And he goes on to say, "God has rescued us from the domain of darkness." It is so important for us to remember in our forgiveness we are not simply pardoned by the dominion of sin being broken in our experience. God both pardons and He breaks the dominion of sin. We have been taken out from under the domain of the kingdom of darkness, and we have been placed in the kingdom of His Son. Paul uses a beautiful phrase in verse 13. It's translated in our passage, "His beloved Son," but it literally reads "the Son of His love." That is the kingdom in which you have been placed. You have been placed in the kingdom of the Son of His love. May God, by His Holy Spirit, help us to meditate on these truths as we live by His strength in all of life.

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Matthew 27:45-46

In these verses we see the death of Jesus. Jesus was and is the Son of God, so this is a mysterious event, but it is the heart of the Christian faith. The cross of Christ is simple, yet the most profound truth in human history.

In verse 45 we read, "Now from the 6th hour there was darkness over all the land until the 9th hour." Jesus is on the cross. The earth becomes dark. When Jesus was born there was the favor of heaven upon earth. Angelic choirs sang as the glory of the Lord appeared, because a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, had come (Luke 2).

But now, as he is nearing death, there is darkness. Darkness represents the absence of life or the judgment of God. In Exodus 10, the plague of darkness over Egypt lasted 3 days. Here it lasts 3 hours. In Amos 8, the Lord is displeased with the evil of men and says, "I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight."

The darkness is the impressions of God's displeasure with man's sin. On the cross, it is Christ Jesus who is the object of God's displeasure, not because of any sin he committed, but because he has chosen to bear the sins of men upon himself.

The darkness that came while Jesus was on the cross was a supernatural occurrence, like the Day of Judgment will be. It is of God. When God looked upon Christ, he saw the perversity and wickedness of men. All the sins of men were imputed to Christ. So the wrath of God was directed at the Lord Jesus.

In the Old Testament the priestly benediction was: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." If you have that blessing you have all. That blessing was not upon Christ on the cross so that it could be upon us.

In verse 46, as he nears death, Jesus cries out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It is not a cry of bewilderment, but agony. Before Jesus was arrested he prayed to his Father, "If possible let this cup

pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thy will." On the cross, Jesus is drinking the cup of God's displeasure.

Jesus didn't just feel forsaken, he was forsaken. He was making atonement for sin. He was paying the debt of man's sin. He was meeting the obligation of the law of God, or we can say, God was letting the law take its course. Every violation of the law incurs a debt. This was a judicial punishment the Lord Jesus was receiving.

This is good news for sinners. There is a fountain of life in Christ, free forgiveness in his name for all who believe. It is by faith we are saved, looking away from ourselves to the gift of God. In Christ we are freed from condemnation and given the favor of God forever. We have no ground for boasting in ourselves, but much ground for boasting in Christ.

When we see Christ forsaken on the cross, we are comforted in our despair. There may be no affliction as great as the feeling of God hiding his favorable countenance. But for the Christian, it is only a feeling of desertion. It is not judicial, but sanctifying. It is God purifying you, or reserving for himself honor from you by your faith even in despair.

I read of a minister as he neared death saying to another minister, "What is to be thought of one who has preached Christ all his life, but facing death, has not the comfortable presence of Christ?" The other minister responded, "What do you say of the dreadful darkness and desertion of our Savior when dying?" This brought the dying man peace. Christ alone can give a sinner peace.

Christ died that we may have joy. In John 15 He says, "These things I have spoken to you that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy might be full." We will face troubles, temptations, and battles with our own sin, but it is good we remember our Lord's disposition; He loved enough to give himself for me.

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help her realize this personal project. Her passion for the project is evident, even in a brief telephone call. She excitedly said that working on this project with her friends is like trying to make “our Good Will Hunting,” a reference to the smash hit that propelled the screenwriters, actors and best friends Matt Damon and Ben Affleck into stardom.

Much of the film’s budget is coming from money raised at crowdfunding site seedandspark.com. They expect to film the project next weekend.

As of Wednesday afternoon they had passed their \$17,700 goal with \$18,045 raised and seven days left. Solop said they have received a lot of local support for the film and said any additional funds would go toward expensive equipment rentals.

“From the beginning, I believed in bringing her (Solop) the most professional group of people possible,” Bethany said. “I am bringing in a DP (director of photography) and actors from L.A. Bringing people here to show them Mississippi is always fun.”

