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Madison firefighters say the Pledge of Allegiance during a 9/11 ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The ceremony was organized and hosted by the Madison Central High School Air Force JROTC.

SCHOOLS

Mask use extended to Sept. 23

By SCOTT HAWKINS
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All students, staff and all people inside of Madison County Schools buildings will continue to wear masks through Sept. 23, school officials said last week.

"We are so thankful that students have been back in the classroom for a month," Charlotte A. Seals, superintendent of Madison County Schools wrote in a Sept. 9 letter to parents. "Teaching and learning are in full swing! We want to do all that we can to keep school in session, on campus and in-person. In that interest, we will continue with an additional 14 days at COVID-19 Protocol Level 3."

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

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

The district has been operating under Level 3 since the first day of full student attendance Aug. 13.

During last week's Sept. 7 Madison County School Board meeting, some parents attended to complain about the mask requirements.

"The decision regarding what protocol level is right for our campuses involves numerous factors including COVID-19 spread across our state, community and schools," states Seals letter dated two days after the meeting. "While we want to provide as normal a school experience as possible this year, we are not able to do that without first keeping schools open and students safe."

Seals encouraged people to continue "efforts to wash hands, watch distance and wear masks (to) help us stop the spread of illness in our schools."

"We are all ready for this pandemic to be over," Seals let-

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Madison Central Air Force JROTC students participate in the 9/11 ceremony.

message of that day into their hearts. She said last week's event was organized to commemorate the 2,977 people who died in the 9/11 attacks and the many first responders who are still feeling the mental and physical effects of that day.

"The beautiful city of Madison would not be as beautiful as it is and our nation would not be as strong as it is without our first responders," Bishop opined.

Bishop thanked them for their attendance and the "amazing world" they have provided those in attendance.

A host of First responders from the County and city of Madison were in attendance with multiple fire trucks, an ambulance and Madison police and sheriff's deputy's vehicles.

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She said she hopes she and her fellow students

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DOWNTOWN CANTON

BBQ cookoff Saturday on the Square

By JOHN LEE
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CANTON — A BBQ Cook-Off competition Saturday on the historic Square will offer plenty of food and activities, organizers said.

"This is a big way to bring the community together," Canton Chamber Main Street Association President Chris Jackson said.

"We're letting people know the Chamber is here to support them in any ways they need us. We are here to listen to any concerns they have and to partner with them in future events they might want to host."

Vendors will be selling shaved ice and fried catfish along with a host of other snacks and foods. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to

come and enjoy, said Canton Chamber Main Street Association Vice President Comelia Walker.

Jackson said the cook-off will be a friendly competition where participants can make any barbecue dish they want, as long as it is not pre-cooked.

"People participating can make ribs, chicken or any barbecue," Jackson said. "They can also sell their dishes to the public."

Trophies and bragging rights will be awarded for first, second and third-place finishers.

Social distancing and masks are encouraged.

Chamber member Jonathan Dixon said he hopes the cook-off will give people something fun to do on Saturday and he hopes the event will expand and grow over the next several

years.

"This will show the Canton Chamber is back together," Dixon said. "It'll show a positive light on Canton and that we're doing something Canton citizens can enjoy. They can come out, have a good time, and enjoy some great food."

Dixon said the Chamber is also considering starting a "Vendor Friday," where all types of food vendors can set up around the Square.

"We're looking to start doing that on a Friday once a month, and if it gets more popular, we'll expand it to two times a month," Dixon said.

The cook-off is open to anyone who would like to compete for a \$100 entry fee. For more information, contact the Chamber at 601-407-6166.



MRA STEM Fun

Madison-Ridgeland Academy 7th grade STEM Lab students Brooks Fondren, Carter Jeffress and Meena Fountain used the scientific method to develop a testable experiment using the physics of bottle flipping.

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County receives \$1.4M fire truck with 9/11 images

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Madison County took delivery of a new one-of-a-kind 20th Remembrance of 9-11 Rosenbauer 101 King Cobra Fire Truck on the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 9, just two days before the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

The new \$1.4 million truck was delivered after being featured at a national fire chiefs conference where it was highlighted because of its one-of-a-kind 9/11 paint job to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. The paint job features all the names of the New York Firefighters who were killed responding to the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers.

New York City firefighters helped design the 9/11 20th Remembrance theme, said Donnie Weeks of Bonaventure Fire and Safety of Monticello that sold the Rosenbauer truck to Madison County.

In addition to the 9/11 paint job, the new truck also features a 2,000 gallons per minute pump that at the tip will flow 1,500-gallons of water.

"This truck is all hot-dip galvanized, so the ladder and everything has a 25-year corro-



Madison County Supervisors Paul Griffin, Sheila Jones and Karl Banks stand in front of the county's new \$1.4 million fire truck that features memorialized images of 9/11. The truck was purchased in part with \$750,000 in state money.

sion warranty on it," Weeks said. "The body has a lifetime transferable warranty on it."

The truck also features an

air scrubber in the cab.

"Every 60 seconds, all the air in that cab is scrubbed and cleaned and takes the carcinogens out of the truck," Weeks said. "This truck is pretty much loaded. It has a remote control that I can operate up to 500 feet away. I can operate the ladder, the platform, and I can also operate the waterway on it."

The truck also has an aerial platform that articulates, said Minor Norman, Madison County Fire Services coordinator.

"They have it where the platform articulates down where you can be on the ground and walk into it, instead of having to climb on the back of the truck and walk down the ladder to get in the bucket," Norman said. "It has got a lot of good features."

Weeks said the platform could articulate down and place behind a 5-foot parapet wall on a roof like the one the new Amazon facility will have.

"Once I get over it, I've got a remote or another lever that I can set you right on the ground and it works great for ventilation on houses," Weeks said. "The firefighter never has to leave the basket to ventilate. They can set him anywhere he needs to be without having to step on a roof that may be burnt underneath or may be in trouble."

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District 1 Supervisor Sheila Jones, District 4 Supervisor Karl M. Banks and District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin were on hand for Thursday's delivery along with County Administrator Shelton Vance, Madison County Board of Supervisors Attorney Mike Espy, Madison County Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott and Comptroller Na'Son White.

"We were trying to create countywide fire protection and so far we have blanketed this county from the south to Canton but going north we still have a lot of isolation," Banks said.

