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NURSING HOME SCANDAL

Court tosses out Mayfield lawsuit

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Instead of rounding up the most vocal Chris McDaniel supporters, Madison Police followed the evidence, a federal judge ruled last week dismissing a wrongful death suit brought by the family of a man at the center of the Cochran nursing home scandal who took his own life during the 2014 U.S. Senate campaign.

The now late Ridgeland Attorney Mark Mayfield's family alleged that he killed himself after the city of Madison arrested him in retaliation for his role in the scandal during the U.S. Senate race between Republican challenger Chris McDaniel and the now late U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran.

During the 2014 U.S. Senate campaign, Mayfield, after communicating with fellow McDaniel supporters John

Mary, Richard Sager and Clayton Kelly, agreed to help Kelly obtain a photo of Cochran's infirmed and now late wife Rose inside St. Catherine's Village in Madison, investigators said.

Mayfield's mother was a resident at St. Catherine's Village, and he was familiar with the facility and the location of Rose Cochran's room said, they said.

"[John] Mary, Sager and

Kelly had a plan to claim that Senator Cochran was an adulterer," the court case states. "They wanted to make a video showcasing how Cochran spent time with his longtime aide in Washington, D.C., instead of with his wife, Rose, a resident of the St. Catherine's Village assisted living facility in Madison. [John] Mary and his associates wanted the video to feature a photo of the real Mrs. Cochran."

The video featuring a photo of Rose Cochran that Kelly shot on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, was later posted to YouTube and was met with condemnation by supporters of both McDaniel and Cochran for its portrayal of the bedridden Rose Cochran. Kelly pulled the video within hours of posting.

The Madison Police Department investigated the incident and on May 16, 2014, arrested Kelly and on May 20, 2014,

arrested John Mary. During the investigation, John Mary told officers that Mayfield had assisted them in photographing Rose Cochran and police arrested Mayfield on May 22.

"The police also executed search warrants on Mayfield's home and office," the court documents state. "The basis for those warrants was Officer Harrison's affidavits indicating that Mayfield's office would have

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class of 2021



Madison-Ridgeland Academy's Class of 2021 celebrated the end of their high school journey on May 14 with a graduation ceremony at Trustmark Park in Pearl. It's graduation season throughout Madison County as public and private high schools send off their seniors on the next chapter in their lives. For scenes from other area graduations, see page B2.



RIDGELAND

Beverage company bringing 200 jobs

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

RIDGELAND — Southern Beverage Company officials announced Tuesday that they plan to bring a distribution facility to the Highland Colony Parkway and bring 200 jobs.

Theo Costas Jr., owner and president of Southern Beverage Company, made the announcement on Tuesday in conjunction with the city and the Madison County Economic Development Authority.

The 184,000 square foot modern distribution facility will bring the 200 jobs with an average annual wage of \$48,000.

"This project helps us to better serve our customer demand," Costas Jr., said. "Through the years, Southern Beverage has strategically grown throughout Mississippi and this new facility helps position us for the future."

Ridgeland Mayor Gene F. McGee said the facility will be located at the Highland Colony 220 Business Park.

"We are delighted that Southern Beverage Company chose Ridgeland as their newest Mississippi location," McGee said. "We welcome them to our city and would like to express our gratitude for their investment in our community. The Highland Colony 220 Business Park is a prime location for businesses."

Construction on the Ridgeland facility is anticipated to begin this summer with completion by November 2022.

"The Madison County Board of Supervisors is excited to wel-

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MADISON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Yin named a Presidential Scholar

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MADISON — A Madison Central graduate is one of about 150 in the nation to be named a Presidential Scholar this year.

Matthew Landon Yin spent his entire education career in the Madison County Schools and was selected from among seven finalists as one of just two Presidential Scholars for Mississippi.

"A lot of the ones I saw went to Jackson Prep or (Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science) and I am proud of the fact that I am a product of local public schools and was able to achieve something at this level," Yin said.

Easily searchable records only go back to 2003 but Madison County School's spokesperson Gene Wright said that Yin is the first Madison Central student in recent memory to be named a Presidential Scholar.

Yin attributes his success to a few key people in his life. One is his sister, Sunshine, also a Madison Central graduate. She is 16 years older and lives in California but Yin said she "is the definition of success" in his mind. She has always been there for him and because of the time difference, was always available for a late-night phone call when he needed help with an essay.

"She has always been there and always been so supportive,"

Yin said. Next are his parents, Jianjun Yin and Li Zhou, who Yin said were always willing to push their child and support him. He said they are a big reason he will be able to attend an Ivy League School in the fall.

"My parents are more than happy to send me to Penn," Yin said.

Finally, Kristin Cooley, Yin's 11-grade calculus teacher and his Star Teacher from last year when he was selected as a Star Student, has been a key mentor in his life.

"She always created a nurturing environment and was so dedicated to her students," Yin said.

Cooley has been teaching for See SCHOLAR, page A2



Madison Central senior Matthew Landon Yin, left, is one of approximately 150 Presidential Scholars in the U.S. He is pictured with his 2020 STAR Teacher Kristin Cooley.

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Enterprising boys earn \$50 selling lemonade

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For many boys, summertime is time off to enjoy lazy afternoons exploring the woods, sports leagues or video games in the air-conditioning, but four Canton Academy friends saw dollar signs in a lemonade stand they set up outside the Canton Country Club last week.

Brothers Ian and Stratton Choppala and their friends and neighbors Daniel Spivey and Rhett Hale started with \$6 to buy supplies. By last Thursday afternoon, they had made \$50 in sales of lemonade and tips.

Shortly after noon the boys were offering two varieties of lemonade, pink and regular at \$1 a cup or \$1.50 for two.

They set up a table and their coolers at the entrance to the Club — just in time for the Rotary Club to be wrapping up, as it would happen. They all

pitched in with mixing the lemonade and sales.

"We all whipped it up," Spivey said.

They had hand-made signs advertising to motorists.

The boys all claimed to a reporter they were 15, but only a four-wheeler was present and they, well, could have stepped out of an episode of "Beevis and Butthead" with their carrying on.

But the boys were polite, thanking one Rotarian who turned around to buy a cup.

Ian Choppala said that the idea grew from boredom after school at Canton Academy let out. Spivey said someone mentioned the idea and it quickly caught on.

"I just remember someone said something about a lemonade stand I thought that sounded fun," Spivey said.

"And we wanted to make some money," Stratton Chop-



Ian Choppala, Daniel Spivey, Stratton Choppala and Rhett Hale sell lemonade in front of the Canton Country Club last Thursday. They took home \$50 and plan to sell more.

pala added. When asked what their goals were, a variety of numbers came tumbling out ranging from a few hundred dollars to numbers in the five-figure

range. They aren't even sure what the money will be spent on.

"We don't really have a goal we just want to make some money," Hale said.

In their free time, the boys have a variety of pastimes, though Ian Choppala said his mind has been racing to various business ventures and other ways to make some money this summer.

His brother, Stratton Choppala, said his "real passion" lately has been tennis.

Spivey and Hale like to spend their time coming up with pranks, large and small.

They had not nailed down operating hours or the days they plan to be out there, though Stratton Choppala did say that they planned to be out there the next day they would be looking at an "every other day" schedule likely on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Supervisors handle neighborly dispute over flower bed

By SCOTT HAWKINS
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A Solomon-like solution in a dispute between two neighbors

over a raised flowerbed planted in the right-of-way in the New Castle subdivision is where the Madison County Board of Supervisors found themselves

last week.

Ralph Barnes of Dover Lane in New Castle brought the matter before the board during the concerned citizens portion of their May 17 meeting.

During the session that spanned nearly an hour, Barnes, president of ADCAMP Inc., which holds the county's \$1.8 million road resurfacing contract, complained that his neighbor, Bob Piazza's flowerbed that is bounded by crossties stacked two high, was planted in the county's right-of-way and is a danger to passing motorists.

"Those crossties are 12-inches higher than the existing asphalt roadway," Barnes said. "They are 6-inches from the edge of the roadway."

Piazza said he built the flowerbed to keep Barnes from parking in front of his house.

Barnes said the other side of the roadway has a pipe that has eroded and the ground is eroded.

"My concern is if somebody comes through there and hits these crossties there is a possibility that they could run into this culvert that is down there," Barnes said. "I just ask that y'all look at this situation and I think it is a safety hazard to the neighborhood."

Barnes also raised the question of who would be to blame if an accident occurred due to the crossties since the right-of-way is owned by the county.

"These crossties are in the area to an adjacent lot that I own that is only about 45 feet length along the edge of the road and if somebody parks in the area next to the area where my lot is there have been some problems with asking someone to move," Barnes said. "I think on the county right of way it is the county and I don't know whether the property owners have the right to tell someone to move their vehicles off for a short period of time. That is just my concern."

After Barnes finished his portion, Piazza, a retired colonel with the Mississippi Army National Guard and a retired engineer from the U.S. Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg who has owned his property in the neighborhood for 28 years, took the lectern and handed out a packet of information to supervisors before beginning his presentation.