Bethany, who grew up in

Jackson, said she met Solop in a dance class when they were maybe 3 years old. They would remain friends through their time at Prep, college and today. Solop said that Bethany had been spending some time at home due to the pandemic and they got to talking about potential projects they could collaborate on.

“Jaclyn had the opportunity to come home and we got to see each other and we realized that we both had a passion to work on something in our home state,” Solop said. “This project came out of that and I think we already have some potential projects for the future.”

Screenwriter Berryman has been a close friend of Solop’s from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where Solop studied acting and Berryman studied playwriting.

“Nobody else could have written this film,” Solop said.

Berryman said that the two have remained close and that she has had an intimate look into Solop’s “journey as a military spouse.” She said the pandemic has turned her attention from playwriting to screenwriting.

She said working on this script has brought the two women closer together.

“I have seen her experience ups and downs but writing this I really got to ask her some



Harper and Sarah Beth Solop hug at Thompson Field near Flowood in March 2018 after Harper returned from a 13-month deployment in the Middle East.

questions that I had never asked her and we became closer while writing this script,” Berryman said.

The Seattle native currently

lives in New York City. She said she has been working on finishing touches to the script with her collaborators but will not be in Canton for the film-

ing as she flies out to London, Sunday, for her play “Walden” which is running on the West End. She said she is happy to see the filming start.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN CANADY, DECEASED - CAUSE NO. 2021-0157-B

Notice To Creditors Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of March, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, on the Estate of Mary Ann Canady, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against this 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 18th day of March, 2021. /s/ Jana Canady Bell, Executive Counsel; /s/ William C. Bell, William C. Bell Law Firm, PLLC 443 Northpark Drive, Suite BRidgeland, MS 39157601-956-0360

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 RESPONDENTS:

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 Cleta Howell, if they believing 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 Court by Ronald Howell 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 10th day of May, 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 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 the 23rd day of March, 2021. RONNY LOTT, CLERK MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT (Seal) BY: s/ Stacey Totten, D.C

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANE ROBINSON EMIDY MAGEE, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: P2021-138 W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th day of March 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Jane Robinson Emidy Magee, 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

25th day of March, 2021. /s/ J. Michael Emidy a/k/a Mike Emidy. J. MICHAEL EMIDY A/K/A MIKE EMIDY EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JANE ROBINSON EMIDY MAGEE, DECEASED. Counsel: Bob Waller (MBN 6912) Waller & Waller P.O. Box 4, Jackson, MS 39205 (601) 354-5522 bobwaller@wallerandwaller.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAE PARKER, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 45CH1:21-cv-00197 BELINDA P. GIBSON EXECUTOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 18th day of March, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the Executor of the Estate of Dorothy Mae Parker, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This the 24th day of March, 2021. Respectfully submitted: BELINDA P. GIBSON, Executor BY: /s/ Joseph J. Stroble Joseph J. Stroble, Esq., MB # 10779 Attorney for Estate/Executor OF COUNSEL: Joseph J. Stroble, Esq., MB # 10779 Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP 188 East Capitol Street, Suite 1000 Jackson, MS 39201 TEL: (601) 948 8000 FAX: (601) 948-3000 jstroble@bradley.com

CORRECTED 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 accordance with this request, to the Office of the Community Development, City of Madison, 1004 Madison Avenue, Madison, Mississippi 39110, no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on April 20, 2021. The Engineer will be responsible for performing all engineering services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies. The scope of work includes but is not limited to the following: 1) prepare plans and specifications, 2) distribute bid documents, 3) assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabulation, 4) assist in 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. PUBLISH DATE: APRIL 1, 2021 AND APRIL 8, 2021

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI INVITATION FOR BIDS KNUCKLEBOOM TRUCK