"Everybody in town was

class 10, which as far as the rating bureau is concerned and the insurance is concerned, it is non-protected," Banks said of the central Canton area. "A 10 is non-protected. Now the majority of Madison County is at least in a 7, I think, or a 6."

Norman said the new fire truck and the Central Fire District will serve the county well.

"It is going to be a real benefit to everybody around Amazon," Norman said. "With Amazon coming everybody is benefitting now."

ing no to create a separate fire district for the new Megasite where the truck would be kept.

Supervisors reversed that decision last week.

Banks said the Central Fire District will be able to protect the old houses and buildings in Canton in addition to the buildings at the Megasite and hopefully provide a better fire insurance rating for the area which will help lower insurance rates.

"Last week, Madison County Supervisors voted 3-2 to abandon plans to create a Megasite fire district that had been in the works and to keep the truck in the newly created Central Fire District in Canton that Banks said was created earlier this year in an attempt to provide adequate fire protection throughout the county.

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will be home to a new Amazon distribution center among others.

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Madison Crossing Elementary students held a parade for first responders to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

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could "move forward with similar courage."

The ceremony also featured a flyover by a medical helicopter. Chik-fil-a donated gift cards for the first responders present at the ceremony.

Madison Central Principal Sean Brewer said he was proud of the work McCalip and his JROTC students did.

"This is his first year and when he came in he said that he wanted to put something together to remember those tragic events. He really took the initiative. I think they did a

good job," Brewer said. "Everything was first class."

McCalip said he has 62 Air Force JROTC students total. He said all but his ninth-grade students were present for the ceremony.

Always alert, McCalip reminded a young cadet walking by to put his hat back on and gave him the quick reminder, "attention to detail."

He said that he was proud of what his students put on to honor the 343 New York City firefighters, 71 police officers and roughly 55 military personnel at the pentagon that lost their lives during or in response to the terrorist attacks.

"They risked their lives to save others," McCalip said.

On 9/11, 19 militants associ-

ated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States.

Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, that might have been headed for the U.S. Capitol before passengers overtook the hijackers.

Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism, including the invasion of Iraq.

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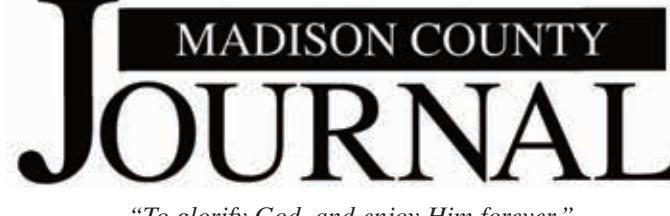
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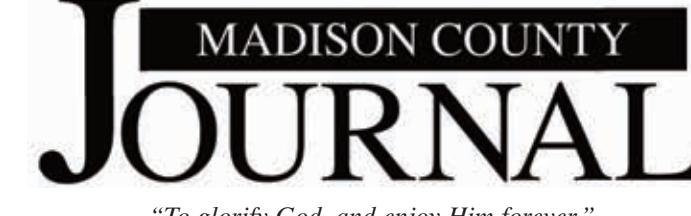
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What was Bush saying?



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EDITORIALS

What about natural immunity?

The Biden administration is pursuing a universal vaccination strategy, even encouraging private businesses and public universities to mandate COVID-19 shots as a prerequisite to be able to go to work or school. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention insists even if you already contracted the virus and have survived, you should get the vaccination.

The U.S. federal government is failing to take natural immunity seriously – and their universal vaccination strategy is foolish, misguided, and at its worst, deadly.

Newly released data from Israel show people who once had a SARS-CoV-2 infection were much less likely than never-infected vaccinated people to contract the Delta variant, develop symptoms from it, or become hospitalized with serious COVID-19. That's right – natural immunity provides more of a shield against Delta than two doses of Pfizer's vaccine.

"It's a textbook example of how natural immunity is really better than vaccination," Charlotte Thalin, a physician and immunology researcher at Danderyd Hospital in Stockholm, told Science magazine of the Israeli study, which tracked more than 700,000 individuals and was released on August 26th.

Other studies show similar results. A Public Health England study released in January found less than 1 percent of 6,614 people who tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies developed reinfection within five months. A Cleveland Clinic study published in June found that not one of the 1,359 unvaccinated people previously infected with COVID-19 contracted the virus. They concluded, "individuals who have had SARS-CoV-2 infection are unlikely to benefit from COVID-19 vaccination."

Yet, the U.S. federal government wants to frame the debate around the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. Instead, they should be talking about the immune and the non-

immune. More of an emphasis should be placed on antibody tests. Based on California studies, roughly a third to half of Americans who are unvaccinated have natural immunity, according to Dr. Marty Makary, a professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, who has repeatedly pressed the CDC and Dr. Anthony Fauci to include natural immunity in their herd-immunity calculations and COVID-19 guidance.

"During every month of this pandemic, I've had debates with other public researchers about the effectiveness and durability of natural immunity," Dr. Makary told US News & World Report in August. "I've been told that natural immunity could fall off a cliff, rendering people susceptible to infection. But here we are now, over a year and a half into the clinical experience of observing patients who were infected, and natural immunity is effective and going strong. And that's because, with natural immunity, the body develops antibodies to the entire surface of the virus, not just a spike protein constructed from a vaccine."

There are legitimate reasons for the immune not to want to get a vaccination. As Dr. Robert Malone and Peter Navarro have detailed on our pages, the shots can cause a wide range of serious side effects. The Pfizer vaccination is associated with an increased risk of myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle, especially among young males. Other than the Pfizer shot, both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson's vaccination hasn't received full FDA approval.

As more studies show prior COVID-19 infection provides better immunity than vaccines, the Biden administration needs to recalibrate and abandon its universal vaccination strategy. Not doing so is unscientific, discriminatory, unethical, and potentially deadly.

— *The Washington Times*

Blinken must resign

"We inherited a deadline, but not a plan," Secretary of State Antony Blinken explained this week in remote testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives on the Biden administration's disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Mr. Blinken, if this is true, then why didn't you and your compatriots in the Biden administration come up with a plan? President Joe Biden, after all, said in April he was going to withdraw from Afghanistan. The president also diverted from former President Donald J. Trump's deadline of May 1st and set it ceremonially to Sept. 11th. It was your own administration's deadline you were working toward – without a plan, you had months to prepare.

