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**NO TAX INCREASE**

## Supervisors adopt \$130.1M budget

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The Board of Supervisors during a Tuesday meeting adopted Madison County's \$130.1 million Fiscal Year 2022 budget that includes \$10.3 million in federal COVID-19 CARES Act relief funds and the county's general millage rate of 38.18 mills will remain the same.

Madison County Administrator Shelton Vance during the meeting held Tuesday instead of Monday because of the Labor Day holiday, told supervisors the budget is about \$2 million less than last year's fiscal year budget. "Our budget this year included \$10.3 million in federal funds, about \$16, almost \$17 million worth of state funds primarily for roads,"

Vance told supervisors when presenting the budget. "It includes a total, including state and local monies, of \$26 million for road activity. That includes everything from digging out ditches to laying asphalt to putting bridges in as well as the major projects down in the Reunion area." Also included in the budget, Vance said, is \$1.75 million for the library and \$3.8 million for

Holmes Community College. "This proposed budget also includes raises for most county employees and that raise would be 4% for those making \$35,000 or less and \$3,000 for the remaining employees that are subject to your determination of their salary," Vance said. Before supervisors voted unanimously to adopt the budget Vance advised them

that the county's general millage rate would remain the same as last year at 38.18 mills. A mill is \$1 per \$1,000 assessed property value, or \$200 for a \$200,000 home. "For the 2022 fiscal year, the newly incorporated city of Gluckstadt and the newly incorporated areas of Canton, which are out near Kings Ranch, and then over toward

off of Fulton Street in the city, those areas of the city that do not normally have our garbage tax collected from them will have the garbage tax, the 3.85 mills of solid waste tax, collected because they will be in our service area for our garbage collection," Vance said, adding that the City of Canton had filed a letter

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Firefighters from the Madison Fire Department prepare to travel to Baton Rouge to help with Hurricane Ida recovery efforts. Pictured, from left, Paramedic Blakeney Wyman, EMT Josh Hudgens, EMT Peyton Clark, Training Coordinator Nick Brooke and Lt. EMT Tommy Stewart.

## Firefighters in Louisiana for Ida relief

By JOHN LEE  
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Five Madison firefighters and four from Gluckstadt are in Louisiana helping with Hurricane Ida recovery, a deployment that could last two weeks, officials said. A grateful Lee Road Fire Department in Covington, Louisiana, posted pictures on social media upon Madison's arrival last Wednesday night. "Relief from the City of Madison Mississippi and the Mississippi State Fire Academy arrived tonight to assist our agency!" a Lee County Road Fire Department Facebook post said. "We appreciate the support that we have received and welcome them to our community, they too are now

part of YOUR fire department." There were pictures of the first responders in a group photo, at a briefing, Madison's Disaster Response trailer along with a Madison Fire Department pickup. Madison Fire Chief Derrick Layton said the group left the morning of Sept. 1 escorted by the Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office. The contingent of Madison firefighters includes Paramedic Blakeney Wyman, EMT Josh Hudgens, EMT Peyton Clark, EMT and Training Coordinator Nick Brookes and EMT Lt. Tommy Stewart. From the Gluckstadt Fire Department are Nick Rushton, Station 3 battalion chief; Lt. Chad Perry of Station 3; Pvt. Joshua Burge of Station 2; and

Lt. Andy Divine of Station 3. The Gluckstadt firefighters were sent to the Hammond Fire Department. The Madison firefighters and Fire Academy personnel were sent St. Tammany Parish, where they worked clearing trees from roadways, looking for any missing people and putting tarps on houses, among other things. Layton said he was happy the local firefighters could help. "It's our job to help people," Layton said. "If our Louisiana neighbors need help, we want to help them out as best we can and I know they would do the same for us." Layton said he does not know when the fire-

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**AMAZON**

## Megasite fire district abolished

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The Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to abolish a newly formed Megasite Fire District and to place the district's responsibilities with the Central Madison County Fire District during a regular meeting Tuesday. Also, during the meeting, the board agreed to transfer ownership of a building on Main Street in Madison to the city, a request that had come up earlier this year.

Abolishing the Megasite district came up late during the "Old Business" portion of the meeting held Tuesday because of Monday's Labor Day holiday and appeared to take a couple of supervisors by surprise. District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin said, "I would like to make a motion for us to abolish the fire district at the Megasite and put it back into the Central Fire District." District 4 Supervisor and Board President Karl Banks quickly seconded the motion and called for a vote at which point District 1 Supervisor Sheila Jones voted in favor of the motion along with Banks and Griffin passing 3-2 with District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter and District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen voting no. After the vote, Steen said, "You would like to abolish the MegaSite District?" Griffin responded, "And put

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**NATIONAL BRAND**

## Club Pilates now open at Renaissance

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RIDGELAND — A large fitness brand with more than 600 studios worldwide recently opened at the Renaissance. Club Pilates Renaissance has been a long-running project for owner John Kaiser, a nearly 30 year resident of Madison County. They opened on Aug. 26. They currently offer 10 classes consisting of about a dozen participants a day and growing. Kaiser said the response has been unbelievable. The location is the only one in the state. "I didn't get into this to get rich, I really wanted to bring something to the community," Kaiser said. Kaiser is originally from Brandon and attended college at Delta State. About 28 years

ago he married his wife, Stacy, a school teacher, and moved to Madison where he has lived since. His background is in banking and most recently he started working with the Veteran's Home Purchase Board of Mississippi in November. Stacy has been teaching for the past five years at Boyd Elementary in Jackson. He retired from the Mississippi National Guard at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2017. Kaiser started looking into investment opportunities about two years ago in 2019 when he found Club Pilates. With his 25 years in banking, Kaiser was well aware of the pitfalls of venturing out. He said for a long time he had apprehensions about starting a business of his own but when he did finally begin looking and

found Club Pilates he knew he found a company he could work with. "I really like their corporate structure," Kaiser said. "Felt like a family." The Renaissance location was secured in late 2020 and Kaiser was able to begin selling memberships by March 2021, of which they have sold almost 200 to date, he said. In April he made his first big hire for the club, Amber Epperson, his manager. Growing up, Epperson took the physical activity seriously. She was always involved in sports such as gymnastics, cheerleading and softball and had taken that competitive attitude into a career working in gyms for the past 10 years. Epperson said she had recently found pilates after

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Club Pilates Renaissance owner John Kaiser and manager Amber Epperson stand in front of their new location next to Smoothie King at Renaissance at Colony Park.



# Madison Central receives distinguished national recognition

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Madison Central High School has been recognized as a 2020-2021 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School.

Madison Central is the first high school in Mississippi, and one of only 204 high schools in the nation, to be honored with this distinction which highlights the best of STEM and career learning programs. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of PreK-12 students and teachers in over 12,200 schools across the U.S.

The Madison Central Academy of Engineering, which partners with PLTW Engineering, empowers high school students to step into the role of an engineer and adopt a problem-solving mindset. Madison Central's Academy of Engineering students engage in collaborative, real-life activities such as creating apps for mobile devices, designing alternative energy power systems, and creating circuits for security systems. Students have also designed insulation from recyclable materials, designed and tested new composites for air-



Pictured are: PLTW Director of School Engagement Sherry Worsham, Madison Central Principal Sean Brewer, engineering teacher Cam Ogletree, aerospace engineering teacher David Wilbanks, Superintendent Charlotte Seals, MCHS Academy of Engineering Director Michelle Robinson, biomedical interventions teacher Betsy Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Edith Mitchell, Assistant Principal Mary Edwards, and MCS Director of Career and Technical Education and Career Academies Blaise King.

data, and even programmed a graphical map from remote material sorter for recycling center. The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increas-

ing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. "We are incredibly proud of all of our school for their commitment to

"It is a great honor to recognize Madison Central's Engineering Academy for their unwavering commitment to provide students with an excellent educational experience despite the unusual circumstances and unique challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented to the educational landscape this past year," said Dr. Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW.

"They should be very proud of their achievements in unlocking their students' potential and equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in life beyond the classroom no matter what career path they choose."

In Madison County Schools, Project Lead the Way STEM programming is included in elementary, middle, and high schools as part of the rich, value-added curriculum designed to help students learn to create, communicate, and collaborate.

## Fire

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it back into the Central District."

Steen said, "Sheila, you understand what that motion was?"

Jones did not respond to Steen's question.

In June, the Board of Supervisors agreed to purchase a \$1.4 million fire truck, paid for in part by \$750,000 in state funds and later set up a new Central Fire District in Canton in part to serve a Madison County Megasite that will house an Amazon distribution facility and other buildings.

The board is expected to

receive the truck Thursday, Sept. 9, afternoon in a ceremony with state and local officials in Canton.

Last month, the board, on the motion of Steen, took the truck out of the new Central Fire District in Canton and created a MegaSite Fire District with Supervisors serving on the board.

In response to Steen's question of whether everyone understood the motion during Tuesday's meeting Banks said, "We are going to rescind and abolish the MegaSite Fire District and put it back in the Central District where it belongs, and we will have one fire district that will be handling all of that. OK?"

Steen said again, "Does everybody understand what that motion is?"

Jones, Griffin and Banks replied, "Yes!"

Griffin then moved to appoint board members for the Central Fire District: Timmy Chambers, April Love, Robert Jackson, Andrew Hughes and Dustin Bullock. That motion passed 3-2 with Steen and Baxter voting no.

Banks amended an earlier Griffin motion to direct the board attorney to work with the new commission to set up a contract to bring back to the board's next regular meeting. That motion passed 3-2 with Steen and Baxter voting no.

Jones then said she had a motion of her own. "I've got some new business," Jones said. "There is a little yellow building in the city of Madison that is kind of across the street from the Methodist Church that the county owns. It has been used by the Junior Auxiliary since the early-'80s because I was involved in it back then. Long

story short, the city of Madison would love for us to quit claim that building to them and that would be my motion."

Griffin said he would second the motion and asked Espy if the board could do that.

Espy said the board would have to first declare the property surplus to quit claim it to Madison.

Banks said the building is of no value to the county unless they give it to someone who can use it like "the Junior Auxiliary or whoever in Madison."

"The motion is that it is declared surplus and we can go ahead and give it to the City of Madison," Banks said.

The motion appeared to pass 4-1 with Steen voting against it.

In other matters during Tuesday's meeting:

- The board granted Harvest Church Madison's request for a property tax

exemption.

