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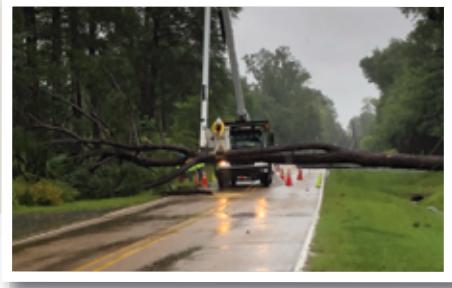
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JUVENILES

U.S. Marshals nab carjacking suspects

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RIDGELAND — Three juveniles have been charged in a spate of carjackings over the weekend, two of which occurred here, the authorities said.

Ridgeland Police Lt. Brian Myers said Wednesday the three juveniles were arrested by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force.

The names are currently being withheld by law enforcement because they are juveniles and have not been charged as adults yet.

Myers said the two incidents in Ridgeland were part of several reported over the weekend in the Jackson Metro. "We have had two armed carjackings," Myers said Monday. "There have been a num-

ber of armed carjacking cases over the weekend in the metro area. Investigators continue to investigate all available leads."

Myers said the first reported incident occurred at the Shell gas station at Old Canton and Lake Harbour at 5:51 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29. The victim advised that multiple unidentified males held her at gunpoint and stole her vehicle.

The second occurred at the Residence Inn on Centre Street at approximately 3 p.m., that same day, Myers said.

Myers said that they have been able to recover one of the vehicles stolen from Ridgeland. He said that it was found wrecked in Jackson.

Officials expect the majority of the carjackings reported in the metro area this weekend to be related, Myers said.

Media outlets have reported as many as eight carjackings in Terry, Ridgeland, Clinton and Jackson related to the streak.

Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman said they had no such incidents reported in Madison.

"We and other metro agencies were made aware of the Ridgeland carjackings as they occurred and have been kept in the loop on possible suspects

and stolen vehicle descriptions," Newman said. "Fortunately, we have not had any incidents in Madison."

Anyone with further information on these carjackings or any other crime is encouraged to contact Central MS CrimeStoppers at (601) 355-8477 or online at www.centralsmscrimestoppers.com.

ON THE RUN

2 arrested for Canton shooting of kid, adult

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Canton police have arrested two suspects in connection to an Aug. 26 shooting that killed two people here, including a 6-year-old bystander and a 42-year-old man, and also injured another man.



Tomar Rashod Smith



Obie Lee

Police continue to search for two additional suspects and Mayor William Truly has instituted a curfew in the city for teenagers 18 and younger.

Police Chief Otha Brown said Tomar Rashod Smith, 24, was arrested and charged with two counts each of accessory before the fact and accessory after the fact in relation to the Aug. 26 shooting that killed 42-year-old Tracy Wilder and Jeison Lopez, 6. Brown said Octavion Carter, 19, was also shot in the wrist.

Brown said Smith turned himself in on the evening of Friday, Aug. 27. Smith is also

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Students exit a bus at Madison Avenue Elementary School Wednesday morning. Currently, the Madison County School District is experiencing a bus driver shortage and this has impacted routes and pickup/dropoff times.

Bus driver shortage causing delays

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Madison County School District is short on bus drivers and as a result, some bus routes might leave students waiting a bit longer than usual, officials said.

The district is short some 33 bus drivers and as a result, routes are combined or some drivers have to run additional routes, said Gene Wright, spokesperson for the district.

"Bus driver shortages are happening all across the nation and here in Madison County, we are no exception to that," Wright said.

The school district runs elementary routes first, Wright said.

"That is where we see the fewest amount of delays but because those drivers who run elementary routes then turn around and do middle and high school, we do see more delays happening for our older students," Wright said.

The length of those delays can vary from day to day, Wright said.

"If we have drivers call in sick and have to combine routes that are already compressed more than in a normal year, students could end up waiting, delayed an hour to an hour and a half at the worst for some of the high schools," Wright said.

"Most of the routes that are running late are not cutting into instructional time, so that has been the good thing, but occasionally when drivers call in sick and things like that happen they will be running late to school."

Durham School Services, a nationwide company, manages the buses for the Madison County district.

Durham spokesperson, Edward Flavin, said the company is facing difficulties in hiring commercial drivers license certified drivers throughout the nation and is offering incentives to attract qualified drivers.

"This is a nationwide shortage problem and there are a lot of reasons behind it, one being COVID," Flavin said. "We've increased our rates by 3% and now the starting salary is \$15 per hour."

Flavin said the company has a dedicated local

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space available on the second floor.

"This marketplace is being designed by Dean and Dean architects and it reflects some of the elements of the West Jackson Overlay District, which has some historic designs," Hart said.

"These designs also date back to 1992 when the Mayor and Board of Alderman adopted an ordinance to make a turn-of-the-century-design-styled building in the downtown community development."

Hart said the area has since been named the Railroad District, and Old Town Market is being designed to fit the style. He said it helps create a transition into that district.

"We are excited to see how this market turns out and fits into Ridgeland," Hart said.



Construction crews work on the site of the new Old Town Market in Ridgeland.

2022 OPENING

Old Town Market coming to Ridgeland

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RIDGELAND — A new mixed-use marketplace with a gas station and convenience store, a drive-through restaurant, Subway, and office spaces is under construction here on West Jackson Street with an anticipated opening date of March 2022.

Rab Badi, the owner and developer of the Old Town Marketplace project, said construction of the market began in January this year and is expected to be finished in March of next year.

"The second floor will have professional offices, and we're looking for tenants such as lawyers and certified public accountants," Badi said. "Subway has already signed their lease, and they will take the

east endcap. The Shell gas station will also be in the center of the market with a convenience store.

"You can find your normal gas station convenience store items there, and it will also have a deli that serves breakfast and lunch."

Badi said the plan to include charging stations for electric cars as part of the gas station.

Alan Hart, director of community development for Ridgeland, said the marketplace is planned to have 3,000 square feet of drive-through space for the restaurant portion on the west endcap, 4,200 square feet of space for the Shell Station and convenience store in the middle, 1,400 square feet of space for the Subway in the east endcap, and 3,700 square feet of office

space available on the second floor.

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Michel open to eliminating Mississippi income tax

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State Sen. J. Walter Michel says he is in favor of a tax reduction but has not ruled out an income tax elimination in the state.

"There are two ways to get to the tax elimination," said Michel, who represents Madison County and parts of Hinds. "One would be gradual over time starting with a reduced amount instead of just lopping it off, but a gradual reduction. I would be more inclined to look at a gradual reduction on the income tax."

House Speaker Philip Gunn is leading an effort to eliminate the state's income tax after a measure passed his chamber last session but failed to make it out of a Senate committee.

A bipartisan group of state lawmakers met at the Capitol last week to hold hearings on the possibility of eliminating the state income tax.

Michel said one of the reasons the House proposal did not

make it out of the Senate committee last session was because the bill raised sales taxes and that senators were not sure Gov. Tate Reeves would even sign the bill into law since he is on record as being for a straight income tax elimination and against a tax swap.

Gunn, a Republican representing Hinds and Madison counties, is chairing the committee and said he believes the House measure is a sound plan but he supports the Senate's decision to study the issue before the next session.

"That's why the Senate and House held an in-depth two-day joint hearing to hear from economists and tax policy experts," Gunn said. "The purpose was to get a clear-eyed look at the data and expert analysis and take their advice seriously."

Lawmakers are in the study phase and no action can be taken on eliminating the state's income tax until the full Legislature is in session, which barring any special sessions,

would be January.

Gov. Tate Reeves has pushed eliminating the state income tax.