Blaming the Trump administration may win you favor with Democrats, but it doesn't equate to the truth. The Trump administration had conditions for withdrawing, which the Taliban violated, and thus, the "deadline" you falsely inherited (and actually changed) could've very well been altered.

Under the Trump administration's agreement with the Taliban, the May 1st withdrawal was conditioned on a pledge from the Taliban that they would engage in an "intra-Afghan dialogue," to achieve a "permanent and comprehensive ceasefire" and to adhere to a "political roadmap" for Afghanistan's future. The Taliban took Afghanistan by force, starting the month after Mr. Biden announced his new withdrawal date, and thus, Mr. Trump's Doha agreement with the Taliban was off. Mr. Biden's decision to stick to his new withdrawal date was his, and his alone.

And my, how your tune has changed.

In June, you said, "We are staying, the embassy is staying...I would not necessarily equate the departure of forces in July, August, or by early September with some immediate deterioration in the situation." In July, you assured the American people the Afghanistan government wouldn't fall "from a Friday to a Monday."

Yet, that's exactly what happened.

Also, in June, your spokesperson Ned Price said the world would not "accept" a Taliban

government "imposed by force" in Afghanistan. That same month, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby admitted the Taliban was a "terrorist group." In July, Mr. Price said that any government that comes to power "at the barrel of a gun" will lack international legitimacy.

And now, you're now trying to give the Taliban just that.

On August 30th, the last U.S. military flight left, stranding Americans within the war-torn region. The Taliban has blocked multiple charter flights carrying Americans from the country, leading to a hostage situation. You admitted this week, you have no idea how many Americans, Afghan special immigrant visa holders, or allies you left behind or how you're going to get them out.

Thirteen American service members were killed in the withdrawal, as your administration decided to outsource security measures to the Taliban. As retaliation, your administration did drone strikes. We still don't know who the so-called high-level ISIS-K "planner" was or who the "facilitator" was, and according to reporting from the New York Times, your third drone strike killed innocent civilians and children, who were allies to us.

Now, you won't rule out recognizing the Taliban as the legitimate government of Afghanistan and are pleading with them to grant Americans safe passage back to the U.S. It is, after all, those American's fault they didn't get leave the country sooner. Not yours.

Last week, your boss, Mr. Biden, through his press secretary Jen Psaki, said U.S. recognition of the terrorist organization was "dependent on what steps the Taliban takes."

Dependent on what steps the Taliban takes? There are no women included in its new government. It's headed by FBI-wanted and ex-Guantanamo terrorists. It's brutalizing the free press and our allies in the Afghan army. Americans remain stranded in the country.

Resign. Immediately. Your judgment and credibility have been compromised, and all the world knows it.

— *The Washington Times*

In Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, former President George W. Bush's theme was national unity — and how it has been lost over these past 20 years.

"In the weeks and months following the 9/11 attacks," said Bush, "I was proud to lead an amazing, resilient, united people. When it comes to the unity of America, those days seem distant from our own. A malign force seems at work in our common life that turns every disagreement into an argument, and every argument into a clash of cultures."

Though he surely did not realize it, Bush had himself, moments before, given us an example of how that unity was destroyed when he drew a parallel between the terrorists of 9/11 and the Trump protesters of Jan. 6. Said Bush:

"There is little cultural overlap between violent extremists abroad and violent extremists at home. But in their disdain for pluralism, in their disregard for human life, in their determination to defile national symbols, they are children of the same foul spirit."

What is Bush saying here?

That Ashli Babbitt, the Air Force veteran shot to death trying to enter the House chamber on Jan. 6, and Mohamed Atta, who drove an airliner into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in a massacre of close to 3,000 people, are "children of the same foul spirit."

Query: Was not Bush himself here giving us an example of the "malign force" that "turns every disagreement ... into a clash of cultures?"

Bush did not mention his own contribution to our national divide: his invasion of a country, Iraq, that did not threaten us, did not attack us, and did not want war with us — to disarm it of weapons it did not even have.

Which contributed more to the loss of America's national unity?

The four hours of mob violence in the Capitol the afternoon of Jan. 6, 2021, or the 18-year war in Iraq that Bush launched in 2003?

"In those fateful hours"

George Bush did not on 9/11 mention his own contribution to our national divide by invading Iraq.

after 9/11, said Bush, "Many Americans struggled to understand why an enemy would hate us with such zeal."

Yet, well before 9/11, Osama bin Laden, in his declaration of war on us, listed his grievances. Our sanctions were starving the children of Iraq. Our military presence on the sacred soil of Saudi Arabia, home to Mecca, was a national insult and a blasphemous outrage to Islam.

After 9/11, Bush invaded Afghanistan and Iraq. President Barack Obama attacked Libya and plunged us into the Syrian and Yemeni civil wars.

Thus, over 20 years, we have been responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands — Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians, Yemenis, soldiers and civilians alike — and driven hundreds of thousands more from their homes and their countries.

Are Americans really as oblivious, as Bush suggests, as to why it was that our enemies "hate us with such zeal"?

Many of these peoples want us out of their countries for the same reason that 18th- and 19th-century Americans wanted the French, British and Spanish out of our country and out of our hemisphere.

Yet, it is not only the Bush and Obama wars that have made us so many enemies abroad and so deeply divided us at home.

Our southern border is being overrun by illegal immigrants whose number, since President Joe Biden took office, has been running at close to 2 million a year, with 30,000 "get-aways" a month.

These last are mostly males who never make contact with the Border Patrol as they move on to their chosen destinations. They are coming now not only from Mexico and the northern tier countries of Central Amer-

ica but also from some 100 countries around the world.

Americans fear they are losing their country to the uninvited and invading millions of the Global South coming to dispossess them of their patrimony. They never voted for this invasion and have wanted their chosen leaders to stop it.

Former President Donald Trump earned their trust because he tried and, to a great degree, succeeded.

Unlike previous generations, our 21st-century divisions are far broader — not just economic and political, but social, moral, cultural and racial.