"That is what I was trying to do," Piazza said. "That was my intent. That is my property and I felt like I was within my rights to do so."

Piazza said he was surprised when the county sent attorney Mike Espy and County Administrator Shelton Vance out to assess the flowerbed.

Piazza said that after the initial complaint about his flowerbed on county right-of-way he drove around the entire

neighborhood of New Castle and Greystone.

"I counted all of the flowerbeds that were within the right-of-way," Piazza said. "... There are 48 flowerbeds within the right of way in those areas. They have got all kinds of covering from stone to brick to steel and everything else. There are 48 mailboxes on the road. Butting up against the roads throughout the whole subdivision."

Piazza summed up his case saying he does not want Barnes, whose property next to his and featuring a boat pier and boatshed, or anyone else, parking in front of his house.

"I guess the board should feel like King Solomon of the Old Testament," Espy said to the board after Piazza finished. "You are actually being asked to resolve a dispute between neighbors."

Espy said Piazza is correct that many properties are encroaching on county right of way with similar structures.

"(Highway) 463 going toward Dover Lane there are multiple, multiple, multiple encroachments on the right of way," Espy said. "There are brick mailboxes. There are planters some are elevated, some are not and the street is so narrow, there are multiple encroachments on the right of way."

Espy conceded the crossties could pose a safety hazard.

"As your lawyer, I'd be worried about an issue of selective enforcement," Espy said. "Who else in New Castle would come before you asking you to remove an encroachment on a county right of way because there are several? If you do something for one you may have to do something for those who come later."

Espy recommended asking Piazza, who had previously agreed to do so, to remove the second level of crossties to make the flowerbed less of a safety hazard.

Karl Banks, president of the Board of Supervisors, said it would be best if the neighbors could work it out among themselves.

"I don't like the reason why we are here," Banks said. "We have the right to tell him to move the crossties. I think he has the right to say, 'I don't want this unknown car parked in front of my house...'"

District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter, whose district includes the New Castle subdivision, moved to take Espy's recommendation for Piazza to lower the crossties and leave everything else as-is.

All approved the motion that was seconded by District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen.

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evidence that he inflicted pain on a vulnerable person. Mayfield's bond was set at \$250,000. Mayfield became depressed, sought professional help, and was prescribed medication for sleep, depression, and anxiety. His wife Robin experienced similar symptoms and was also prescribed medication.

On June 27, 2014, Mayfield's wife found him dead in the basement where he had taken his own life.

The family had claimed that "the Cochran supporters who ran the City arrested Mayfield in retaliation for his involvement with the McDaniel campaign."

The city of Madison argued that it should not be held liable

"because there is no direct evidence of a 'premeditated, official policy to arrest' McDaniel supporters," the court document states.

The city of Madison further argued that it had "a legitimate, non-retaliatory reason for Mayfield's arrest. Based on the evidence gathered during its investigation, the City had probable cause that Mayfield conspired with others to trespass onto St. Catherine's Village property."

In his order on May 19 issuing the summary judgement, U.S. District Judge Carlton W. Reeves said the plaintiffs presented no evidence that the city focused on prosecuting anyone based on their support of McDaniel.

"Instead of rounding up the most vocal McDaniel supporters, City investigators followed the evidence from Kelly to Mary to Mayfield," Reeves wrote. "The police were given free rein to conduct their inves-

tigation as they saw fit, without direction from the Mayor, a Cochran supporter. There is no evidence that before the Rose Cochran incident, the City of Madison was itching for an excuse to go after McDaniel supporters. And there is no evidence of differential treatment of McDaniel and Cochran supporters. As an example, there is no evidence that Cochran supporters entered a McDaniel relative's home in Madison, after which the City refused to prosecute them."

On the wrongful death claim, Reeves said, "Here, the Mayfields have no evidence, expert or otherwise, that Mark Mayfield acted under an irresistible impulse."

Similar suits against others, including the Butler Snow law firm, were dismissed before last week's ruling for the city of Madison.

Scholar

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24 years and has been at MCHS for three years.

"He has just been a delight and a joy to teach. He is always excited about learning," Cooley said. "I love him like one of my own children and he has made me a better teacher."

Specifically, Yin said that Cooley used off-the-wall images and analogies to teach complex mathematical concepts. A "purple cloud" or "red jeep" may not

have much mathematical significance on their face but Yin said that those are two images he will never forget that helped convey complex mathematical concepts.

Yin will study computer science at the University of Pennsylvania. He was drawn to the subject because he said coding, like math, challenges him like a puzzle.

"Like geometrical proofs, it is never straightforward but it is so enlightening to see that next step," Yin said. "I like solving problems."

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the

President of the United States, to recognize and honor some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars and the distinction is considered one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Yin was elected along with and Emmanuelle Rachel Tang of Oxford High School.

In his free time, Yin likes to work out and play chess and tennis. He also plays piano and has lately gotten into composing his own pieces.

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The new Veterans Memory Park installed on the grounds of Ridgeland's new City Hall will be unveiled to the public Monday at a Memorial Day program.

New veterans park to be unveiled Memorial Day

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RIDGELAND — The new Veterans Memory Park at City Hall will be unveiled Monday during a Memorial Day program.

Linda Bynum, executive director of the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce, said along with the unveiling of the park, a check in the amount of all the funds raised to pay for the park will be presented to Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee during the program that begins at 11 a.m.

"We will also have a Keynote Speaker, Maj. Gen. Janson D. Boyles," Bynum said. "He is the top military person for the state of Mississippi."

Bynum said Red River Pipes and Drums of Shreveport, Louisiana, will provide music, and the dedication will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation of Colors.

"When you visit the park, you can ring the bell next to City Hall, and there's a Walk of Heroes," Bynum said. "There's also benches, bricks and plaques honoring veterans from World War I, World War II, the Civil War, Vietnam War,

Korean War and more. For the bell, you can ring it, and doing that is a way of remembering veterans. The veteran's name will then live on forever."

Bynum said encouraged residents to attend the ceremony and to visit the park.

"People should come to visit, read the names on the plaques and bricks on the Walk of Heroes, and read all the passages on the benches," Bynum said. "It's a very good experience."

Mike McCollum, director of public works for the City of Ridgeland, said Ridgeland wants to make sure veterans are honored properly, and the park will serve that purpose.

"This park is a vision of the late Gen. Tom Logue, who was a resident of Ridgeland until he passed away a couple of years ago," McCollum said. "I helped form the Veteran's Memory Park Committee, which I'm now a chair of, and the board raised \$75,000, which is around half the cost of the park."

McCollum said the full construction cost is estimated at \$144,000, and even though the committee plans to present the \$75,000 check to McGee at the ceremony, the committee will continue to raise money.

"We still wanted to have a dedication for Memorial Day," McCollum said. "The park is completely built, but we plan to keep raising money to reach that \$144,000 goal."

Mendal Kemp, veterans service officer for Madison County, said the dedication of the park is going to be an important event and it will represent all the veterans here and their families.

"This park dedication will show how important it is to remember our veterans and give them the proper recognition they deserve," he said.

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EDITORIALS

Legalizing marijuana

Enshrining legalized marijuana in the state Constitution is not what most Mississippians thought they were voting for in November, but that's what Initiative 65 would have done.

The state Supreme Court's ruling this month overturning the marijuana initiative was the right decision on process.

State lawmakers and others are still urging Gov. Tate Reeves to call a special session to pass a clean medical marijuana bill and that's a good idea.

Enacting a good medical marijuana law is the right thing, but we do caution rushing into anything.

Louisiana, for example, seems to have a good medical marijuana law that doesn't allow folks to grow their own weed and smoke it, as Initiative 65 would have.

The state's high court did not circumvent the will of the people or reverse the outcome of the November initiative that passed statewide with 58% of those voting. The court overturned the process.

To be sure, Initiative 65 approval drops to about 40% when taking into account the number of registered voters statewide.

There is a clear distinction that some voters are still missing — or the pot lobby refuses to see because it's about millions and millions in profits.

A focus on better public policy rather than a rush to align with big money special interest groups is prudent.

The merits of medical marijuana were not before the Court as noted several times during oral arguments.

The issue before the Court was the initiative and referendum process and whether Initiative 65 should have been on the ballot based on the way that the process is currently written in the state Constitution.

The ruling is actually very straightforward. The Court simply ruled that the process was not constitutional because 1) Mississippi lost a Congressional district in 2000 2) the signature requirement for the petition part of the process is invalid because it is based on a calculation with five Congressional districts instead of four

and 3) The Legislature failed to update the language in the process to account for that change on numerous occasions when bills were introduced to fix the process.

Secretary of State Michael Watson suggests that the words "one-fifth (1/5)" be changed to "its pro-rata share" in Sec. 273 (3) so as to maintain the population spread intended to gauge public interest throughout the state for a specific issue. That's a good idea.