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will receive un-priced proposals on the following: 1. Knuckleboom Truck Un-priced proposals will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2021 by electronic submission at <http://www.madison-co.com/> bids or in sealed envelope at the Chancery Clerk’s Office, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please call Keshia Buckner at 601-855-5534. Submitted un-priced proposals will be evaluated, and vendors submitting acceptable proposals will be invited to submit priced bids. Bidding will be held by electronic reverse auction on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Bidders may come to the Office of Purchasing with a paper bid and receive technical assistance in entering their bid in the reverse auction. Specifications for the knuckleboom truck are available on the bid page of the Madison County Board of Supervisors at: <http://www.madison-co.com/> bids. Additionally, specifications are on file in the Chancery Clerk’s Office, Madison County Office Complex, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi, 39046 and available during normal business hours. There is no charge for specifications obtained using either of these methods. All bids must comply with the specifications provided. Madison County reserves the right to amend the specifications, as necessary, and agrees to notify all who have requested bid packets from the Madison County Board of Supervisors. The Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to extend the auction date if necessary, to complete the bid proposal pre-qualification process. Electronic proposals must be submitted at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. All in-person submitted un-priced proposals must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the bid envelope as instructed in the bid package and delivered to the Chancery Clerk’s Office, at 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. SUBMITTED: MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL FOR PUBLICATION ON: Thursday, April 1, 2021 Thursday, April 8, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHERRELL THORNTON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-132 B NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 26th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Sherrell Thornton, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the 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 26th day of March, 2021. /s/ Charman Lea Thornton Charman Lea Thornton, Administrator of the Estate of Sherrell Thornton, Deceased Prepared by: /s/ John Howard Shows JOHN HOWARD SHOWS, MSB #676RICHARD A. EISENBERGER, JR., MSB #102572 SHOWS LAW FIRM PLLC 242 Market Street Flowood, Mississippi 39232 Telephone: (601) 664-0044 Facsimile: (601) 664-0047

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Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 1st day of February, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Edna Merle Clark Williams, 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 11th day of March, 2021. /s/ Todd Clark Williams TODD CLARK WILLIAMS, Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Edna Merle Clark Williams, deceased PUBLISHED: 4/1/21, 4/8/21 & 4/15/21 SAMUEL H. WILLIFORD, MSB #100095 WILLIFORD, McALLISTER, JACOBUS & WHITE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite AR19 Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 (601) 991-2000 SOLICITOR

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SPENCER RIVERS RATCLIFF, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-241 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 23rd day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to Steve Ratcliff, Administrator of the Estate of Spencer Rivers Ratcliff, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law in writing within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. STEVE RATCLIFF Administrator Prepared by: John R. Elliott, Jr. (MBN 100372) ELLIOTT LAW FIRM, P.L.L.C. P. O. Box 2605 Madison, Mississippi 39130 Telephone: 601-499-0460 Facsimile: 601-499-0461

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ELIZABETH S. ROOKS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-84 (W) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 4th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Co-Executors under the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth S. Rooks, deceased, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES, this the 30th day of March, 2021. /s/ John Dunaway Rooks, III, JOHN DUNAWAY ROOKS, III, Co-Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth S. Rooks, Deceased /s/ William Joseph Rooks WILLIAM JOSEPH ROOKS, Co-Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth S. Rooks, Deceased PUBLISHED: 4/1/21, 4/8/21 & 4/15/21 SAMUEL H. WILLIFORD, MSB #100095 WILLIFORD, McALLISTER, JACOBUS & WHITE, LLP 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite AR19 Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 Telephone No. 601-991-2000 Facsimile No. 601-991-0859 SOLICITOR

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of the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi in Land Deed of Trust Book 3376, at Page 01, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the stipulations and conditions set forth in the said Land Deed of Trust and having been requested to do so by the legal holder of said indebtedness, notice is hereby given that I, Bridgette H. Harrell, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Land Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, between the hours of 11:00 A.M., and 4:00 P.M., at the South main front door of the Madison County Courthouse at 128 West North Street, Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, on the 22nd day of April, 2021, the following described land and property situated in Madison County, Mississippi, to wit: Lot 2, Fontanelle Subdivision, Phase 1, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County at Canton, Mississippi, in Plat Cabinet E at Slide 22B-24A, reference to which is hereby made. Title to said property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 15th day of April, 2021. BRIDGETTE H. HARRELL, TRUSTEE. Publish: April 1, 2021 April 8, 2021 April 15, 2021 BRIDGETTE H. HARRELL, TRUSTEE 385 EDGEWOOD TERRACE DRIVE JACKSON, MS 39206 TELEPHONE: 601 373-4647