Abortion, same-sex marriage and transgender rights divide us. Socialism and capitalism divide us. Affirmative action, Black Lives Matter, urban crime, gun violence and critical race theory divide us. Allegations of white privilege and white supremacy, and demands that equality of opportunity give way to equity of rewards, divide us. In the COVID-19 pandemic, the wearing of masks and vaccine mandates divide us.

Demands to tear down monuments and memorials to those who were, until lately, America's greats — from Christopher Columbus to George Washington to Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, from Abraham Lincoln to Robert E. Lee to Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson — divide us.

We are even divided today on the most fundamental of questions:

Is America now, and has it always been, a good and great country, worthy of the loyalty and love of all its children, of all its citizens?

And are we Americans proceeding toward that "more perfect union" or heading for a reenactment of our previous violent disunion?

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."

RICH LOWRY

The real Biden presidency emerges

Not too long ago, supporters imagined Joe Biden might be the next LBJ, and perhaps they were right — just not how they thought.

Biden bears no resemblance to the Lyndon B. Johnson who entered office after the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963 with a 75% approval rating and over the next couple of years passed a raft of historic legislation. No, if there's any comparison it is to the LBJ who by 1967 had seen his approval rating dip underwater in a deeply riven country.

After a lot of happy talk over the past half year, the real Biden presidency has emerged. It is not a colossus bestriding the political universe, rather a middling administration, at best, that will have trouble imposing its will even on its own party in Congress.

Biden was always fundamentally a default president, elected in opposition to Donald Trump and initially buoyed by the contrast to his outlandish predecessor.

Now, he's lost his foil in Trump, who is still issuing harsh and thunderous press releases but isn't driving every news cycle or occasioning mass protests in the streets.

The best case for Biden was that he could ride in the slipstream of good economic growth and a receding pandemic.

Instead, the labor market is still rocky, and the Delta variant has surged, leading to headlines about overstretched health care systems that most people assumed that we'd left behind in the spring of 2020.

On top of this, Biden made

The labor market is still rocky, the Delta variant has surged and Biden botched Afghanistan.

the first major, historic decision of his presidency, and completely botched it. The White House may tell itself that his withdrawal from Afghanistan will come to seem farsighted, and it's possible that the harmful political effect will wear off over time.

Leaving Americans behind in a foreign country after an enemy of the United States swept to power and chased us out with our tails between our legs, though, is not likely to be forgotten, certainly not in 2022 or 2024, if ever.

The prime directive for any president is, to the extent possible, to seem in control. Biden failed this test repeatedly during the evacuation crisis. Events moved faster than he did and his rationales for what was happening had to be constantly revised.

Privately, Democrats must know that his performances at his press conferences weren't reassuring, let alone commanding. The problem Biden has is that any act of incompetence will, fairly or not, raise questions about his age, even if he would have done exactly the same thing at 38 that he's now done at 78.

The most notable feature of the resulting Biden drops in the polls that have him underwater in both the RealClearPolitics and 538 polling averages is his

awful standing among independents (in the mid-30s in repeatable polls).

This isn't a position of strength from which to deal with another structural problem that was submerged by his initial success getting new COVID-19 spending and by wishful press coverage — uncomfortably narrow margins in Congress.

Biden can't lose anyone in the Senate and only a handful of votes in the House, giving both the relative moderate wing of the party and its leftmost flank the ability to kill off his spending plans for being too profligate or too stingy, respectively.

Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia is a constant reminder of this. The fate of Biden's presidency, or at least huge pieces of his domestic agenda, depends on a senator representing a Trump state who is largely immune to pressure from the national party, indeed may be helped if the national party calls him names for not going along with its priorities.

When all is said and done, Biden may get enough spending to allow Republicans to attack him as a wastrel and not enough spending to excite his own partisans.

Welcome to Biden's reality. The heroic period of his presidency was always a mirage, and the effort to muddle through now begins in earnest.

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

BIBLE SELECTION

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

— 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

Crime Stoppers seek help locating felon from Jackson

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The Madison County Sheriff's Department is requesting assistance from the public in locating Laderrick K. Watts.

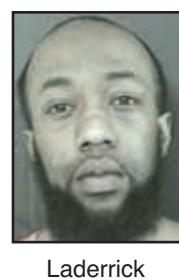
Central Mississippi Crime Stoppers began circulating a mugshot of Watts on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the afternoon.

Watts is wanted for felony carrying of a concealed weapon. His last-known location was in Jackson.

Watts is described by Cen-

tral Mississippi Crime Stoppers as a 37-year-old black male, 5-feet, 9-inches tall and weighing approximately 190 pounds. He has multiple tattoos on both arms with "D WATTS" on the inside of his right forearm.

Anyone with the information that leads to an arrest could be eligible for up to \$2,500 reward through Crime



Laderrick Watts

Stoppers. If you have any information that could help this case, please call Crime Stoppers at (601) 355-TIPS (8477), or submit a tip online through the Web Tip Link on the homepage of the Central Mississippi Crime

Stoppers website, or use your mobile device or computer to submit a tip by going to www.p3tips.com

OBITUARIES

John Elijah Carr, III

John Elijah Carr, III, 77, entered his final rest September 10, 2021 at home surrounded by his family. A graveside service was held September 14, 2021 at Flora Cemetery.

Mr. Carr was born on February 1, 1944, the son of the late John and Mary Carr. He was a graduate of Provine High School, Class of 1962 and a graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi, class of 1968, with a double major in geology and geography. An

avid saxophonist, he was a member of the Provine Marching Band, The Crackerjacks, The Counts, The USM marching band and USM jazz band. After graduation, he married his sweetheart, Cathy, on August 28, 1968 in Jackson, MS. In 1969, they moved to Houston, Texas where they lived for 18 years, started their family and his career in land development. The family also lived in Memphis, Tennessee for 9 years before ending up

James Isaac Langley, Sr.

James "Jim" Isaac Langley, Sr., 69, of Madison, MS peacefully passed away on September 8, 2021.

Jim was born in Batesville, MS February 13, 1952 to the late William "Dub" Clayton Langley and Myra Kathryn Mabry Langley. Jim's home place is in McCool, MS. Jim was a graduate of Ethel High School and Holmes Junior College where he attended on a football scholarship. He then graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Industrial Education. Jim was a proud business owner of Langley's Remodeling, Inc. for over 35 years, and in the con-

struction industry for more than 50 years. He spent the last 40 years of his life living around the Jackson area, most recently 25 years in Madison.