But the Legislature should first give Mississippians a good medical marijuana bill and then fix the initiative process because the people deserve and want an initiative process.

The entire initiative process of amending the Constitution should be examined.

Do we really need to be amending the constitution over policy issues? We don't think so.

The Legislature should establish a medical marijuana program by state statute sooner than later that is safe, effective and medically sound.

The Senate passed a medical marijuana bill last session but it failed in the House.

Combined with the guidelines the state Department of Health has been writing preparing for legalized marijuana in Initiative 65, we feel certain the details of actual medical marijuana can be worked out and the will of the people satisfied in a special session.

Voters should know the process before continuing to misplace blame.

The Supreme Court was following the law as written. The Initiative 65 decision was not a ruling based on the merits of "medical marijuana." The ruling was about process.

Initiative 65 basically legalized marijuana because there is hardly anything medical about growing your own stash of weed.

Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler did all Mississippians a favor challenging the initiative on process.

The Legislature should now pass a medical marijuana bill that is safe, effective and medically sound.

Red states lead recovery

States with Republican governors — many of whom began reopening last year and are rejecting President Joe Biden's enhanced unemployment bonuses — are leading this nation's economic recovery.

Seventeen of the top 20 states for jobs recovered from the coronavirus pandemic are led by the GOP, with the top 12 all run by Republican governors, according to newly released data from the Labor Department. Two red states, Idaho and Utah, have more jobs now than they did pre-pandemic.

Only five Democrat-run states have recovered at least two-thirds of their jobs lost, compared to 17 Republican-led states. The 10 states with the highest unemployment rates are all led by Democratic governors, with the average unemployment rate for the nation's blue states coming in at 6.3%, two-percentage points higher than the average unemployment rate for the nation's 27 red states.

While President Joe Biden and the Democrats believe it's better to pay people not to work, Republican governors are realizing the damage the federal government is doing to their local economies with enhanced unemployment benefits. Twenty-four Republican-led states have decided to end the \$300-per-week supplemental unemployment bonuses, with no blue states yet opting out. It's estimated at the \$300 level, 37% of workers could make more money on unemployment than returning to work — so why return?

Yet the Biden White House and Democratic governors have repeatedly ignored this simple logic. They have instead blamed the lack of childcare and health-

safety concerns as the reason for the nation's labor shortage, as they continue to press for more government spending.

They have used April's disappointing jobs report to lobby Congress to pass Mr. Biden's \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan, which includes child care aid and two free years of universal pre-K. They want the American people dependent on the federal government, and are bound and determined to keep them there, economics be damned.

Press Secretary Jen Psaki has repeatedly said "there is not overwhelming data that suggests [unemployment benefits] is a driving force in people not reentering the workforce, especially at a time where we're continuing to recover from the pandemic."

This is a lie — pure propaganda meant to obfuscate the Biden administration's true priority, more government spending and more American subservience to them.

Even Jason Furman, a Harvard professor who chaired the Council of Economic Advisers in the Obama administration and is a Biden ally disagrees.

He co-authored a study that expressly stated the lack of childcare and school closures are not the reason for April's disappointing job numbers, enhanced unemployment benefits are.

Republican governors have received the message, are rejecting the federal aid, reopening their states and leading this nation's economic recovery. Democrats meanwhile continue to ignore the facts, lobby for more federal spending and are weighing our economy down.

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Merkel buying Putin's gas

When the U.S. created NATO, a primary purpose of the alliance was to serve as a western wall to defend Germany against the 400,000 Russian troops on the eastern side of the Elbe River.

Seventy years later, Germany has decided to double its dependence on Vladimir Putin's Russia for the natural gas needed to run the German economy, despite the opposition of her great protector, the USA.

The Biden administration decided to waive sanctions on Matthias Warnig, the ally of Putin whose company, Nord Stream 2 AG, is laying the pipeline beneath the Baltic Sea from Russia to Germany that is now 95% complete.

When done, Nord Stream 2 will make Moscow Germany's principal supplier of natural gas, and cut Kyiv out of hundreds of millions in transit fees it annually receives for letting Russian gas pass through Ukraine to Germany.

Previously, Joe Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken had seemed resolute in opposition. Said Blinken:

"We think the (Nord Stream 2) pipeline is a bad idea. It advances Russia's interests and undermines Europe's interests and our own. It actually goes against the very principles that the EU has set out in terms of energy security and not being too dependent on any one country, notably, in this case, Russia."

As late as March, the Biden administration had made clear its commitment to complying with sanctions legislation put in place with bipartisan support in Congress, and had called on companies involved in Nord Stream 2 to "immediately abandon work on the pipeline."

Ukraine is stunned and outraged. Its parliament, the Rada, has passed a resolution urging Congress to "use all available tools provided by US law to completely and irreversibly stop the construction of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline by applying blocking sanctions

Germany's dependence on Russian gas is certain to grow as Berlin phases out coal, nuclear power plants.

against all participants in this Russian geopolitical project."

Why did Biden and Blinken fold? Was it to set the table for the Biden's June summit with Putin?

The decisive factor was probably that Nord Stream 2 is just about complete and America's principal continental ally, Germany, is wholly committed to the project. Prime Minister Angela Merkel, who is leaving office this year, approved the deal with Putin's Russia and her legacy is now tied to its completion.

Germany's dependence on Russian gas is certain to grow as Berlin, as it plans to do, phases out its coal and nuclear power plants.

This raises a question about NATO, and the commitment of its 30 members to treat an attack against one as an attack against all.

Would a Germany that is doubling its dependency on Russia for the natural gas that fuels its economy be willing to go to war against that same Russia, and send German troops to fight alongside NATO?

Would Berlin be willing to declare war on its own gas station?

Biden's climbdown on opposition to Nord Stream 2 is startling from another standpoint. He and his team have shown themselves to be true climate change zealots who want to see gas and oil rapidly phased out.

On his first day in office, Biden canceled the Keystone XL pipeline, enraging the Canadians and killing off 11,000 American jobs. Biden then outlawed any new drilling permits for oil or gas on federal lands.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer just told a Canadian

energy company, Enbridge, it must shut down a controversial oil and gas pipeline that passes under the Straits of Mackinac, amid rising fears that a spill would be catastrophic to the region.

For 67 years, Enbridge has moved oil and gas from western Canada through Michigan and the Great Lakes to refineries in Ontario.

But Michigan now says that this one section of the pipeline is too risky to continue operating.

Earlier in May, America got a wake-up call about the vulnerability of its energy supply. Colonial Pipeline, which carries refined gasoline and jet fuel from Texas up the East Coast to New York, was forced to shut down after being hit by ransomware.

The attack was apparently the act of a criminal group, not a nation-state. But the damage done was considerable.

Half the gas stations in several states on the Eastern seaboard had to close when their gasoline pumps were exhausted by long lines of panicked motorists. To get their pipeline fully operating again, Colonial had to pay millions.

This demonstrated the vulnerability of the U.S. energy system and its new technology to the kind of cyberattacks that enemies far more serious than the criminal gang who launched the attack on the Colonial Pipeline could launch.

Fifty years ago, we confronted a grave threat to U.S. energy security and independence: an oil embargo imposed by the Saudis and other Arab OPEC countries in retaliation for Richard Nixon's military aid that enabled Israel to survive and prevail in the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

Are we still prepared for something of that magnitude?

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RICH LOWRY

GOP future is bright

The story of 2021 is not a Republican meltdown. Despite what you read, the party stands a good chance to end its bout in the wilderness after two short years.

Republicans have had a brutal news cycle over the past month, between the ouster of Liz Cheney from leadership and the intraparty jousting over a January 6 commission.

The overwhelming sense of the coverage is that the party is descending into madness and civil war and is a husk of its former self.

There's no denying that much of the party has been too willing to indulge or look away from wild theories about the 2020 election and the Capitol riot, but this shouldn't obscure the fact that the Republicans are well-positioned to take the House next year.

All indications are that GOP voters are united and energized and the party is doing what's necessary to make Kevin McCarthy the next speaker, which would instantly squash the never-very-plausible talk of Joe Biden being the next FDR.

The foundation of the GOP's unity, of course, is that Donald Trump effortlessly maintained his control of the GOP. The anticipated civil war came and went with barely a shot fired.

Cheney is certainly a casualty, although she is now less a leader of a significant faction of the party and more a voice crying in the wilderness. That is an honorable role, and she may well be vindicated in the fullness of time.

But the party will pay no electoral price for the drama over her leadership role or, likely, for its continued loyalty to Trump.

Despite Trump's grip, he's not front and center for average voters. He isn't president

and he isn't on the ballot. The focus inevitably will be on Biden and his agenda, which will loom larger than anything the former president can do from Mar-a-Lago.

The Democratic polling outfit Democracy Corps just did a battleground survey that confirmed this picture. As Stanley Greenberg writes in a memo about the poll, among Republicans: "the percent scoring 10, the highest level of interest in the election, has fallen from 84-68%. But Democrats' engagement fell from 85-57%."

