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FIRST MEETING JUNE 22

Gluckstadt is now a city, officially

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The city of Gluckstadt is official! The City Charter was received last month from the Secretary of State after a hard-fought state Supreme Court battle and became effective on Sunday. Before rolling up their sleeves and getting down to the hard work of running a

city, the new mayor and board must be sworn in and that is scheduled to take place in two weeks. One big issue the new city must consider is revenue. "It is always overwhelming when you start from scratch," said attorney Jerry Mills of the firm Pyle, Mills, Dye & Pittman, who has worked on the case for 20 years. "You've got a city created that for the first three or four or five

months won't have a nickel in the bank." Aldermen will need to establish a millage rate early on, Mills said, adding that preliminary research in 2016 with a projected budget showed the city would need to levy an ad valorem millage rate of 12 mills to fund the projected \$2 million budget. One mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.

John Scanlon, also with Pyle, Mills, Dye & Pittman, said no one can be sure what the city's millage rate is until it is set in a public meeting. "We believe based on the hypothetical budget and the plans they presented to the chancellor at trial that they will seek to have a 12 mill rate in place for two years at which point they may go up to 14 mills," Scanlon said. Also the city will begin

receiving a portion of sales tax collected by the state in the city limits. The state Department of Revenue collects the sales tax and diverts 18.5% back to incorporated cities. The first official meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 22 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 127 Church Road, Gluckstadt. "It is a very exciting time for everybody," said Mayor

Walter Morrison, who was appointed to the position by a citizen's committee along with five aldermen. "I know the people who have worked very hard are excited." Gluckstadt's appointed aldermen are: Miya Warfield-Bates, John Taylor, Jayce Powell, Wesley Slay and Lisa Williams, all of whom will initially serve in at-large capacities. See CITY, page A10

spring market



Photo by Scott Hawkins

Charlie Clark, who will be 10-years-old this week, contemplates his order at the Crooked Letter Kitchen food truck at the Livingston Spring Markets last Thursday as Kim Darrow prepares a drink. The

Livingston Spring Market events are scheduled every Thursday through July 1 in Livingston at the corner of Mississippi 463 and Mississippi 22.

FINAL BLOW Landfill killed at MDEQ hearing

By DUNCAN DENT duncan@onlinemadison.com

A new law giving voters the say in new landfill construction was a deciding factor in the the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality denying five outstanding permits for a proposed site west of Ridgeland, officials said. MDEQ's denial was the "final nail in the coffin," said Ridgeland Alderman-at-Large D.I. Smith, one of the leaders of the landfill opposition who was present for the decision before the MDEQ Permit Board on Tuesday. Smith said that the governor's signature on House Bill 949 in March virtually ensured that the issue was dead as it required a referendum vote to build the landfill. Tuesday's decision put the issue to rest for good, he said. "This was the coup de grâce," Smith said. "After HB 949 you could have said the project was dead but now it is dead, dead, dead with a dagger in its heart." Smith said the board "did what was right" and unanimously denied five permit requests from NCL Waste LLC for the proposed North County Line landfill. Smith said the board heard reasoning from MDEQ staff to deny public comment from one resident opposing the landfill and a lawyer for the city of Ridgeland. Smith said that no one from NCL spoke at the meeting though they did submit a letter asking the board to table See LANDFILL, page A2

RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Robotics wins at world competition

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Ridgeland High School's robotics program once again finished the season with hardware from both state and world competitions. The teams capped off a week of remote competition at the virtual 2021 VEX World Championship with two top prizes. The world competition was held by live remote starting on May 17 through May 29. Coach Bill Richardson said this had been a difficult year for his team. Last year the COVID-19 pandemic cut the season short right after a big win at the state competition. In the meantime, he

lost some key student leaders to graduation and he said that remote competitions meant some things got "put off." In the end, they were able to finish as the top team in the state and made their sixth straight world competition appearance where they earned the program's fourth and fifth world level awards. "Last year was not a good year and this year was trying as well," Richardson said. "When we found out we won those awards our kids were hooping and hollering and I had to stop them from rushing in to take the robots apart and get started on next year." He said that he has had stu-

dents in the lab every day since school let out working on next year's robot. "It really put a fire under both our students and myself," Richardson said. The high school World Championship included 190 teams from 55 different nations. Members of Ridgeland High School robotics team 7536R, including 10th graders Stephen Weathersby, Mirage Giri, TJ Idris, Ethan Young, Gabe Bordelon, Shau Saini, and Zakarie McDonald, won the World Championship Build Award, Madison County Schools spokesperson Gene Wright said. This goes to the team that built See ROBOT, page A2



Pictured are winners of the 2021 VEX Robotics World Championship Build Award (l to r) Coach Bill Richardson, Mirage Giri, Shau Saini, Stephen Weathersby, Gabe Bordelon, and Ethan Young. Not Pictured are TJ Idris and Zakarie McDonald.



# City approves Southern Beverage design plans

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RIDGELAND — A beverage distribution facility expected to bring 200 jobs received unanimous approval from city officials last week moving one step closer to the facility's November 2022 target opening window.

"We are really excited," Community Development Director Alan Hart said about the Southern Beverage facility coming to the Highland Colony 220 Business Park at the intersection of South Maple and Hamilton Streets.

The city board unanimously approved a site plan and architectural review for the building, 7-0 on the consent agenda, at last Tuesday's regular board meeting.

Officials have said the 184,000 square foot modern distribution facility will be located at Highland Colony Parkway and will bring 200 jobs with an average annual wage of \$48,000



The above rendering shows what the new Southern Beverage facility in Ridgeland will look like once built by Nov. 2022.

to Madison County.

The item received little discussion, though Ridgeland Mayor Gene F. McGee has said he is thankful for the growth this facility will represent for the city.

"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.

Hart also noted that the new facility received unanimous approval from the Architectural Review Board at their Tuesday,

May 25, meeting, the same day Southern Beverage and local officials announced the facility to the public.

Theo Costas Jr., owner and president of Southern Beverage Company, made the May 25 announcement in conjunction

with the city and Madison County Economic Development Authority.

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

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

# Madison currently enrolling for summer arts program

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Students from fourth through 11th grades can find their creative spirits through the

visual and performing arts by participating in the upcoming 2021 Summer Arts Camp at the Madison Square Center for the Arts.

The 5 p.m. June 15 deadline

to register for the camp is fast approaching for the session that will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, July 5, through Friday, July 16, in the Madison Square Center for the Arts building.

The camp offers classes in dance, drama and set design and culminates with a final production in front of friends and parents.

Brittany Mayfield, general manager of events for the Madison Square Center for the Arts, said several participants have already registered.

"Everyone registered is really looking forward to this and

feeling a sense of normalcy," Mayfield said.

Mayfield said all the registered campers are excited about the camp's grand finale, which is a musical production of Disney's "Descendants, The Musical" scheduled for July 17.

"We're incredibly excited to be able to put on this camp, and everyone is looking forward to it," Mayfield said.

During the camp, campers in small groups move from class to class throughout each day with breaks for lunch and snacks. Class sessions include lessons in music, dance, set design, art, drama, theatre edu-

cation and audition preparation. Each day concludes with musical rehearsals.

Camp participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle each day and wear clothes they can properly dance in, along with a packed lunch. Every camper will receive a T-shirt included in their registration. Tuition cost is \$425, with a \$25 family discount for each additional child.

"We are very excited to have the Summer Arts Camp coming up in July," said Nathan Hanson, parks and recreation director for the City of Madison. "They'll especially

enjoy getting to put on performances for their family and friends. We're all very excited and looking forward to July 5."

Visit the City of Madison website at <http://www.madison-the-city.com/news/2021-summer-arts-camp-madison-square-center-arts-july-5-16> for the registration form, and email [madisonsummerartscamp@gmail.com](mailto:madisonsummerartscamp@gmail.com) for more information, or visit the Madison Square Center for the Arts Facebook page at [facebook.com/MadisonSquareCenterForTheArts](https://www.facebook.com/MadisonSquareCenterForTheArts).

# Police shoot teen accused of shooting uncle

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RIDGELAND — A juvenile who allegedly shot his uncle in a hotel parking here last week and was shot by police as he fled remains hospitalized.

Ridgeland Police Chief John Neal said they are waiting to see if any charges will be brought against the 16-year-old suspect in an investigation being led by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation.

An argument police heard break out in the hotel parking lot while they were on another call escalated into an officer

shooting the teenager who fled after allegedly shooting his uncle.

As police were finishing up a drug arrest at the Drury Inn, 610 E. County Line, last Wednesday night after 9 p.m., a disturbance broke out in the southwest corner of the parking lot.

As officers approached the argument, a gun was fired, Neal said.

The 16-year-old juvenile who allegedly fired the gun fled, an officer gave a command to stop and when the teen did not the officer discharged his firearm, Neal said.

"Both victims were trans-

ported to a local hospital and remain there in stable condition with non-life-threatening injuries," Neal said.

Neal said available information was limited so the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation could conduct its investigation.

Police initially responded to the hotel at about 9:15 p.m. in relation to a man with a weapon walking through the parking lot looking into vehicles.

The man, Raheem D. Harris, 25, of Jackson was found to be in possession of a controlled substance and a firearm.