- The board approved hiring Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to design geometric improvements to the intersection of Mississippi 463 at Stribling Road for a cost not to exceed \$282,000 in preparation for building a new junior high school.

- The board approved requesting that the Mississippi Department of Transportation activate Intersection Improvements at the intersection of Mississippi 463 at Stribling Road.

- The board approved an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ridgeland for Highland Colony Parkway, which states that the county will reimburse the City of Ridgeland up to \$1.5 million to complete the project and that the City of Ridgeland will perform the necessary work through contractors, city employees and will use city equipment for completion.
- Following board action

seeking Requests for Qualifications regarding rural broadband, the Board approved hiring Waggoner Engineering to help determine a path forward and budget to bring broadband to rural areas of the County that do not currently have access to it.

- The board approved hiring JH&H Architects to obtain a budget to improve the county's emergency fuel tank facility.

- The board approved the appointment of Russ Latino to the Citizens Services Board.

- The board approved a contract with Central Mississippi Planning and Development District for redistricting services.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will meet again at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Building in Canton.

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## Pilates

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years of rough activity and intense, often competitive, workouts had sent her to the back doctor with four bulging disks. Epperson said pilates has been a key part of her recovery and prevented her from having to undergo a number of inva-

sive procedures.

"It is just a great way to get a good workout without having to beat your body up," Epperson said. "I can say it has been beneficial for me."

Now she directs her competitive energy to Mario Kart sessions with her husband, Kevin, after they put the kids to bed.

Kaiser said he was originally dismissive of the "giggling girl" applying to run his pilates studio but she quickly won him over with her "infectious per-

sonality."

"I told her to come work for me you just got to have faith," Kaiser said. "Trust me and trust in God above."

The two have an immediately recognizable rapport. They can talk business while peppering in a number of inside jokes and mutual movie references. Kaiser said that the aforementioned personality has been a key to Epperson's ability to interact with customers and sell as many memberships as they have.

They have currently hired about six instructors including Reesheda Carter, who has more than 15 years of experience teaching Pilates on top of the 500 hours of training required for Club Pilates teachers.

Club Pilates Renaissance is located just across the street from Zea Rotisserie and Bar in the Renaissance next to the Ridgeland Tourism Commission and Smoothie King. For more information visit clubpilates.com.

## Budget

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acknowledging the levy.

Gluckstadt, which was incorporated in June this year, will also have the solid waste garbage mills which they have been paying, Vance said, adding he and board attorney Mike Espy have had a conversation with the city of Gluckstadt officials about the garbage levy "because they have not been able to get a

garbage contract in place at this time."

Vance said he expects Gluckstadt to send a letter stating the city is opting out of the fire coverage from the county but has not yet received the letter.

"For the fiscal year the fire protection tax will by law apply to a city unless the city notifies us that they are taking responsibility for certain fire protection activities," Vance said. "We do expect based on our conversation with Gluckstadt to have that letter from Gluckstadt by your next meet-

ing, but it is not available today, so until we have that letter in place by statute we have to impose that fire protection tax on everyone including municipalities until we get that letter in hand."

Vance said he expects to have the letter in hand by the end of the week.

"My recommendation to you is that you levy the tax on the city of Gluckstadt, remember they have already been paying this tax, this is not a new tax to them, that you levy that tax until the city of Gluckstadt provides that letter, and if that letter is provided we will acknowledge that in a future meeting," Vance said.

No one other than Vance spoke during the public hearing on the county's Fiscal Year 2022 budget and supervisors unanimously adopted the budget.

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# Aldermen approve budget that includes 5% pay raise

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RIDGELAND — The budget has been approved and the city will offer across-the-board raises to employees and will not raise taxes.

Mayor Gene F. McGee said he is pleased with the FY 2022 budget and is excited to see it put into effect after the city board unanimously approved the proposed budget in a 7-0 vote at Tuesday's regularly held city board meeting.

"I think our department heads put together a great budget and once again we will be passing a budget without an increase in taxes," McGee said after the meeting. "I think this budget will do a lot of things our citizens deserve and need."

Raises will be a key feature of the FY 2022 budget. City

employees are expected to receive a 5% raise.

This will make the fourth year of a five-year plan to offer raises to the Fire Department. Original discussions had featured a 3% raise for the department only.

Officials discussed raises for the mayor and aldermen. Ward 1 Alderman Ken Heard declined his raise citing his status as a retiree from the state.

All board members will receive a \$1,250 raise and McGee will receive a \$2,500 raise. The mayor currently makes \$96,000.06 and the aldermen make \$21,147.36.

McGee called the raises, specifically the 5% increase for employees, "deserved."

The board voted at the last meeting in August to levy tax millage at 11.27 for the general fund and 8.76 for the debt serv-

ice fund and a total of 20.03 mills. McGee noted that is the same millage the board has levied for more than 30 years and has been a point of pride for his administration year after year.

The proposed FY2022 budget has estimated total revenues of \$23,214,032 and estimated total expenditures of \$25,763,538. The estimated general fund balance for the beginning of the fiscal year is \$19,239,259 with an end-of-year balance at \$16,689,753.

City Clerk Paula Tierce has noted that the initial estimates look like the city may have some deficit spending but noted that the revenue estimates are conservatively calculated and have traditionally been exceeded year in and year out.

# Weekly COVID cases down 33%

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Madison County has recorded 312 new COVID-19 cases and four new deaths in the past week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health's Sep. 8 report.

That is a drop of 156 new cases from last week's 468 new COVID-19 cases reported in Madison County but an increase

of three deaths from last week's one reported COVID-19 death in Madison County.

Madison County has now recorded a total of 13,665 cases of COVID-19 and 260 deaths have been reported since the pandemic began in March 2020.

Madison County continues to have one of the state's highest vaccination rates with 53% of residents having received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and 60%

of residents having received at least one dose.

The statewide vaccination rate stands at 38% of residents having received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and 45% of residents having received one dose.

Statewide, since the pandemic began in March 2020, 265,508 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded by the MSDH. There have been 5,955 confirmed COVID-19 deaths.

# Ida

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fighters will return, as the mission could last as long as two weeks.

In addition to the firefighters who traveled to Louisiana, two other firefighters, inspector Kevin Miller and EMT Bradley Page, went to Gulfport on Friday, Layton said.

Gluckstadt Fire Chief Henry Davis said Texas sent in a lot of fire engines, and the firefighters from Gluckstadt are set to work those engines.

"Along with these guys, we also sent two rescue units," Davis said. "I believe they'll make a good impact. We're here to help, that's what we do. If people need aid, we'll try our best to help them."

Davis said the four firefighters in place now will stay for seven days and when they come back, four more will travel to Louisiana to take their place.

"They need cover for 14 days," Davis said. "They'll be doing structural firefighting and electrical work. I know they'll do good work and help the people in need there."

Hurricane Ida came ashore

as a category 4 storm in south Louisiana on the morning of Aug. 29 devastating much of south Louisiana and south Mississippi 16 years to the day after Hurricane Katrina hit the same areas. The storm killed as many as 13 people in Louisiana and another 50 from Virginia to Connecticut.

As of Sunday, Sept. 5, the Associated Press reported that "more than 630,000 homes and businesses remained without power in southeast Louisiana, according to the state Public Service Commission. At the peak, 902,000 customers had lost power."

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# Opinion & Editorials

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## Democracy vs. autocracy

“He may be an SOB, but he’s our SOB.”

So said President Franklin D. Roosevelt of Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza, and how very American. For, from its first days, America has coluded with autocrats when the national interest demanded it.

George Washington danced a jig in 1778 when he learned that our diplomats had effected an alliance with France’s King Louis XVI. The alliance, he knew, would be indispensable to an American victory.

In April 1917, the U.S. went to war “to make the world safe for democracy” in collusion with four of the world greatest empires: the British, French, Russian and Japanese. All four annexed new colonial lands and peoples from the victory for democracy we were decisive in winning.

In World War II, we gave massive military aid to Joseph Stalin’s USSR, which used it to crush, conquer and communize half of Europe.

Antonio Salazar, dictator of Portugal, was a founding member of NATO. During the Cold War, we allied with autocrats Syngman Rhee of South Korea, Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines, the shah of Iran and Gen. Augusto Pinochet of Chile. The second largest army in NATO is under the autocratic rule of Turkish President Recep Erdogan.

Our major allies in the Arab world are Egypt’s Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who overthrew a democratically elected president, Mohamed Morsi, and the various kings, princes, sultans and emirs along the Persian Gulf.

Yet, President Joe Biden has defined the global struggle as between democracy and autocracy and said, “Democracy will and must prevail.”

“We agree with that strategic vision,” echoed The Washington Post.

But is this an accurate depiction of great power rivalry today?

If the autocratic-democratic divide is the fault line, on which side do Erdogan, Sisi and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman fall?

Are we really in an ideological war with Vladimir Putin’s

*Quarrel with China is not ideological, but political and strategic. Why, then, turn it into a war of systems?*

Russia today, as we were during the Cold War with Stalin’s USSR?

We have quarrels with Putin over Crimea and the Donbas, and he wants to keep Ukraine and Georgia from joining NATO. But where is the evidence that Putin seeks to change our democratic form of government into an autocracy?

Putin’s objections to us are to our policies, not our democracy.

Back in the 1950s, Nikita Khrushchev had boasted that America’s grandchildren would live under Communism. When has Putin proclaimed any such grand ideological Kremlin goal?

Is our quarrel with China ideological in character?

China is a great and growing economic and military power, with quarrels with most of its neighbors.

It has trade issues with Australia; a border dispute with India in the Himalayas; and differences with Vietnam, the Philippines and four other nations over who owns the islets in the South China Sea. China also claims Taiwan and the Senkaku Islands occupied by Japan.

But with the exceptions of Taiwan and Hong Kong, which it claims as sovereign Chinese territory, Beijing has not pressed any nation to adopt a political system similar to that of China’s Communist Party.

It coexists with Communist Vietnam, autocratic Myanmar, theocratic Afghanistan, and democratic India, Australia and Japan.

Beijing’s quarrel with us is not that America is “a democracy.” China’s objections are that we block its ambitions and back the nations of South Asia and Southeast Asia that thwart its strategic goals.

The quarrel is not ideological, but political and strategic.

Why, then, turn it into a war of systems? Where is the evi-

dence that Beijing is trying to communize her neighbors, or change their political systems to conform to her own?

However, there is considerable evidence to demonstrate that the United States actively seeks to subvert the rule of Putin in Russia.