BEFORE THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI Docket No. 139-2021/-DPUBLIC NOTICE TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MIDDLETON 36-12NO. 1 WELL LOCATED IN FLORA FIELD, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Please take notice that beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in the Hearing Room, Suite E, 500 Greymont Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, the State Oil and Gas Board will hear the Amended Petition of Aegis Operating Co., Inc. requesting an extension of the inactive well classification under State-wide Rule 28 for the Middleton 36-12 No. 1 Well located in an eighty (80) acre oil unit consisting of the NE/4 of SW/4 of Section 35 and the NW/4 of SE/4 of Section 36 Township, 9 North, Range 1 West, Madison County, Mississippi. A copy of the said Petition is on file in the Office of the State Oil and Gas Board, Suite E, 500 Greymont Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi and may be there examined by any interested person. At said hearing all interested persons may appear and be heard. If you intend to contest the Docket or request a continuance you must notify the Board and the Petitioner’s attorney of your intention in writing not later than 5 P. M., Tuesday, April 14, 2021. Failure to so notify the Board and Petitioner’s attorney shall constitute waiver of your rights to contest and/or request a continuance. You are advised that the Board may adopt orders concerning the Petition, which may differ from the relief requested by the Petitioner and the Board will enter such orders as, in its judgment, may be appropriate in accordance with the evidence submitted. DATED at Jackson, Mississippi, this 2nd day of APRIL, 2021. MISSISSIPPI STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD BY: Jess New Oil and Gas Supervisor PETITIONER’S ATTORNEY: Harvey H. Hutchins, MSB No. 2936 P. O. Box 1128 Madison, MS 39130 Telephone: 601 201 8982

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI CHARLES PLUMPP PLAINTIFF VS. BETTY GRAHAM, HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY BRACEY, HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY GIBSON, HEIRS AT LAW OF BLANCE HINES, WILLIE B. THURMAN, LEROY THURMAN, and EARNESTINE RAMSEY DEFENDANTS NO.: 2018-1136C SUMMONS TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF BLANCE HINES NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Charles Plumpp seeking to Quiet Title on the Property described in the heading of this lawsuit. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER A COPY OF WRITTEN RESPONSE EITHER ADMITTING OR DENYING EACH ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT TO: Cody W. Gibson and Wm. Scott Mullennix, 405 Tombigbee Street, Jackson, MS 39201. THIS RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM

“I am excited to see this film is happening and that it is happening very soon,” Berryman said.

Bethany studied her craft at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles where she received her MFA in directing. She already has two feature films and an Emmy award-winning web series “The Rehearsal” under her belt. She said she looks forward to returning to the short film format and working with her long-time friend.

She also said she has enjoyed the opportunity to get to know Berryman better.

“It is always great to collaborate with people who know you and trust you,” Bethany said. “I have also been excited to work with the writer. She is someone I have met through Sarah Beth but didn’t get to know very well until this project. We have a beautiful story and I think it is perspective that hasn’t really been seen on screen.”

Apart from being based on her experience, Solop’s family is an integral part of the project. Her children Ava, 6, Wilder, 3, and Sterling, 1, will play her children in the movie. The short film is being shot near Canton at the family cabin of her in-laws, Chris and Juanaree Solop.

For more information go to seedandspark.com/fund/deployed-the-film#story.

THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT OR ADJUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THIS COMPLAINT YOU MUST ALSO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT AS PROVIDED BY LAW. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this the 1st day of April, 2021. RONNY LOTT CHANCERY CLERK, MADISON COUNTY BY: Ivy Stephens, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI CHARLES PLUMPP PLAINTIFF VS. BETTY GRAHAM, HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY BRACEY, HEIRS AT LAW OF BLANCE HINES, WILLIE B. THURMAN, LEROY THURMAN, and EARNESTINE RAMSEY DEFENDANTS NO.: 2018-1136C SUMMONS TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY GIBSON NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Charles Plumpp seeking to Quiet Title on the Property described in the heading of this lawsuit. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER A COPY OF WRITTEN RESPONSE EITHER ADMITTING OR DENYING EACH ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT TO: Cody W. Gibson and Wm. Scott Mullennix, 405 Tombigbee Street, Jackson, MS 39201. THIS RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT OR ADJUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THIS COMPLAINT YOU MUST ALSO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT AS PROVIDED BY LAW. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this the 1st day of April, 2021. RONNY LOTT CHANCERY CLERK, MADISON COUNTY BY: Ivy Stephens, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI CHARLES PLUMPP PLAINTIFF VS. BETTY GRAHAM, HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY BRACEY, HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY GIBSON, HEIRS AT LAW OF BLANCE HINES, WILLIE B. THURMAN, LEROY THURMAN, and EARNESTINE RAMSEY DEFENDANTS NO.: 2018-1136CS U M M O N S TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY BRACY NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Charles Plumpp seeking to Quiet Title on the Property described in the heading of this lawsuit. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER A COPY OF WRITTEN RESPONSE EITHER ADMITTING OR DENYING EACH ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT TO: Cody W. Gibson and Wm. Scott Mullennix, 405 Tombigbee Street, Jackson, MS 39201. THIS RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT OR ADJUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THIS COMPLAINT YOU MUST ALSO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT AS PROVIDED BY LAW. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this the 1st day of April, 2021. RONNY LOTT CHANCERY CLERK, MADISON COUNTY BY: Ivy Stephens, D.C.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA - DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION ANFERNEE BROWN, PLAINTIFF v. CHIQUITA CLARK, DEFENDANT. CASE NO.: DR-2020-000600. ORDER OF PUBLICATION CHIQUITA CLARK, whose whereabouts are unknown, is required by the 30th day following the last date of publication of this Order to answer; the Petition for Divorce and/or other relief requested by ANFERNEE BROWN, or thereafter, default judgment may be rendered against KASEY CHIQUITA CLARK in case DR 202-603, in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama. DONE this 19th day of January, 2021. /s/ ANITA KELLY CIRCUIT JUDGE