"No firearms were discharged on this initial call for service," Neal said.

Neal said that no other arrests had been made as of Thursday afternoon.

The results of the shooting investigation will be reported to the Madison County District Attorney.

"Don't bring crime to our city and think you can get away with it," Neal told WLBT last week.

"My number one goal as Chief of Police here is I've got to protect our residents, our businesses from crime from anywhere. Just so happens on this particular night the violators that were involved in this incident down at the Drury Inn they were from Jackson."

# Landfill

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to the discussion.

"It was fairly straightforward," Smith said.

The board denied requests for a solid waste management permit, air permit to construct, an NPDES stormwater permit, waster water pretreatment permit and a 401 Water Quality Certification.

MDEQ spokesman Robbie Wilbur said that HB 949 was a deciding factor in the board's decision to deny the outstanding permits.

"As a result of the adoption of House Bill 949 during the Mississippi Legislature's 2021 Regular Session, and at the

recommendation of MDEQ staff, the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board voted to deny the existing environmental permit applications previously submitted by NCL Waste, LLC for a proposed municipal landfill," Wilbur said.

Smith said that squashing this proposed landfill was the result of the efforts of many people.

"This was a huge community effort," Smith said. "This is the result of thousands of people making calls and sending emails and text messages to their friends and our state governing officials to show that we are not going to take this anymore. I was honored to be a small part of this effort."

The Mississippi House of

Representatives took the final legislative step approving a measure 107-3 to concur with the State Senate on House Bill 949 giving voters the say.

Gov. Tate Reeves signed the bill into law at the new Ridgeland City Hall on Wednesday, March 10.

Aside from opposing the landfill for aesthetic reasons, Ridgeland officials see the landfill as an impediment to the future growth of the city, particularly, the city's West County Line Road annexation which was final and effective on Thursday, March 4.

The fight goes back to 1998 when the Madison County Board of Supervisors, under David Richardson's leadership, rezoned the site to allow for another dump.

# Robot

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the most durable robot.

"The win is based on the robot exhibiting durability and robust construction as well as reliability on the field and holding up under competition conditions," Wright said. "Criteria for the winning robot also includes attention to safety and detail in the students' design, as well as excellent understanding and explanation by the team of how they worked together to develop

their robot."

Weathersby, a rising junior at RHS, has been a part of the team for three years. He said he is happy with the way his team finished in his first year of high school competition.

"I think we had a really good robot and a good notebook," Weathersby said. "I am proud of how we came out of this year."

Members of Ridgeland High School robotics team 7536C, including seniors Sneha Patel and juniors Jacob Burt and Arturo Guerrero, won the World Championship Innovate Award.

That honor is presented to a team exhibiting the most effec-

tive and efficient robot design process.

"Key criteria for winning included an exemplary engineering notebook, including clear, complete and organized documentation of the design process," Wright said.

The winning team for both awards was also judged on their effective explanation and understanding of how they worked together to develop their robot.

Richardson said that interviewing skills were a regular focus of practices throughout the season.

# Burger chain coming to G'stadt

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GLUCKSTADT — A national burger chain is working to bring a new location to Gluckstadt Road with an anticipated opening date by the end of the summer.

Wayback Burger has a proposed Gluckstadt location at 1091 Gluckstadt Road Suite E. This will be the national

chain's second location in the state. They currently have 135 locations in 31 states including an Olive Branch restaurant.

Wayback spokesman Nicolette Giordano said that the Madison County location is slated to open sometime in August.

"I don't believe we have an exact date yet," Giordano said.

Founded in 1991 in Newark, Delaware, Wayback

Burgers is a Connecticut-based fast-casual franchise that serves cooked-to-order burgers and hand-dipped milkshakes, said Patrick Conlin, president of Wayback Burgers.

Wayback Burgers currently operates over 166 locations nationally and internationally in Brunei, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Pakistan, The Netherlands and Manitoba, Canada and Ireland.

# Strain cruises to victory in general election

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MADISON — Alderman-at-Large Sandra Strain was re-elected with almost 90% of the vote in the city's only contested race Tuesday night.

Republican Strain had 1,283 votes, or 87%, to Democrat Janice Jackson's 197 votes, or 13%, in the general election.

All other incumbent Republican aldermen and Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler ran unopposed.

"Winning re-election was so exciting, and I'm so happy and honored that the citizens of Madison re-elected me," said Strain, who was first elected in December 2020 to fill her late husband's unexpired term after he died that October following complications from a stroke.

"I'm looking forward to serving the community for my own four-year term," said Strain.

"I want to thank my peers, voters, and guardian angel Warren in Heaven for giving me

this opportunity. I am ready to serve and feel I was born to serve," she said.

"I absolutely live for others. My family and service are truly the most important things in the world to me. Being Alderman-at-Large has given me so much purpose, especially at a time where I needed it most. Watching God's plan unfold has led me to be here today and it means more to me than I can even put into words."

# Smith, Gautier easily win re-election bids

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RIDGELAND — Two incumbent Ridgeland aldermen will keep their seats, according to unofficial returns from the June 8 municipal election in Ridgeland.

Republican Incumbent Alderman-at-large D.I. Smith took the race with 1,681 votes to Democratic Challenger Poteat Medley's 808 total votes. All totals are unofficial results reported Wednesday morning by City Clerk Paula Tierce.

"I am very pleased and excited for the turnout today, particularly in Wards one and two," Smith said Tuesday night after initial votes were counted.

In Ward 2, the only other challenged race in Ridgeland, Republican Incumbent Alderman Chuck Gautier beat Democratic Challenger Walter Young Jr. Gautier received 506 votes and Young came away with 236 votes in the race.

Republican Ridgeland Mayor Gene F. McGee had no

opponent and will serve his ninth term as mayor.

All other incumbent aldermen in Ridgeland ran unopposed as Republicans.

This will be Smith's third full term as Alderman-at-large for the city of Ridgeland. In 2012, he won the seat in a special election with a year and a half left in the term to serve.

Voters in each of the city's wards vote for the alderman at large position.

The largest margin was in Ward 1, where Smith lives. Smith took 707 votes to Medley's 236. Turnout was also strong in Ward 2 where Smith took 502 votes with Medley receiving 234 votes.

A total of 175 absentee ballots and seven affidavit votes were cast. Smith went on to describe voting as a "critical civic duty." Smith was at City Hall Tuesday evening until well after 10:45 while poll workers were checking and double-checking numbers and packing up equipment.

A resolution passed by the Ridgeland Mayor and Board of

Aldermen in April temporarily allowed the 345 residents eligible to vote in a newly annexed area along W. County Line Road to vote in Ward 1 and for alderman-at-large. The voting lines will be redrawn by the board of alderman in the future.

Ward 1 Alderman Ken Heard ran unopposed but new residents were able to vote in the contested alderman-at-large race.

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### EDITORIALS

## Is China to blame for virus?

The COVID-19 pandemic that arose 18 months ago has killed more than 3.5 million individuals worldwide. The daily body count is thankfully easing, and attention is shifting from solely saving lives to retracing the trail of death to its source. Finger-pointers can wind up digitally challenged, but avoiding future calamity means responsible parties must be held to account.

It is human nature for the guilty to avoid looking in the mirror. China, where the coronavirus inarguably originated, has made it clear that an apology is not forthcoming. As if the lack of Chinese contrition isn't maddening enough, Beijing has stated that it will no longer cooperate with any investigation into the virus' origin.

However, China cannot force the world to unlearn what it already knows. As The Washington Times reported Friday, U.S. intelligence agencies have identified a virus strain studied in the Wuhan Institute of Virology as a possible "backbone for the creation of a pathogenic chimeric virus," pointing to an experimental rather than a natural cause. This echoes what Bill Gertz wrote in The Washington Times in January 2020, and no amount of silencing by Facebook and other media outlets will alter the truth.

As facts come into focus, China is meeting criticism with belligerence. The Chinese Communist Party's semi-official Global Times recently declared the nation must be prepared for an "intense showdown" with the U.S.: "The number of China's nuclear warheads must reach the quantity that makes U.S. elites shiver should they entertain the idea of engaging in a military confrontation with China." In other words, Americans angered by China's affronts must be frightened into

silence.

With characteristic bluntness, former President Trump has issued a statement calling for financial compensation: "China should pay \$10 trillion to America, and the World, for the death and destruction they have caused!"

But some Americans have their own issues with mirrors. Freedom of Information Act requests have produced more than 3,000 emails, some revealing that while National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director Anthony Fauci reassured the nation in early 2020 that COVID-19 likely originated in nature, he directed his deputy to study up on whether the Wuhan lab, which his institute partially funds, engaged in "gain of function" research, which can produce deadly pathogens.

The wall of denial is crumbling before emerging evidence that coronavirus is anything but natural. Even President Biden, who rode the public's fear of death into the White House, has bowed to inevitability. He has called for a 90-day investigation into whether the virus originated in a Chinese lab. To wonder why such a query is not automatic is to forget that sometimes the truth hurts. It's a lesson not lost on State Department employees who warned that such an investigation could "open a can of worms," according to Vanity Fair.

There is value in turning the other cheek, but humanity has already done that. COVID-19 is likely the fifth pestilence to emerge from China in the last 20 years, says Trump National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien. If this pandemic proves to be the result of a leaky lab, China must open its checkbook.