Greenberg calls the GOP base "uniquely unified and engaged."

More evidence is the boffo fundraising by the National Republican Campaign Committee so far. Meanwhile, GOP candidate recruitment is ahead of the pace of prior midterm cycles, whereas Democrats are seeing worrisome retirements.

It's not as though there's a high bar for the GOP. Republicans will need to flip about half-a-dozen seats in the House, when in the post-World War II era the president's party has lost on average 27 seats in midterms.

On top of this, the playing field is tilting the GOP's way.

Reapportionment gave more seats to Republican states and based on its strength in state legislatures, the GOP also has the upper hand in redistricting.

The Biden theory is that \$6 trillion in spending will deliver a roaring economy that diminishes any midterm losses. But the latest jobs and inflation numbers show that it might not be so simple, and there is considerable doubt whether Biden can get his spending.

Greenberg derives some comfort from his belief that, in contrast to 2020, "this time, Democrats cannot fail to see how early Trump's party is fully engaged with its ongoing culture war, focused on crime, open borders, and defunding the police."

Yet, there is no indication of any effort to seriously defuse these issues. Biden's policies have needlessly created a crisis at the border, and murder rates continue to climb in major cities, even as much of the left still talks of the police as if it's a racist occupying force.

There are miles to go before November 2022. Biden might find a way to thread the needle of cooperating with Republicans on infrastructure and police reform without alienating his own base, and unforeseen events always take a hand.

But the story of 2021 is not a Republican meltdown. Despite what you read, the party stands a good chance to end its bout in the wilderness after two short years.

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Acts 8:1-25

In this passage the persecution of Christians is the catalyst for the gospel spreading beyond Jerusalem. The Lord had given the apostles a commission to be his witnesses beginning in Jerusalem, and then to Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.

After Stephen is put to death, "there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem and they were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles" (verse 1). Saul was one of the most zealous, vicious persecutors (verse 3).

This is a reminder that Christ's people are called to endure persecution in this world. Believers share in Christ's sufferings. It isn't always martyrdom it was in the case of Stephen, or prison (verse 3), but Christians and the church are targeted by the devil.

The Lord said he came to bring division among men. He means to make clear the distinction between his kingdom and the kingdom of this world. His people are called and translated out of the kingdom of darkness and death to His kingdom of light and life (Colossians 1:13). You have to decide which kingdom (and king) you will serve.

His people are given forgiveness of sin and eternal life in the Son of God. They can never really die. But they can suffer. The suffering here was terrible. Men and women were dragged out of their homes, their lives suddenly shattered.

Yet we read that the ones who escaped and scattered to other regions proclaimed the word of Christ (verse 4). They had to leave their homes and livelihoods because of the word of the Lord. Why would they still proclaim his name? Because they believed; they had faith. In Revelation 12, we read that Christians under intense persecution "loved not their lives even unto death." Rather, they conquered "by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony." They live forevermore.

Another thing we learn from the passage is that the Lord will build his church, just as he promised. The church in Jerusalem was huge, with powerful fellowship, the best leadership, and joyful worship. Yet the Lord takes it and

scatters it, the same as a farmer scatters seed. It wasn't for judgment, but to save souls in other places. The devil meant it for evil; the Lord for good.

The place highlighted is Samaria (verses 5-25). The Samaritans and Jews were bitter enemies. The Jews considered them apostate and depraved. The Samaritans were a remnant of the Northern Kingdom intermarried with Syrians and other foreigners. They had established a rival center of worship separate from Jerusalem, with pagan elements.

The Jews avoided even traveling through Samaria, yet we see Philip going into the city and proclaiming Christ to them. The residents there had been bewitched by a sorcerer named Simon for a long time, but they believed the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ (verse 12).

It's a brief account of people under the darkness of the devil finding salvation in Christ. They had great joy (verse 8). Samaritan sinners who are saved have reason to rejoice. They entered the kingdom of the Lord. They were blind but now see, lost but now found. They now knew the substance of the hymn we sing, "Amazing Grace."

We are also reminded that the Lord knows who are his. The magician Simon professed faith in Christ and appeared genuine. But when Peter and John come down from Jerusalem, he is exposed as having spurious faith. This is the second time Peter recognizes falseness in the church (Acts 5:1-10).

Simon heard the gospel, but he didn't learn of Christ. He didn't understand the necessity of salvation; that Christ came to save sinners. He looked at the Holy Spirit as simply a power to be coveted like other powers in the world. God can see through us. Simon was still lost. Holy desires in our faith are necessary.

But there is great encouragement in this passage. The Lord offers grace to all sinners if they turn to Christ Jesus. And the Lord gives the Spirit to his people to enable them to endure persecution and spread his Name to others. He will build his church, and do it by the instruments he appoints. Blessed is he who is an instrument of the Lord for good.

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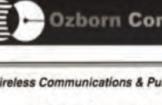
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Friends open bar where patrons play games

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Many groups of friends want to open a bar, but Rick Moore and Jesse Labbé did it.

Moore and Labbé are co-owners of the recently opened Dogmud Tavern on South Pear Orchard Road in the old Abner's Famous Chicken Tenders building. They opened on April Fool's Day and recently had a ribbon-cutting.

"Hopefully, people walk in and are wowed by our bright, fun and whimsical decor and atmosphere," Moore said.

The venture was spawned out of one of their other ventures, Certifiable Studios, a board game company that designs and develops board games through the crowdfunding website Kickstarter. They founded the company in 2015 and have sold board games in 76 countries worldwide.

One of the perks of opening your own bar is getting to put a mark on things with creative decisions. Bar and food menu items, and the name of the establishment itself, come from references in the Certifiable portfolio. Specifically their Dungeons and Dragons inspired D6.

One of their salads is called



Dogmud Tavern on South Pear Orchard Road in Ridgeland has been open for a little under two months now. The bar features a wide variety of games from classics like Uno to new board games that patrons can play.

"(Don't Forget The) Vilo's", an inside joke about a handwriting-based misunderstanding.

The bar's logo is another

inside joke. Both of the proprietors proudly prefer "frou-frou" drinks, with an umbrella if possible. Labbé to ward off

any guff from his friends made up a drink, the "dogmud," as an excuse. When the bartender had never heard of it, Labbé

would then get to "fall back" on his first choice.

"I got to be like, 'See guys, I tried' and still got to order what I wanted," Labbé said with a laugh.

Soon it became a fake beer logo, the name of the tavern in D6 and finally, the name of their bar. Their logo is a version of the fake beer logo they had made as a joke.

Moore said that around 2017 they started a game night on the first Friday of every month at Certifiable. The event grew from a core group of friends to between 50 and 60 participants before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

Now they host game night every day from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday at their very own bar.

"We had always wanted to own a bar or restaurant or coffee shop," Moore said. "Somewhere where we could create a fun environment for people to sit and play board games."

Labbé said that they have cultivated a fun atmosphere that is infectious from table to table.

"For both gamers and non-gamers alike the No. 1 thing we hear from people is about our

lively atmosphere," Labbé said. "People like being around other people who are having a good time."

Moore added, "We certainly don't discourage good competitive energy."

The bar features quick and familiar games such as Uno, classic and new board games and selections from the Certifiable Studios lineup. Patrons are also encouraged to bring their favorites from home. Moore said they encourage patrons to try new games and delve into some of the more complicated games from their library.

"We are delighted when we see someone break something out that might take them two and a half hours to play," Moore said.

In addition, the bar hopes to show e-Sport events and Twitch streams. They also host a trivia night every Thursday.

The menu, which was developed with Basil's Nathan Glenn as a consultant, features easy to handle fare that can be enjoyed while enjoying a board game.

Visit Dogmud Tavern at 681 South Pear Orchard Road or give them a call at 601-499-4932.

Water association asks for federal funds

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Leroy Lacy of the East Madison Water Association attended the Madison Board of Supervisors' May 17 meeting to report that the association that serves the Ratliff Ferry area of the county is in need of funding for improvements to the system.

The estimated cost of rehabilitating the water system is \$475,000, Lacy said.

Lacy asked the board to consider helping fund the project with any funding available, including a portion of anticipated federal COVID-19 relief funds the county will receive.

The board took the request under advisement.

In other matters during the board's May 17 meeting, the board:

- Approved the consent agen-

da;

- Approved the District Attorney's hiring of a Grand Jury Coordinator, and an Investigator.