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- PriorityOne Bank
- The Range by Jimmy Primos
- Southern Connection

LUNCH SPONSOR



WHAT TO DO & WHEN TO DO IT

- Thursday, April 1 • 5:30 P.M.**
Ridgeland Easter Egg Hunt
Freedom Ridge Park
- Sunday, April 4**
Easter Sunday
- Tuesday, April 6 • 7:15 A.M.**
Junior Diplomat First Tuesday
Embassy Suites • 200 Township Place
Host: Ridgeland Tourism Commission
- Thursday, April 8 • 10:30 A.M.**
POSTPONED
Ribbon Cutting
424 Northpark Drive, Suite B
- Tuesday, April 13 • 10:30 A.M.**
Ribbon Cutting
Me Myselfie & I, LLC
731 S. Pear Orchard Road, Suite 14
- Wednesday, April 14 • 11:30 A.M.**
Board of Directors Meeting
Young Wells Williams P.A.
141 Township Avenue, Suite 300
- Thursday, April 15 • 8:30 A.M.**
Diplomat Orientation
Embassy Suites • 200 Township Place
RSVP to 601.991.9996
- Thursday, April 22 • 9:30 A.M.**
Top Gun Challenge Clay Shoot
Turcotte Shooting Facility
100 Turcotte Lab Drive, Canton, MS
- Tuesday, April 27 • 10:30 A.M.**
Ribbon Cutting
The Rose Garden at The Orchard
600 S. Pear Orchard Road
- Friday, April 30 thru • Sunday, May 2**
Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival
Art Wine & Wheels Weekend
Renaissance at Colony Park
www.artwineandwheels.com
- Saturday, May 1 • 7 A.M.**
Natchez Trace Century Ride
www.bikesignup.com/Race/MS/Ridgeland

april 30-may 2 • 2021 **RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI** **renaissance at colony park**

Friday Evening, April 30 through Sunday, May 2
RIDGELAND FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
A juried fine arts festival featuring artists from across America
Music • Children's Activities • Pup Park • Food

Friday Evening, April 30
KICK OFF PARTY
Dr. Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster Band

RUN NOW WINE LATER 5K

Saturday, May 1
NATCHEZ TRACE CENTURY RIDE

Saturday - Sunday, May 1-2
SANTE SOUTH SAMPLING PALATES
Wine and Craft Beer Tastings
Benefiting the MIND Center of UMMC

ArtWineAndWheels.com + Facebook.com/ ArtWineAndWheels

SAVE THE DATE!
Monday, May 31, 2021 • 11 A.M.
Dedication for the Veterans Memory Park at Ridgeland
100 WEST SCHOOL STREET
WITH SPECIAL GUEST
JANSON D. BOYLES
ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

HAPPY SPRING
"Where flowers bloom so does hope."
Lady Bird Johnson,
Former First Lady, 1963-1969

MEMBER CITY OF RIDGELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Ridgeland... Standing Strong Together
2021

WE'RE PAINTING THE TOWN BLUE & GOLD WITH OUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES!

Thank you, Ridgeland Chamber members for renewing your 2021 membership! Please take advantage of all our many benefits designed to help your business succeed!

RIDGELAND MISSISSIPPI
ALL ABOUT RIDGELAND
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JUNIOR DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH
FEBRUARY 2021
SARAH NASH
Ridgeland High School

Junior Diplomats at New City Hall - Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee hosted the Junior Diplomats March First Tuesday meeting. The students enjoyed visiting the new City Hall and received a tour of the facility.

2021 RIDGELAND CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.
- Winnie the Pooh

Madison County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week
May 9-15, 2021

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