— *The Washington Times*

**BILL COOK**

## Embracing technology

Growing up in rural Calhoun County, I learned many things. I learned how to work with my hands, catch a fish, ride around the town square on Saturday nights, and how to get into just a little bit of trouble. What I didn't learn, or know at the time, was how much technology would impact my life, the lives of Mississippians, Americans, and its impact on the global economy. Fast forward several years and I now find myself consulting with the world's largest technology companies like Amazon, Google, and Facebook, to name a few. These are household, marquee companies. What do they desire? Fiber optic connectivity...the bigger, the faster, the better. These companies and many, many others want to connect with you. They want to know everything about your lives...what you eat, what you wear, where you go, what products you use, what car you drive and many other things you would be surprised to know. Regardless, if you agree with this collection of data or not, it happens daily. Some may have some anxiety over the data collection through this "connectivity", but how would you feel if you received a preventative maintenance message from your automobile while driving? One message says, "I need new spark plugs" or a message in August, while driving in the region saying "my A/C needs immediate attention!" Chances are, you would allow your vehicle to make its appointment to be serviced within days, if not hours. Disaster avoided! What if you have dinner guests due to arrive in about an hour, yet you just realize that you forgot a key ingredient for that Garden

Club "Dish of the Month"? With no time to run to the market, you open your Kroger app and ask them to deliver the ingredient. Within an hour, an autonomous refrigerator on wheels arrives at your door with the plump shrimp needed for the Shrimp'n Grits dish. Disaster avoided, thanks to technology and connectivity. Similar autonomous deliveries are happening now in Mississippi. For example, here in Oxford on the campus of Ole Miss, Starship Technologies' autonomous, robotic vehicles are delivering food to students and faculty. These vehicles, equipped with modern technology and connectivity, follow sidewalks and traverse crosswalks to deliver food to hungry minds. How convenient is that?

Unfortunately, connectivity and technological investment are not easy things to overcome, but neither was electrifying the entire country, but as a nation we did it. Technological investment is now imperative in order to be economically competitive. The volume of connectivity and bandwidth is infinite and there can never be enough. Technology companies are scouting states and communities for their next locale to set up development of products. They are looking for those states and communities that embrace new technologies, investing in the infrastructure, and passing the public policies that are needed to support these emerging applications. Each day America moves closer and closer to electric and autonomous vehicles and state governments are responding by enacting policies and modifying existing statutes to empower the economy of the future and

embrace the technological changes our world is experiencing. For example, in 2017, Texas passed a bill that allows the testing of autonomous vehicle on public roads. In the same year over fifteen other states passed similar measures paving the way for the necessary testing. Public policy is one side of the coin, and the need for infrastructure is the other. A train can't run without a track or the switches to change is destination.

Writer Stewart Brand once said, "Once a new technology rolls over you, if you aren't part of the steamroller, you're part of the road." Each year, graduates from our schools leave Mississippi for careers in neighboring states. Face it, we lose thousands of young minds to Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, and others because we simply have limited, well paying job opportunities in Mississippi. I see this trend often, and I suspect you do too. I'm convinced our state has much more to offer its citizens, its students, and the global economy. Moreover, we must embrace technology and invest in creating better job opportunities here in our beloved State. Let's work to keep young minds here. Let's be pro-active and create a cohesive technology plan that will help us to recruit high tech companies desiring to establish a presence in Mississippi and avoid being left behind in the tech race. It is time for our state to embrace the future, make some changes, and pave the way for our well being and upcoming generations.

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## Kamala vs. Manchin

*Manchin, who has the decisive Democratic vote in the Senate, opposes elements of the Dem's platform.*

Speaking in Tulsa on the 100th anniversary of the racial atrocity there, Joe Biden belatedly turned to the issue of voting rights, to explain why he is having such difficulty winning passage of the party's priority legislation.

"I hear all the folks on TV saying, 'Why doesn't Biden get this done?'"

"Well, because Biden only has a majority of, effectively, four votes in the House and a tie in the Senate, with two members of the Senate who vote more with my Republican friends."

Biden was referring to Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Joe Manchin of West Virginia.

"But we're not giving up," Biden hastily added.

"Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed For the People Act to protect our democracy. The Senate will take it up later this month, and I'm going to fight like heck with every tool at my disposal for its passage.

"To signify the importance of our efforts, today I'm asking Vice President Harris to help ... lead them. ... With her leadership and your support, we're going to overcome again, I promise you. But it's going to take a hell of a lot of work."

Thus did Biden designate Kamala Harris as his field commander in winning Senate passage of a voting rights bill that would cancel out many GOP victories in state legislatures in enacting voting reforms.

Sunday, Harris, who is also Biden's point person on the border crisis, went to Guatemala to learn what causes Latin American peoples of color to leave the land they were born in and travel 1,000 miles for a chance to live, work and raise their families in a nation established by and for white supremacists.

But when she returns, Harris will face a showdown — with Joe Manchin.

For Manchin, who has the decisive Democratic vote in

the Senate, not only opposes elements of the Democrats' voting rights bill. He has declared that ending the Senate filibuster would "be to destroy our government," and he will never cast a vote to kill it.

In April, Manchin was emphatic in The Washington Post, "There is no circumstance in which I will vote to eliminate or weaken the filibuster."

Yet, as long as that filibuster exists, 60 Senate votes are needed to pass major legislation. And if the filibuster is not eliminated, Democratic voting rights proposals don't have a snowball's chance of being enacted.

Hence, if Manchin is telling the truth and holds his ground, Harris is headed for a fruitless and failed assignment this June that will reveal her to be a leader without clout in the Senate whence she came.

Thus, in publicly handing Harris the portfolio on both the Democrats' voting rights bill and border crisis, Biden may have set up his vice president for a great fall and a major humiliation. Yet, Harris is said to have asked Biden for the assignment.

As for Manchin, he is sitting in the catbird seat in the Democratic Party. He holds the whip hand over both Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Biden. For if the West Virginian refuses to bend or break on the filibuster, then not only will the voting rights bill fail in the Senate, so, too, could gun control, D.C. statehood, climate change, and immigration legislation.

All could suffer the same fate as the Jan. 6 Commission.

The Washington Post reports Senate staffers are saying that there is "panic" in the

Democratic caucus that Manchin will stand his ground and refuse to kill the filibuster, no matter the pressure the party puts on him.

Recognition by the White House of the leverage Manchin and Sinema wield was evident in press secretary Jen Psaki's effort to soften Biden's crack about "the two members of the Senate who vote more with my Republican friends."

Psaki brushed aside any suggestion that Biden was being caustic about the two senators saying, "I don't think he was intending to convey anything other than a little bit of commentary on TV punditry."

But the issues and stakes involved are becoming evident to everyone.

A coalition of progressive groups, on Thursday, called on Schumer to hold a Senate vote to kill the filibuster. More than 100 groups sent a letter to the majority leader arguing that the Republican senators who blocked a bill to create a commission to probe the Jan. 6 Capitol attack showed, "it is clearer than ever that the filibuster needs to be eliminated."

The groups added: "We call on you and the Senate Democratic caucus to eliminate the filibuster as a weapon that Sen. McConnell can use to block efforts to defend and strengthen our democracy and make our government work for the American people."

If Joe Manchin holds his ground this June, he will prevail, the filibuster will survive, the For the People Act will die a deserved death, and Joe will become legend in West Virginia.

And if Manchin stands his ground, the big loser is Kamala Harris.

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**RICH LOWRY**

## Biden revolution sputters before starting

It's finally dawned on President Joe Biden that he barely controls the House and the Senate.

His remarks last Tuesday taking a swipe at Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona were notable less for how they publicly aired an intraparty dispute than for their utter banality.

"I hear all the folks on TV saying, 'Why doesn't Biden get this done?'" he said, referring to himself in the third person in classic Washington fashion. "Well, because Biden only has a majority of effectively four votes in the House and a tie in the Senate, with two members of the Senate who vote more with my Republican friends."

Of course, he's completely right (except for the part about Manchin and Sinema voting with Republicans — they are reliable Democratic votes).

Not only is it true that Biden has narrow majorities, this is likely to be a defining feature of his presidency. Unforeseen events always take a hand, but it seems likely that one of the headlines at the end of the Biden years will be, "The president had vaulting ambitions, frustrated by razor-thin (and perhaps, temporary) legislative majorities."

Somehow, this was apparently passed over or brushed aside at Biden's session with liberal historians at the White House that focused on how he could be a transformative leader in the mold of FDR or LBJ.

And it didn't figure in the spate of wishful commentary around the time of the passage of the COVID-19 relief bill

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that Biden was indeed on track to be the next FDR.

Of course, Franklin Roosevelt had a historic majority in the House and a healthy majority in the Senate, which were what made it possible for him to be FDR. Needless to say, he wasn't complaining that a couple of wayward Democrats were keeping him from doing anything shortly after the completion of his first 100 days.

The left's reaction to Biden's predicament is to blame Manchin for being so stubbornly supportive of the filibuster.

Rev. William J. Barber II, a civil rights leader, told The Washington Post in frustration, "They need to let Manchin understand we elected Joe Biden — not Joe Manchin — to be president."