Though Putin’s Kremlin is accused of having hacked the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton’s campaign in 2016, even if true, how would that compare with U.S. interference today in the internal affairs of Russia?

Are Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe objective and neutral in their coverage in Russia? Do the many nongovernmental organizations and the National Endowment for Democracy take a hands-off approach to the internal politics of Russia?

What did the Kremlin do to advance the political ambitions of Donald Trump to compare with what our diplomatic and governmental institutions and quasi-government agencies appear to be doing to undermine Putin and advance the candidacy of Alexei Navalny?

If American democracy is in an ideological war with Russia, who is on the offensive here? Who wishes to change whose political system?

“The U.S. national interest and the promotion of democracy, or at least political stability, abroad are not so easily separated,” writes The Washington Post.

But where did America acquire the right to interfere in the internal affairs of other nations to change them to conform to our own?

If our goal is to democratize Russia and China, i.e., change their political systems to conform more closely with our democratic one, is that not tantamount to a declaration of ideological war by us?

Is this not the essence of ideological warfare?

And who, then, is the aggressor in this new ideological war?

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## EDITORIALS

### Biden economy worsening

Last week’s job report was a huge disappointment, with the U.S. economy adding just 235,000 jobs in August, missing economists’ expectations of 720,000 by nearly half a million. People are simply making more money sitting on their couches, collecting unemployment checks than they are in the workplace. Eight million Americans are unemployed, but there’s a record 10 million job openings.

In June, about 1.8 million out-of-work Americans said they turned down job offers because of the generosity of unemployment benefits, according to a Morning Consult poll. According to NFIB’s July Small Business Jobs Report, “labor quality” is the biggest concern to mom-and-pop shops, with 26% of survey respondents identifying it as their “single most important problem.” Of those surveyed, 63% said they were currently hiring or trying to hire. Of this group, 89% said there were few or no “qualified job applicants.”

To date, 26 states, mostly led by Republican governors, have opted to cut these emergency COVID-19 benefits early to help incentivize Americans to get back to work. As a result, it’s red states that are leading the economic recovery. Through July, 16 of the top 20 states for recovering jobs from the pandemic were led by Republican governors. Out of the top 20 states with the lowest unemployment rates, 16 are led by Republican governors.

Mr. Biden’s ‘build back better’ program would create the largest expansion of welfare benefits since the 1960s, further dissuading able-bodied Americans from reentering the workforce. It would hamstring small businesses with increased regulation. It would raise the business tax rate to 28%, higher than communist China, incentivizing more U.S. companies to take their jobs abroad.

It aims to push Green New Deal objectives, killing thousands of fossil-fuel jobs, at a time when American’s are paying on

average over \$3 per gallon at the pump, Russian exports of oil to the U.S. are at an all-time high, and Mr. Biden is begging OPEC to pump more oil to lower prices.

Belarusian opposition figures Maria Kolesnikova, Maxim Znak jailed Mr. Biden’s ‘build back better’ plan will also, undoubtedly, cause further inflation. Higher prices have already exceeded wage growth in the first six months of Mr. Biden’s presidency.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Biden used the disappointing August jobs report as proof his \$3.5 trillion spending bill and \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bills are needed to create “good-paying jobs” and “long-term prosperity.”

He couldn’t be more wrong.

Before the pandemic, the U.S. economy was humming as then-President Donald J. Trump pushed an agenda of low taxes, restrained regulation, and targeted federal government spending. More than 6 million Americans were lifted from poverty. The unemployment rate dropped to a historic 3.5%, including the highest employment rates for African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and blue-collar workers with no more than a high school diploma. After years of stagnant wages, real wages increased 10% for middle-class workers. Before the pandemic, the U.S. had become the world’s largest oil producer and was less dependent on foreign producers such as Russia’s Vladimir Putin.

The key to building back better is lowering taxes, reducing regulations, and rewarding hard work, innovation, and economic risk-taking. Mr. Trump’s administration proved this.

Unfortunately, Mr. Biden is doing the exact opposite. He wants to “fundamentally transform” this country through a historic tax and spend policy, which will only threaten American prosperity and destroy the American dream. It’s the opposite of what’s needed right now.

— *The Washington Times*

### Cloying Afghan narrative

Contemporary ethos says the key to a genuine existence is to “speak your truth,” as if personal perception trumps objective reality. Masterminds of the U.S. foreign policy have, in recent days, depicted in detail their “truth” about the U.S. pull-out from Afghanistan. To common-sense Americans, though, the TV images of chaos and violence bear little resemblance to official descriptions of laudable success. No candy-coating can disguise the fact that President Biden and his advisers have presided over one of the most disgraceful military embarrassments in U.S. history.

In a televised White House speech last week, Mr. Biden defended the U.S. exit from its 20-year Afghan war as “an extraordinary success.” Summarizing his argument, he concluded: “I give you my word: With all of my heart, I believe this is the right decision, a wise decision, and the best decision for America.”

It is hard to fathom that the president was referring to the jarring events that resulted in the abandonment of hundreds of Americans and thousands of their loyal Afghan allies behind enemy lines and the bequeathal of tens of billions of dollars worth of advanced U.S. weaponry to Taliban terrorists.

The idea that human beings ought to be free to fashion with their own brand of truth isn’t new. Still, media fashionista Oprah Winfrey pinned it to pop culture when, during her 2018 Golden Globes speech, she stressed the importance of “speaking your truth” in the context of the burgeoning “#MeToo” movement. Having the courage of one’s convictions is

admirable but reimagining the truth in an objectively false fashion is despicable.

Marching to the beat of his commander in chief, Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has added his own cringe-worthy Afghanistan musings: “One thing I’m certain of — for any soldier, sailor, airman, or Marine and their family — your service mattered, and it was not in vain,” he said.

Tanya Snyder appears to confirm eight finalists for new Washington name

Veterans of the U.S. global war on terror may be forgiven for showing disdain for the general’s attempt to sweeten a humiliating retreat. Even before the abrupt pull-out, veterans were committing suicide at a rate four times that of their combat deaths. For soldiers everywhere, defeat in war is soul-crushing; for American warriors, the Biden defilement of their battlefield ethic — “leave no one behind” — is unforgivable. Unforgivable.

Americans are rightfully appalled by the military withdrawal operation that left 13 U.S. troops dead when security at the international airport in Kabul was left in the hands of the Taliban. Unsurprisingly, the Rasmussen presidential tracking poll last week found Mr. Biden’s 42 percent approval rate had been buried by his 56 percent disapproval. Worse, 52 percent of respondents said the president should resign over the botched pull-out.

America is built upon reason, not rainbows. Mr. Biden et al. may delude themselves with their cloying Afghan narrative, but truth be told, Americans aren’t fooled.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

### Afghanistan isn’t end of U.S power

It’s hard to imagine more humiliating images than what we’ve seen in Afghanistan in recent weeks, from the hasty evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul to the chaotic scenes outside the airport.

Our surrender to a band of AK-47-bearing guerrillas after 20 years has, understandably, occasioned autumnal thoughts about American power.

Even the Soviet Union, on the cusp of full collapse, managed to get out of Afghanistan in good order and leave behind a government that endured for several years.

What does it say that we couldn’t match that?

Writing in The New Yorker, Robin Wright says the pullout may serve as “a bookend for the era of U.S. global power.” Allister Heath, editor of The Sunday Telegraph, argues that “the botched exit is merely the latest sign that the American era is ending.” Francis Fukuyama says the images in Kabul “have evoked a major juncture in world history,” although he thinks “the end of the American era had come much earlier.”

There is no sugar-coating our defeat in Afghanistan and the abject position we put ourselves in during the final days. The withdrawal is a blow to our counterterrorism capabilities, our prestige and our geopolitical position.

For all of that, though, no one in the world has the formidable advantages of the United States, which still outstrips everyone else, including China, on every material metric that matters.

Great powers don’t go away easily. The British could be forgiven for thinking that it’d be all

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downhill after losing their American colonies in a long war joined by their traditional rivals France and Spain. Instead, British imperial power had not yet peaked.

Our exit from Saigon in 1975, to this point the touchstone for modern American defeats, was followed by Communist advances all over the map. Yet, within 20 years, we’d win the Cold War and ascend to unprecedented global power.

We are still blessed with an extraordinarily favorable geographical position, as a continental nation with friendly neighbors, access to two oceans, enormous reserves of oil and gas, and vast amounts of arable land.

We produce about a quarter of global GDP, a share that has held up over the years.

We are responsible for an astonishing 40% of all military spending in the world. It was ridiculous that Biden made a bragging point of the evacuation, but it’s true that no one else would have been capable of such an operation.

We dominate the list of top universities in the world.

There is no country people would rather come to. A Taliban spokesperson interviewed on Iranian TV, when challenged why so many people want to flee Afghanistan, rightly point-

ed out that if American planes were taking people out of Iran, there’d be a rush for the exits there, too.

In his book, *Unrivaled*, Michael Beckley of Tufts University and the American Enterprise Institute rebuts the notion that China is overtaking us.

American workers are more productive than workers anywhere else. China’s labor productivity has improved, Beckley writes, “but remains half that of Turkey, lower than Mexico’s, and roughly on par with Brazil’s.”

We have demographic challenges, but other big powers, especially China, will be aging faster. Over the course of the century, Beckley notes, China will lose half of its workforce, or 470 million people.

Our alliance system is an enormous force-multiplier, a network that, according to Beckley, “encompasses 25% of the Earth’s population and accounts for 75% of world GDP and defense spending.” China’s formal ally, in contrast, is North Korea.

None of this is to deny that the contemporary United States is racked by self-doubt, poisonous politics, and institutional failure.

It is only to say that if we are determined to squander our global position, it will take much more time and folly to do it. A further downward slide, like the disastrous withdrawal from Kabul itself, will be a choice, not an inevitability.

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## BIBLE SELECTION

Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

— John 14:23 (ESV)

# Michel favors limiting the growth of marijuana

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State lawmakers are close to reaching a compromise on legislation to create a state medical marijuana program and a special session could be called within the next two weeks, some lawmakers have said.

"It's at the total whim of the governor to call us into session," said State Sen. J. Walter Michel of whether a special session will convene any time soon. Michel said he does not know when or if a special session will be called.

Talk of a special session has been looming on the medical marijuana issue since the state Supreme Court in May overturned a medical marijuana initiative approved by voters in the 2020 general election. The high court sided with Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler who challenged the process by which the measure was placed on ballots and overturned Initiative 65 that was approved by 58% of the vote, according to certified election results.