"I'm also very glad that the Lt. Governor, Speaker, and I all agree that the income tax should be eliminated, and that doing so best positions Mississippi for long-term success," Reeves said. "I hope that once the hearings are over, the Legislature will realize that eliminating Mississippi's income tax is needed and reducing the tax burden on Mississippians across the board is the best way to ensure our state's economic prosperity."

Reeves said he does not support eliminating the state's income tax in exchange for another form of tax.

"I hope that once the hearings are over, the Legislature will realize that the best way forward is to not swap the income tax for increases in sales taxes, agriculture taxes and other taxes," Reeves said. "I'm opposed to robbing Peter to pay Paul. In fact, I want Peter and Paul to have more money in their pocket. I've been in contact with small businesses throughout Mississippi — including in the manufacturing and agricultural industries — outside think-tanks, and other stakeholders. Based on my conversations with them, it's clear — the consensus is that eliminating, not swapping the tax burden, is the way to go."

Reeves said he believes Mississippi is in a good financial position now to eliminate the state's income tax.

"Mississippi is in the best fiscal and financial shape in the state's history, thanks in large part to Mississippians' willingness to go back to work despite a global pandemic," Reeves

said. "Thanks to them, Mississippi ended the year \$1 billion over revenue estimates."

Reeves said that when he was the state's Lt. Governor he proposed the largest tax cut in the state's history.

"We were able to eliminate the 3% tax bracket without increasing taxes in other areas," Reeves said. "We did it before, and it is my firm belief that we can do it again."

Michel said the House bill is just a blueprint at this point.

"We intend to start with that and work on it, but there are some things that are important to me that I want to look into," Michel said. "One issue is what the tax would do to our restaurants in Madison County. It would take the sales tax when you go out to eat at a restaurant from 7% to 9-and-a-half percent."

Michel said many municipalities already have an additional add-on tax on top of that.

"For example, Ridgeland has another 1% add-on tax," he said. "Jackson has a 2% add-on tax. Ridgeland right now if that bill became law with Ridgeland's 1% add-on you'd be paying 9-and-a-half percent tax at a restaurant. The city of Ridgeland has come to us legislators in the last couple of years and they want to raise that tax another 1% for the Visit Ridgeland. If you are looking at the totality of that it could be as much as 10-and-a-half percent tax on eating out at a restaurant in Ridgeland."

Michel said he believes restaurants have already been hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I would be in favor of some relaxation of the sales tax on the restaurants," Michel said adding the current plan amounts to a tax swap. "The tax plan reduces the income tax but on the other hand, it raises sales tax on just about everything except groceries. It does reduce the tax on groceries."

However, Michel said, while grocery taxes would be reduced in the current plan it also raises taxes on some of the other items you might buy at a grocery store.

"At a grocery store, not every item you put in your cart is a grocery item," Michel said, adding that right now everything at a grocery store is taxed at 7%. "If this bill were to become law, we would have to differentiate between what

items they consider groceries and other things that would go up."

Norquist told the group of lawmakers that eliminating the state income tax is a good incentive to bring people and businesses to the state.

"There is a movement now that is moving state by state," Norquist told members of the joint Tax Study Commission on Aug. 26. "Utah is getting in on the conversation about moving down toward zero. Even some of the blue states are talking about inching their extremely high-income taxes down and certainly not increasing them and they are explicitly saying because people will leave."

Norquist presented data that he said showed states with lower or no income taxes have more people moving into them while states with higher income tax rates have people moving away from them.

"Pretty soon everyone is going to be a no-tax state, so the question for Mississippi is are you going to be an early adopter or are you going to be catching up?" Norquist said. "California and New York are going to be catching up."

Norquist said eliminating state income tax tells people you support their success.

"This is not a state consumed with envy," Norquist said of the message no income tax sends. "This is not a state that will celebrate your success when you come here. We are glad you are here. We are glad you're successful. We won't decide, 'You've made more money than the guy down the street so I think we will take something from you.' People tend to move away from neighborhoods where that exists in history. The early adaptors will have the advantage over the people who decide to start this five, six and seven years from now."

The Associated Press reports that Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and Wyoming do not charge any state income tax.

"Do you know a single human being on the face of the earth that would move to Mississippi if only we didn't have a state income tax?" the AP reported Bryan saying. "It's laughable on its face."

During the joint Tax Study Committee hearings held Aug. 25 and 26, tax economists from the University of Mississippi and other tax reform proponents, including Grover Norquist, founder and president of Americans for Tax Reform, and Russ Latino, president of Empower Mississippi, spoke.

Arrests

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charged with malicious mischief, shooting into a vehicle

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and aggravated assault.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, Brown said they arrested 17-year-old Obie O'marion Lee. Lee is charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit capital murder.

Brown said two other suspects are still at large. He said CPD is looking for 17-year-old Kevin Harris and 16-year-old Demetrius Lee, Obie's brother.

Canton Police Department officers responded to a report of shots fired on Franklin Street about 10 minutes before 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26.

Brown said that when officers arrived on scene they found a deceased Wilder who had been shot multiple times as well as Carter who had been shot in the wrist.

About a block away at the Marathon Gas station at Peace Street and South Canal Street, they found Lopez who

had been fatally injured when he was struck by a stray bullet from the gunfire. Lopez was pronounced dead later after being airlifted to University Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Brown said Friday that they had recovered the vehicle, a white Dodge Charger and were processing it for evidence.

Truly during a Friday press conference reportedly imposed an immediate curfew for everyone under 18 in the city. The curfew is set to last for two weeks and was instituted to curb gun violence.

Anyone with information about the incident should call Crime Stoppers at 601-355-8477 or Canton police Department at 601-859-2121 the Madison County Sheriff's Office at 601-859-5801.

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Schools extend mask policy

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The Madison County Schools are extending mandatory mask-wearing on all campuses for faculty and students for another 14 days, school officials announced in a letter on the afternoon of Aug. 25.

"While the delta variant is certainly impacting our state and community, we believe that continued efforts to wash hands, watch distance, and wear masks will give us the best chance of keeping schools open and students in class," states Charlotte A. Seals, superintendent of Madison County Schools in the Aug. 25 letter.

"To this end, the Madison County Board of Education has decided to continue COVID-19 Protocol Level 3 for an additional 14 calendar days after which time the Board will reevaluate depending on circumstances in our area."

The schools initially announced that masks would be required on the first full day for all students Aug. 13 as school officials moved to Protocol Level 3 for 14 days after a mask optional Protocol Level 2 soft start Aug. 10-12 with only half of students attending schools each day.

"Our goal in transitioning to COVID-19 Protocol Level 3 nearly two weeks ago was to enable in-class instruction to continue by doing all that we can to stop the spread of illness," Seals states in Wednesday's letter. "As you know, this level requires masks to be worn by students, staff and all people inside our school buildings."

The Madison County Schools district is operating under a COVID-19 protocol system with Levels 1 through 3. Under Levels 1 and 2 masks are optional for all faculty and students (PreK-12) regardless of vaccination status.

Level 3 states that "all faculty and students (PreK-12) regardless of vaccination status, will wear masks at all times practicable while indoors and on buses."

After the extension, the COVID-19 Protocol Level 3 will be in place for 14 more calendar days, after which the district will reevaluate.

"Our COVID-19 Protocols are designed to respond to a variety of different needs and concerns in our schools," Seals letter states. "We are pleased that the Mississippi Department of Education has added hybrid learning to available

learning model options for schools to employ. While hybrid learning is a valuable tool for certain situations, at this time we feel strongly that staying on campus to the extent possible is the best course of action for our schools. I encourage you to visit our website to familiarize yourself with our Covid protocol levels.