True enough, although many voters surely believed they were electing someone like Manchin as president — an old-school pragmatist who'd object at overturning a long-standing Senate practice in a headlong rush to try to match the legislative output of transformational progressive presidents.

Manchin has been the focus of attention on the filibuster, so much so that he's complained about reporters badgering him about it. Sinema, though, sounds equally adamant and there are other

Senate Democrats who would go along with it if the party decided to go nuclear, but have no enthusiasm for the idea.

Regardless, on a number of high-profile issues like the \$15 minimum wage and the H.R. 1 voting bill, Biden's problem isn't getting to 60 votes to overcome a filibuster. It's getting to 50 for a simple majority.

That the White House has been so willing to try to negotiate with Senate Republicans on infrastructure is probably a sign that it doesn't have 50 votes for the current Biden proposal, either.

There's no doubt that Biden is going to be able to spend a lot of money, although a new ruling from the Senate parliamentarian has dashed the hopes of Democrats that they might be able to use reconciliation — the budget process that bypasses the filibuster — multiple times this year.

But big, sweeping measures — like the voting bill, climate legislation and immigration changes — are out of reach absent a sea change.

A couple of months from now, it could be obvious that the highly touted Biden revolution is sputtering to a stop before it even gets started.

If so, the fault won't be Manchin's or Sinema's, or in our stars, but in the simple fact that Biden doesn't have enough votes in Congress — never did and never will.

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

## BIBLE SELECTION

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

— **Psalm 90:2,4 (ESV)**

## OBITUARIES

### Caleb "Buck" Lewis Carter

Caleb "Buck" Lewis Carter, 15, born on Oct. 10, 2005, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2021.

Carter was a lifelong resident of the Branch Community and was a member of the New Liberty Baptist Church. Caleb "Buck" just finished the 9th grade at Morton High School. He excelled in football at Morton High School and East Rankin Academy. Caleb's love was fishing, mud riding and rodeoing where he loved to ride bulls. He was a member of the Mid-South Little Britches Rodeo Association and a former member of the Mississippi Junior High Rodeo Association where he was a roper and last year in 2020 he was the Reserve World Champion Breakaway Roper, three-time State Flag Racing Champion, countless buckles in roping, barrel racing and he had one

Pole Bending Buckle.

In the summertime he worked as a truck driver and equipment operator for his father and grandfather at Morton Construction. He loved to aggravate his big sister, aka Little Mama. Caleb was a Mama's boy, always giving his mother Bear Hugs.

Caleb was preceded in death by grandfather, Roger Lewis Carter Sr. and brother, Dallan Griffin. He is survived by his parents Michael Carter (Casey Smith) of Morton, MS and Tanya and Christopher Shoemaker of Morton; Paternal Grandmother, Hattie Faye Carter of Madison, MS; Maternal Grandparents Barbara Boswell, Larry and Cathy Griffin of Morton, MS; Maternal Great Grand Mother Lavern Griffin of Morton, MS; five sisters Shyanne Burt (Tyler) of Pueblo, CO, Alex Shoemaker of Terry, MS,

Bailey Shoemaker of Tucson, AZ, Carly Shoemaker of Richland, MS and Lily Shoemaker of Richland, MS.; a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends.

Pallbearers are Jerald Bierman, Scott Hindam, Pete Munn, Keith Partridge, Tanner, Munn and Lincoln Gatwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Morton High School Football Team c/o Coach Sean Gerald.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 9, 2021, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Thursday, June 10, from noon to 1:50 p.m. at New Liberty Baptist Church. Services will be at 2 p.m. on June 10, 2021, at New Liberty Baptist Church with Bro. Paul Smith, Bro. Jonathan Hynes and Mack Ginn officiating.

### Randy L. Knouse

Randy L. Knouse, 45, of Ridgeland MS, passed away unexpectedly on May 31, 2021. He was a very successful and well respected Appraiser and Realtor who

owned his own business, Professional Appraisal Firm in Ridgeland. Randy was the beloved son of David and Linda Knouse of Madison, MS. He is also survived by a

brother, David Knouse Jr. of Ridgeland, and sister, Chrystal Praytor of Madison.

Services were held at Pinelake Church in Madison on June 5, 2021.

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

# The rule of Christ in the home

Please turn in your Bibles to Colossians 3:18-21. In verses 9-17, we saw the Apostle Paul apply the principle of the rule of Christ to our life within the local church. In this passage, we see the Apostle Paul apply the principle of the rule of Christ to the family life. Paul wants us to recognize that the supremacy of Christ is worked out practically in the lives of Christians at home. He wants us to understand that godliness is best reflected in family life. As such, Paul gives us four concise directives for the Christian family life. First, Paul tells us that wives are to be submissive to their husbands. Secondly, he says that husbands are to love their wives. Thirdly, Paul tells us that children are to obey their parents. Fourthly and finally, he says that fathers are not to provoke their children.

### I. Wives Be Submissive To Your Husbands.

In verse 18, Paul says, "Wives, be subject to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord." This is a controversial command in our day and age. But it is important to remember that Paul's word is based on broad-based biblical teaching. For example, in 1 Timothy 2:13-14, Paul says that the headship of husbands in the home is based on the way God created man and woman and on the results of the fall. Both in this passage and also in Ephesians chapter 5:23, he gives a direct biblical mandate that wives are to be submissive to their husbands, and that husbands are to be the head of their homes. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 11:14, he says that nature itself teaches that men are to have headship in the home.

Paul's call to submission entails at least three things. First, Paul calls wives to a practical recognition of the divinely given order of the household. Paul wants wives to know that this is not only how God has made things to be, but He has made things to be that way for their good. His is the divinely given order of the household, and when His order is reversed, when these roles are reversed, just like with Adam and Eve in the fall, it always results not only in the destruction of the man, but in the self-destruction of the wife. Secondly, he is calling for a practical recognition of the husband's authority under God. This is a recognition that the man bears certain responsibilities before the living God for which one day he will give

an accounting at the throne of God. It is an awesome thing to be appointed the head of the household. And Paul is encouraging wives to recognize the awesome weight of responsibility that the husband has and to support him in it. Finally, Paul's call for submission entails the wife's sacrificial self-giving loyalty to her husband. In other words, Paul calls upon wives to show that type of sacrificial loyalty which Christ Himself shows to His people.

### II. Husbands Love Your Wives.

In verse 19, Paul gives a command to Christian husbands to love their wives. Is it not interesting that the New Testament commands love. We don't think today very often about commanding love. But Paul turns to husbands and says, "Love your wives. It is not an option. It is not something peripheral to your obligations." In these commands, Paul is telling us that the wife's submission and the husband's love form reciprocal duties within the marital relationship. There are mutual obligations and responsibilities beautifully meeting, and interestingly going against our natural tendencies. And yet, Paul calls on the two of them, in their mutual relationships, to fulfill these reciprocal responsibilities.

It is also important to notice that Paul calls on men to show not just a romantic love, but to show that self-giving love which Christ has shown to the church, that love which looks out for the other's best interest, and desires to up build the person who is being loved. Furthermore, Paul adds a practical test of love for husbands. Specifically, he says, "Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them." In other words, the Apostle Paul is saying, "Love your wife and do not be harsh. Love her with your lips and heart." Paul knew that man's love for his own wife was not only a blessing for her, it was a blessing for him.

### III. Children Obey Your Parents.

In verse 20, Paul says, "Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord." In the midst of all of the horrible sins listed by Paul in Romans 1:28-32 is disobedience to parents. We cannot say that Christ is Lord and live lives of perversion and continual disobedience to our parents. God takes obedience to parents very seri-

ously. It is a manifestation of the rule of Christ in our lives. And notice the motivation in Paul's command. He says that children are to be obedient to their parents because "it is well-pleasing to the Lord." Paul is reminding us here of the truth that the heavenly Father takes pleasure in our obedience to our parents.

### IV. Fathers Do Not Provoke Your Children.

Finally, in verse 21, Paul says, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart." Paul's command here for fathers, is specifically that they would not dishearten and discourage their children in the context of discipline. We may ask, "Why not mothers here?" And perhaps the answer is apparent. Perhaps it is that fathers have more of a tendency to be heavy handed in the criticism and discipline than do the mothers. His is a warning against destructive and continual criticism, a warning against overly severe punishment that would break the spirit of a child. So Paul is saying, "Be careful fathers, as you discipline, as you rear your child in the correction of the Lord, do not be destructive and continual in your criticism of them so that they lose heart." In other words, punishment and correction, though it must be done, must be done and balanced with the positive discipline of the Lord. Paul is calling fathers to rear their children in such a way that they will not feel only the rebuke of God, but they will also feel His approval.

Notice, also, that there is a necessity of grace as we seek to be Christians in the home. We could not do these things were it not for grace. Husbands and wives are sinners. Parents and children are sinners. Only the grace of God can help us. Here, perhaps more than anywhere else, we are shown the depth of our sin. And though that is a discouraging thing, it's the first step towards encouragement, because when we realize that we can't do it on our own we are precisely at the point where God wants us. May God, by His Holy Spirit, enable us to live godly family lives in sole dependence upon Him.