- Approved the appointment of Mary Ann Sones to fill an unexpired term on Southwest Madison County Fire Protection District board of commissioners;

- Agreed to add another restroom using exiting designs at the county's Sulphur Springs Park;

- Heard a report from Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson, executive director, Citizens Services on emergency broadband assistance and approved parking spaces at the county offices for Citizens Services;

- Heard a report from Angela Carson on the City of Canton's Hispanic Taskforce;

- Awarded a knuckleboom purchase contract for \$141,295 to low bidder Hol-Mac Corporation Inc.;

- Agreed to advertise for a bridge repair project on McCullough Lane;

- Agreed to advertise for a grading project on Dewees Road;

- Agreed to a proposed inter-local agreement with the City of Canton for a construction project on King Ranch Road;

- Approved a request for a total refund of \$1,480 from Charles Clark for buildings permits;

- Approved Madisonville Phase 1 on Yandell Road for property zoned PUD;

- Agreed to settle an unclaimed estate of Joanna Weber;

- Authorized the County Attorney to record the lease agreement of Fairview Park.

- Approved closing county offices Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.

Jobs

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come Southern Beverage Company to Madison County," said Karl Banks, Madison County Board of Supervisors president. "We are excited about the growth this project brings to the county and appreciate the leadership MCEDA provided to help bring this project to fruition."

According to a fact sheet supplied by Southern Beverage Company, the company began in 1939 with a warehouse in Jackson to become a distributor of Anheuser-Busch products. After opening their first warehouse in the capital city, Southern Beverage Company expanded to Laurel, Hat-

tiesburg and Batesville with additional distribution centers. Today, they employ 333 people in Mississippi, representing 47 suppliers and distributing 690 different beverage brands in 32 counties within the state.

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Emily Cole of Madison will receive her Doctor of Health Administration this week after having helped to accept over 1,000 students into academic programs with UMMC.

Record keeper to tassel turner: UMMC Registrar gets doctorate

By BRUCE COLEMAN
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Since taking the reins as Registrar at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2019, Emily Cole of Madison estimates she has accepted about 1,000 new students into various academic programs at the state's foremost academic health sciences center.

On Thursday, she will proudly stand shoulder to shoulder with many of them at the Mississippi Trademart to receive her Doctor of Health Administration.

A staff member in UMMC's Office of Student Services and Records for 18 years, Cole is usually seen on the commencement stage handing diploma covers to each school's dean who, in turn, presents them to each newly minted graduate. This year, she will be on the receiving end of a handshake from Dr. Jessica H. Bailey, dean of the School of Health Related Professions.

It's an experience that is sure to leave an indelible mark on the affable executive director of enrollment management.

"It gives me a greater appreciation for the type of students we have at UMMC and what they've gone through to receive their diplomas," Cole said. "It gives me a fresh perspective for my job in student services."

Cole's perspective on commencement has been carefully cultivated during a career that has progressed from admissions staff member to assistant registrar to associate director to director.

Through the years, she has

spent countless hours working behind the scenes at UMMC's graduation ceremony to help make sure the event is memorable for the students and their families alike.

"Typically I would gather all the diploma covers, meet our entire staff early at the Coliseum, set up the stage, pass out name cards for all of the students and help get them lined up for the ceremony," she said. "Then we would hand out the actual diplomas after the ceremony."

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, UMMC's traditional commencement has been divided into several smaller sessions for each school spread over a two-day period. Needless to say, Cole's participation as a student - and responsibilities as a registrar - have made 2021 all the more challenging.

"We were implementing a new student system," she said, "and being a wife and a mother, it was very challenging to me to take on a doctoral-level program. There's a lot of work that goes into it."

"I have such an appreciation for the DHA faculty and the program as a whole. I understand UMMC better and have a better perspective for my role and the potential my office has to serve the Medical Center."

Dr. Elizabeth Franklin, associate professor and admissions chair of the DHA program, served as Cole's advisory committee chair for her research. She credits Cole's temperament and talent for her dual success as registrar and student.

"Emily has an uncanny way to stay calm and focused on her

academic goals, even when her important position at UMMC requires a lot of attention," Franklin said. "I don't think Emily had any idea when she entered the DHA program that the last year would be so challenging. Because she is so calm and not easily rattled, she displayed to her fellow cohort members an example of strong leadership during trying times."

"Not only did Emily and her team ensure student records were maintained and students graduated on time with all the proper documentation - during the pandemic - they also were instrumental in the smooth integration of Workday Student."

The unique collegial aspect of the three-year DHA program at UMMC also played an instrumental role in Cole's decision to pursue her doctorate.

"The exciting thing about the program is you're in a cohort with the same people every semester," she said. "We were kind of like a little family. We would get together and really encourage and inspire each other at various points throughout the program."

Dr. James S. Miller, director of nursing for Children's Hospital Services at UMMC and a member of Cole's cohort, said he drew inspiration from his classmate.

"Emily Cole is a value to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in that she is a global thinker and not afraid to push boundaries to challenge the status quo," Miller said. "Emily wants the best for all involved and is the type of leader who

teammates can depend on. She works diligently to achieve results and rallies behind those who are struggling."

"Emily was the perfect candidate for the DHA program because she is not only invested in her success, but she is also invested in the success of her cohort and UMMC."

Perhaps that investment is best demonstrated by her doctoral project, the crowning achievement of any DHA candidate. Cole was able to use her real-world experience on a mixed-methods study that, despite its straightforward name, "Implementing Co-curricular Transcripts at an Academic Medical Center," required long hours of research.

Cole surveyed other medical schools to see if their students were offered co-curricular transcripts or any other type of documentation of a learner's involvement in educational experiences that take place outside of the regular classroom. Then she conducted interviews with and led focus groups of medical students and administrators to obtain their opinions about co-curricular activities.

"We have many of these activities already occurring on campus," Cole said. "I knew from my perspective that they could be best documented and best utilized if they were captured on a co-curricular transcript."

"Students document a lot of these activities on their CVs or resumes, which is then utilized for medical student performance evaluations, or their involvement is something they would talk about in their resi-

dency interviews."

Cole said she focused her study on the School of Medicine because all of its students are required to participate in some manner of postgraduate training. She wanted to see if co-curricular transcripts would benefit them during the residency interview process.

"Not just the School of Medicine, but UMMC as a whole is already building a catalog of co-curricular activities," she said. "This is about being very conscientious and intentional with how we move forward with this documentation."

According to Franklin, Cole's project could benefit the Medical Center for years to come.

"This type of student record can demonstrate to postgraduate programs, educational programs and potential employers how diverse and prepared UMMC students are," Franklin said. "It provides a way for them to distinguish themselves from other students from other universities. By participating in activities that may not be included in the formal curriculum, students can reap the benefits of the skills gained and also show to others the full picture of their fitness for further training or employment."

"This is a very new concept in academic medical centers, but Emily was willing to find out what has been done in this space by other institutions and explore practical ways our students can benefit from a transcript that includes multiple levels of their learning and skills development, not just their academic grades and

hours earned. Her willingness to start the conversation at UMMC, based on her knowledge of previous research and her own findings, may pave the way for greater student success."

Cole said the doctoral project provided her an opportunity to make a real impact on the lives of students that doesn't come along too often.

"It's a very satisfying achievement for me because, in general, you don't really hear about our office," she said. "We're meant to be behind the scenes making sure processes are being maintained. To know you've contributed something that will benefit the students is very rewarding and gratifying."

Cole said she plans to have a couple of the "stars" in her office - Dr. Christi Hardy, director of student admissions, and Lauren Nichols, associate director of curriculum management - take on her usual responsibilities during SHRP's commencement on Thursday. As for UMMC's graduation exercises on Friday, she will be back in her usual position on stage.

"Christi and Lauren will do a fantastic job, but it's back to reality for me after Thursday's ceremony," she said.

Which is a reflection of their leader, according to Franklin.

"Emily's candor, honesty and empathy for others are factors in her success - both in the DHA program and in her position as registrar," Franklin said. "She has a bright future in her role, and we feel confident the DHA program has played an integral part in her success."

MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Museum receives national honor

The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently announced The Mississippi Children's Museum in Jackson, as one of six recipients of the 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Over the past 27 years, the award has celebrated institutions that are making a difference for individuals, families, and communities.

"It is an honor and pleasure to honor these six recipients of the 2021 National Medal of Museum and Library Service," said

IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. "Through their programs, services, and community relationships, these institutions exemplify the ongoing excellence of our nations' museums and libraries across the country, as well as their extraordinary efforts this past year to serve, heal, and bring us together."

Selected from 30 national finalists, the 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service winners represent institutions that provide dynamic programming and services that exceed expected levels of service. Through their community outreach, these institutions bring

about change that touches the lives of individuals and helps communities thrive.

"We are extremely honored and excited to be recognized as one of the six recipients (three museums and three libraries) in the country to receive the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, which is the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries. This prestigious recognition of our efforts to improve outcomes for Mississippi's children is a strong validation for the innovative efforts of our team and our community," said Susan Garrard, MCM President.



The Mississippi Children's Museum hosts many events and exhibits throughout the year.



Jackson Prep Class of 2021 Hall of Fame

Pictured are (Back, L-R) Tanner Gough, Alex Roberson, Mason Nichols, John Henry Andress left to right: Lauren Noe, Kimberly Blount, and Tori Johnston (Front L-R) Valedictorian Lauren Noe, Salutatorian Kimberly Blount, and Tori Johnston.