"We are hopeful that by working together to stop the spread of COVID-19 we can provide our students with as normal a school year as possible with opportunities for in-person academics, arts, and athletics. Once again, I encourage you to take advantage of vaccination for yourself and your child, if eligible. Thank you for coming together as a community to help our students stay in school."

The school district on Aug. 23 posted COVID-19 statistics from within the district for the week of Aug. 16 that showed the district had 91 active COVID-19 cases for an 0.63% of the population with active cases and 382 students quarantined.

For more information, refer to the MCS Reentry Guidelines on the district's website at www.madison-schools.com.

Bus

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recruiter and the company is offering a \$3,500 signing bonus for CDL-certified drivers and a \$1,500 signing bonus for non-CDL-certified drivers. Durham will pay for qualifying non-certified CDL drivers' training, he said.

The bonuses and training are coming out of Durham's budget, he said and Durham also is offering \$1,000 for people who successfully refer CDL licensed drivers and a \$500 referral for successful non-CDL drivers.

"We opened this up to everyone, not just employees,"

Flavin said of the referral bonuses. "For example, our recruiting teams would contact churches to see if they are interested in earning a referral bonus if they advertise to their parishioners during their Sunday services, etc. Durham is absorbing 100% of this cost."

Durham also has hired an outside company, webTactics, to optimize online recruiting, Flavin said.

"For example, they handle all of our Indeed hiring ads to ensure that the ad is featured at the top of every imaginable search an applicant may do looking for a driver position of any kind," Flavin said.

Other measures Flavin said Durham has implemented include investing in yard signs, banners, flyers and recruiting cards to get the word out that

they are hiring, held job fairs and contacted all ex-drivers that are re-hirable to see if they are interested in coming back with the implementation of the sign-on bonus.

Flavin said all candidates must pass a comprehensive background check before being offered a position.

Wright said the school district has communicated the delays and driver shortage to parents through social media and through the district's website at madison-schools.com.

For more information, visit Durham School Service on Facebook or at careers.nellc.com or call (800) 950-0485 or email info@durhamschoolservices.com.



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Americans left behind

The majority of Americans indeed wanted out of the “forever war” in Afghanistan. They just never imagined our withdrawal would be met with a stunning surrender to a terrorist organization and the cost of the lives of 13 U.S. service members.

Today was President Joe Biden’s stated evacuation date, and come hell or high water; he was going to stick with it. This weekend, there were still 250 Americans stranded in war-torn Kabul, let alone those unaccounted for in the rest of the country. Access to and from Kabul’s airport was shut down due to security threats. Reports from the ground indicate Americans were told to go to a specific gate for evacuation only to arrive there and find it wasn’t open.

The Biden administration outsourced security to the Taliban, which then outsourced checkpoints to and from the airport to the Haqqani Network, a terrorist organization that harbors al Qaeda and has carried out strikes against U.S. coalition forces, innocent civilians, and the government of Afghanistan. To help with the evacuation, the U.S. unconscionably gave a list of names to the Taliban for safe passage. The move is akin to giving Schindler’s list to the Nazis.

It didn’t have to be this way.

On August 15, the day Afghanistan’s capital fell to the Taliban and its president fled the country, the head of the Taliban’s political wing, Abdul Ghani Baradar, made an offer to the U.S. – either the U.S. military takes responsibility for securing Kabul, or we will do it – according to reporting from the Washington Post. The Biden administration declined, saying it only needed the airport to complete its mission, and surrendered security to the Taliban.

Mr. Biden could’ve controlled both the airport and Kabul and evacuated everyone but chose not to. The disregard for American life, especially those U.S. service

members killed last Thursday at the airport gates in a suicide attack, is staggering. But it wasn’t Mr. Biden’s only mistake.

In our hast to leave Afghanistan, more than \$85 billion of U.S. taxpayer-funded military equipment has been left in the hands of the Taliban, including 33 Black Hawks, more than 22,000 Humvees, 358, 530 assault rifles, and 169 armored personal vehicles. Courtesy of the U.S. government, the Taliban is now one of the most well-armed terrorist organizations in the region. Undoubtedly our own equipment will be used against us.

The decision to abandon Bagram airbase was another massive miscalculation. Bagram, which was well-fortified, with two runways, about 40 miles from the city center of Kabul, was abruptly abandoned in the middle of the night by the U.S. military in July. Mr. Biden has blamed his generals for the pullout. His generals said Mr. Biden gave them little choice.

“Our task given to us at that time, our task was to protect the Embassy in order for the Embassy personnel to continue to function,” General Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a briefing last week, adding, “we had to collapse one or the other.”

A third option was to send more U.S. troops to protect both the airport and the Embassy before the evacuation of U.S. citizens. As commander-in-chief, Mr. Biden didn’t give his military leaders that option. The buck stops with him.

Throughout the last two weeks, Mr. Biden has outright lied to the American people, his rhetoric simply not reflecting reality, trying to spin victory in the hands of defeat. The American people deserve the truth, especially when American lives are on the line. Mr. Biden has proven incapable. More blood will be on his hands.

— *The Washington Times*

Killing more restaurants

According to the National Restaurant Association, more than 110,000 restaurants and bars—many of them independent, mom-and-pop establishments across America—were put out of business in 2020 by COVID-19, in no small part by the seemingly endless, ever-morphing rules, regulations, and restrictions imposed by left-wing Democratic mayors and governors.

How many more have gone under since then isn’t clear, but a great many of those now-shuttered businesses are—or were—in New York City. Now, outgoing leftist Mayor Bill de Blasio seems bound and determined to kill off as many more as he can before he leaves office on Jan. 1 as what TV game shows used to call “a lovely parting gift.”

On Aug. 17, Mr. de Blasio imposed a first-in-the-nation requirement that would-be indoor diners have to present proof of vaccination—along with an ID—if they want to eat indoors at restaurants in the Big Apple. (Most restaurants and pubs don’t have outdoor seating, and it’s of little value in winter in any case.)

“The ID requirement is to help reduce fraud,” New York City Council member Mark Levine—like Mr. de Blasio, a Democrat—helpfully explained in a tweet, seemingly oblivious to the glaring “hypocrisy” (hypocrisy and irony) of requiring an ID to dine at a restaurant while his party vehemently opposes requiring one to vote. In case he missed it, voter-ID laws also help reduce fraud.

This, by the way, would be the same Mr. Levine who in August 2015 exulted in a tweet about a lawsuit in Texas: “Finally, a court rules that voter ID law is a civil rights violation.”

New York City’s restaurants and bars are far from the only businesses that have been dragged into enforcing this excessive and manpower-intensive exercise, which is presumably in addition to masks and social distancing. So have many other establishments, from gyms and dance studios to bowling alleys and billiard parlors to movie theaters and sports arenas.

Those businesses won’t be compensated

for the involuntary servitude involved in enforcing the draconian “Key to NYC Pass” passports, so just call this what it is: In Washington parlance, it’s a costly unfunded mandate, one that most can ill-afford.

But happily, Mr. de Blasio is getting push-back from some New York City restaurateurs, who are suing to overturn Hizzoner’s latest coronavirus diktat, strict enforcement of which won’t begin until Sept. 13. (San Francisco, New Orleans, and Chicago have since imposed similar proof-of-vaccination restrictions, and we have it on good authority that the powers-that-be in the District of Columbia are looking to impose something similar here, perhaps as soon as Sept. 7.)

There’s a further irony in the left’s hearty approval of the Big Apple’s requirement of patrons of businesses having to present an ID (along with proof of vaccination). Namely, Mr. de Blasio’s fiat will have what the racial-bean-counting left decry as a “disparate impact” on minorities in Gotham.