Lawmakers immediately vowed to create a state medical marijuana program and urged Gov. Tate Reeves to call a special session. Reeves has said he will not call a special session until the Senate and House have a proposal they agree on as a special session is estimated to cost taxpayers \$35,000 per day.

"He wanted to have understanding, so we can get in and out in one or two days," Michel said of a special session.

Meanwhile, lawmakers have spent the summer preparing for the issue. In June the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee held three hearings with testimony from public health experts to get input on creating a medical marijuana program, Michel said.

While Michel said he supports a medical marijuana program he wants to do it right.

"The devil is in the details as to how you craft the legislation as to whether it becomes pure medical marijuana or if it is disguised as medical marijuana, but it really is recreational marijuana," Michel said.

Initiative 65 did not allow enough regulation over marijuana growing operations or dispensaries, Michel said, and

those are two details he would like to see address in legislation creating the state's program.

"It was about to be the Wild-Wild West as to who could grow it and where it could be grown," Michel said of the medical marijuana program outlined in Initiative 65. "I think what you will see in the current legislation is that we deal with, Should we be growing outside or indoors?"

Michel said he favors limiting growing operations to indoors.

"If it is grown indoors, it is easier for us to regulate," Michel said. "Also, if in fact we are growing medical marijuana, which is exactly what we will do, then it would be more efficient for the people who have invested the money to grow it because when you grow it indoors, you can grow about three crops, whereas with our temperature in Mississippi if you are growing it outdoors, you can basically just get one crop per year."

State Rep. Edward Blackmon Jr. said he sees the medical marijuana issue as an opportunity to help people in need and that Initiative 65 had sought to eliminate too much state regulation.

"The referendum passed by the public was trying to keep it out of the cold, hard hands of the Legislature where there are more restrictions placed on it," Blackmon said. "Mississippi is making real steps toward a recognition that medical marijuana's time has come, and I think it's fairly accepted by the legislature as you know by the vote that took place."

Blackmon said he believes that if marijuana can help people who are suffering it should be readily available to them.

"Where people are in pain, where people are suffering and we can provide relief to them we should do so and medical marijuana at this stage and what I'm talking about is the general use," Blackmon said. "Medical marijuana is something some practitioners now view to be a safe and precious type of drug that can help many, many people, cancer patients in particular, find great relief."

Regulations are necessary to keep any state-created medical marijuana program from becoming a recreational mari-

juana program, Michel said, but Blackmon said he believes the backers of Initiative 65 were trying to keep special interest from entering the equation.

"It (state legislation) would be drafted in such a way that it would eliminate the individuals who might be involved in the dispensing, the transportation and storage of medical marijuana," Blackmon said. "Those are the kinds of things they were trying to avoid because when you have the legislature involved, special interests are going to take over and that happens in the legislative process and you may not get a public-friendly, citizen-friendly type of statute."

Michel said he would prefer Mississippi create what he called a true medical marijuana program that would require a doctor's prescription of a non-smokable form of medical marijuana that would be sold through a pharmacy like any other prescribed medications.

Michel also said he favors allowing municipalities to opt-out of allowing marijuana dispensaries in their cities.

"I'm in favor of giving the municipality the right to pass regulations that it not be dispensed inside the city limits of their city," Michel said.

Michel said he has heard that both the House and Senate are nearing a compromise and he will be ready for a special session.

"It's my opinion that the last bill was recreational marijuana cloaked as medical marijuana, and I think a lot of people who voted for the constitutional amendment really felt like they were voting for people who really need marijuana for medical purposes and not for recreational purposes," Michel said. "There have been a lot of discussions that statewide the vote was over 70% (with Initiative 65 and alternate Initiative 65A combined), but I was able to go to the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office and get the breakdown of my senate district in Madison County. You might be interested to know it was 58% who favored it. It was not 70%, so it was less of a mandate in my district, which includes most of Ridgeland and a big, big chunk of Madison and now part of Gluckstadt which is now a city now."

There are also three dimensions to the righteousness that every believer seeks. Firstly,

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

# The citizens of the kingdom, Part II

Please turn in your Bible to Matthew 5:6-7. As we continue our study of the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord Jesus Christ tells us what it means to live as Christians in the world where He has placed us. The Beatitudes assume two questions and give us two answers to those two questions. Everybody asks the question, "What is it to be blessed?" In the Beatitudes, the Lord Jesus Christ gives us the heavenly answer to that question. It means to have a right relationship with God and enjoyment of Him. That's what true happiness is. The second question that the Beatitudes deal with is the question of "Who are the blessed ones?" Last week, we learned that the one who is grieved over sin and lives in meekness is truly blessed. This week, we learn two additional things about those who are truly blessed. First, those who are truly blessed long for righteousness, and they are called to a life seeking after it. Secondly, those who are truly blessed are merciful, and they are called to a life of compassion.

### I. Christians Long for Righteousness, and They Are Called to a Life of Seeking After It.

In verse 6, Jesus says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." This beatitude entails at least two things. First, notice that there is a genuine desire for righteousness. In other words, the Lord Jesus says that those who are blessed are those who realize that they lack righteousness and long for it. The road to spiritual riches begins when we say, "Lord, nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling." Secondly, notice that it is righteousness which is desired. What is righteousness? Righteousness means perfect conformity to God's will and to God's character.

This beatitude also encourages us to ask ourselves, "What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness?" Firstly, it means to long for a right relationship with God. Secondly, it means to long to be accounted righteous before God. Thirdly, it means to long to live rightly before God. Fourthly, it means to long to see right relationships restored with others. All these things are involved in longing and hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

There are also three dimensions to the righteousness that every believer seeks. Firstly,

we seek a justifying righteousness. Every sinner seeks for a declared righteousness which causes us to be considered and forgiven and spared a punishment we know is due for our sin. And that is found only in Jesus Christ. The second aspect of the righteousness that we seek is the sanctifying aspect of righteousness. The believer seeks that righteousness that is entailed in right living. For we not only desire the forgiveness of sins, we desire conformity to Christ. And so the one who hungers and thirsts for righteousness, hungers and thirsts not only for justification but for sanctification, not only to be accounted righteous before God, but eventually one day to be made right and to be stood before Him in glorified righteousness. And then third, the person who hungers and thirsts after righteousness not only desires justifying and sanctifying righteousness but they desire to see that righteousness established everywhere, not just in their own relationships. They desire to see that righteousness flowing forth in the lives of other men and women who don't know Christ, those who are under the bondage of sin and its condemnation.

Lastly, we must ask, "What is the blessing which attends this hungering and thirsting?" The sworn promise of God that if we hunger and thirst for righteousness is that we will be satisfied. Is there any other promise that can be given to men and women in the world that comes with that guarantee from God Almighty? It's only those who have embraced Christ by faith who know what it means to be satisfied in this life, and only they will know what it is to be fully satisfied in the day to come. If you want satisfaction, it is found in Christ. If you desire satisfaction, you must embrace Jesus.

### II. Christians Are Merciful, and They Are Called to a Life of Compassion.

In verse 7, Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Christians not only long for righteousness, but Christians are merciful and they are called to a life of compassion. In the first four beatitudes, Christ describes the initial works that the Holy Spirit does in our heart. The Spirit causes the Christian to be spiritually humble, to be poor in spirit, to recognize that we have a need that cannot be fulfilled by ourselves or our

activities. The Spirit also causes that person to mourn over sin. No longer can sin be taken flippantly as something dismissed, as something actually revealed in. It becomes a vexation to our souls and we mourn over that sin. The Spirit changes our hearts so that we are no longer prideful, but we are humbled. No longer do we revel in sin; we hate sin. We hate sin not simply for its consequences and its misery, but we hate it for what it is. And then we see in the fourth beatitude that the Lord implants in that person a longing for righteousness and that they know those longings.

We see in this fifth beatitude that we have been forgiven much and so we become merciful people. The Lord says that those who are blessed are not those who have no trouble in this life. Those who are blessed are not those who know no one without trouble in this life but are merciful to those in the midst of trouble. Christians are merciful because we know what it is to have mercy shown to us. Those who love little have been not in the realization of the forgiveness of Christ, but those who have been forgiven much, love much. What is Christian mercy? Mercy is love for those in misery and having a forgiving spirit toward the sinner. It embraces both kindly feelings and kindly actions. The great example of mercy which our Lord gave us was the story of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37. The good Samaritan was one who sought to relieve the consequences of sin upon that poor traveler who had been beaten and left for dead. The early church taught that the good Samaritan was Jesus because He is extremely compassionate, and He comes and ministers to us in the midst of our needs. Has God given you a thirst for righteousness and a merciful heart? Then praise God who has done a spiritual work of grace in you. But if righteousness is not your great hunger, and if Christian mercy is not your heart, then go to God and embrace Him and trust in Jesus Christ today. May God work righteousness and mercy in us by His Spirit and may He receive all the glory.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mary Lee Schaefer

Mary Lee Schaefer, 91, passed away on Friday, September 03, 2021 of natural causes. She was surrounded by her children at the time of her passing. Visitation will be Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Chancellor Funeral Home in Byram, MS from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of the service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park in Jackson, MS.

A resident of Byram for approximately 50 years, Mrs. Schaefer lived most recently in Ridgeland, MS. She was born on September 30, 1929 in Carthage, MS. Mary Lee died as she lived; a faithful servant of the Lord. She was a founding member of Forest Hill Baptist Church and a past member of Raymond Road Baptist Church. Most recently, she was an active member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church where she found great

joy fellowshiping with her Sunday School class and congregation. Mary Lee always found a way to serve her church homes, often helping with Vacation Bible School, serving in the nursery and visiting those who were sick or shut-in. She was also very active in her children's schools, serving on the PTA and as room mom at Timberlawn and Byram High Schools.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 1/2 years, Thomas Edward Schaefer, her parents, James Sharplin and Etta Mae Kelly Sharplin and her brothers, Jimmie Dale, Horace, Kelly, Thomas and Billy. She is survived by one brother, Dale, to whom she was extremely devoted.

Mary Lee had a selfless servant's heart and spent her life taking care of others. She helped her husband run his own

business and was a devoted wife and mother. She will be greatly missed by all those who received her loving care, including her children: Nancy (Frank) Pickering of Gulf Shores, AL; Tommy (Sharon) Schaefer of Pontotoc; twins, Jan (Terry) Hedgepeth of Madison and Ann (Rick) Webster of Madison; and Lynn May of Meridian.