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## 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.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received the Madison County Board of Supervisors will receive bids until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday June 21, 2020 at the Madison County Chancery Clerks Office, Room 225-228, 146 West Center Street, Canton, MS 39046, for the furnishing of all labor and materials and for the construction of that certain project designated as "Project Pine Onsite Natural Gas Improvements". Project Drawings and Specifications are on file and can be viewed at the Office of the Madison County Engineer 3137 South Liberty Street, Canton, MS 39046, Madison County Administrator Office, 125 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046 and Civil-Link, LLC, 137 Executive Drive Suite F, Madison, MS 39110.

Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods:

- Electronic Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2020, by electronic submission as a PDF file at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number and a signed copy of Madison County's bid sheet as part of its PDF bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered.
- Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2020 at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's Office, Rooms 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All sealed bids submitted to Chancery Clerk's office shall be marked on the outside face of the envelope "Bid: "Project Pine Onsite Natural Gas Improvements" and shall have the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number written on the outside of the envelope. If any envelope is not so marked, said bid shall not be opened or considered.

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Bid documents are being made available via paper copy or digital pdf. Questions regarding website registration and online orders should be directed to Keshia Buckner at [keshia.buckner@madison-co.com](mailto:keshia.buckner@madison-co.com) Madison County Board of Supervisors office.

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The total Contract Time will be 30 consecutive calendar days and the liquidated damages will be \$500.00 per consecutive calendar day thereafter.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Offices of the Madison County Economic Development Authority, 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS 39046 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. local time, on Wednesday June 16, 2020.

Copies of the drawings and specifications, together with contract documents, may be obtained from the office of Civil Link, LLC, 137 Executive Drive Suite F, Madison, Mississippi, 39110, Telephone No. 662-510-2169, upon payment of \$100.00 for each set, none of which is refundable. All bids submitted in excess of \$50,000 by a Prime or Subcontractor to do any erection, building, construction, repair, maintenance, or related work must be in compliance with and subject to Sections 31-3-15 and 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as annotated and amended, and in all case law pertaining thereto. Award will be made to the lowest and best bidder and the Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities.

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**Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton**

**Hell is a place of gnashing of teeth**

There is no more surprising conversion than Saul of Tarsus. He changes from a creature with tireless zeal to persecute the church to a man whose ministry had more far-reaching effects than any other in Christian history.

The apostle Paul will later describe his pre-conversion nature as one of "raging fury" against Christians. He had a hellish disposition. Jesus taught that hell is a place of gnashing of teeth and darkness. Saul is described this way. In Acts 8:3, he was "ravaging the church," an expression of a wild beast tearing a body apart.

In Acts 9:1, he is "breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord." After he is converted, "something like scales fell from his eyes," indicating that he was a man who was blind to the spiritual life of God (verse 18).

Sin gives us a taste of hell. All men suppress the truth of God in order to protect their sin, whether it is vanity, immorality, or anything in between. Saul attacked the church because it proclaimed the truth of God, and commanded people they must repent. This message was good news because for Saul because he was headed for destruction, but it meant he was wrong about how he was living.

He was a legalist, and that spirit boasts in its own righteousness. It generates more anger, more indignation toward God and men. Jesus said the converts of the Pharisees were made twice more the children of hell as a result of the teaching they received. And Saul was the most dedicated Pharisee.

But the Lord was gracious to Saul. The conversion of Saul encourages the worst sinner that Christ is sufficient for you. Paul will say that he is a standing example of mercy to the worst of sinners (1 Timothy 1:16). It is the kindness of God that leads you to repentance and life in Christ.

When we look at Paul's conversion, we should remember that people come to know Christ in different ways. Timothy grew up learning of Christ from his mother and grandmother. The Ethiopian eunuch was unexpectedly joined by Philip to point him to Christ. The Samaritans disliked Jews, but a Jewish man brought the gospel to them, and many

were converted.

What is true of every Christian is that the best providence in their lives is that by which God brings the gospel to them, and they hear and believe. John Flavel wrote of conversion: "In nothing does providence shine forth more gloriously. You are more beholden to him for this than for all of your other mercies. I cannot but think that your heart must be deeply affected by the thought of it. It is certainly the sweetest history ever told."

Saul was interrupted in his path to destruction by the light of Christ. As the light from heaven shone around the shepherds at Christ's birth, so the light suddenly shone around Saul, knocking him to the ground (Acts 9:3). An element of conversion is that the Spirit of God enlightens the mind to knowledge of Christ.

In 2nd Corinthians 4, Paul equates the conversion of a soul to the work of God in creation: "God said 'Let there be light', or 'Let light shine out of darkness.' This light will promote the exaltation of Christ, his person and work. His place in our heart will correspond to how we see his exaltation.

This soon became evident in Saul. Already he begins to pray to Christ. When the Lord tells his servant Ananias to go and seek Saul, Ananias is hesitant because he is all too familiar with the murderous ambitions of Saul. But the Lord said of Saul, "Behold he prays (verse 11)." Charles Spurgeon wrote one of his most well-known sermons on this verse about genuine prayer.

Saul went from desires to persecute Christ to praying in his name. Saul, as a Pharisee, would have prayed for hours a day. Pharisees were exceedingly disciplined in knowing the Scriptures and practicing all the spiritual disciplines such as praying. But legitimate prayer is only through Christ. He alone gives us access to the throne of God.

Now instead of being a child of destruction, Saul is a child of God. He no longer had hateful desires, but his soul thirsted after the living God. What he did, he now did in view of the mercies of God. Paul would say, "The life I now live I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."



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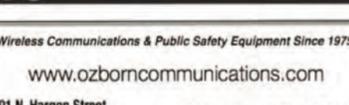
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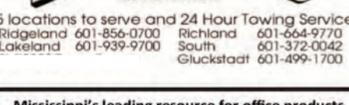


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349 N. Canal St., Canton 859-9132
- MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS BAPTIST**  
206 Pine St., Flora 879-8122
- MARY GROVE BAPTIST**  
Rankin Rd., Canton 859-5771
- MARY MAGDALENE BAPTIST**  
1457 Loring Rd., Canton 859-2448
- MOUNT ABLE BAPTIST**  
Hwy. 43 S., Canton 859-3511
- MOUNT LEVI BAPTIST**  
1008 W. Fulton St., Canton 859-8720
- MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST**  
Gluckstadt Rd., Madison 856-5862
- MOUNT ZION BAPTIST**  
514 W. North St., Canton 859-2453
- MOUNT ZION COBBVILLE BAPTIST**  
4206 Hwy. 51, Canton 859-5692
- MT. CENTER MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
468 Robinson Springs Rd. Flora 879-3117
- MT. ELAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
306 Mt. Elam Rd., Flora 879-9094
- MT. HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
201 Patrick Rd., Canton 855-0052
- MT. LEVI BAPTIST**  
Hwy. 22, Canton 859-8720
- MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
1397 Way Rd., Canton 859-1133
- MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
111 Mt. Olive Church Rd., Madison 853-3100
- MT. PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
793 Pisgah Bottom Rd. Canton 859-4329
- NEW BETHEL BAPTIST**  
101 James Ave., Canton 859-2829
- NEW BIRTH FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
837 Old Agency Rd., Madison 856-5279
- NEW LIFE BAPTIST**  
385 N. Old Canton Rd. Madison 856-8722
- NEW TRUELIGHT BAPTIST**  
363 John Day Rd., Canton 859-5237
- OLD RICE ROAD BAPTIST**  
82 Old Rice Rd., Madison 853-7500
- OLD TRUELIGHT MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
128 Summerlin Rd., Canton 859-3555
- PILGRIM REST BAPTIST**  
239 Crawford St., Madison 856-2609
- PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
701 Hwy. 43, Canton 859-6716
- PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
852 Madison Ave. #A, Madison 856-2609
- PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
409 Main, Madison 856-2609
- PINE GROVE MISSIONARY**

- BAPTIST**  
249 Pine Grove Rd., Canton 855-2060
- PLEASANT GIFT MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
2055 Pleasant Gift Rd., Canton 859-3004
- PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST**  
3920 Hwy. 43 N., Canton 859-5186
- PLEASANT GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
2184 Hwy. 22, Canton 859-5101
- PRIESTLEY CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
Virilia Rd., Canton 859-8449
- RIDGECREST BAPTIST**  
7469 Old Canton Rd., Madison 853-1090
- RIDLEY HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
1034 N. Livingston Rd., Madison 853-1068
- RISING CHAPEL BAPTIST**  
127 Rising Chapel Rd., Canton 859-4393
- ROCKY HILL BAPTIST**  
390 County Barn Rd., Madison 856-0759
- SHADY GROVE BAPTIST**  
168 Shady Grove Rd., Flora 879-3380
- SHARON COMMUNITY BAPTIST**  
114 Church St., Canton 859-5656
- SIMMONS MEMORIAL BAPTIST**  
118 Memorial Rd., Flora 879-8105
- SIMON HILL BAPTIST**  
139 W. Ridgeland Ave., 853-2669
- SMITH CHAPEL BAPTIST**  
323 Livingston Vernon Rd. Flora 879-9110
- SMITH CHAPEL BAPTIST**  
Hwy. 49 S., Flora 879-8185
- SOUTH LIBERTY BAPTIST**  
531 S. Liberty St., Canton 859-1279
- SOUTHERN HILLS MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
1419 Hwy. 16 W., Canton 859-3523
- ST. JAMES MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
814 Old Yazoo City Rd. Canton 859-3001
- ST. PETER MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
2300 Stump Bridge Road Camden, MS
- STOKES CHAPEL BAPTIST**  
902 Stokes Rd., Flora 879-3826
- TRACE RIDGE BAPTIST**  
238 Lake Harbour Dr. 898-2003
- TWIN LAKES BAPTIST**  
673 Lake Cavalier Rd. Madison 856-2305
- UNION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
4549 Hwy. 22, Flora 879-9060
- VICTORY BAPTIST**  
420 Hoy Rd., Madison 856-4260
- WILSON GROVE BAPTIST**  
Cox Ferry Rd. NE, Flora 879-8602
- WOODMAN HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
468 Kearney Park Rd., Flora 879-83470