Jim is survived by his wife, Martha Jean Sumrall Langley of Madison, MS; his son, James "Ike" Isaac Langley, Jr. of Starkville, MS; his daughter, Hannah Langley Almeida (Lucas) of St. Peters, MO; his daughter Margaret "Leigh" Alisa Pritchard Dailey (Randy) of Columbus, MS; his grandchildren, Ember Rae Langley, Rogan Slade Langley, James Madden Rocco Langley, Hazel Elizabeth Almeida, Alisa Stanford Boykin, Casey Dailey

Hunley, Brandy Dailey Mahan; and eight great grandchildren. Services will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at Sebrell Funeral Home, Ridgeland, MS.

Visitation begins at 2:00pm with funeral service following at 3:00pm. A graveside service will immediately follow at Natchez Trace Cemetery, Madison, MS.

The Langley family would like for memorials to be made to The Palmer Home in Starkville, MS, Celebrate Recovery, French Camp Academy in French Camp, MS, The American Cancer Society, and National Kidney Foundation.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

The Citizens of the kingdom, Part III

Please turn in your Bible to Matthew 5:8-10. Over the past two weeks, we have surveyed various "character qualities" that Jesus pronounces as "blessed" in the first part of the Sermon on the Mount. This week we come to the last three beatitudes in Jesus's sermon. Two of these beatitudes are blessings on further Christian character qualities and one of them is a blessing on circumstances. Thus, we learn three things in this passage. First, we learn that Christians are uncompromisingly dedicated to Christ. Secondly, we learn that Christians are peacemakers. Thirdly and finally, we learn that Christians are mistreated because of their love of righteousness.

I. Christians Are Uncompromisingly Dedicated to Christ.

In verse 8, Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Before us in this beatitude is specifically the idea of being a person of integrity, a person of sincerity, a person of focused heart, and a person whose heart is focused on one priority. That priority is fellowship with God, obedience to Him, and walking with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ.

That priority is fellowship with God, obedience to Him, and walking with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ. That is the man who is pure in heart. The one who is singularly focused, the one who is honest, the one who is sincere, and the one whose words go along with the state of one's heart. Jesus is speaking of a blessing on those who worship the true God with a sincere focus of heart.

This sincerity of heart doesn't just mean being sincere. It means being sincere in the truth, worshiping the true God in sincerity. Its opposite is double-mindedness. The double-minded man is the one who wants one foot in the Kingdom and the other foot in the world.

Notice how comprehensive this beatitude is. It pulls together our happiness, our blessedness, and our holiness as we are single-mindedly focused on God and as we are single-mindedly yielding ourselves to God. In that pursuit of holiness, we find satisfaction.

What is the blessing that Jesus pronounces on those who are pure in heart? He says that they will see God. They will see Him as their own God. They will see Him to enjoy Him. They will see Him as He is, for they will be like Him, and they will see Him forever.

The single-minded person who has pursued the one true God in sincerity will find as

the blessing and reward at the end of that journey the fulfillment of all the desires of the heart for fellowship and communion with God. My friends, ask yourselves, "Is God your focus?" Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart." Blessed are those who are single-mindedly focused on God.

II. Christians Are Peacemakers.

In verse 9, Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Christians are purveyors of the peace that comes through our Lord Jesus Christ. Christians are peacemakers because the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts because we have found peace with God. And believers desire all men and all women to share in that peace with God. This is not because of our deserving it, not because of our own works, but because we have embraced Jesus Christ and have found in Him peace with God. We are purveyors of the gospel of peace.

Those who have peace with God themselves cannot be silent about it. However, it is important to note that this is a peace that divides. It brings a division between those who embrace Christ and those who reject Him. But the only true peace that can be found in this world is the true peace with God through Jesus, and when we share that message, we are peacemakers, and so we are called the sons of God. Why?

Because as our hearts are turned and we no longer have hatred towards men because of the love of God, which is shed in our heart, we desire them to experience the bounty of God.

As our hateful hearts are turned to loving hearts in accord with the gospel of peace, we become peacemakers and so we bear His image.

Has the love of God impacted you in such a way that it is your desire to see the knowledge of the Lord covering the earth as the waters cover the sea?

Are you genuinely concerned for those believers who are different from you in so many ways? Do you find your bond with them in Christ to be greater than the differences that separate you? Blessed are

those who are peacemakers because they know the peace of God in Christ and they want others to share in that peace.

III. Christians Are Mistreated Because of Their Love of Righteousness.

In verse 10, Jesus says,

"Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of

righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." All of the other seven beatitudes speak of the character qualities that Jesus finds in all the citizens of His Kingdom and on which He pronounces a blessing. However, this beatitude speaks of a circumstance, not of character. It is also important to notice that this blessing of the Lord Jesus on those who are persecuted prevents us from developing an attitude of victimization regarding the hardships that we face in the world. Furthermore, it prevents paranoia. Have you ever run into the person who thinks that everybody in the world is persecuting them? The Lord tells us here, "Expect the world to persecute you." In other words, Christians must expect opposition and unpopularity and persecution. If we have really read this beatitude as we ought, would we fall for the "health and wealth" gospel that says once you have become a Christian you have no problems and make more money. But who could believe that and also believe what the Lord Jesus has said in His beatitude? Jesus says that the Christian is to expect opposition in the world.

What is the blessing that Jesus pronounces on those who are persecuted? He says that the Kingdom of heaven is theirs. In their persecution they have entered into the Kingdom of God. In their persecution they have become like the prophets before them. They have become like the Lord, so the blessings of God belong to them. For believers, as we look at our own hearts, we see that there exists a spiritual warfare between our spiritual desires and then those remnants of the flesh which bring us mixed desires and cause us to go after things which are unfaithful to the Lord. My friends, only the grace of Christ can slay those desires in us. The only reason that there are godly desires in us at all is because of the gracious work of the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. By God's grace, may you embrace Jesus today as Lord and Savior as He is offered in the gospel.

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Start Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: Renaissance at Colony Park

Trunk or Treat

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

Program Price: \$5.00 per child 10 & under

Event Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021

Start Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Freedom Ridge Park

Mayor's Fun Walk

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

Registration: starts September 7th, 2021

Event Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Northpark

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton**The first mission team sent**

Luke records for us in this passage the first mission team sent off by a church, taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. The church in Antioch was led by the Holy Spirit to set apart Paul and Barnabas for mission work (verse 2). After fasting and praying, the church sends them off. We learn some important principles of missions here.