She is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Will (Andrea) Miller; Mary Ann (Josh) Mitchell; Josef, Marlee, and Jenna Schaefer; Schaefer, Blake, Kalli Ayn, and Drew Hedgepeth; Anna Nicole (Will) Burrell; Remington Webster; and Gage Nettles and five great-grandchildren: Cole, Annaleigh, Barron, Miller, and Bastian.

Online guestbook may be signed at [chancellorfuneralhome.com](http://chancellorfuneralhome.com)

### Bing George Crosby

Bing George Crosby, 71, passed into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at Hospice Ministries of lung and brain cancer.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2021, at First United Methodist Church of Ridgeland. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday at the church. Burial will follow in Mendenhall Cemetery.

Bing was born on April 11, 1950, in New Orleans, LA, to the late Earl Bing Crosby and Mary Crosby. Bing was raised in Baton Rouge, LA, and his family moved before his senior year in high school to Jackson, MS. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Journalism at the University of Southern Mississippi. During his Senior year at USM, Bing helped broadcast football games from MM Roberts Stadium. After graduating in 1973, Bing worked as the circulation man-

ager at The Daily Leader in Brookhaven. He was the co-founder and editor of "The Catfish News." He purchased a video store in Jackson and later opened Super Video in Ridgeland and Flora and expanded his business with a Radio Shack and a budget phone Pre Pay in Flora. Bing was elected President of the MS Video Association and served as president of the Flora Chamber of Commerce. Budget Phone hired him as the MS representative, where he attained the highest sales record.

In 2011, Bing underwent brain surgery after a massive tumor was revealed and began a long road to recovery. Since then, Bing enjoyed working part-time for Madison County Journal. Bing and Lucie enjoyed football, baseball, and enjoyed rooting for LSU, USM



Bing Crosby

and other SEC teams and the Atlanta Braves.

He was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Ridgeland and held many leadership positions throughout the years. Bing was also active in his community in Ridgeland and served on various committees.

Bing is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Lucie Whittington Crosby of Ridgeland; son, George Shelby Crosby of Arkansas; grandchildren, Willow and Shelby Crosby of Arkansas.

In Lieu of Flowers memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Ridgeland, 234 West Jackson St., Ridgeland, MS 39157, or to a favorite charity.

Due to the COVID pandemic, masks and social distancing are required.

## Library participating in 9/11 memorial exhibition

By STAFF REPORTS  
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The Madison County Library System participating in September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World, an educational exhibition that presents the history of 9/11, its origins, and its ongoing implications through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks.

Told across 14 posters, this exhibition includes archival photographs and images of arti-

facts from the Museum's permanent collection. It explores the consequences of terrorism on individual lives and communities at the local, national, and international levels, and encourages critical thinking about the legacies of 9/11.

Each of our five libraries will take part by displaying the poster exhibition, showing the 20th-anniversary webinar, and hosting a program related to 9/11.

This 9/11 Memorial & Museum curated exhibition

reflects the core pillars of commemoration, education, and inspiration.

"During this 20th anniversary year, it is our privilege to share these lessons with a new generation, teach them about the ongoing repercussions of the 9/11 attacks and inspire them with the idea that, even in the darkest of times, we can come together, support one another and find the strength to renew and rebuild," said 9/11 Memorial & Museum President and CEO Alice M. Greenwald.

### Special Events

**Cycle Out Kids Cancer**  
Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is hosting a fundraising bike ride to support the Children's of Mississippi Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

Registration: [www.ridgelandsportsandevents.com](http://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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— John 3:16 (NIV)

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

**The Lord is sovereign**

This passage depicts two different powers at work. In chapter 11, when Christians at Antioch preached Christ to Greeks, the "hand" of the Lord was with them and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. The "hand" of the Lord refers to his power.

In Acts 12:1, we see that Herod laid violent "hands" on Christians, including the apostle James, using his power to put them to death. Peter was subsequently arrested, put under maximum security, and slated to be executed after the Passover. But the Lord sent an angel to rescue Peter.

Thus the Lord shows the ultimate futility of man's power against his sovereignty. He will build his church and ultimately destroy all his and the church's enemies. His people can have peace even under oppression knowing this. Peter is chained between two soldiers when the angel came into his cell and yet, amazingly, he is sound asleep. The angel had to poke him in the side to wake him.

Peter had been arrested and put in prison before. He had been rescued by an angel before. He had been threatened and beaten for preaching Christ before. Peter was able to sleep the night before his execution because he was confident the Lord Jesus was sovereign over the situation.

After Peter escaped, he made his way to a house where fellow Christians were praying for him. He knocked on the gate and the servant girl Rhoda goes back to report it, but the people praying for Peter think she has lost her mind. They were so distraught they didn't believe it.

When they finally see Peter, he motions them to be quiet and then gives them the details of his escape. And the Scripture gives us details of it for a reason. The church at this time was beset with trouble. They were shaken by Herod's power and the death of Christians, including James the apostle. And now Peter, the lead apostle, was facing execution.

Peter would have told them that he did nothing to contribute to his escape. It was not contested. The angel simply lit up the room, the chains fell off, he got dressed, he was led out past the sentinels, the huge city gate opened on its own, he walked out, the angel left, and he made his way to the house. In

other words, it was very easy.

Peter said, "Tell these things to James and the brothers." James was the half-brother of the Lord Jesus and a leader of the Jerusalem church. The Christians there needed encouragement. These were very troubling circumstances. The report would bring to mind the Lord's sovereign will and power.

In any circumstance, a Christian can say, "My Lord is sovereign over it. I am in his hands." He knows what he is doing and loves his people. His purpose for James the apostle was good. James served Christ for a time, and when he was killed he went immediately into the presence of the Lord.

The Lord is sovereign over the lives of his people. He conquered death. He holds the keys of death and hades; they are forever in his hands. When our situation suddenly turns to tribulation and tragedy, we remember we have peace with God through Christ and we will forever be with the Lord.

We are also told what happens to the enemies of Christ's people. After Peter escaped and ruined his plan to receive accolades from the Jews in Jerusalem, Herod left for Caesarea and his wrath was directed toward the cities of Tyre and Sidon. He made them grovel since they depended on his country for food. He accepted worship from them, and in doing so provoked the anger of the Lord. An angel is dispatched from the Lord for Herod (verse 23). But in his case it is an avenging angel to strike him down. Herod dies a gruesome death because "he did not give God the glory."

Herod was full of vanity and that is the root of all sin. It blinds the mind, puts reason and judgment to sleep. It is a touchy sin; it can't stand reproff. It proceeds from self-conceit and/or ambition. We see it magnified in Herod. Proverbs 16:5 says, "The Lord detests the proud in heart. Be sure of this, they will not go unpunished."

The Lord rescued Peter: the Lord struck down Herod. Blessed be the name of the Lord. And then we read "the word of God increased and multiplied" (verse 24). Men may rage, they may mock for a time, but they are like the grass of the field soon to fade away. Christ's flock will endure forever.

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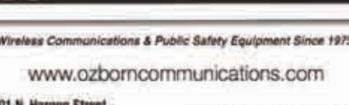


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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 Complaint filed in this action to the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose name and address is **Todd McAlpin, Assistant District Attorney, Post Office Box 121, Canton, Mississippi 39046**.

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

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

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

ANITA WRAY  
MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Dendy Blankenship  
D.C.  
Dendy Blankenship  
(SEAL)

Ad Placed By The Dossier Abandoned Vehicle Specialist & Mobile Notary Service 601-622-2173 Public notice is hereby given that Timesavers Automotive Repair @ 4487 Northside Drive, Jackson, Ms. 39213, will hold a public auction on September 26th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to the Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicles will be sold: 2013 Chevy Malibu, VIN# 1G11A5SA2DF287857, Owner: Hudson Trent, Lienholder: Santander Consumer, Owed: \$3,979.89 Repairs and Storage; 1999 Buick Lesabre VIN# 1G4HP52K8XH458516, Owner: Stewart Trinity, Lienholder: None, Owed: \$4,062.00 Repairs & Storage; 2012 Nissan Altima, VIN# 1N4AL2AP-5CC218480: Term of the sales are cash and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

Ad placed by The Dossier Abandoned Vehicle & Mobile Notary Specialist 601-622-2173/Legal Advertisement Public notice is hereby given that Twins Upholstery @ 4160 Bullard St. Jackson, Ms, will hold a public auction on September 26th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to the abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicles will be sold: 1975 Chevrolet Caprice, VIN# 1N67U5S138997, Owner: Molly Caruana & Frederick Watkins; also Joseph Edwin Lowe, Lienholder: Randall BoleyJack, Owed: \$13,155.00, Repairs & Storage: Terms of the sales are cash; no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

Ad Placed By The Dossier, Mobile Notary Service & Abandoned Vehicle Specialist 601-622-2173 Public notice is hereby given that T's Body Shop @ 6258 N. State Street, Jackson, Ms. 39213, will hold public auction on Sept. 25th, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to the abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicles are to be sold: 2011 Honda Accord, VIN# 1HGCP2F3X-BA071193, Owner: Steven Whisonant, Lienholder: None, Owed \$7805.00 Repairs & Storage; 2006 Dodge Durango VIN# 1D4HD48N56F122196 Owner: Perry Gilbert, Lienholder, None Owed: \$ 6,825.00 Repairs & Storage; Terms of the sale are cash and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

Ad Placed by The Dossier/Abandoned Vehicle Specialist & Mobile Notary Service 601-622-2173 Public notice is hereby given that Lawson's Auto Repair @ 4432 W. Northside Drive, Jackson, Ms. 39213, will hold a public auction at 10:00 a.m. September 26th, 2021 pursuant to the abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicles will be sold: 2008 Toyota Highlander VIN# JTEDS42AX82021264, Owner: Sabrina Bowdry Leinholder: Credit Acceptance Corp. Amt Owed \$5,655.00, Terms of the sales are cash and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

Ad Placed By The Dossier Abandoned Vehicle Specialist & Mobile Notary Service 601-622-2173 Legal Advertisement Public notice is hereby given

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that Murriel's Auto Body & Paint, 4434 W. Northside Dr., Jackson, MS. 39209, will hold a public auction on September 22nd, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to the abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicle will be sold: 2000 Chevy Malibu, VIN# 1G1NE52J2Y61 77211, Owner: James Bussey, Lienholder: None, Owed: \$5812.50, Repairs & Storage: Term of the sales are cash; no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
JAMARQUIS LIL JAMEZE  
BLACK, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO. 2021-374  
ELIZABETH BLACK WOOTEN  
PETITIONER

VS.