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI- STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAINTIFFVS. ONE (1) 2010 BLACK ACURA ZDXBEARING VIN # 2HNYB1H40AH503917AND 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 NinetyThree Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$293,800.00) In United States CurrencyA PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TOPROTECT 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: ToddMcAlpin, 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 ANDPETITION ARE SERVED UPON YOU, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BEENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE CURRENCY AND PROPERTY OR OTHERRELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION OR COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonabletime 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 the 12th day of May 2021. ANITA WRAY MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BY: \_Wanda Jefferson, D.C,Wanda Jefferson**

**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 County 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 the 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 OREQUITABLE INTERESTS IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI WHICH WAS SOLD FORTAXES ON AUGUST 28, 2017 TO WIT: "SEE EXHIBIT '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 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 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 the 10th day of May 2021. Ronnie 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**

**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. /s/ Stephanie McEwen, Co-Administrators/ Donna Sheppard Ryals, Co-Administrator 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# 5XGT4L34KG277853 Date of Sale: June 30, 2021 Time: 9:30 am Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEAN H. BARGER DECEASED NO. 21-484 (W) RUTH D. BARGER ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 28th day of May, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Dean H. Barger, 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, registration, and allowance, according to law, within 90 days from this date, or they shall forever be barred. WITNESS my signature this the 28th day of May, 2021 [u]/s/ Ruth D. Barger/ u RUTH D. BARGER ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF DEAN H BARGER PREPARED BY: David L. Valentine Attorney at Law 717 Rice Road, Ste H Ridgeland, MS 39157 Phone: 601-9563636

**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 the 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@wmjwlaw.com Attorney for the Administrator

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**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 submission. 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](mailto: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) Keshia 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. /s/ 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. /s/ 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

**MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEWEES ROAD ROADWAY AND DITCH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT-BID NUMBER 2021-0006**

Bids will be received by the Madison County Board of Supervisors until 10 A.M. Friday, July 9, 2021, for the Dewees Road Roadway and Ditch Improvements Project. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project generally consists of widening the existing road 2 ft by trench widening and relocating and grading the ditches farther from the edge of pavement. Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods: 1. Sealed bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, July 9, 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 "DEWEES ROAD ROADWAY AND DITCH IMPROVEMENTS 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, July 9, 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 submission. 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](mailto: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) Keshia Buckner, Purchase Clerk Publication Dates: June 10, 2021, June 17, 2021

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRITZ MELVIN GRIFFIN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-309B NOTICE TO CREDITORS** Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Fritz Melvin Griffin, having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, on the 21st day of April and issued by the Chancery Court on May 5, 2021, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to have the same probated, registered and allowed by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof or the same will be forever barred. This the 25th day of May, 2021. [u]/s/ Cecily Nicole Griffin/[u] Cecily Nicole Griffin, Administratrix Attorney for the Administratrix: Gretchen L. Gentry Miss. Bar Roll No.: 10578

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRITZ MELVIN GRIFFIN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2021-309B NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Fritz Melvin Griffin, having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, on the 21st day of April and issued by the Chancery Court on May 5, 2021, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to have the same probated, registered and allowed by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof or the same will be forever barred. This the 25th day of May, 2021. [u]/s/ Cecily Nicole Griffin/[u] Cecily Nicole Griffin, Administratrix Attorney for the Administratrix: Gretchen L. Gentry Miss. Bar Roll No.: 10578

**RANDALL, SEGREST, WEEKS, & REEVES, PLLC** 1030 Northpark Drive Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 601.956.2615 (voice) 601.956.2642 (facsimile) [www.randallsegrest.com](http://www.randallsegrest.com) Matter No. 1754-01

**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 the 24th day of May, 2021. [u]/s/ Betty Vaughan/[u] 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 ESTATE OF DONNA JEAN EDWARDS, DECEASED, CAUSE NO. 21-359 David Finnegan, Administrator's NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** Letters of Administration having been granted on the 1st day of June, 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, 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 pursuant to Miss. Code Ann 91-7-151. This the 1st day of June 2021. /s/ David Finnegan, Prepared by: Jeff Arnold (MSB#104335) Attorney for the Administrator, Arnold and Associates, LLC, 306 Maxey Drive, Suite B, Brandon, MS 39042 Ph: 601-213-7581 Fax: 601-453-4882

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS ASHBY ATKINSON, JR. CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-434-C NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of

THOMAS ASHBY ATKINSON, JR., deceased, having on the 24th day of May, 2021, been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in Cause Number 2021-434, 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 the 24th day of May, 2021. /s/ William George Underhill/William George Underhill, 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 ESTATE OF FRACHEL C. HARRIS, DECEASED- CAUSE NO. 2021-366 (B) NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 1st day of June, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Rachel C. Harris, 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 1st day of June 2021. /s/ Kenneth T. Buford- KENNETH T. BUFORD, Administrator of the Estate of Rachel C. Harris, Deceased SAMUEL H. WILLIFORD, MSB #100095 WILLIFORD, McALLISTER JACOBUS, & WHITE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite A Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 (601) 991-2000

**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 BY TAX PARCEL NOS. 072D-20B-062/00.00, 072D-20B-063/00.00, 072D-20B-064/00.00, & 72D-19A-042/00.00 LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HIGHWAY 51 AND COLONY PARK BLVD., CITY OF RIDGELAND, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, Rav Bedi (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 C-2A (Arterial Streets), General Commercial 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 20, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.; and, WHEREAS, the City Clerk did cause notice of the May 20, 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 20, 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 Brian Ramsey 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 20 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 Section 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 convenience store on the C-2A (Arterial Streets) zoned property with the condition the store will close at midnight and there are no restrictive uses on site. 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 convenience store on the C-2A (Arterial Streets) zoned property with the condition the store will close at midnight and there are no restrictive uses on site. SECTION 5. The property affected by this Ordinance (the "property") is located in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, and described as follows: A parcel or tract of land, containing 2.4589 acres (107,108.23 Sq. Ft.), more or less, lying and being situated in Lots 19, 20 & 21 of Block "A" of Baldwin Farm, as shown on map or plat of same in the Records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, at Canton, Mississippi, being a part of the Mary Mallie Harrell property as described in Deed Book 2781 at Page 377 of the Records of

said Madison County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at an iron pin lying at the NW corner of Lot 21 of Block "A" of said Baldwin Farm; run thence South 65 degrees 31 minutes 43 seconds East along the Northernly boundary of Lot 21 of Block "A" of said Baldwin Farm for a distance of 350.00 feet to an iron pin lying at the NE corner of a tract of land described as "350 feet off the west end of Lots 20 & 21, Block "A" of Baldwin Farm" and POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described property; thence Continue South 65 degrees 31 minutes 43 seconds East along the Northernly boundary of Lot 21 Block "A" of said Baldwin Farm for a distance of 485.72 feet to an iron pin lying on the Northernly boundary of the City of Ridgeland property as described in Deed Book 3231 at Page 851 of the Records of said Madison County, Mississippi; thence Leaving the Northernly boundary of Lot 21 of Block "A" of said Baldwin Farm, run along the Northernly boundary of said City of Ridgeland property to points at each of the following calls: South 24 degrees 27 minutes 57 seconds West (South 24 degrees 21 minutes 26 seconds West-Grid Bearing, State Plane, Mississippi West Zone) for a distance of 43.62 feet to an iron pin with a brass right-of-way cap; thence South 59 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds West (South 59 degrees 43 minutes 44 seconds West-Grid Bearing, State Plane, Mississippi West Zone) for a distance of 282.24 feet (282.22'-Grid) to an iron pin; thence 262.77 feet (262.75'-Grid) along the arc of a 834.98 foot (834.93'-Grid) radius curve to the right, said arc having a 261.69 (261.67'-Grid) foot chord which bears North 56 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds West (North 56 degrees 37 minutes 37 seconds West-Grid Bearing, State Plane, Mississippi West Zone) to an iron pin with a brass right-of-way cap; thence 75.01 feet along the arc of a 83498 foot (834.93'-Grid) radius curve to the right, said arc having a 74.98 foot chord which bears North 44 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds West (North 45 degrees 02 minutes 17 seconds West-Grid Bearing, State Plane, Mississippi West Zone) to an iron pin with a brass right-of-way cap; thence North 42 degrees 21 minutes 21 seconds West (North 42 degrees 27 minutes 52 seconds West-Grid Bearing, State Plane, Mississippi West Zone) for a distance of 16.30 feet to an iron pin lying on the Southerly boundary of Lot 20 of Block "A" of said Baldwin Farm; thence Leaving the Southerly boundary of Lot 20 of Block "A" of said Baldwin Farm, run North 23 degrees 31 minutes 34 seconds East along the Easterly boundary of said tract of land described as "350 feet off the west end of Lots 20 & 21, Block "A" of Baldwin Farm", for a distance of 200.03 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the above described parcel or tract of land. 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 1st day of June, 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: AYE Alderman Bill Lee (Ward 5) voted: AYE Alderman Wesley Hamlin (Ward 6) voted: AYE Alderman D. I. Smith (Ward 7) voted: AYE