Just 28 percent of black New York City residents between the ages of 18 and 44 have been vaccinated, compared with about 52 percent of white residents, according to the city’s own data.

If it’s supposedly “racist” to require an ID to vote, as Democrats insist, then aren’t New York City’s new vaccine passport and ID rules, ipso facto, also racist and, in Mr. Levine’s formulation, a civil rights violation?

So, where’s the outrage from the left that blacks are being disproportionately impacted by New York’s new “No soup (or bowling or ball-games or much of anything else) for you” diktat?

A great many bars and restaurants in the city have gone belly-up since the beginning of the pandemic, and for many of those that have survived and are even now still struggling to stay afloat, the new regulations easily could prove to be the coup de grace. Hopefully, the N.Y. restaurateurs’ lawsuit will get that unfunded mandate thrown out.

— *The Washington Times*

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

The triumphant Taliban

“April is the cruellest month,” wrote T. S. Eliot in the opening line of what is regarded as his greatest poem, “The Waste Land.”

For President Joe Biden, the cruellest month is surely August of 2021, which is now mercifully ending.

When has a president had a worse month?

On the last Sunday in August, Biden watched solemnly, hand over heart, as the coffins of the American dead in the Kabul airport terrorist massacre of Thursday were carried off the plane at Dover.

The American dead had been carrying out an evacuation of U.S. citizens and Afghan allies from America’s lost war, a defeat dealt to us by the same Taliban we ejected from power in 2001 for providing sanctuary for the al-Qaida terrorists of 9/11.

We have lost our longest war, and the triumphant Taliban are now back in power.

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August also brought hundreds of thousands more illegal aliens across our southern border in the largest peacetime migrant invasion in memory.

Most of these millions are coming for a better life. Yet, among their numbers are the criminals and rapists who have assaulted women and girls in the exodus, and not a few foreign enemies coming with the intent to bring the war on terror home to these United States.

So it was that, in the first August of the Biden presidency, the U.S. suffered defeat in its longest war, underwent a humiliating evacuation under the guns of its enemies, continued to endure the worst plague in 100 years, and saw an invasion of its southern border by illegal migrants that called into question whether we Americans retain the resolve to serve our country.

Nor is this all. In this August of 2021, American politics seem at their most poisonous.

Race relations are as raw as they have been since the ‘60s. In the wake of George Floyd’s death under the knee of a Minneapolis cop, an outpouring of hostility against police has brought record retirements and resignations by cops across the country. Result: an unprecedented surge in urban shootings and killings, with children prominent among the victims.

Throughout the Biden presidency, we will be reading of, hearing of and being witness to the evidence of their fates.

That same noon hour on Sunday that Biden honored the fallen at Dover, Hurricane Ida was coming ashore. Ida’s 150-mile-an-hour winds were raking the same Louisiana coast that Hurricane Katrina hit 16 years ago.

By nightfall Sunday, a million residents in and around New Orleans had lost all power, for days and perhaps for weeks.

In this same August, the U.S. moved ever deeper into the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, with new infections, new hospitalizations and new deaths approaching the numbers they had reached at their worst last

year.

We were one nation then,

and one people. And today? Demands are being heard for the impeachment or resignation of Biden.

This piling on of the president is surely in part payback for what the Democrats did to former President Donald Trump.

Two weeks before Biden took the oath, a mob had invaded the Capitol to protest his formal certification as president.

For that mob intrusion, Trump was impeached a second time for what was variously described as “inciting insurrection,” “an attempted coup,” “domestic terrorism,” “treason” and mounting a mortal threat to “our democracy.”

“There is a great deal of ruin in a nation,” Adam Smith’s observation after the British lost the decisive Battle of Saratoga, is often invoked these days.

And justifiably so. For how much ruin can a nation endure and remain a nation? How much of this can we sustain and survive — at a time when we are carrying the burden of the defense of our allies in Europe, the Middle East and East Asia against a gathering modern axis of Russia and China, which our own interventionist policies helped to bring into being?

Our media are as partisan as they have been in our lifetimes. Our cultural elites endlessly mock the traditional values and beliefs of Middle America. Our national parties appear ever at sword’s point.

Our goal, it is said, is to ever move “toward a more perfect union.”

Does it seem like that is the direction where we are heading?

Are the divisions between us becoming too great for us to remain one nation and one people?

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RICH LOWRY

Sorry, this was not a success

Talk about a catastrophic success.

The Biden administration wants credit for the Afghanistan evacuation as measured by the sheer number of people it flew out amid a security and humanitarian crisis of its own making.

This is the arsonist bragging about how many fires he has put out.

Those with memories that stretch past a couple of weeks ago will recall the halcyon days when a mass evacuation at a civilian airport exposed to suicide bombers and other attackers wasn’t, according to Joe Biden, even conceivable.

Biden contributed to the collapse of the Afghan military by denying it air cover, gave away Bagram Air Base for no good reason, pulled out U.S. troops before our diplomats and civilians, drastically underestimated the gathering Taliban offensive, and then, caught unaware by the fall of Kabul, scrambled to jury-rig a desperate rescue that shouldn’t have been necessary in the first place.

Then, we failed by the most important metric. We left hundreds of Americans behind who wanted to leave, a squalid betrayal that was unfathomable before the Biden team began to try to prepare the public for it a week or so ago.

It’s hard to imagine any prior American president, perhaps with the exception of Jimmy Carter, abandoning Americans behind enemy lines.

Theodore Roosevelt mustered the naval might of the United States to save one American who had been kidnapped in Morocco in 1904. Barack Obama traded five Guantanamo detainees for Bowe Bergdahl in 2014.

Even Biden felt the impulse to get every last American out. He pledged to do it in his interview with George Stephanopoulos. In order to keep his promise to the Taliban to get out by August 31, though, he broke his promise to his countrymen.

We still don’t know how many U.S. green-card holders, to whom we should also feel an obligation, have been left behind. And there have been reports that the Taliban was blocking our most deserving Afghan allies from getting to the airport, meaning the Afghans we got out weren’t necessarily the most endan-

gered.

Even if the evacuation had been flawless and complete, the underlying situation speaks of an abysmal failure. After 20 years, we lost a war to a Taliban that now controls more territory than it did on September 11, 2001. The Taliban hasn’t renounced al Qaeda; indeed, the Haqqani network, a key element of the Taliban that has been responsible for security in Kabul, is closely allied with the terrorist group.

Biden talks bravely of launching counterterrorism strikes from “over the horizon,” but failed to secure a base in a neighboring country. We will have to operate from hours away in the Persian Gulf, even as our intelligence capabilities in Afghanistan are drastically diminished.

Our ineptitude and dishonorable conduct have shocked our allies, who need to place their trust in our competence and reliability.

Biden’s supporters have resorted to the defense that almost all of this was inevitable. Yet, for years, the Afghan army fought and bled after we had stepped back into a support role, suggesting an unsatisfactory stalemate was achievable at a relatively low cost. Biden rejected that option. Instead, he chose defeat and disgrace. All of the exertions to rescue people from the wreckage over the last two weeks can’t change that.

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BIBLE SELECTION

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

— Ephesians 2:19 (ESV)

OBITUARIES

Angela Hancock Young

Angela Hancock Young, 51, of Madison, MS passed from her earthly home to her heavenly home on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Baptist Medical Center after a long battle with amyloidosis, a rare bone marrow disorder.