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS  
RESPONDENTS

## SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS  
Residence and Post Office Address  
Unknown

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Elizabeth Black Wooten seeking to close the Estate of Jamarquis Lil Jameze Black.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed in this action at 9 A.M. on October 15th, 2021 at the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Court located in Canton, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered 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 3rd day of September, 2021.

RONNY LOTT, MADISON COUNTY  
CHANCERY CLERK

BY: /s/ Stacey Toten, D.C.  
Requesting Attorney:  
David E. Rozier, Jr. (MSB #5712)  
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NOTICE OF NOTE SALE  
\$6,000,000  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE,  
SERIES 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors (the "Governing Body") of Madison County, Mississippi (the "County") will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Chancery Clerk in the Chancery Courthouse of the County located at 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi in the County until the hour of 4:00 p.m. on September 20, 2021, for the purchase at not less than par of \$6,000,000 Madison County, Mississippi General Obligation Note, Series 2021 (the "Note"). At the hour of 5:00 p.m. on said date, all received bids will be publicly opened by the County Clerk and read for the purchase of the Note.

The Note will be dated and bear interest from the date of its delivery; will be delivered in the denomination of \$6,000,000; will be numbered 1; will be issued in registered form; and will bear interest, payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year commencing on March 1, 2022, at the rate of interest specified in the proposal submitted by the successful bidder in accordance with this Notice of Note Sale. Interest will be payable by check, draft, or electronic fund transfer of the County as the paying and transfer agent for the Note (the "Paying and Transfer Agent") made payable to the registered owner of the Note named in, and mailed to the address or otherwise delivered to the appropriate destination appearing on the registration books of the County kept and maintained by the Paying and Transfer Agent.

Principal of the Note will be payable at the office of the Paying and Transfer Agent on September 1 in the following years and amounts:  
Year (September 1)  
Principal Amount  
\$1,200,000  
2023  
1,200,000  
2024  
1,200,000  
2025  
1,200,000  
2026  
1,200,000

The Note will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, in whole or in part, on any date, at the principal amount thereof together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption and without premium. Notice of each such redemption shall be mailed, postage prepaid, not less than two (2) business days prior to the redemption date, to the registered owner of the Note to be redeemed at the address appearing on the registration books of the County maintained by the Paying and Transfer Agent.

The Note will be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 19-9-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "County Act"), and Sections 17-21-51 through 17-21-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Note Act") and together with the County Act, the "Act"). The Note is being issued to raise money for the purpose of (a) constructing, reconstructing, and repairing roads, highways and bridges within the County, and acquiring the necessary land, including land for road building materials, acquiring rights-of-way therefor; or the purchase of construction equipment and accessories thereto reasonably required to construct, repair and renovate roads, highways and bridges and approaches thereto within the County, and for any other purposes

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es authorized by the County Act; and providing the costs of issuance thereof; and (b) providing the costs of issuance of the Note.

The Note shall be a general obligation of the County, and the full faith, credit and resources of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note. For the purposes of effectuating and providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note, as the same shall respectively mature and accrue, there shall be levied a direct, continuing special tax upon all of the taxable property within the geographical limits of the County, adequate and sufficient, after allowance shall have been made for the expenses of collection and delinquencies in the payment of taxes, to produce sums required for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note; provided, however, that such tax levy for any year shall be abated *pro tanto* to the extent the County or prior to September 1 of that year has transferred money to the Note Fund established for the Note, or has made other provisions for funds, to be applied toward the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note due during the ensuing fiscal year of the County. Said tax shall be extended upon the tax rolls and collected in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the County are collected, and the rate of tax which shall be so extended shall be sufficient in each year fully to produce the sums required as aforesaid, without limitation as to rate or amount. The avails of said tax shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note as the same shall mature and accrue.

The Note is to be sold at par and is to be awarded to the bidder complying with the terms hereof and offering to purchase the Note at the lowest rate of interest to the County. The Note shall bear only one rate of interest as specified in the proposal which it will bear from its date to its stated maturity date of September 1, 2026. The rate of interest on the Note shall not exceed eleven percent (11%) per annum. Bidders must acknowledge in their respective proposals that, contemporaneously with or prior to delivery of the Note, the County shall receive from the successful bidder a document in form and substance satisfactory to the County to the effect that:

(1) the successful bidder is purchasing the Note for its own account for the purpose of investment and not with a view towards distribution or resale;

(2) the bidder has knowledge and experience in financial matters and it is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of purchasing the Note;

(3) the bidder has read and fully understands the resolutions under which the Note is issued;

(4) the bidder has had an opportunity to obtain and has received from the County all of the information, documents and materials which it regards as necessary to evaluate the merits and risks of its purchase of the Note;

(5) the bidder recognizes that Butler Snow LLP ("Special Counsel") is not responsible for any information contained in or omitted from materials regarding the County and the Note and acknowledges that it does not look to Special Counsel to obtain such information on its behalf; and

(6) while it has no present intention to resell or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the Note purchased by it, the bidder assumes responsibility for disclosing all material information in compliance with all applicable federal and state security laws in the event of its resale of the Note.

All proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and should be addressed to the Governing Body, at their offices located at the Chancery Courthouse of the County, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, attention: Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk, Madison County, Mississippi and worded on the outside, in substance, "Proposal for Madison County, Mississippi General Obligation Note, Series 2021". ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE UNCONDITIONAL.

The Governing Body reserves the right to reject any or all proposals as well as the right to waive any irregularity or informality in any proposal. All proposals shall be submitted on a Proposal for Purchase which may be obtained from Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk, Madison County, Mississippi, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046 telephone: (601) 855-5526, or from the County's independent registered municipal advisor, Government Consultants, Inc., 116 Village Blvd., Madison, Mississippi 39110, telephone: (601) 982-0005, attention: Mr. Steve Pittman.

In the opinion of Special Counsel, assuming compliance by the County with certain federal tax covenants, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, interest on the Note is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Furthermore, interest on the Note is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Special Counsel will express no other opinion regarding other federal tax consequences resulting from the ownership, receipt or accrual of interest on or disposition of the Note. In addition, Special Counsel is further of the opinion that under and pursuant to the Act, the Note and interest thereon are exempt from all income taxes imposed by the State of Mississippi.

The final approving opinion of Special Counsel relating to the validity and tax exemption of the Note, together with a non-litigation certificate of the County dated the date of delivery of the Note, and a transcript of the proceedings relating to the Note will be delivered to the successful bidder without charge. The Note is being issued as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and supplemented from time to time. The successful bidder will be given at least seven (7) business days advance notice of the proposed date of delivery of the Note when that date has been tentatively determined. The Note will be delivered in Canton, Mississippi or such other place as the Governing Body shall designate and payment therefor shall be made in federal or other immediately available funds. The successful bidder shall have the right, at its option, to cancel its agreement to purchase the Note if the Note is to be delivered by the County in accordance with the preceding paragraph is not tendered for delivery within sixty (60) days from the date of sale thereof. The County shall have the right, at its option, to cancel its agreement to sell the Note if within five (5) days after the tender of the Note for delivery the suc-

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cessful bidder shall not have accepted delivery of and paid for the Note. Further information may be obtained from Shelton Vance, County Administrator, Madison County, Mississippi, 125 West North Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046 telephone: (601) 855-5502, or from the County's independent registered municipal advisor, Government Consultants, Inc., 116 Village Blvd., Madison, Mississippi 39110, telephone: (601) 982-0005, attention: Mr. Steve Pittman.  
DATED: August 16, 2021  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

By /s/ Ronny Lott

Chancery Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI. IN RE:  
THE ESTATE OF SAMMYE WARD,  
DECEASED. CAUSE NO. 45CH1:21-  
cv-00571. PETITIONER: LISA ANNE  
COURSEY

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND  
NOTICE TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS  
OF SAMMYE WARD

You have been made Respondents in the Petition filed in this Court by Rodrick D. Ward, III, seeking an adjudication of Heirship of SAMMYE WARD, Deceased. You are required to appear on October 22, 2021 at 8:45 a.m., at Madison County Chancery Court in Canton, Mississippi, in the Courtroom of the Honorable James C. Walker, 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. 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 2nd day of September, 2021. RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK, MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2010 GMC ACADIA, VIN # 1GKLVME8AJ176361, \$2294.08. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be held on Friday September 17, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

## 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:

2010 AUDI A4  
VIN# WAUFAFL2AN056145  
2005 TOYOTA 4RUNNER  
VIN# JTEBU14RX50055697  
2001 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER  
VIN#JTEGF21A410013959

Date of Sale: October 15, 2021  
Time: 9:30 am  
Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL  
AND TESTAMENT OF LONNIE MAE  
FANCHER LEDLOW, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2021-774

ANITA L. HUNT PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 31st day of August 2021 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of Lonnie Mae Fancher Ledlow, 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 2nd day of September 2021.

Anita L. Hunt, Executrix of the Estate of Lonnie Mae Fancher Ledlow, Deceased

Brad Thompson, MSB #10484  
Sullivan Sullivan & Thompson PLLC  
P. O. Box 45  
Laurel, MS 39441-0045  
Telephone: 601-428-1505

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS  
MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED  
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-RP1,  
Plaintiff,

v.  
GERALD GETTIS, TYJUANA GETTIS, FAITH REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, INC., BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., KEVIN YOCKERS, MARGARET YOCKERS, JOE ADRIAN HERRIN, NANCY J. HERRIN, and EARLY ENTERPRISES, INC.,  
Defendants. 1:20-CV-00800

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

To: Tyjuanna Gettis

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the C-Bass Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2007-RP1 ("Plaintiff") seeking remedy by reformation of the legal description of 460 Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 contained in various documents in the chain of title to said property.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Amelia K. Steindorff, Attorney for

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Plaintiff, whose address is c/o Reynolds, Reynolds & Little, LLC, 2100 Southbridge Pkwy., Ste. 228, Birmingham, AL 35209.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 9th of September, 2021, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE 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 1st day of September, 2021.

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk  
of Madison County, Mississippi  
146 W. Center St.  
P.O. Box 404  
Canton, MS 39046

BY: Stacey Toten, D.C.