Canton High School celebrates graduation

Andrea Tall, left, is Canton High School's Valedictorian for the Class of 2021. Tall plans to attend Millsaps College or Mississippi State University and major in Neuroscience. Karen Solano-Ortega, right, is Canton High School's Salutatorian and STAR Student. Solano-Ortega plans to attend Jackson State University and major in social work.



Canton Academy celebrates graduation

Recently, Canton Academy (CA) hosted its fifty-second commencement celebrating the class of 2021. There were thirty graduates and a total of \$210,050 offered in total scholarships. Heaven McNalty, left, was named valedictorian. Kyle Brasher, right, was named salutatorian.



Madison Central celebrates graduation

Madison Central High School Salutatorian (left) Carson Jones and Valedictorian (right) Matthew Yin.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT

Canton Public School District

The Canton Public School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Canton Career Center, 487 North Union Extension, Canton, MS. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered.

The Canton Public School District is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$45,262,497.93 Of that amount, 34 percent or \$15,181,582.81. of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenues of \$51,959,671.04 Of that amount, 30 percent or \$15,403,952.35 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Canton Public School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of the Canton Public School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax increase, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.



Tri-County Academy celebrates graduation

Pictured are Ava Kump, Valedictorian; Alissa Burgess, Salutatorian; and Riley Chandler, Historian.

LEGALS

LEGALS PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Code Section 23-15-531.6 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the City Clerk's Office will conduct a test of the election equipment for the 2021 Municipal General Election. The test will be conducted in Justice Complex of the City of Madison, located at 2001 Main Street, Madison, Mississippi beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021. Representatives of political parties, candidates, the press and the public are invited to witness the test. Susan B. Crandall Susan B. Crandall-City Clerk Publish: May 27, 2021

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2014, Ruben Martinez Gaytan and Alfonso Nava Gomez, delivered unto the Trustee named therein a Deed of Trust securing the payment to the Bank of Morton, of an indebtedness described therein, recorded in Deed of Trust Book 3086 at Page 805 of the records on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust; the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned to do so, in accordance with the terms of said Deeds of Trust, I, Hez L. Hollingsworth, Trustee, will on the 4th day of June, 2021, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours the South door of the New Courthouse of the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, Mississippi for cash to the highest and best bidder, the property in Madison County, Mississippi, described as: A lot or parcel of land fronting 200 feet on the North side of Dinkins Street in the City of Canton, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as: Beginning at a point which is North 89 degrees 20 minutes East along the North side of Dinkins Street and 247 feet East of the Southeast corner of Lot 36, of Block A, of the F. H. Edwards Subdivision of the City of Canton, said county and state, a plat of which said subdivision is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, and run thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes East along a continuation of the North line of said Dinkins Street for 200 feet to the East line of the Smith Tract, thence running North 0 degrees 20 minutes East along said East line of the Smith Tract for 250 feet, thence running South 89 degrees 20 minutes West for 200 feet; thence running South 0 degrees 20 minutes West 250 feet to the Point of Beginning, and containing in all 1.15 acres, more or less, and being a part of Lots 44 and 46, of Block C of the Walton's Addition to the City of Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this 4th day of May, 2021. Hez L. Hollingsworth HEZ L. HOLLINGSWORTH, MSB #2539 TRUSTEE OF COUNSEL: THOMPSON & HOLLINGSWORTH, P.A. POST OFFICE DRAWER 119 FOREST, MS 39074; (601) 469-3411 PUBLISHED ON: May 13, 2021 May 20, 2021 May 27, 2021 June 3, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARA HARVEY ROBERTS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-51 B NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted in this matter on January 26, 2021, by Chancellor Cynthia Brewer in the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Sara Harvey Roberts, 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 within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. DATED May 5, 2021. [u/s/ Claude Patrick Roberts] CLAUDE PATRICK ROBERTS, Executor PREPARED AND PRESENTED TO THE COURT BY: [u/s/ Jonathan P. Barrett] J. Barrett, Esq. (MSB #102426) BARRETT LAW, PLLC 121 Colony Crossing, Suite D Madison, Mississippi 39110 601-790-1505 office 769-300-0922 facsimile jpb@barrettlawms.com Attorney for Estate of Sara Harvey Roberts, Deceased

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF William A. Vaughan CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-161-W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of William A. Vaughan, deceased, having on the 14th day of May, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2021-161-W, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 24th day of May, 2021. [u/s/ Betty Vaughan] Betty Vaughan, Executor BENTLEY E. CONNER Attorney at Law 164 East Center Street Post Office Box 563 Canton, Mississippi 39046 (601) 859-6306 (601) 859-6307 fax Bar No. 6465 bentleyeconner@gmail.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF PETER J. COSTAS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2020-941 (B)

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 8th day of December, 2020, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Peter J. Costas, 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 7th day of May, 2021. Theo Costas, Jr. THEO COSTAS, JR., Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Peter J. Costas, deceased PUBLISHED: 5/13, 5/20 & 5/27/21 SAMUEL H. WILLIFORD, MSB #100095 WILLIFORD, McALLISTER, JACOBUS & WHITE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite ARidgeland, Mississippi 39157 (601) 991-2000 SOLICITOR

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DWIGHT PRESLEY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-195B NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 5th day of April, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to Vivian Presley to serve as Administrator of the Estate of Dwight Presley, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of Dwight Presley that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration as is required by law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of notice, or said claims will be barred by law. ISSUED THIS, the 10th day of May, 2021. Ronny Lott, Clerk Madison County Chancery Court P.O. Box 404 Canton, MS 39046 By: Kim Slevers, D.C. This document was prepared by: J. Hale Freeland, MSB NO. 5525 FREELAND MARTZ, PLLC 302 Enterprise Drive, Suite AOXford, MS 38655 (662) 234-1711 hale@freelandmartz.com

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAIN-TIFF VS. ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (1,400.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY DEFENDANT CIVIL Cause No. CO-20210540 JH SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Cedric D. Jackson and the unknown owner of one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1400.00) in United States Currency A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. You are required by law to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is: Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046. A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR HAND-DELIVERED TO SAID LAWYER WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SUMMONS AND PETITION ARE SERVED UPON YOU, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE CURRENCY AND PROPERTY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION OR COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable time afterward. The name and address of the Clerk of this Court is Honorable Anita Wray, Madison County Circuit Court, Post Office Box 1626, Canton, Mississippi, 39046. Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this 10th day of May 2021. ANITA WRAY MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: Wanda Jefferson, D.C. Wanda Jefferson (SEAL)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI-ESTATE OF CARL RAY THOMPSON, DECEASED NO. 21-252 (W) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION having been granted on the 5th day of May, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of CARL RAY THOMPSON, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS the 11th day of May, 2021. Carolyn Thompson Carolyn Thompson, Administrator of the Estate of CARL RAY THOMPSON, Deceased-JOHN ROBERT WHITE (MSB #7142) Williford, McAllister, Jacobus & White, LLP 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite ARidgeland, Mississippi 39157 Telephone: (601) 326-3314 Facsimile: (601) 991-0859 E-mail: jrww@rjwlaw.com Attorneys for Carolyn Thompson

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI-STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAINTIFFS. ONE (1) 2010 BLACK ACURA ZDX BEARING VIN # 2HNBY1H40AH503917 AND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREETHOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$293,800.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY DEFENDANT CIVIL Cause No. CI 2021-0125 JR SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Eddie Jaumar Ratliff, Yamilla Zamot, and the unknown owner of Two Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$293,800.00) in United States Currency A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. You are required by law to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is: Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046.