Angela was born December 9, 1969 and grew up in Taylorsville, MS. She graduated from Taylorsville High School in 1987 and from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1991. Angela loved life and had many different interests. She was a member of the tennis team and the flag corp in high school. In college she was a Diamond Girl, in the Phi Mu sorority, and served on the USM Fashion Board. She worked for Associated General Contractors Of Mississippi before starting a family and was involved in many community organizations throughout her life: Junior League of Jackson, Mistletoe Marketplace, Christ Unit-



Angela
Young

ed Methodist D Group Leadership, Co-Chair of Holiday Potpourri at First Presbyterian Day School, Chair of MRA'S Gardens Market, and many others. Angela also loved to travel with her husband and family all over the nation and world, but her favorite activity was cheering on her two beloved children in all of their varied activities.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Willie Oree Hancock, Sr. and Charlene Ainsworth Hancock; D.L. Massengale and Joyce Massengale; and by her brother Adam Jeffrey Hancock.

Angela is survived by her parents, Willie Oree (Snooky) Hancock, Jr. and Gwen Massengale Hancock; her loving husband of 26 years, Jason Joel Young; her son Breckon Joel Young, a senior at Missis-

sippi State University; and her daughter Ava Blaire Young, a ninth-grade student at Madison-Ridgeland Academy; as well as many extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Taylorsville, MS. A graveside service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Cemetery in Taylorsville. Rev. Jason Smith will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to any of the following: Pinelake Church - Madison Campus Youth Ministry,

Madison-Ridgeland Academy Foundation - Angela H. Young Memorial Fund, or Taylorsville United Methodist Church

Mary Catherine d'Aubigné Perry

October 6, 1992 - August 12, 2021

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Before she was born, she had two older brothers and an older cousin. When her first brother was born, he was named Matthew. Her grandfather joked, "Matt." A few months later her cousin was born and named Patrick, and her grandfather jibed, "Matt and Pat." Then her brother Nathan came along, and her grandfather continued the silliness with, "Matt, Pat, and Nat." Finally, the only girl in the family was prophesied by her eldest brother as the family dressed for church when he announced, "I'm gonna have a baby sister." And he did.

"Papaw" kept the rhyme going when he said, "Now we have Matt, Pat, Nat, and Mcat." Her moniker stuck, and she was always Papaw's "Mcat." Since her brother had foretold her birth and had a second middle of Dabney, Mary Catherine got a second middle name, d'Aubigné, the French origin of Dabney, giving them the same initials, M. C. D. P. Mcat loved fiercely, often to the point of angering those she loved. She had the voice of an angel and was



Mary
Perry

always in Top Choir at Madison Central High School and performed in Carnegie Hall. In addition, she was a member of the Girls' State Championship Soccer Team from Madison Central. She loved soccer and started playing when she was three. When told she had to choose one activity, soccer, ballet, or karate, she quickly opted for soccer and became a licensed referee at age twelve.

Mary Catherine was first baptized at Grace Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mississippi, by the Reverend Roger Collins. She later made a profession of faith and was rebaptized at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison, Mississippi. She was a social butterfly who never met a stranger, which is why she made such a dynamic hostess and server from the time she was sixteen.

She is survived by her parents, Janet Taylor-Perry and stepdad, Rob Finney of Ridgeland, MS; Alan Dabney Perry and stepmother Paula Perry of Canton, MS; her grandmother, Diane Perry of Madison; four brothers and their wives, Matthew and Amy West Perry of Madison, MS, Nathan Perry and Bridgett Tucker Perry of Ridgeland, MS; Caleb and Taylor Rushing Perry of Madison, MS, and Samuel and Rebecca Finney Perry of Ridgeland, MS; step-siblings, Anna Rae

Finney Tabarez and husband Mark of Brandon, MS, Christopher Finney, Matthew Finney, both of Ridgeland, MS, Blake Bagwell of Pott's Camp, MS, and Courtney Berryman of Southaven, MS; seven nieces and nephews, Mary Anna Perry, Noah Perry, Alden Perry, Madison and Garrett Bagwell, and Peyton Foust and Anna Leigh Berryman; two first cousins, Karin Perry Kahan (Devin) and Kathryn "Nicole" Norsworthy (Chris); a large number of other cousins, aunts and uncles both real and surrogate, and friends too many to name; and her beloved cat, Blue. Mary Catherine was preceded in passing by both maternal grandparents, Jessie Edward Taylor and Magdalene Ishee Taylor, years before she was born and more recently by "Papaw," Bruce Perry, and her uncle, Bret Perry.

In lieu of flowers, Mary Catherine would have been happy for donations to go to one of the following: Center for Violence Prevention at www.msc4pv.org, Center for Pregnancy Choices at www.cpcmetrofriends.org, or Webster Animal Shelter at 525 Post Oak Rd., Madison, MS 39110, Attention: Marge Parker.

Gisela Irmgard Boykin

Gisela Irmgard Boykin, of Madison, Mississippi passed away on August 22, 2021 after a short battle with cancer.

Gisela was born in Hinzweiler, Germany to Otto Kleres and Elisabeth Kleres on May 4, 1932.

Gisela came to the United States after her marriage to Charles Ray Boykin and began the life of a US Air Force military wife. Upon her

husband's retirement, Gisela began her career as a business owner and hair stylist having owned several salons in Jackson area including Quarter Coiffures.

Survivors include Gisela's husband of 63 years, Charles Ray Boykin; three children, Charlie Boykin, Liz Hulsey and Becky Klingler; grandchildren, Courtney Chamblee, Tony Klingler IV, Drew

Jackson, Mississippi. student attending East Central Community College.

He was a former member of the Forest United Methodist Church and a current member of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School and served as a communion steward and cross bearer.

He is preceded in death by his parents, G. H. and Flora Roberts, and one sister, Martha Martin.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janis, Ridgeland, Mississippi; one son Stan (Colleen), Jackson, Mississippi; 4 granddaughters, Tori Roberts, Tucson, Arizona; Meredith Roberts, Nashville, Tennessee; Elena Roberts, Jackson, Mississippi; and Emma Roberts, Jackson, Mississippi, and one niece and nephew.

One of his greatest areas of pride was the establishment of a 'Being In the Right Place at the Right Time' Scholarship given to an honor high school

George Stanley Roberts

George Stanley Roberts, 75, was born on July 28, 1946, and fought valiantly against MDS (pre-leukemia) for a year until his passing on August 23, 2021.

A funeral service was held August 28, 2021 at Parkway Funeral Home in Ridgeland.

He was a graduate of Raleigh High School and Mississippi State University, where he majored in Poultry Science. He taught biology and chemistry for four years at Raleigh High School before starting work at his father-in-law's bulk plant in Newton, Mississippi. When the Gulf Oil consignee died suddenly, Roberts applied for the job, running the business for six months, before taking over in 1975. Incorporated as G. Stanley Roberts, Distributor, Inc., in 1975, the company changed its name to Capital Oil, Inc., in 1997, when the company moved its headquarters to

Jackson, Mississippi. Professionally, Roberts joined the Mississippi Petroleum Marketers /Convenience Store Association (MPMSA) in 1978, serving as an officer and as president. He was a member of the BP Amoco Marketers Association and represented Mississippi on its board. MPMCSA elected Roberts as its Representative on the Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA) Board of Directors in 2002. He served in that capacity until his election to the Executive Board where he became chairman in 2012. Roberts additionally belonged to the Business and Industrial Political Education Committee and the Mississippi Economic Council.

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Memorials may be made to: Friends of Shiloh Cemetery C/O Bevissie W. Mizelle or Old Rice Road Baptist Church.

Charles R. Pierce

Patricia Duncan Pierce and his six siblings.