The first is missions are commanded by the Lord. The Holy Spirit initiates this mission work. The Lord Jesus had told his apostles they would be his witnesses to "the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). God has a passion for missions. God desires the salvation of the lost. He does not delight in the destruction of the wicked. He gathers his people through the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.

The church in Antioch is set forth as an example in supporting mission work. Paul and Barnabas were the most gifted teachers, yet the church gladly encouraged and supported this mission work. The church was zealous for other people to find the life and forgiveness of sins they had found in Christ. Antioch is sometimes called the "cradle of Christianity" for its contribution to Christian missions.

This initial mission trip was as our Lord said, to seek and save the lost. The first stop in world-wide missions was the island of Cyprus (verse 4). Barnabas was from Cyprus, so he would have known the landscape and the culture. They end up in Paphos, the capital.

Paphos was the center of the worship of Aphrodite, or Venus, the goddess of beauty and sexuality. People from all over the regions of the Mediterranean Sea made pilgrimages to Paphos to celebrate the cult of Venus.

Athanasius, an early Christian leader, would later write that Paphos was a place of Satan's seat, a city given over to the deification of lust. And the Lord directed his servants Paul and Barnabas to proclaim salvation and the forgiveness of sins to the people. Corinth in New Testament times had a similar culture (and we see it in our own culture today).

Paul wrote the church in Corinth reminding them that they were delivered out of such depravity into the life of God and that those

in the church must leave such practices: "Do you not know the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor those who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

Many in Paphos are in heaven today because of Paul and Barnabas bringing Christ to them. They were enslaved to sensuality, but they were forgiven and delivered from it. They now know and love the living God. The church is to have concern for the souls of people in its preaching, not anything like levity. The world may have the appearance of a festival to men, but it is displeasing to God.

God shows his love for sinners in that he gave his Son for them. Christ came to turn people from the power of the devil to the power of God. The opposition of the devil comes in the person of Elymas the magician (Acts 13:8). He tries to dissuade the governor of Cyprus from listening to the gospel.

Paul rebukes him, calling him a son of the devil and says: "will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?" This is a reference to John the Baptist's ministry and the need of men to repent, to turn from their crooked paths to the way of the Lord. The devil would also dissuade you from listening to the word of God.

Satan uses false teachers such as Elymas, a man who would be assuring the governor that all this talk about forgiveness and repentance is foolishness. But what is the devil but a spirit of vanity? The wise response to the gospel is to become poor in spirit and call upon the Lord.

Sergius Paulus, the governor, was a man of intelligence (verse 7). But he was also a man with a great spiritual need. He didn't need touches of reform here and there. He needed his guilt before God removed and the creation of a new nature given to him from God. And that is the good news of Jesus Christ. He came to make us new, to atone for our sins, to give us reconciliation and fellowship with the living God. And he is willing to receive whosoever comes to him.

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NEW BIRTH FELLOWSHIP

Corporation donates \$750K in land to Ridgeland

By DUNCAN DENT
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Ridgeland city officials accepted a donation of three parcels of land located just south of Lake Harbour Drive valued at more than \$750,000 during the city's Sept. 7 board meeting, though the city remains unsure how they will put the land to use.

Mayor Gene F. McGee said the land, donated by Rishi Enterprises, was a surprise for the city.

"We have no long-term

plans for the land," McGee said. "But we have decided to accept the donation."

The board unanimously accepted the donation in a 7-0 vote. McGee said the land is located on Harbour Pointe Drive behind the carwash and Kroger Fuel Center on Lake Harbour Drive. A memo pertaining to the donation in the city board minutes notes the land as parcels C, D and E.

Community Development Director Alan Hart presented the donation to the board and said the land had been

appraised for \$760,000 in late August. Parcels C and D were appraised together with a value of \$570,000 and Parcel E for a value of \$190,000 on Aug. 18, by Integra Realty Resources of Jackson.

McGee said he was not sure what the city would do with the land though they would explore potential uses. He said if the city could not come up with a good use for the city it could also be sold for private development. The properties are currently zoned for commercial development.



The land donated to Ridgeland is outlined above.

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You have been made Respondents in a Petition filed in the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, by Austin David Owen petitioning for an adjudication of the statutory heirs at law of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased. You are summoned to appear before the Honorable James C. Walker, Chancellor of the Chancery Court of Madison County, State of Mississippi, on **Monday, the 18th day of October, 2021**, at the Courthouse thereof located at 125 W. North Street, Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, in your capacity as an Heir at Law of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased, for a hearing in connection with a determination and adjudication of the heirs at law of Charles Joseph Owen, Deceased. Said hearing will commence at **8:45 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. In case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for money 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.

Issued under my hand and seal of the said Court, this 26th day of August, 2021.
Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

By: /s/ Kim Sievers
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Bids may be submitted by either of the following methods:

1. Electronic Bids will be accepted until **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021**, by electronic submission as a PDF file at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number and a signed copy of Madison County's bid sheet as part of its PDF bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered.

2. Sealed bids will be received until **1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021**, at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's Office, Rooms 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All sealed bids submitted to Chancery Clerk's office shall be marked on the outside face of the envelope "Bid: "Mega Site Water Supply Well" and shall have the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number written on the outside of the envelope. If any envelope is not so marked, said bid shall not be opened or considered.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Questions regarding plans and specifications should be sent to Brian Granger, P.E. with the Waggoner Engineering Inc., at brian.granger@waggonereng.com or 601-355-9526.

Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Madison County Board of Supervisors By: (s) Keshia Buckner, Purchase Clerk

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Public Notices

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Time: 9:30 am

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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**

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:

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Jenessa Carter Hicks (MSB #103287)

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IN THE CHANCERY 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

TO: Anita Wray, Sheriff of Madison County, Mississippi

TO: Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

TO: Madison County Sheriff's Office, Canton, MS 39157

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MRA 7th Grade football team

Pictured, left to right, are (Back row) #60 Hayden Mize, #61 Trace Rowe, #66 Cole Farris, #72 Colt Woods, #74 Jackson Wells, #77 Nick Nelson, #80 Graham Kennedy, #84 Tripp Carroll, (Third row) #23 Mack McIntosh, #24 Reagan Hood, #25 Bayler Foote, #33 Peyton Hester, #52 Bobby Edgar, #54 Frazier James, #58 Judson Hamilton, #59 Smith Street (Second row) #13 Thomas Edwards, #14 Asher Wiggins, #15 Walt Bryson, #16 Holt Adams (Not Pictured), #17 Biven Patterson, #18 Hayden Fiorito, #19 Cash Myrick, #20 Bradyn Mason, #21 Gray Hancock, #22 Walker Rives (Front row) #1 Duren Melton, #2 Ty Childress, #3 Brody Brown, #4 Brody Hillhouse (Not Pictured), #5 Trey Pentecost, #9 Towers Adams, #10 Hayes Harless, #11 Boston Sims, and #12 Pierce Ingram.

Tri-County cruises to 48-7 victory against Riverfield

By STAFF REPORTS

news@onlinemadison.com

Tri-County Academy hosted the Riverfield Academy Raiders Friday night in a key MAIS Division 4A-3 matchup.

The defending 4A state champions came to Flora with a record of 1-2, needing a win to keep pace with the undefeated Tri-County Rebels in the conference.

The Tri-County offense struck early and often, amassing a 42-0 lead by halftime.

The game ended with Tri-County cruising to a 48-7 win.

Tri-County's offense had 471 total yards with 402 coming on the ground. The Tri-County offense was led by Zac Clark and Trace Dearman. Clark had 189 yards on 14 carries scoring 3 touchdowns. Dearman added 104 yards on 8

carries scoring one touchdown.

The Tri-County defense held the Riverfield offense to only 112 total yards. The defense was led by Hayden Walker, who had 7 tackles with 3 for loss and Brayden Presley, who had 3 tackles and assisted in 5 others. The undefeated Rebels will host cross county rival Madison St. Joe Friday night in Flora.



Zac Clark receives some blocking help from Brayden Presley as he eyed the endzone.

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Governmental Fund Types							Proprietary Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent Trust	Enterprise	Internal Service	Total
Revenues								
Local Sources	13,871,155.25	148,100.00	100.00	3,174,416.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,193,771.75
Intermediate Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Sources	15,803,428.00	1,365,899.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,169,327.43
Federal Sources	375,866.94	28,051,978.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,427,845.46
Sixteenth Section Sources	195,000.00	7,250.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	205,250.00
Total Revenues	30,245,450.19	29,573,227.95	100.00	3,174,416.50	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	62,996,194.64
Expenditures								
Instruction	15,930,801.40	5,855,279.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,786,080.87
Support Services	10,800,887.86	16,364,866.43	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,185,754.29
Noninstructional Services	21,500.00	3,030,089.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,051,589.40
Sixteenth Section	62,000.00	6,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	68,750.00
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	0.00	4,343,668.00	355,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,698,668.00
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principal	464,597.40	0.00	0.00	3,010,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,474,597.40
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,844,992.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,844,992.39
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,390.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,390.00
Total Expenditures	27,279,786.66	29,600,653.30	375,000.00	4,671,382.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	61,926,822.35
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	2,965,663.53	(27,425.35)	(374,900.00)	(1,496,965.89)	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,069,372.29
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Governmental Fund Types							Proprietary Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent Trust	Enterprise	Internal Service	Total
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Proceeds of General Obligation Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proceeds of Refunding Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proceeds of Loan(s)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inception of Capital Lease(s)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance Loss Recoveries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of Transportation Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of Other Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indirect Costs	1,627,276.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,631,276.00
Other Transfers In	3,895,534.77	1,423,465.31	375,000.00	1,965,332.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,759,332.97
Payments to Escrow Agent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Other Financing Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indirect Costs Transfers Out	0.00	1,631,276.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,631,276.00
Other Transfers Out	7,567,686.45	398,210.51	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,968,896.96
Payment to Refunded Bond Escrow Agent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payment to Qualified Zone Academy Debt Escrow Agent	0.00	0.00	0.00	466,667.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	466,667.00
Miscellaneous Other Financing Uses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Premium on Debt Issuance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,944,875.68)	(602,021.20)	375,000.00	1,498,665.89	(3,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(676,230.99)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,020,787.85	(629,446.55)	100.00	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	393,141.30
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Fund Balances / Retained Earnings								
July 1, 2021	15,866,517.37	3,026,405.25	0.00	3,984,115.02	372,721.58	0.00	0.00	23,249,759.22
Prior Period Adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
July 1, 2021 as restated	15,866,517.37	3,026,405.25	0.00	3,984,115				

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Day focused on winning a state championship this year

By JOHN LEE
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Velma Jackson High School senior Carsyn Day said the mentality of his team this year is at its highest and they have their eyes on the 2A State Championship.

"Our goal is to win that state championship, and we most definitely have a shot at it," Day said. "My teammates also drive me. We're all focused on the same primary goal of winning."

Day, who started playing for Velma Jackson in ninth grade, has played a variety of positions along with his primary position of safety. He said he is not sure what college he will attend.

"I will go to any college that offers me a scholarship," Day said. "I'm interested in majoring in computer engineering since

I've been around technology ever since I was a kid, and I'm very interested in it."

Day said his favorite part of playing for Velma Jackson is interacting with his teammates. He said everyone is like a tight-knit family.

"We all want to win, and that's why my team is my favorite aspect of this," he said. "I love the environment and the mentality we all have."

Day's favorites:

- Favorite food: Cheeseburgers.
- Favorite vacation spot: Orange Beach, Ala.
- Favorite movie: Transformers
- Favorite video game: Madden

Other than playing football and going to school, Day said he loves listening to music, spending time with his friends, teammates and family, fishing, and riding four-wheelers out in the countryside.

Day works part-time for Velma Jackson by helping the custodians clean the school and prepare classrooms for the next day of school, and he also works part-time at Wendy's.

Head Coach at Velma Jackson Bernard Ewell said it has been a joy coaching Day.

"Carsyn is a special type of player, and he's one of the brightest kids in the school," Ewell said. "He's an exceptional student and athlete. He's intelligent, knows what he wants and knows how to get it."