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Wesley Hamlin (Ward 6) voted: AYE Alderman D. I. Smith (Ward 7) voted: AYE

**TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**

Notice is hereby given to those parties in interest that there will be a public hearing before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland on July 20, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the City Hall of Ridgeland, Mississippi, located at 100 West School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi, for the purpose of determining whether the Mayor and Board of Aldermen should adopt a new Future Land Use Plan, a New Zoning Map and certain amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi including the following: 1) Update the landfill regulations in the Special Use Site Plan Standards section; 2) Develop regulations for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. 3) Amend the C-4 district to include C-2 uses as first permitted. 4) Amend the TIP District to include Distribution and Warehousing; and 7) Extend deadline for restricted uses to register as non-conforming uses. For all those interested, complete copies of the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance can be obtained from the City Clerk or at the Community Development Department of the City of Ridgeland located at City Hall, 100 West School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Approved this the 1st day of June, 2021. City of Ridgeland, Mississippi By: /s/ Gene F. McGee Gene F. McGee, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Paula Tierce Paula Tierce, City Clerk Publish: June 10, 2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PRO-**



**Edwards signs with Coahoma Community College**

St. Joseph Catholic School senior Bailey Edwards signed a scholarship offer recently to play softball at Coahoma Community College this fall. Pictured here are Edwards, center; Kelli Phillips, her mother, left; Dan Edwards, her father, right; and Danielle Poe, Bruin softball coach, standing behind Edwards.



**Ellis signs with Mississippi College**

Madison Central High School senior Walker Ellis signed a national letter of intent to play tennis at Mississippi College in the fall. Pictured with Ellis seated left to right are Dailee Ellis (sister), Ellis and Sonji Ellis (mother). Standing is Harvey Ellis (father).



**Smith signs with Mississippi College**

St. Joseph Catholic School senior Jessica Smith signed a scholarship offer today to participate in the Mississippi College Choctaw Band Color Guard next year. Front row from left: Hannah Richards, director of enrollment-marketing at Mississippi College; Amy Smith, Jessica Smith's mother; Jessica Smith; and Joel Smith, Jessica's father. Back row from left: David White, assistant marching band director at Mississippi College; Duncan Goff, director of the marching band at Mississippi College; and Ronnie Russell, director of the band at St. Joseph Catholic School.



**Stockett signs with Mississippi College**

Madison Central High School senior Ann Cabot Stockett has signed a national letter of intent to play tennis at Mississippi College in the fall. Pictured with Stockett seated left to right are Courtney Stockett (mother) and Stockett. Standing left to right are Lawson Stockett (brother) and Chad Stockett (father).

**Legals**

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**POSED FIRE DISTRICT**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, the Madison County Board of Supervisors Will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed Fire Protection District, being situated in Section 1, T8N, R2E, and being more particularly described as follows: **SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS** Said hearing will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. on said date and will be held in the Madison County Office Complex Building in the Madison County Supervisor's Board Room, located at 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi to consider and act upon said proposed fire protection district, 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, either in person, by petition, or by attorney. **BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI** On this 7th day of June, 2021. */s/ Karl Banks, President* Publish: June 10, 17, and 24, 2021 **PROPOSED FIRE**

**DISTRICT 2021-04-16 TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH 2 EAST:** All of Section 1. All of Section 2 lying EAST of the west right of way line of Highway 51 and NORTH of a line running along the southern property line of a parcel recorded in Deed Book 388, Page 243 (presently owned by B.P. Holdings, Inc. as of March 30, 2021), said line intersecting the western line of Highway 51 and running (according to deed) North 89 degrees 32 minutes West a distance of 20.89 chains to the eastern right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad right of way; thence southwesterly along said right of way to its intersection with the southern line of the North Half of the South Half (N 1/2 of the S 1/2) of Section 2; thence run along the southern line of the North Half of the South Half (N 1/2 of the S 1/2) westerly to the western line of said Section 2. The North Half (N 1/2) and the North Half of the South Half (N 1/2 of the S 1/2) of Section 3. The North Half (N 1/2) and the North Half of the South Half (N 1/2 of the S 1/2) of Section 4. All of Section 11 lying EAST of the west

right of way line of Highway 51. All of Section 12. **TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH 3 EAST:** All of Sections 2-10 (2 through 10). **TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH 1 EAST:** All of Section 36 lying north of Highway 22. All of Section 13. **TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH 2 EAST:** All of Sections 31 and 32 lying north of Highway 22. All of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9-30 (9 through 30), 33-36 (32 through 36). **TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH 3 EAST:** The South Half of the North Half and the South Half (S 1/2 of the N 1/2 and the S 1/2) of Section 1 and Section 36. All of Sections 2-36 (2 through 36). **TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH 4 EAST:** All of Sections 7 and 18. **TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH 2 EAST:** All of Sections 25, 26, 30, 35 and 36. **TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH 3 EAST:** The South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S 1/2 of the NW 1/4) and the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 28. All of Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32. The West Half (W 1/2) and all that part of the East Half (E 1/2) of Section 33 lying WEST of Goodloe Road.

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI SHELBY SADDLER PLAINTIFF VS. CAUSE NO.: 2010-2472-C STEPHANIE LACY DEFENDANT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Stephanie Lacy, whose last known address is 3943 Highway 16E, Canton, MS 39046, You have been made Respondent(s)/Defendant(s) to a COMPLAINT FOR CITATION OF CONTEMPT, FOR SOLE LEGAL AND SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY AND OTHER RELIEF. You have been summoned to appear and defend against the aforementioned pleading at 1:30 PM on the 5th day of August 2021, at the Holmes County Chancery Court Building at 2 Court Square, Lexington, MS 39095 before the Honorable Robert G. Clark, III, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Pleadings. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 3rd day of

June, 2021. Stacey Toten, DC Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk of Madison County, MS Requested by: Janessa E. Blackmon Blackmon Carr, LLC 215 Katherine Drive Flowood, MS 39232 (601) 933-0370

Adoption of Minor Child seeking a judgment that you have abandoned, neglected, and deserted said minor child and that your parental rights to said minor child should be terminated and that said minor child should be adopted by the Plaintiff. Defendants other than you in this action are: Courtney Washington. You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 8:45 a.m. on the 19th day of July, 2021 in the courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse, located in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. **ISSUED** under my hand and seal of said Court, this 3rd day of June, 2021. **HON. RONNIE LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK (Seal)** BY: */s/ D.C. Erica S. Haymer (MSB# 105133) Attorney for Plaintiff*

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE HEREIN MENTIONED CHILD HARRY WASHINGTON, Next Friend of the herein-mentioned child PLAINTIFF VS. CAUSE NO. 21-438 - COURTNEY WASHINGTON and the Unknown Putative Natural Father of the herein-mentioned child DEFENDANTS SUMMONS TO: THE UNKNOWN PUTATIVE NATURAL FATHER OF THE HEREIN MENTIONED CHILD**

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff, Harry Washington, in a Complaint to Terminate Parental Rights and For

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# Madison teen rebounds from ice storm injury

By SUSAN CHRISTENSEN  
Health and Research News Service

Before heading to work during February's ice storm, Dr. Patrick Wright spent the morning pulling sleds behind his riding lawn mower.

It was great fun for his family. But Mississippi's rare sledding weather proved treacherous for some rookie riders.

By afternoon, Wright and three of his colleagues were treating a blizzard of broken bones at Children's of Mississippi in Jackson.

"I think I fixed about a half-dozen fractured legs in just 48 hours," said the pediatric orthopedic surgeon.

Among the wounded was 13-year-old Cris Hairston of Madison. On Feb. 13, he was sledding behind a golf cart when he was sent hurtling toward a hefty mailbox in his Grayhawk neighborhood.

"I tried to get off at the last second, but I slammed into it," he said. "I knew I had broken my leg. It hurt really bad."

Minutes later, his dad, Kyle Hairston, answered the doorbell and found a group of distraught teens on his porch. "Their eyes were really big, and I could tell something was bad wrong by the look on their faces."

Kyle arrived at the accident site to find a neighbor who was a nurse practitioner taking



Cris Hairston enjoys running with the aid of the AlterG Anti-Gravity Treadmill. The NASA-inspired treadmill off-loads up to 80 percent of a user's body weight, allowing athletes an earlier return to walking and running.

charge of the scene. She guided the group as Cris was put on a makeshift stretcher and slid into the back of the family SUV.