Survivors include: sons, Charles Michael Pierce (Kay), Charles Anthony "Tony" Pierce (Egie), and Charles Stacy Pierce (Tammy); daughter, Patricia Pierce Hagar (Kevin); 11 grandchildren, Liz (Casey), Scott (Katie), Brandon (Kerri), Jache, Mary

Grace (William), Drew, Carley, Ashley (Robert), Colton, Niki, and Kaleb; 5 great-grandchildren, Trace, Bella, Parker, Charlie, and Collins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The citizens of the kingdom, Part I

Please turn in your Bible to Matthew 5:1-5. As we continue our study in the Gospel of Matthew, we now come to the Sermon on the Mount where our Lord gives us a picture of the life of those who are members of His kingdom. And in the part of the sermon called

"The Beatitudes," which we will begin studying today, Jesus discusses the character of those who are citizens of His kingdom. In each beatitude, there is a description of the character quality of the blessed person. These are not character qualities that are found in some Christians and not others, these are qualities that are found in all who are citizens of the kingdom of God. Therefore, we will look at three things that Jesus teaches us about those who belong to His kingdom in the first three beatitudes. First, we learn that Christians are humble and are called to a life of humility. Secondly, we learn that Christians are grieved over their sin and are called to a life of repentance. Thirdly and finally, we learn that Christians are considerate and are called to a life of kindness.

I. Christians Are Humble and Are Called to a Life of Humility.

In verse 3, Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Christ is describing those who are part of His kingdom. And the character quality that He says which first characterizes His people is poverty of spirit which includes a spiritual humility. It includes a sense of our sin, a sense of our needs, and a sense of our helplessness. When God leads us to see that this is our real spiritual condition, then poverty of spirit is born in our hearts. Our Lord, of course, is the great example of humility, but I want to turn your thoughts to another example from Scripture. In Matthew 15:21-28, we hear about the faith of a Canaanite woman. In this story, Jesus is setting up a scenario in which He can show the work of grace that He has done in her heart and call His own disciples to emulate the faith that this woman shows. As you may recall, this woman comes to the Lord Jesus with a demon-possessed daughter, and the Lord Jesus responds to her by saying, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Now this response seems cruel at

first, doesn't it? Despite Jesus'

work of grace that produces the godly sorrow that leads to repentance, which leads to restoration of our relationship with the heavenly Father. Thus, Jesus says, "They shall be comforted." These people will experience the comfort of God. They will receive His pardon, His deliverance, His strengthening, and His reassurance. It belongs to them as they mourn for their sin. And it is precisely then, that they are comforted by God Himself, and told, "You have fellowship with Me."

III. Christians Are Considerate and Are Called to a Life of Kindness.

In verse 5, Jesus says, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." We see in verse 5 that Christians are called to a life of kindness and to a life of looking out for the interests of others. Meekness is related to poorness in spirit. When we come to know God, we come to know our sinfulness. And when we come to know our sinfulness, we cast ourselves on the mercy of the Lord. Meekness results when a man enters into the presence of God and knows that he ought to be judged, and yet he has found the grace of God instead.

My friends, this story should cause us to ask ourselves, "Do we have that kind of poverty of spirit?" Isn't it amazing, that it is right when we pronounce that we are bereft of any claim upon God, that the blessing of the kingdom comes? Did you notice the word of the blessing? Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The minute we acknowledge that we do not deserve the kingdom, we are told the kingdom belongs to us. I tell you, that if you have that poverty of spirit, then you today can testify of the extravagant grace that Christ lavishes on those who are poor in spirit.

II. Christians Are Grieved Over Their Sin and Are Called to a Life of Repentance.

In verse 4, Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Jesus is not speaking about bereavement over death. He is speaking about people who are grief-stricken over sin. He is talking about people who recognize their spiritual bankruptcy. The grief Jesus describes here is mourning over our own sinfulness. The sight of God causes a sinner with sight to mourn his sin. And the sight of God causes the sinner who has mourned his sin to be comforted. Isn't it ironic that the same sight of the same God produces grief over sin and comfort in that grief because this grief is a

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Library system promoting card signups this month

By STAFF REPORTS

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September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Madison County Library System joins the American Library Association and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

"Libraries not only play an important role in the education

and development of children but are also essential for a neighborhood's vitality," said Tonja Johnson, MCLS Director. "We have library programs that serve students of all ages and backgrounds. Our doors are open to everyone and everyone comes."

On the MCLS website, patrons can find a wide variety of educational resources and activities, including, Universal Class, Rocket Language, EBSCO Learning Express, Libby, Hoopla, and more. Their

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Registration: www.ridgelandsportsandevents.com
Date: Saturday, October 9, 2021
Start Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: Renaissance at Colony Park

Trunk or Treat
Ridgeland Recreation & Parks will hold Trunk or Treat at Freedom Ridge Parks in October. Trunk or Treat is for Ages 10 & under. Volunteers will fill their trunks with candy and prize. Kids will trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk.

Program Price: \$5.00 per child 10 & under
Event Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021
Start Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Freedom Ridge Park

Mayor's Fun Walk
A favorite event of local senior adults, the Mayor's Fun Walk includes: a walk with the Mayor, health information, demonstrations and entertainment.

Registration: starts September 7th, 2021
Event Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Start Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Northpark

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton**Crisis can help awaken Christians**

David is in a crisis. He established earlier in the psalm that God delivered him from the pit of destruction and set his feet on solid ground. The Lord put a new song in his mouth, a song of praise for the salvation of his body and soul. It is this deliverance that teaches David how to respond to a crisis or tribulation.

First David proclaims God's righteousness in the crisis (verses 9-10). He is determined that no crisis will cause him to shrink from proclaiming to God's people the love and faithfulness of God. This is not easy. Any crisis David was in would also affect the people of Israel since he was the King. The human heart is naturally cold toward God; in a crisis it often turns to murmuring, rebuke, and anger. When Moses sought to persuade the Israelites in the desert to remember God's faithfulness, they threatened to stone him. This was because they were not happy with God's providence. Nevertheless, this is exactly what people need to hear. God has shown his favor in delivering you from the pit of destruction. He is faithful. "Whoever is wise, let him hear and consider the steadfast love of the Lord (psalm 107.)"

Second, David knew what he needed to endure this trial. He affirms that God's mercy, love, and faithfulness will preserve him (verse 11). David is saying that since you are with me in this Lord, I can endure it and remain faithful. Augustine used to pray, "Lord command what you will, but give what you command." In other words, whatever providence you bring, Lord, I am willing to undergo, so long as your Spirit enables me to endure it and remain faithful through it. A sense of dependence needs to be united with confidence that the Lord provide.

Third, David was poor in spirit. He confesses, "My sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me" (verse 12). This is often the case for a Christian in a crisis. He feels convicted of sin. It is not unhealthy. Rather, it shows an honest, healthy relationship with the Lord. It prepares you for true

comfort, which the Lord alone can give.

Living in impenitence and sin is a comfortless state. Being self-confident and insensitive to the holiness of God is a wretched condition. David, however, knows he is unworthy. David is in the right frame of mind to be comforted. Do not then be distressed because you are feeling unworthy. It is what God wants you to feel. You are now in God's way. Confess your sins before the Lord and seek comfort in him. Draw near to the Lord. He delights in mercy.

If we get a right view of one sin we are usually given to see that our offenses are countless. David said, "My sins are more than the hairs on my head." The Lord Jesus showed the Samaritan woman (John 4) a particular sin and she went away and said, "Come, see a man that has told me all things that I ever did." She wasn't hurt by this conviction of sin, she was saved by it. Charles Hodge wrote, "The greatest conviction a man can have is conviction of sin."

A crisis can help awaken Christians or a church to fresh conviction of how sinful and dependent on God's grace they are. The exalted Christ told the prosperous church in Laodicea, "You say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked." He instructs them to seek grace to see their sin and find their comfort in reconciliation and fellowship with God, not in easy circumstances. He is not a God to leave his people in the misery of indulging sin.