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

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable time afterward. The name and address of the Clerk of this Court is Honorable Anita Wray, Madison County Circuit Court, Post Office Box 1626, Canton, Mississippi, 39046. Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this 12th day of May 2021. ANITA WRAY MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: Wanda Jefferson, D.C. Wanda Jefferson

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2007 CHEVY TAHOE, VIN #1GNFC13097R283787, \$ 2776.65. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle will be held on Friday June 4, 2021 at Big Byrd Towing & Recovery located at 120 E. State St. Ridgeland, MS 39157 at 10:00 A.M.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELSIE W. SMITH, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-54 W SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ELSIE W. SMITH, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition to Determine Heirs At Law filed in this Court by BLAKE G. HAYNES, JR., Petitioner, seeking authority to determine the heirs-at-law of ELSIE W. SMITH, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition to Determine Heirs At Law filed against you in this action and show cause, if you can, that you are an heir-at-law of ELSIE W. SMITH, DECEASED, at 8:45 o'clock a.m. on the 22nd day of June, 2021, before Judge James Walker in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Courthouse at 146 W Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition to Determine Heirs At Law. 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 14th day of May, 2021. RONNIE LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: Ivy Stephens Deputy Clerk-Prepared by: RICHARD H. YOUNG, MSB No. 6660 THE ELDER LAW FIRM P. O. Box 5142 Brandon, MS 39047 (601) 992-1437; (601) 992-3855 (FAX) Richard@theelderlawfirm.net

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI PERCY DORTCH PLAINTIFF VS. ROBERT L. EDWARDS (ESTATE), ESTATE OF ROBERT L. EDWARDS, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THROUGH ITS CHANCERY CLERK LYNN FITCH IN HER CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JOHN K. BRAMLETT, JR., IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTERESTS IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI WHICH WAS SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 28, 2017 TO WIT: "SEEXHIBIT 'A'; 7.5A EPT NE1/4 SE1/4 S O F HWY 16S-T-R: 14-09N-03E; PARCEL NO. 093F-14-022/00.00; PPIN 28661" DEFENDANTS CAUSE NO. 2021-399W PUBLICATION SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ROBERT L. EDWARDS (ESTATE), ESTATE OF FROBERT L. EDWARDS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, UNKNOWN HEIRS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTERESTS IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Percy Dortch, Plaintiff, seeking confirmation and quieting of title, and for other relief. The real property which is the subject of this Complaint is described as follows: 7.5A EPT NE1/4 SE1/4 S O F HWY 16 S-T-R: 14-09N-03E; PARCEL NO. 093F-14-022/00.00; PPIN 28661 LOCATED IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. Defendants other than you in this action are Madison County, Mississippi, Lynn Fitch in her capacity as Attorney General for the State of Mississippi, and John K. Bramlett, Jr., in his capacity as District Attorney for Madison County, Mississippi. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Jon J. Mims, Rawlings & MacInnis, P.A., 1296 Highway 51 North, Post Office Box 1789, Madison, Mississippi 39130-1789. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER MAY 20, 2021, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 10th day of May 2021. Ronny Lott Clerk, Madison County, Mississippi BY: Rita Carpenter, D.C. (Seal) Jon J. Mims, MSB #100341 Rawlings & MacInnis, P.A. Post Office Box 1789 Madison, Mississippi 39130-1789 Telephone No. (601) 898-1180 Telecopier No. (601) 969-1041 jon@rawlingsmacinnis.net

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2015 CHEVY CAPTIVA, VIN #3GNAL3EK4F5S23358, \$2707.10, and a 2011 HONDA ACCORD, VIN #1HGCP2F75BA047984, \$2038.35. Publicsale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be held on Friday June 4, 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 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALLEN WAITS STANLEY, JR., DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-0064 W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 12th day of March, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned, on the Estate of ALLEN WAITS STANLEY, JR., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons and entities having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred. This the 19th day of May, 2021. Stephanie McEwen, Co-Administrators/ Donna Sheppard Ryals, Co-Administrators/ Rus Sykes SYKES LAW FIRM, LTD. Post Office Box 446 Mendenhall, MS 39114 (601)-207-8420 Counsel for Co-Administrators

SLEDGE'S, INC. P. O. BOX 1694 MADISON, MS 39130 TELE (601) 856-8220 FAX (601) 790-7844 NOTICE OF SALE is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles, that the following vehicles, bearing their respective serial numbers and registration will be sold along with all contents of said vehicles for towing and storing charges and costs of this sale as follows: 2019 KIA OPTIMA VIN# 5XXGT4L34KG277853 Date of Sale: June 30, 2021 Time: 9:30 am Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI APPROVING AND GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARTS OF TAX PARCEL NO. 071F-13D-001/01.00, 071F-13D-002/00.00, AND 071F-13C-005/03/00 LOCATED AT THE WEST CORNER OF CONCOURSE BLVD. AND COLONY PARK BLVD., CITY OF RIDGELAND, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Clark H. Wells, PLA, ASLA (the "Petitioner"), did file a Petition and Application for a Conditional Use Permit as permitted by Section 600.09 for the property described herein, which property is located in a MU-1, Mixed Use District Classification under the City of Ridgeland Zoning Regulations Ordinance of February 2014, (the "Petition"); and, WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen referred the Petition to the Zoning Board of the City of Ridgeland (the Zoning "Board") which Board scheduled a hearing on said Petition for May 6, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.; and, WHEREAS, the City Clerk did cause notice of the May 6, 2021, hearing to be published in the Madison County Journal, a newspaper published in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, in the manner and for the time required by law, and the Zoning Administrator did post notice of same upon the affected property in the manner and for the time required by law; and, WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, did conduct a full and complete hearing on the Petition at the May 6, 2021 meeting, and received comments and heard evidence presented by the Petitioner and thereafter forwarded its recommendation thereon to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; and, WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are familiar with the property and existing land uses within the City of Ridgeland and in the area of the City where the property is located, and in acting on this Ordinance, have duly considered the matters and facts within their personal knowledge as same affect the land uses requested in the Petition; and, WHEREAS, the Mayor asked whether the Board of Aldermen desired to take any action regarding the Petition and the recommendation of the Zoning Board, and after discussion thereof, Alderman Ken Heard offered the following Ordinance and moved that it be adopted, to-wit: NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit: SECTION 1. That the matters and facts stated in the preamble hereof are found, determined, and adjudicated to be true and correct. SECTION 2. That the findings of fact contained in the Zoning Board's May 6, 2021, Minutes in regard to the Petition be, and same are hereby adopted as and for the findings of fact of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in support of the zoning decision contained herein. SECTION 3. That it is hereby found and determined that the conditions precedent to the granting of a Conditional Use Permit in regard to the herein described property as required in Zoning 600.09 of the City of Ridgeland Zoning Regulations Ordinance of February 2014, exist, and have been satisfied, and the granting of a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of allowing a banking and drive-thru ATM on the MU-1 zoned property. SECTION 4. That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, do hereby grant from and after the effective date of this Ordinance a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of allowing a banking and drive-thru ATM on the MU-1 zoned property. SECTION 5. The property affected by this Ordinance (the "property") is located in the City of Ridgeland, Madison

County, Mississippi, and described as follows: Being situated in the SW¼ and the SE¼ of Section 13, T7N-R1E, City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a 1" square iron bar marking the Southwest corner of aforesaid Section 13 and run thence East, 2593.88'; run thence North, 188.81' to a point on the North boundary of the Parkway Holdings property as recorded in Deedbook 394 at page 412 of the Chancery records of Madison County, Mississippi; run thence N3°04'48"E, 45.00'; run thence N16°55'12"W, 15.96'; thence N86°55'12"W, 100.47'; run thence N3°03'02"E, 142.51' to the Southwest corner and the POINT OF BEGINNING for the property herein described; continue thence N3°03'02"E, 354.33' to a point on the Southern Right-of-Way line of Colony Park Boulevard; run thence North-easterly, clockwise, along the arc of a curve in said Southern Right-of-Way line, 126.13'; said curve having the following characteristics: central angle of 2°37'07", radius of 2759.79' and chord bearing and distance of N83°49'38"E, 126.12'; run thence S61°09'53"E, along said Right-of-Way line, 80.72'; run thence N88°08'36"E, along said Southern Right-of-Way line, 45.12'; leaving said Right-of-Way line, run Southeasterly, counterclockwise, along the arc of a curve, 340.74'; said curve having the following characteristics: central angle of 61°58'41", radius of 315.00' and chord bearing and distance of S34°18'30"E, 324.37'; run thence S73°04'10"W, 250.05'; run thence N86°56'58"W, 203.96' to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 108,998 square feet or 2.502 acres, more or less. SECTION 6. That the City of Ridgeland Zoning Regulations Ordinance of February 2014, and the Use District Map accompanying said Ordinance be, and same hereby are amended to the extent necessary to reflect the foregoing change in land use in regard to the property. ORDAINED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day of May, 2021. The motion for adoption was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee and the foregoing Ordinance having been first reduced to writing, was submitted to the Board of Aldermen for passage or rejection on roll call vote with the following results: Alderman Ken Heard (Ward 1) voted: AYE Alderman Chuck Gautier (Ward 2) voted: AYE Alderman Kevin Holder (Ward 3) voted: AYE Alderman Brian Ramsey (Ward 4) voted: ABSENT Alderman Bill Lee (Ward 5) voted: AYE Alderman Wesley Hamlin (Ward 6) voted: AYE Alderman D. I. Smith (At large) voted: AYE Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted. The foregoing ordinance is approved, this 18th day of May, 2021. Gene F. McGee Mayor Gene F. McGee City of Ridgeland, Mississippi Attest: Paula Tierce Paula Tierce, City Clerk

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PLAINTIFF VS. EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,400.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY DEFENDANT CIVIL CAUSE NO. 2021-533 JH SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Kenny D. Smith, and the unknown owner of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00) in United States Currency A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. You are required by law to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complaint filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046. A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR HAND-DELIVERED TO SAID LAWYER WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SUMMONS AND PETITION ARE SERVED UPON YOU, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE CURRENCY AND PROPERTY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION OR COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable time afterward. The name and address of the Clerk of this Court is Honorable Anita Wray, Madison County Circuit Court, Post Office Box 1626, Canton, Mississippi, 39046. Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this 5th day of May 2021. ANITA WRAY MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: [u/ Monica Henderson