Due to icy streets, it took a tense 45 minutes to get to the nearest hospital, which was typically just 10 minutes away.

"They only got one X-ray picture and said this is all we need to see," Kyle said. It was obvious Cris needed the skilled orthopedic surgeons at Children's to repair his fractured

left femur.

Once he was ready for rehab, there was no question where Cris would do therapy. As an employee of Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson, Kyle knew his son would profit from the seasoned staff and advanced technology at Methodist Outpatient Therapy in Ridgeland.

Today, Cris is close to coming full circle. And physical therapist Elizabeth Rich said his comeback has a lot to do

with his can-do spirit. "Nothing has fazed him so far," she said. "He's not scared to try new things."

One of his favorite therapies has been sessions on the AlterG Anti-Gravity Treadmill. The NASA-inspired technology can offload as much as 80 percent of a user's body weight, providing a means to practice walking and even running early on.

"Anything that takes the weight off is important for getting motion back in the hip and knee—the joints above and below the injury," Dr. Wright said.

During AlterG sessions, Cris's lower body is encased in a waist-high plastic chamber filled with load-lifting, pressurized air. Treadmill controls adjust the pressure, creating a low-impact, workout zone where he can walk or run forward, backward or at an incline.

Through the treadmill's Stride Smart visual feedback system, Cris is also able to see how much weight he's carrying on each leg and work toward a balanced gait.

While young people typically bounce back from leg fractures fairly quickly, recovery still comes in stages.

"Usually kiddos will stay off the leg about two weeks then gradually go to full weight-bearing in about six

weeks," Dr. Wright said. "Limping is usually gone in about three months."

Cris got extra stability from having a metal rod inserted in the center of his femur, but that is not a given for all femur fractures.

"There's a lot of ways to treat them, and the treatment does need to be guided by age and skeletal maturity," Dr. Wright said.

Such customization is also important during therapy sessions, and Cris's exercises—which ranged from stair climbing to Pilates sessions—were chosen to address specific goals.

"We want to make sure he can do all he wants to do, and he's able to progress safely," Rich said.

Kyle said he's seen his son

come a long way, and none too soon. "He's not the kind of kid who can sit around and play video games. He likes to be outside. So a few of his therapists have given me ideas of things he can do to heal faster."

Lately, father and son have been playing disc and regular golf and pedaling on bike paths. And Cris is determined to get back to two favorite pastimes, competitive soccer and being a member of the Mississippi Blues Composite Mountain Biking team.

All in all, Cris said the incident was "pretty scary" and he's glad he had on a full face helmet to protect his head.

As far as sledding, he has one piece of advice for Southerners taking up the sport: "Make sure there are no mailboxes."

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## 5 named to Germantown Hall of Fame

The highest honor that can be bestowed upon a graduate of Germantown High School is to be selected to the Hall of Fame. Those who will be honored must have made a good and prudent academic effort, have a respectful attitude, cooperative spirit, good character,

demonstrate good citizenship and be a positive role model. The students must also have been active in co-curricular and extracurricular activities and have made a positive contribution to Germantown High School with a true love for the school. The seniors selected to the Hall of Fame truly possess all these characteristics.

Emma Ellard is the daughter of Irvin and Mandy Ellard. An accomplished writer, she has been a contributing writer for Madison County magazine, won several Scholastic Writing Awards and has an important part in the GHS literary magazine. She is a member of Speech and Debate, Student Government, the Theatre Department, and winner of numerous subject area awards. Emma was named a National Merit Finalist and won the Citizenship Award while earning all A's during high school. She plans to attend Mis-



Emma Ellard



Kayla Young



John McCullouch



Logan Nowell



Kendall Austin

issippi College in the Fall.

Kayla Young is the daughter of Keith and Camille Young. She is an active member of our SGA and served as Executive Co-President this year. She is also a member of Beta Club, FCA, track team and soccer team where she was named a Central MS Soccer All-Star and MVP. Outside of school, she is busy with Madison Junior Civitan, Madison County Youth Leadership, along with different church and community soccer organizations. She plans to attend Itawamba Community College in the Fall and play soccer.

John Murry McCullouch is the son of Brent and Susan McCullouch. He has been a member of Science Olympiad where he was top 3 in the state of MS, Beta Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Spanish Club. He was the HOBY representative, a member

of the Cross Country team all while maintaining straight A's and winning numerous subject area awards. He is involved within the community where he dedicates his time to Joni and Friends, VBS, and Sonbeams. He plans to attend Vanderbilt University in the Fall.

Logan Nowell is the son of Jeremy and Tosha Nowell. He has been a member of the Academy of Healthcare Excellence where he won numerous awards and was named an Ambassador. Logan has also been a member of Beta Club, National Honor Society, and the tennis team. He is also involved with Madison they City Chamber of Commerce where he was a Junior Ambassador and a member of Youth Leadership. He volunteers at Grace Crossing and St. Dominic Hospital in his spare time. He plans to attend Mississippi State University in the Fall.

Kendall Austin is the son of

Jamie and Daphne Austin. A member of Legacy Choir, he was also named to the All-State Honor Choir, SATB Honor Choir and the Choral Director's Association. He is an influential member of the GHS band and has earned Honor Roll throughout high school. He has earned

a plethora of subject area awards and also earned the Citizenship Award. He spends hours outside of school volunteering within the community. He plans to attend Mississippi State University in the Fall.



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# 2-year-old accidentally shoots, kills 9-year-old

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CANTON — A 9-year-old boy who was shot in the head on June 2 after his 2-year-old sister found their mother's gun under the seat of the car they were in has died, officials said.

Officials have confirmed the victim is Ashton Walden, a second-grader at Reuben B.

Myers School of Arts and Sciences in Canton.

"We are saddened to share the loss of our rising third-grader, Ashton Walden," reads a Friday afternoon post on the Facebook page of the Reuben B. Myers School. "We ask that you please keep Ashton's family and friends, along with the Reuben B. Myers family, uplifted during this difficult

time."

Walden had been listed in stable condition at the University of Mississippi Medical Center the afternoon of June 2 but succumbed to his injuries June 3, officials said.

Canton Police Chief Otha Brown said the incident occurred just before noon Wednesday when a mother, whose name has not yet been

made public, left three children ages 2, 9 and 10 in a vehicle outside of a house she was visiting on Hargon Street in Canton.

"She keeps her weapon under her seat," Brown said. "One of the children was able to get the weapon and shot another child. The 2-year-old shot the 9-year-old."

Brown said no charges had

been filed as of the afternoon of June 4 and any possible charges would be pending an investigation.

"We know the mom is grieving right now, but we did express to her that at a later date she may be facing charges once we present everything to the district attorney's office," Brown said June 3. "It would probably be a child neglect

charge."

Brown said parents should not leave young children unattended.

"If you have got a weapon, you sure need to place it away in safekeeping, maybe in a lockbox or something but not in the vehicle where a child can find it," Brown said. "Our prayers go out to the family."

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They were all selected by a citizens committee headed up by longtime Gluckstadt resident Kerry Minninger and others some years back as part of the filing process for incorporation.

Morrison encouraged everyone who would like to attend the June 22 meeting and to take an active role in helping develop the new city.

"It is very humbling," Morrison said of the work ahead. "We have a lot of work to do."

Among items on the city's agenda for the first official meeting after officials take their oaths of office will be to

determine which city positions are elected or appointed,

"We have some recommendations, some housekeeping items that should be on that agenda," Mills said Monday. "Under Mississippi's Code Charter form of government, there are certain offices that are elected unless they are made appointed."

For example, the city clerk, city judge, chief of police are elective offices unless by ordinance and the mayor and board make them appointed.

"Of course, those are offices that in my opinion clearly should be appointed,"

the said. "They just don't lend themselves to elections so that is one of the first recommendations that I will make."

Other items for the first agenda include setting official meeting dates for the board, which is outlined in the Mississippi Code Charter form of government in the state's 1890 constitution, as being on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Mills said it is important to have regular meeting dates so people will know when their government meets.

"They need to set a meeting date and one of the things we

are obviously trying to impress on them is the importance of compliance with the open meetings act and the open records act," Mills said. "Those are two things they need to consider early on."

Mills has also worked on recent successful incorporations of the cities of Byram and Diamondhead.

All of the decisions will need to be decided in the city's early meeting, Mills said.

"Fabulous!" is the response from alderman Lisa Williams to Gluckstadt finally being incorporated.

"It is very exciting. There

has been a lot of emotion over the last few weeks since we did get the news of the Supreme Court's ruling. A lot of activity, phone calls, inquiries and I'm looking forward to just like I did the first time I was contacted to participate in this whole effort, being a part of this, being a part of the city, being a part of the growth and helping Gluckstadt become what Gluckstadt is going to become."

Minninger too said he is excited.

"Well, it feels great!" Minninger said. "I don't know if

reality has set in yet. Of course, they have a lot of items they are going to have to address."

Williams said she is ready to get down to business.

"I just appreciate the citizen support, the encouragement along the way," Williams said. "The attorneys are a wonderful group of legal advisors, the urban planner that we have corresponded with for many years, Mr. Chris Watson is in Oxford at Bridge and Watson a wealth of information. ... I'm so, so excited for the city of Gluckstadt to be at this point and start our new city."

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