Ewell said while Day primarily plays safety, he plays other positions, too, such as kicker and punter. He also handles punt



Carsyn Day

returns, he said.

Ewell said the Falcons went 6-2 last season and lost against Columbia High School in the first round of the playoffs.

"We started this season and beat Canton High School, who

is our rival," Ewell said. "We won 7-0. Carsyn was instrumental in winning that game.

He had an interception, seven tackles and a couple of long punts. It was a very defensive-oriented game and we scored

with only about 5 minutes left in the fourth quarter."

"I'm very excited for the rest of this season, and I think we can win the state title," Day said. "We want to win and win big."

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Nissan employees accepting the award are, from left, Shane Gorman, Jason Redd and Brett Rasmussen.



Ridgeland Public Works Director Mike McCollum accepted the award for the city.

MDEQ lauds Ridgeland, Nissan plant at ceremony

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

The City of Ridgeland and Nissan Canton are among the 22 enHance program members recognized by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality at their August 25 luncheon.

Ridgeland Public Works director Mike McCollum said that the program recognizes environmental stewardship beyond regulatory requirements set by the state and federal government. Ridgeland was recognized for ongoing programs conducted by the city.

"We have submitted different projects in the past but the ones were recently recognized for are ongoing," McCollum said.

The city has been an enHance member since 2011. McCollum said that the enHance program is just for recognition, though they have used MDEQ grant money for these projects in the past.

One is an asphalt recycling program where old asphalt is reused and repurposed, usually to fill potholes. The project diverts 11,600 tons of asphalt from landfills per year.

The city was also recognized for offering recycling services to residents through curbside collection and drop-off containers which results in over 1,000 tons per year of recycled material.

The City of Ridgeland provides services to more than 25,000 residents including water, wastewater, solid waste, recycling, law enforcement, fire protection, and recreational opportunities and provides these services through approximately 230 employees.

Marleen Yowakim, a spokesman for Nissan, said that they had senior engineers Brett Rasmussen and Jason Redd along with Shane Gorman, another engineer, present to accept the award.

She said that Nissan has been an enHance member since 2011. She said they employ 8,300 people.

They were recognized for projects that include using shipping dunnage as a beneficial use material thereby diverting around 2,700 tons of waste from the landfill per year, installing PLC controls

to multiple air handling units reducing energy consumption by over 1.1 million kWh per year, and, working with Rankin County schools to achieve Energy Star Certification.

MDEQ Communications Director Robbie Wilbur said that the recognition was part of the annual workshop and awards luncheon held in Jackson for the 2021 class. The class of 2020 was also recognized due to the cancellation of the annual meeting last year. Three new members and eleven renewing members were part of that group.

"It is an honor to recognize these members that actively strive to reduce their wastes, reduce their environmental impacts, and improve the quality of life in their communities. Their vision and leadership is to be commended as their efforts result in both immediate and long-term benefits for our state," said Chris Wells, MDEQ Executive Director.

Ridgeland and Nissan were recognized in the "Leaders" category for 2020.

MDEQ accepted one new member and six renewal memberships into its enHance program for the 2021 class on Wednesday. The recognition was part of the annual workshop and awards luncheon held in Jackson. The class of 2020 was also recognized due to the cancellation of the annual meeting last year. Three new members and eleven renewing members were part of that group.

enHance is a voluntary stewardship program that recognizes committed environmental leaders who accomplish goals beyond their legal requirements.

Participating organizations make a commitment to address and achieve ongoing environmental improvements.

enHance is open to facilities, cities, counties, and other entities who are interested in the program, and applicants can choose from three tiers: Leader, Steward, or Associate.

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ADOPTED BUDGET									
Governmental Fund Types Proprietary Funds									
	General Revenue	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Internal Enterprise	Private Purpose Permanent Service	Agency	Total	
REVENUES									
Amount Necessary to be Raised by Tax Levy	24328750	14817936	14501759					3864201	57513647
Taxes and Ad Valorem other than Tax Levy	410000								410000
Road and Bridge Privilege Taxes		1182505							1182505
Licenses, Commissions and Other Revenues	3202211	62044							3264255
Fines and Forfeitures	700000	12552							712552
Special Assessments									
Intergovernmental Revenue:									
Federal Sources	147000	708348							855348
State Sources	2423338	331109	900000	792394					447443
Local Sources:									
Charges for Services	760000	1005325							8605325
Interest Income	10407	27235							37643
Miscellaneous Revenue	2386573	81027							3227601
Contributions to Permanent Funds		4070							4070
Other Financing Sources	8673300	3441704	952881	37251766					50319653
Special Items	300000								300000
Extraordinary Items									
TOTAL REVENUES	50187252	22429790	16354640	38044160				3864201	130880046
Total Revenue & Beginning Cash Balance*	50187252	22429790	16354640	38044160				3864201	130880046
EXPENDITURES									
General Government	28243053	1376911	13700000						4319965
Public Safety	17155834	5248639							2240473
Public Works	922612	12803681	23438663						37164956
Health and Welfare	1227890								1227890
Culture and Recreation		1814840		782394					2607234
Education									3864201
Conservation of Natural Resources	242001								212001
Economic Development and Assistance	11278	782995		113103					907378
Undesignated									18389712
Debt Service	2035071		16354640						
Interfund Transactions/Other									
Other Financing Uses									
Special Items									
Extraordinary Items									
Total Expenditures	49837742	22027068	16354640	38044160				3864201	130127814
Ending Cash Balance	349509	402722							752232
Total Expenditures & Ending Cash Balance	50187252	22429790	16354640	38044160				3864201	130880046

GENERAL FUND										COMBINED WITH GENERAL FUND				OFFICE OF JUSTICE GRANT FUND				
FY2021	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	FY2021	FY2022	
ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL PLUS ESTIMATED	APPROVED BUDGET	
REVENUES																		
Taxes	5,125,319	4,885,464																
Intergovernmental revenues	16,245,000	14,000,000	14,000,000															
Charges for governmental services	860,734	827,637																
Fines and fees	771,368	691,179	300,384	414,744														
Miscellaneous	343,211	211,311	9,056	1,500														
Transfers in	83,107	892,520																
Total Revenue	25,686,605	23,14,002	338,340	416,244														
Balance at Beginning of the Year	18,149,771	19,239,259	1,042,932	1,121,948	</													

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