(Seal)

PUBLISH: September 9, 2021, September 16, 2021 and September 23, 2021

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
ESTATE OF KENNETH D. JOHNSON,  
DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 21-00806

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 25th day of August, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of KENNETH D. JOHNSON, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against this Estate to present such claims 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 such claims will be forever barred.

THIS the 27th day of August, 2021.  
LARRY K. JOHNSON, Executor of the Estate of KENNETH D. JOHNSON  
David P. Webb, MSB No. 7052 / Leonard C. Martin, MSB No. 1897 BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN, CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ, PC PO Box 14167 Jackson, Mississippi 39236 (601) 969-4678 ATTORNEY

Ad Placed By The Dossier Abandoned Vehicle Specialist & Mobile Notary Service, 601-622-2173 Public notice is hereby given that Woods Automotive @ Lena 2613 Lena Street, Jackson, Ms. 39213; will hold a public auction on September 26th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to the abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicles will be sold: 2012 Chevy Equinox, VIN# 2GNALBEK4C1329110, Owner: Dunta Palmer, Lienholder: Miss Title Loans, Owed: \$6,009.50 Repairs & Storage; 2007 Jeep Larado, VIN# 1J8GR48K67C663057, Owner: Steven W. Boyd, Lienholder: Randolph Brooks FCU, Owed: \$18,217.05, Repairs & Storage; Terms of the sale are cash, no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

Ad Placed By The Dossier Abandoned Vehicle Specialist & Mobile Notary Service 601-622-2173, Public notice is hereby given that Bess Body Shop @ 213 Archie Cain Rd, Madison, Ms. 39110, will hold a public auction on September 26th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to the abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicles will be sold: 2013 Honda Civic, VIN# 2HGFB2F55DH527389, Owner: Tina & Nikia Gunn, Lienholder: Credit Acceptance Corp. Owed: \$3,880, Repairs & Storage; Terms of the sale are cash; no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

Legal/Advertisement

Ad Placed by The Dossier/Abandoned Vehicle Specialist & Mobile Notary Service 601-622-2173 Public notice is hereby given that Lawson's Auto Repair @ 4432 W. Northside Drive, Jackson, Ms. 39213, will hold a public auction at 10:00 a.m. September 20th, 2021 pursuant to the abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, House Bill 221, Laws of 1970, and House Bill 1902, Laws of 1995, the following vehicles will be sold: 2008 Toyota Highlander VIN# JTEDS42AX82021264, Owner: Sabrina Bowdry Leinholder: Credit Acceptance Corp. Amt Owed \$5,655.00 & 2015 Lexus IS VIN# JTHBF1D28F5056559, Owner: Kendrick Holmes, Lienholder: Global Lending Amt Owed \$11,833.38 Repairs & Storage, Terms of the sales are cash and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobile will be sold in 'as is' condition with no guarantees.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

DONALD LEO VARNER and JUDITH ELAINE VARNER  
PETITIONERS  
VS.  
CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2021-864 B

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDIC-AID;  
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;

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ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN OR TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CANTON, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND DESCRIBED 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 B. 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 26 th day of August, 2021.

RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK  
OF  
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
146 W. Center Street  
P. O. Box 404

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-646 W
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 10 th 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...

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

ALBERT BOZEMAN WHITE, ESQ.
MSB #7132
204 Key Drive, Suite A
Madison, MS 39110
Phone: (601)856-5731

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

ADAM BLANCHARD ADMINISTRATOR

S U M M O N S

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

CODY W. GIBSON, MSB #103967
SCOTT MULLENNIX MSB#104859
1755 LULLIAN DRIVE, SUITE 300
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39216
TELEPHONE: 601-948-9840; FAC-SIMILE: 601-599-0000
EMAIL: cwgibsonlaw@gmail.com

Summons. Notice to Defendant: Jacob Alexander Tackett, an individual; and DOES 1 THROUGH 100, inclusive, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Paul Atteukenian. Notice! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without you being heard unless you respond within 30 Days, read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov /se/lhe/p), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center www.courtinfo.ca.gov /se/lhe/p), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. Superior Court of the State of California Stanley Mosk Courthouse-Central District 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The name, address,

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and telephone number if plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Melkon Melkonian, Esq., 16530 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 555, Encino, California 91436; Tel. 818-986-9331.

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

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELLERIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI
EN RE:
ESAU SILVESTRE-MATEO, MENOR CAUSA NO. 2021-666B
MATEO SILVESTRE-LOPEZ, PETICIONARIO
REGLA 81 CITACION—POR PUBLICACION
EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: JUANA MATEO PABLO ALDEA YACA, SAN MATEO IXTATAN, GUATEMALA

AVISO AL DEMANDADO
LA QUEJA ADJUNTA A ESTA CITACION ES IMPORTANTE Y DEBE TOMAR ACCION INMEDIATA PARA PROTEGER SUS DERECHOS
Usted está convocado para comparecer y defenderse contra la Petición para Nombrar Tutor radicada en su contra en esta acción a las 9:00 a.m. el día 28, de Septiembre, 2021, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Canton, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría Cynthia Brewer , y en caso de que usted no aparezca y se defienda, un fallo será dictado en su contra por el dinero u otras cosas exigidas en la Petición para Nombrar Tutor Verificada. No es necesario que presente una respuesta u otro alegato, pero puede hacerlo si lo desea.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ESTATE OF ROBERT P. MYERS, DECEASED NO. 2021-615C
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 6th day of July, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the ESTATE OF ROBERT P. MYERS, 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 6th day of July, 2021. /s/ Geneva Houston Myers, Geneva Houston Myers, Executor of the Estate of Robert P. Myers, Deceased /s/ Leonard C. Martin

Leonard C. Martin BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN, CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ Post Office Box 14167 Jackson, Mississippi 39236 Telephone: (601) 351-2400 State Bar #1897

ATTORNEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the owners of the property located at Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 39, Ash Tree Lane, within the City limits of Madison, Mississippi, that a public hearing will be held September 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Madison Justice Complex, located at 2001 Main Street (entrance on Crawford Street), to determine whether or not the property identified above is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

If such a finding is made, the governing authorities may proceed to utilize the remedies and procedures established in Miss. Code Section 21-19-11, and may thereafter by resolution adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning the property and may also impose a penalty not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost, whichever is more.

An adjudication at the hearing that the property or parcel of land is in need of cleaning will authorize the municipality to reenter the property or parcel of land for a period of one (1) year after the hearing without any further hear-

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ing if notice is posted on the property or parcel of land and at the Madison Police Department at least seven (7) days before the property or parcel of land is reentered for cleaning.

Dated this the 2nd day of September, 2021.

Miriam Ethridge
Director Code Enforcement
City of Madison
(601)856-7116
methridge@madisonthecity.com

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GLUCKSTADT BUILDING OFFICIAL JOB LISTING

CLOSING DATE: open
SALARY: Competitive
JOB DESCRIPTION DETAILS:
The new City of Gluckstadt, incorporated in 2021, is seeking a candidate to fill the position of Building Official. This position will be two-fold, encompassing duties of code enforcement and building inspection, as well as zoning administrator. The Building Official is administrative, technical, and skilled inspectional worker directing the enforcement of the City's building code, zoning ordinance, and other applicable ordinances as adopted by the City of Gluckstadt. Work involves responsibility of directing, supervising, coordinating, and enforcing the inspection of buildings and their appurtenances throughout the City to assure adherence to municipal building, electrical and related codes and ordinances; and for adherence to applicable standards of construction, maintenance, and safety. The employee in this class works independently, managing field inspections and training and instructing inspectors how to apply written and standards codes to everyday building and construction situations. Work is evaluated through conferences, discussions, and reports. Essential functions include supervision, training, enforcement, inspections, communications, clerical duties, and office management. Examples of code enforcement and inspector work include: directs and coordinates inspections in the enforcement of building and electrical codes, and signs and other ordinances for the safety, health, and welfare of the public; applies various written codes and ordinances to everyday building situations; performs complicated inspections to ensure proper enforcement of codes and ordinances; confers or corresponds with architects, building owners, and contractors concerning questions involved in the enforcement process; makes recommendations for changes in ordinances and regulations governing the municipal building inspection program; reviews complicated plans and/or designs before permits are issued for construction, alteration, and repair; meets with zoning board and serves as advisor on all zoning matters; meets and serves as advisor to Mayor and Board of Aldermen on matters pertaining to City codes and ordinances and cases on appeal; ensuring that reports on all inspections, construction, research materials, etc. are written and maintained; assisting in all administrative activities associated with building inspection and zoning matters; ensuring that all phases of the various permit applications are completed in a reasonable amount of time; advise on ways to improve office efficiency and procedure; coordinate with contractors about various inspections required; maintaining data files and prepares reports, detailing the weekly, monthly and yearly issuance of building permits and inspections; conducting information research and compiles special data on assigned projects; attend a continuing education hours annually in the area of zoning, building permits or emergency management; coordinating with the various utility companies regarding water and sewer connections for new construction; assists in the preparation and control of budget expenditures; does basic bookkeeping and/or statistical record keeping not requiring specific accounting or statistical analysis knowledge; reviews and processes correspondence, reports, requisitions, payment requests, and similar administrative activities; maintaining zoning files and maps; serves as a researcher for general zoning matters; confers with City Officials, and technical advisors on difficult cases; and performing other duties as assigned.

The Building Official receives policy direction from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, but also provides administrative and technical assistance to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and provides a positive atmosphere as a public servant to the community. The successful candidate must be able to work effectively with elected officials, officers of the city, other department heads, the city attorney, representatives of other agencies, other city employees, and the general public, and must be able to communicate effectively, orally, written, and electronically. The person in this position may eventually supervise full-time and/or part-time employees and will work regular business hours year-round, with regular overtime and night work, attends and participates in professional group meetings, and has accountability for certain building code and zoning issues related to the work for which this position is responsible; an ability to attend evening meetings and other code-enforcement and zoning obligations is also required. This is a full-time permanent position with the City of Gluckstadt; the immediate supervisor for this position is the Mayor. The Building Official is expected to develop effective methods & routines for accomplishing job responsibilities. Interested Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, and they may be mailed to the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, at P.O. Box 2210, Madison, MS 39130, or hand-delivered to the Mayor or any Alderman.

A complete job description and salary range is available upon request. Contact Walter C. Morrison, Mayor at wmorrison@gainsben.com. The City of Gluckstadt is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Business League & Foundation purchases backpacks

The Madison County Business League & Foundation and the Madison County Community Trust presented a grant to the North Madison County Excel By 5 Coalition to purchase backpacks for all the 0-5 years of age students in preschool classes and daycares. Pictured are Madison County Preschool students showing off new backpacks.