This brings us to the last point, which is for the Christian in a crisis to always return to comfort in the Lord's promise of salvation and to praise the Lord for it. David says, "May those who love your salvation always say, 'The Lord be exalted'" (verse 16). Assured of his salvation, and yet knowing his frailty, David cries out to the Lord to come quickly with help (verse 17). In our trials, effectual help must come from God only. Should you hesitate to call on the one who made the heavens and the earth and has delivered you from the pit?

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, EX REL. MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PLAINTIFF VS.

Civil Cause No. 2021-0229 JA

ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$116,583.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY DEFENDANT

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Ruben Perez, Jr., Ruben Perez, Sr. and the unknown owner of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$116,583.00) in United States Currency

A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. You are required by law to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Complainant filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is *Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046*.

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

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of the Court within reasonable time afterward. The name and address of the Clerk of this Court is Honorable Anita Wray, Madison County Circuit Court, Post Office Box 1626, Canton, Mississippi, 39046.

Issued under my hand and the official seal of this Court this the 25 th day of August 2021.

ANITA WRAY MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Dendy Blankenship
Dendy Blankenship
(SEAL)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF HENRY LEO VARNER a/k/a LEO HENRY VARNER, a/k/a LEO H. VARNER, DECEASED;

AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING

ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN OR TO

THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF HENRY LEO VARNER, a/k/a LEO HENRY VARNER, a/k/a LEO

H. VARNER, DECEASED;

AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING

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THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY

OF CANTON, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND DE-

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SCRIBED AS:

A lot or parcel of land fronting 300 feet on the South side of E. Dinkins Street, in the City of Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as beginning at a point that is 760 feet East along the South line of Dinkins Street from the intersection of the said South line of Dinkins Street with the East line of Cedar Street of Cedar Addition to the said city, as per plat of said addition of record in Plat Book 2, Records of Madison County, Mississippi, and from said point of beginning, which point is also the Northeast corner of Yandell Lot, run thence East along the South side of said Dinkins Street for 300 feet to the approximate center of a ditch, thence run in a Southwesterly direction along the center of said ditch for 289.2 feet to a point that is 250 feet measured at right angles from the South line of said Dinkins Street, thence run West for 155 feet to the Southeast corner of the said Yandell Lot, thence run North for 250 feet along the east line of the said Yandell Lot to the point of beginning.

The address of the said property is 522 East Dinkins Street, Canton, Mississippi.

You have been made a Respondent in the Petition filed in this Court by Donald Leo Varner and Judith Elaine Varner, Petitioners, seeking an adjudication of the heirs-at-law of Henry Leo Varner, a/k/a Leo Henry Varner, a/k/a Leo H. Varner, Deceased, and all unknown persons or entities having or claiming an interest in the above described land, and to confirm and quite title in above described land in Donald Leo Varner and Judith Elaine Varner, who are the children of Henry Leo Varner, a/k/a Leo Henry Varner, a/k/a Leo H. Varner. Respondents other than you in this action are: Mississippi Division of Medicaid.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before Chancellor Cynthia Brewer and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action by Donald Leo Varner and Judith Elaine Varner, Petitioners, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 15th day of October, 2021, in Courtroom No. 1 located on the 2nd Floor of the Madison County Chancery Administrative Building, 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard by the Court, and in case of your failure to appear and defend against the Petition filed herein, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. If you desire to file an answer or other pleading a copy should be delivered to R. Ellen Matthews, Attorney at Law, 141 Executive Drive, Suite 3, Madison, MS 39110, and the original thereof should be filed with the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable time thereafter but not later than 9:00 o'clock A.M. October 15, 2021.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 19th day of August, 2021.

RONNY LOTT CHANCERY CLERK, MADISON COUNTY

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claims against said estate to present the same to Clerk of said 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 10th day of August, 2021.

Robin R. Ammons Powell
ROBIN R. AMMONS POWELL, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE JUNE AMMONS, DECEASED

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE BLANCHARD, DECEASED NO. 21-758

ADAM BLANCHARD ADMINISTRATOR

SUMMONS

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MAGGIE BLANCHARD, DECEASED

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

You have been made Respondents in the Petition filed in this Court by Adam Blanchard, seeking an adjudication of Heirship of Maggie Blanchard, Deceased.

You are required to appear on October 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., at Madison County Chancery Court in Canton, Mississippi, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, to respond to the Petition for Determination of Heirship filed against you.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR AND FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE MOTION. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER. If you do, 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 19th day of August, 2021.

RONNY LOTT CHANCERY CLERK, MADISON COUNTY

BY: Kim Sievers, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE BLANCHARD, DECEASED NO. 21-758

ADAM BLANCHARD ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been issued on the 17th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Maggie Blanchard, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice; otherwise, said claim will be forever barred.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of August, 2021.

/s/ ADAM BLANCHARD
ADAM BLANCHARD, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE BLANCHARD, DECEASED

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Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2014 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, VIN # 5NPDH4E2EH519816, \$2760.60, and a 2018 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, VIN # 5NPD84LFXJH31585, \$2819.45. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be held on Friday September 10, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK SHOWERS DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: P2021-270/C

DENEEN SHOWERS, ADMINISTRATRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 10th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Deneen Showers, upon the Estate of Patrick Showers, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. Witness my signature, this the 20th day of August, A.D., 2021.

s/Deneen Showers

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE JUNE AMMONS, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2021-646 W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 10th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Rose June Ammons, Deceased, being administered in **CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-646 W** of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons or parties having

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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.

s/ Betty Vaughan

Betty Vaughan, Executor

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they will be forever barred.

This the 16th day of August, 2021.

ELIZABETH BLACK WOOTEN, ADMINISTRATRIX

By: /s/ Jenessa Carter Hicks

DAVID E. ROZIER, JR. (MSB 5712)

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Crosstown Builders break ground at St. Jude Dream Home

By STAFF REPORTS

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Crosstown Builders broke ground for the 20th anniversary Jackson St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway last Wednesday in Madison.

\$100 tickets to win this house, located in the Village at Madison will be available starting in late-February.

Representatives of Crosstown Builders, Main ST Investments, LLC, and national sponsors Brizo, Shaw Floors, Trane and Bosch, as well as several subcontractors, suppliers and supporters were all in attendance for the momentous occasion.

This year is the second year that Crosstown Builders will be the builder of the St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway.

"When we were looking for the lot this year to put the

Dream Home in, I never would have thought we would have been able to put it in a brand-new development like this," said Todd Sandridge, Builder of Crosstown Builders. "What I love most about St. Jude is the research they share to doctors across the world, even here in our local community. We encourage everyone to buy a ticket, support the cause and in return have an opportunity to win a beautiful home."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to 80 percent since the hospital opened more than 50 years ago.



Sponsors and supporters gathered at the groundbreaking to kick off construction for the 20th Anniversary Jackson St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway.

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Gluckstadt adopts budget to get going

By JOHN LEE

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GLUCKSTADT — City leaders here are poised to approve a \$360,500 budget for the remaining days of Fiscal 2021 that ends Sept. 30.

Officials held a public hearing on the matter during a special called meeting last Thursday.

The vote on adopting the budget is set for the board's next regularly meeting on Sept. 7 during which they also will hold a public hearing on the city's proposed \$3,543,202 Fiscal 2022 budget that begins Oct. 1.

Gluckstadt was incorporated on June 6 of this year after a hard-fought state Supreme Court battle. Since then the appointed mayor and aldermen have been busy creating the city government and one of the first steps is creating a budget which by law must be done before the city can spend any money.