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI ESTATE OF CARL RAY THOMPSON, DECEASED NO. 21-252 (W) SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Unknown Heirs of Carl Ray Thompson, Deceased You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Carolyn Thompson, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Ray Thompson, Deceased, seeking a determination of the heirs of Carl Ray Thompson. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 2021, before the Hon. James C. Walker in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Building at Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. 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 21st day of May, 2021. RONNY LOTT, MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK By: [u]

Rita Carpenter/[u] DEPUTY CLERK JOHN ROBERT WHITE (MSB #7142) Williford, McAllister, Jacobus & White, LLP 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite A Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 Telephone: (601) 326-3314 Facsimile: (601) 991-0859 E-mail: rwhite@rjwlaw.com Attorney for the Administrator

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI McCULLOUGH LANE BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT BID NUMBER 2021-0005

Bids will be received by the Madison County Board of Supervisors until 10 A.M. Friday, June 25, 2021, for the **McCullough Lane Bridge Rehabilitation Project**. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project generally consists of pulling a portion of the deck, replacing the substructure in bent 4 and putting the existing deck back in place along with some channel clearing and riprap placement. Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods: 1. Sealed bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, June 25, 2021 at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's office, Room 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All sealed bids submitted to the Chancery Clerk's office shall be marked on the outside face of the envelope "McCULLOUGH LANE BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT," and shall have the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number written on the outside of the envelope. If any envelope is not so marked, said bid shall not be opened and considered. 2. Electronic bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, June 25, 2021, as a PDF file via Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically as a PDF file shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number as part of its PDF electronic bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered. Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Questions regarding plans and specifications should be sent to Tim Bryan, P.E. with the Madison County Engineer's Office at tim.bryan@madison-co.com or 601-790-2520. Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Madison County Board of Supervisors By: (s) Kesha Buckner, Purchase Clerk Publication Dates: May 27, 2021 June 3, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Daniel Shelby Peterson CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-301-W NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Daniel Shelby Peterson, deceased, having on the 14th day of May, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2021-301-W, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the first day of this publication, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 24th day of May, 2021. J. B. Peterson J. B. Peterson, Executor BENTLEY E. CONNER Attorney at Law 164 East Center Street Post Office Box 563 Canton, Mississippi 39046 (601) 859-6306 (601) 859-6307 Fax Bar No. 6465

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANKLIN CORTEZ LAWRENCE, JR., DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-406 (B) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 18th day of May, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor under the Last Will and Testament of FRANKLIN CORTEZ LAWRENCE, JR., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. THIS, the 24th day of May, 2021. Lance Mitchell Lawrence LANCE MITCHELL LAWRENCE, Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Franklin Cortez Lawrence, Jr., deceased PUBLISHED: 5/27/21, 6/3/21 & 6/10/21 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Radco Construction / Radford Fedriz have filed a petition with the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, MS, to request Dimensional Variance on side setbacks on certain property, pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of Madison County, Mississippi, to-wit: Legal Description: Lot 990 in Villas of Bridgewater Phase 1 Filed January 14, 2020 a Platted Subdivision in Madison County, MS NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Madison County, MS, will meet at 9 a.m. on June 10, 2021, at the Madison County Complex Building, in the Board Room, located at 125 West North Street, Canton, Madison County, MS to consider and act upon the petition, and will at such time, date and place, hold and conduct a public hearing at which all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on the matter of the petition, either in person, by petition, or by attorney. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, on this 20th day of May 2021. Scott Weeks, Zoning Administrator Publish: May 27, 2021



Greene signs with Holmes Community College

David Greene, second from left, is joined by his sister, Mary Greene, far left, his mother, Patricia, and his father, Lawrence. David Greene, a St. Joseph Catholic School senior, has signed a scholarship to play in the Holmes Community College band beginning this fall. David has been a member of the St. Joe Bruin band, playing the trumpet.



Taylor signs with Holmes Community College

Chase Taylor, second from left, is joined by his mother, Toya Lashawn Taylor, far left; Chloe Taylor, his sister; and Khary Taylor, his father. Chase Taylor, a St. Joseph Catholic School senior, has signed a scholarship to play in the Holmes Community College band beginning this fall. Chase has been a member of the St. Joe Bruin band, playing percussion.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

United to Christ

Please turn in your Bible to Colossians 3:1-8. In chapter 3, Paul moves from doctrine about Christ to the topic of godliness or holiness. In other words, Paul is saying to the Colossians and to us, "You are in Christ. Now act in such a way that it is consistent with what you profess to be and what you have in fact been made in Jesus Christ. These truths are true about you. Now live in a way which reflects consistency which flows out of the reality of being united to Christ." Paul is reminding us here that we must never be satisfied with mere intellectual apprehension of doctrine. It must work itself out in our lives. Thus, Paul is teaching us four important lessons in this passage. First, Christians must set their hearts on things above. Secondly, Christians must set their minds on things above. Thirdly, Christians must put their sin to death. Fourthly and finally, Christians must lay aside the practice of sin.

I. Christians Must Set Their Hearts on Things Above.

In verse 1, Paul says, "Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." Paul is saying that we are to set our affections on spiritual things. The apostle Paul knew that this is absolutely necessary for Christian growth. And it's absolutely necessary for combating sin. Your heart must be set on God. He must be the One that you're hungering after. The blessings which are found in Him must be those blessings which are your first priority. What Paul is saying is close to Jesus' words when He says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." If you are first thankful for temporal blessings, and not for the things above; or, if you are thankful of the temporal blessings, and not focused on the One who gives the temporal blessings, that may be telling you that something is awry in your priority of life. Paul says the first principle must be to set your hearts on things above. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Is Christ your treasure? Are things above your treasure? This is a good test to see whether we are in Christ or not.

II. Christians Must Set Their Minds on Things Above.

In verse 2, Paul says, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on the earth, for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ and God. When Christ, who is our light is revealed, then you also will be revealed in glory." Paul wants not only our hearts in glory, he wants our thoughts in glory. And Paul goes on to say that one day, just like Christ will be revealed from glory to be not simply the suffering servant but the Lord of the world, so believers will be revealed to be the inheritance of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you ever stopped to ponder your sins against others and become so depressed that you could not see what you have yet become? Now have you ever juxtaposed that with what Paul says here when he says that believers are to set our thoughts on things above because what we are may not be apparent to the world and it may not even be apparent to us, but what we are will one day be revealed. Believers will stand before the Lord spotless. No moral impurity, no imperfection, absolutely complete in Christ and the whole world will know it. Though we are pilgrims on this earth, and though we are to live as obedient pilgrims here doing the will of God, there is another home which awaits us. And there is a reality about us which is going to be revealed, and all the praise and all the glory will not go to us, but to the Lord Himself.

III. Christians Must Put Their Sin to Death.

In verse 5, Paul is saying, "put to death sin in the members of your earthly body." Paul is telling us that we are to kill sin. Richard Baxter once said, "Kill sin before it kills you." Sin, though it presents itself to you always as something that is good, will ultimately destroy you. And the apostle Paul is saying in the Christian life we must kill sin. Notice that Paul does not make the killing of sin optional. There are some people who speak as if we can be saved by Christ without His Lordship working itself out in our life. The apostle Paul says here the Christian will be killing sin in his or her life. And Paul gives a reason for that in verse 6.

Because of sin, the wrath of God will come. Paul is saying God is going to judge the world because of sin. And therefore we must kill sin because God is going to judge sin. We cannot be ambivalent about sin. We cannot be apathetic about sin. We must seek to drive it out of our lives. Now it is important to understand that we do not mortify sin in order to gain favor with God. We mortify sin because the grace of God is present in our lives, and because we desire to be conformed to the image of Christ.

IV. Christians Must Lay Aside the Practice of Sin.

In verse 8, Paul says that Christians must not only set their hearts on things above, they must not only set their minds on things above, they must not only desire to kill sin, but they must lay aside the practice of sin. So the Apostle Paul tells the Colossians to put away sins such as anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk. Paul is telling the Colossians that they have to fight sin specifically. Furthermore, he is saying to them, "Don't you live that way because that's not who you are. That's what you were, but that's not what you are now. Be who you are, and therefore kill sin." Why is Paul having to say that? Because when we become Christians, we do not become immediately sinlessly perfected. Augustine once said the church was a hospital where sick sinners get well. But those sick sinners are not being simply ministered to by the great Physician of the soul, they are actively involved in their own treatment. By the Holy Spirit and the work of sanctification, they strive to kill sin. Are you locating, identifying, and then seeking out and killing sin in your life which is destroying you and destroying your relationships with others? If you are, it is a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work in you. May God cause His Word to break forth in light and godliness in our lives and enable us to fight the remnants of sin in our lives through the work of the Holy Spirit.

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

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