New piers, boat slips in the works

By JOHN LEE
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RIDGELAND — Three new covered piers, 90 boat slips, and a brand-new restaurant are coming to the Main Harbor Marina in Ridgeland by next spring.

Marina boat slip holders learned about the possibility for the piers, slips and restaurant in a letter dated July 27 from Michael Stuart, interim manager of Main Harbor Development LLC and leaseholder.

John Sigman, general manager of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, said in an Aug. 24 letter posted to the Main Harbor Marina website that no location maps have been submitted for the restaurant. He said Main Harbor Development hopes to have it completed sometime in the spring of 2022.

“There has been a restaurant in every conceptual plan, but I don’t think they are far enough along where they know if it would serve seafood or hamburgers,” Sigman said.

Stuart’s letter detailed plans to close the Marina parking lot adjacent to the “E” pier for site work from August through October. Temporary parking is on the south side of the lot near the Smith Marine Building. The lot will stay closed as part of a nearly \$1 million environmental cleanup project expected to start sometime this fall on the site where the Dock once served food in the day and drinks at night.

“The remediation project has not yet started because a power line must be relocated first,” Sigman said. “We are unable to give a date on when that will be done.”

Main Harbor Development discovered the need for remediation earlier this year when soil testing revealed gasoline, despite the removal of gasoline tanks in the late 1980s and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality’s confirmation at the time that the site was clean, Sigman’s letter states.

The construction of three new covered piers, one on the south side of the E pier and

two on the north side, for a total of 90 new slips, are currently under evaluation, according to Stuart’s letter. His letter informed slip holders that as current slip rental agreements expire each slip holder must execute a new slip rental agreement form that may include a slight rental increase.

“Main Harbor Development holds the lease on the pier and can certainly raise slip rental if it so chooses. They have a right to do that,” Sigman said.

Slip holders who have not provided proof of insurance coverage as required by their slip rental agreements will find their agreements terminated and will have to vacate their slips. “Failure to vacate promptly will result in the vessels being removed from the harbor,” the letter said.

Main Harbor Marina has declined to comment further.

For more information on the Main Harbor Marina, visit their website at https://main-harbormarina.com/ or call them at 601-856-5399.

Woman pleads to CARES Act fraud

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A Ridgeland woman faces 10 years in prison after she pleaded guilty in late August to unemployment insurance benefits fraud related to the CARES Act.

Judith Ann Middleton, 71, of Ridgeland pleaded guilty on Aug. 20 to the theft of government funds involving unemployment insurance benefits fraud, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Southern District of Mississippi.

Acting U.S. Attorney Darren J. LaMarca made the announcement alongside U.S. Secret Service Resident Agent in Charge Shawn Wolfe.

“Middleton is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 18 and faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.” A press release from LaMarca’s office said. “A federal district judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.”

The U.S. Secret Service investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Meghan M. McCalla and William Dieters prosecuted the case.

According to court documents, in May 2020 it was discovered that unemployment insurance benefits from the state of Washington had been deposited into Middleton’s bank account. The unemployment insurance benefits were federally subsidized through the CARES Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Investigation into those benefits revealed that they were deposited under other individuals’ names,” the release said.

The CARES Act is a federal law enacted on March 29, 2020, designed to provide emergency financial assistance to the millions of Americans who are suffering the economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

One source of relief provided by the CARES Act is the authorization that expands states’ ability to provide unemployment insurance for many workers impacted by COVID-19, including for workers who are not ordinarily eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Middleton’s case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice’s National Unemployment

Insurance Fraud Task Force.

In response to the unprecedented scope of Unemployment Insurance fraud, the Department of Justice established the NUIFFT, which is a prosecutor-led multi-agency task force with representatives from FBI, DOL-OIG, IRS-CI, HSI, DHS-OIG, USPIS, USSS, SSA-OIG, FDIC-OIG, and other agencies.

Members of the NUIFFT are working with state workforce agencies, financial institutions, and other law enforcement partners throughout the nation to fight UI fraud.

“Consumers should be vigilant in light of these threats and take the appropriate steps to safeguard themselves,” the release states.

The release says that anyone with information about attempted fraud involving COVID-19 can report it by calling the Department of Justice’s National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or via the NCDF Web Complaint Form at https://www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud/ncdf-disaster-complaint-form.

Civilian vehicle cuts off military convoy on 55

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RIDGELAND — A civilian vehicle cut off a military convoy last Thursday in Ridgeland sending 10 soldiers to the hospital, the authorities said.

Five military vehicles en route to southern Louisiana to assist with Hurricane Ida recovery were in the accident that sent 10 soldiers to a Jackson hospital with minor injuries, the authorities said.

Original reports mentioned as many as six vehicles but a release from Mississippi National Guard Director of Public Affairs LTC Deidre Smith confirmed on Friday that five military vehicles were involved in the accident.

“The cause of the accident is currently under investigation,” Smith said.

Ridgeland Police Lt. Brian Myers said last week after the incident that the military vehicles crashed into each other after being cut off by a civilian vehicle.

“In a nutshell, we had a civilian cut a military convoy off and the lead vehicle in the convoy had to slam on the brakes to avoid the civilian vehicle,” Myers said.

He said that caused a “chain reaction” on I-55 South at the I-220 split leading to the collision of the military vehicles and injuring 10 soldiers who were in the transport.

The soldiers were then transported to area hospitals for treatment of minor injuries.

“The MSNG is very grateful to the first responders and medical personnel who assisted our Soldiers after the accident yesterday,” Smith said in the Friday statement. “We would like to use this opportunity to highlight the importance of safety on the roadways around military convoys. It is extremely dangerous for cars to change lanes through a military convoy.”

Smith said Friday that all but one soldier had been discharged from Jackson area hospitals and that all were

expected to make full recoveries. All involved were from the Mississippi National Guard’s 223rd Engineer Battalion.

“Out of an abundance of caution while ensuring that all Soldiers involved in this accident have received the proper medical evaluation needed and the timely completion updating their medical documents, these soldiers will not be deploying forward for Hurricane Ida support,” Smith said. “Our mission is not degraded as approximately 240 MSNG Soldiers are joining forces with the Louisiana National Guard to provide Hurricane Ida relief to the citizens of Louisiana. The Soldiers traveled to Louisiana in multiple convoys.”

The Interstate 220 ramp leading from I-55 southbound was closed for quite a while so the U.S. Army could tow their equipment from the area, Myers said. No civilian vehicles were involved in the crash.

# Homecoming season



### Madison Central Senior Court

Madison Central High School senior homecoming court members are pictured. Back row left to right are Landon Parrow, Rob Hill, Vic Hollins, JT Evans, CJ Barney and Isaiah Wilson. Front row left to right are Mia Valentine, Megan Staehling, Rowan Gentry, Jamiyah Cotten, Reid Hewitt and Sneha Cherukuri.



### Madison Central Junior Court

Madison Central High School junior homecoming court members are pictured. Back row left to right are Vic Sutton, Jake Norris, Aiden Allen, Bryman Williams and RJ Smith. Front row left to right are Avery Chambliss, Ava Dear, Mattie Dupuy, Kinsley Wilson and Bergen Bianchi.



### Madison Central Sophomore Court

Madison Central High School sophomore homecoming court members are pictured. Back row left to right are Camden Hood, Ty Miller, Tyrone Richardson and Harry Singh. Front row left to right are Hollin Brewer, Brooke Bumgarner, Kylira Griffin and Lauren Sutton.



### Madison Central Freshman Court

Madison Central High School freshman homecoming court members are pictured. Back row left to right are Jaiden Johnson, JP Baldwin and Micah Jones. Front row left to right are Lana Nabulsi, Pearl Magee and Sara Reeves Thomas.

### Tri-County Academy Court

Tri-County Academy's Homecoming is Oct 1, 2021 with the court presentation beginning at 6:00 pm. The theme for this year is "Rolling it out for the Rebels...Hollywood Style." Pictured are: (Front) Madeline Harber, K5 Flower Girl; Lily Peyton Shepherd, Seventh grade maid; Ashlee Rae Bowman, Sophomore maid; Macee Dunn, Junior maid; Kayleigh Kirk, Senior maid; Anna Leigh Ainsworth, Senior maid; Ellie Williamson, Senior maid; Mary Ella Brooks, Junior maid; Mia Hatfield, Sophomore maid; Alana Childress, Freshman maid; Allie Hart Boatner, Eighth grade maid (Back row) Escorts Jack Brown, K5 Ring Bearer; Colton Jones, Pearce Giles, Trace Dearman, Brayden Presley, Hayden Tyer, Jacob Clearman, Ty Milner, McGraw Hatfield, Bryce Warriner and Leif Dearman.



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# Engagements

## Alexandria Lauren West to wed Bobby Garrett Hill Sept. 25

Raymond and Stephanie Walters of Madison and Greg and Kim West of Waynesboro announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alexandria Lauren West, to Bobby Garrett Hill, son of Woody and Kim Hill of Grenada.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Nonnie Harrison of Abbeville, AL, L.V. and the late Elizabeth Walters of Laurel, and Willie and the late Dorothy West of Waynesboro.

The prospective groom is

the grandson of Charlene Denley and the late Bobby Denley, Christine Latimer, and Burley Hill, all of Grenada.

Lexie is a graduate of North Forrest High School in Hattiesburg. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her master's degree in Special Education from William Carey University in Hattiesburg. She is currently a sixth and seventh-grade special education teacher at Germantown Middle School in Madison.

Garrett is a graduate of Kirk Academy in Grenada. He received his bachelor's degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Mississippi. He is currently a sales engineer for Titan Engineering in Madison.

The couple will exchange vows on September 25, 2021, at Emerald Bay Resort in Great Exumas, Bahamas. Following the wedding and honeymoon, the couple will reside in Madison with their two dogs, Flora and Max.



Alexandria Lauren West and Bobby Garrett Hill



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Madison Station Elementary receives award

Madison Station Elementary received a 2020 Education Institution Award from Keep Mississippi Beautiful earlier this year. Celebrating the award are, from left, Brande Winstead, first grade teacher; First Lady of Mississippi Elee Reeves; Principal Martha Hanna; and Mary Ann Blakeney of Keep Madison the City Beautiful.

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