The new city is in the process of hiring a city clerk and moving into rented office space, all of which cannot be executed officially until a budget is approved.

Gluckstadt Mayor Pro Temp Lisa Williams said no ad valorem millage will be collected on the remainder of Fiscal 2021.

"The mayor and board will accept no pay," Williams said. "Currently contracted are legal and planner/consultant, new city hall leased with an

agreement to pay in arrears, liability insurance and bond company also kindly offered a discount on annual fees and accept arrears later in the year."

The city has no payroll at this time, Williams said, adding the first employee will be the city clerk.

"The mayor and board also approved the publishing of the city planning/zoning director/building code inspector in a combined role," Williams said.

Three people spoke during last Thursday's public hearing on the budget that includes \$5,600 for supplies, \$29,836 for personnel services \$148,595 for Administrative expenses and \$7,000 for street department services.

One of those who spoke was Jeffery Young who asked about the roadways and if there was a budget for road work.

"The city does not have public works scheduled in the budget for the first two years," said Mayor Walter Morrison. "What we intend to do is rely on the county, at least for these first two years."

Morrison said the city anticipates taxes will increase when the public works department is established.

Another resident, Marvin Cox, asked how the budget will impact property taxes on people who live in the city of Gluckstadt compared to what they are paying now per year.

Morrison said Gluckstadt's

millage rate is expected to be 12 mills, which he said is lower than Canton and Madison.

Morrison said Canton's millage rate is about 55 mills, and Ridgeland's millage rate is about 21 mills. A mill is \$1 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

The city's 2021 fiscal year budget does not have any property taxes built into it, but those taxes will come in the next budget for the Fiscal Year 2022, which begins Oct. 1, Morrison said.

During Thursday's meeting, the board also discussed the proposed \$3,543,203 budget for Fiscal 2022.

The 2022 budget includes licenses and permits, intergovernmental revenues, fines and forfeits, donations and taxes, planning and zoning, and funding first responders such as the police department and fire department.

In other matters during Thursday's meeting:

- Morrison said he hopes for Gluckstadt meetings to start being live-streamed by next year.

- The board discussed looking at a cash balance budget going forward of more than \$160,000 in the next few months.

- The board discussed gathering information on advertising for planning and zoning building inspector candidates and police chief candidates.

Traffic signals go dark in R'land outage

By DUNCAN DENT

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repair times estimated that the repairs could take as long as five hours.

"Our crews were able to find the issue and have it repaired and resolved quickly," Powlett said.

She said about 1,031 customers were left without power south of the Natchez Trace along U.S. 51 and west of I-55.

The Ridgeland Police Department warned that power was out at several intersections. They reported the traffic signal lights were out where U.S. 51 intersects with

Ridgewood Road, Lake Harbour and School Street as well Lake Harbour Drive and Wheatley Street.

RPD officers were stationed at each intersection directing traffic or dropped off temporary stop signs reminding motorists to treat non-functioning traffic lights as four-way stops.

"All traffic signals are cycling properly," an RPD social media post announced when power was restored.

Powlett said that neither circuit failed in relation to Tropical Storm Ida.

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Ida damage limited to a couple downed trees, power losses

By DUNCAN DENT
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Power has been restored to the more than 2,500 customers in Madison County who lost power as Tropical Storm Ida moved through Madison County on Monday after causing considerable damage in south Louisiana and south Mississippi where it came ashore Sunday morning as a category 4 hurricane.

Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman said Madison the City had no significant reports of property damage within the city, though a downed tree was obstructing the roadway on North Old Canton near Hoy Road.

"Other than the large tree on North Old Canton Road, we had no other note-worthy incidents," Newman said Tuesday afternoon.

North Old Canton Road was reopened to traffic at approximately 6:00 p.m. Monday evening, according to Newman.

Canton Police Chief Otha Brown said few issues arose from the storm in Canton as well.

"We have had nothing reported related to the storm," Otha Brown said. "Thank God for that."

Ridgeland Public Works Director Mike McCollum said he saw reports of power outages in sections of Bridgewater, Overlook Point and Greenwood Crossing.

Other than power outages, McCollum said the city had some reports of downed trees, which were cleared, but no other significant reports of storm-related damage. He said city workers took extra precautions in the water system to ensure service continues throughout the storm.

"People should know that Ridgeland has backup power on the water system so it is unlikely we would have disruption of service. So far, so good," McCollum said Monday.



A lineman hacks his way through a tree that fell on North Old Canton Road in Madison Monday, knocking out power to approximately 1,200 houses.

Entergy Customer Service Representative Sandy Powlett said that all power was restored to Madison County customers who lost power in relation to Ida by just before 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31. She said that roughly 2,695 customers were without power in the county at peak outages.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 1, she said Entergy was reporting roughly 10,658 customers without power in the state, mostly in the southwest region.

The National Hurricane Center downgraded Ida to a tropical storm overnight as it moved inland after making landfall near Grand Isle, Louisiana, Sunday morning and causing severe damage in southern Louisiana and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Millions of people in Louisiana and South Mississippi are still without electrical service.

Ida made landfall on Sunday with 150 m.p.h. winds, the fifth strongest to ever hit the US mainland.

— hit on the same date Hurricane Katrina ravaged Louisiana and Mississippi 16 years earlier.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR CITY OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

The City of Madison, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2022 on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Madison Justice Complex, located on Crawford Street, Madison, Mississippi 39110.

The City of Madison, Mississippi is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$46,968,693. (28 percent) or \$12,941,750 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$49,237,516. Of that amount, (27 percent) or \$13,147,500 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2022 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2022.

Any citizen of the City of Madison, Mississippi is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2022 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

s/Susan B. Crandall _____

Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk
Director of Administration & Finance

August 26, 2021
September 2, 2021

NOTICE OF A TAX INCREASE AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI

The City of Gluckstadt will hold a public hearing on a proposed ad valorem tax revenue increase for fiscal year 2021-2022 and on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2021-2022 at 6 p.m. on September 7, 2021, at Germantown High School, in the Cafetorium, 409 Calhoun Station Pkwy, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

The City of Gluckstadt is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$360,500. Zero (0) % or \$0 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$3,584,027. Of that amount, 37.97% or \$1,360,793 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For next fiscal year, the City of Gluckstadt plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 12 mills from 0 mills to 12 mills. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of City of Gluckstadt 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. The proposed 2021-22 budget is available for inspection at 113 Dees Dr., Suite C, Gluckstadt, MS 39110



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MISSION STATEMENT

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Thursday, October 21

10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Thursday, September 2 • 10:30 A.M.
 Ribbon Cutting
Integrative Skin Care of Mississippi
731 S. Pear Orchard Road, Suite 16

Monday, September 6
 Labor Day

Wednesday, September 8 • 11:30 A.M.
 Board of Directors Virtual Meeting

Thursday, September 9 • 10:30 A.M.
 Ribbon Cutting
Red 8 Kitchen
910 Highland Colony Parkway

Friday, September 10 • 8:00 A.M.
 Diplomats First Friday
Hampton Inn & Suites
600 Steed Road

Thursday, September 23 • 5 – 7:00 P.M.
 Business After Hours
The Rose Garden at The Orchard
600 S. Pear Orchard Road

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Red8Kitchenms@gmail.com
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villages@stdom.com
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SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M. @ EMBASSY SUITES OF RIDGELAND



WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RYAN MILLER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RIBBON CUTTING



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Applications may be accessed online at www.ridgelandchamber.com, picked up at the Ridgeland Chamber office or at participating schools.

DEADLINE EXTENDED - Friday, September 10, 2021. Call the Chamber office at 601-991-9996 for more information.

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