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BOZEMAN ROAD

Steen wants to abandon work in Madison

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Madison County Board of Supervisors President Gerald Steen wants to abandon Bozeman Road work inside the city of Madison to focus more on road improvements that are “100 percent in the county.”

Steen, the District 3

supervisor from Ridgeland, told fellow supervisors on Tuesday that he believes the real traffic problems are in the Gluckstadt area and focusing on Phase II of Bozeman Road will be a better solution to traffic problems.

As of 2022, there were over 22,000 vehicles per day that travel Bozeman Road,

up from 17,000 vehicles per day in 2016.

The widening of Bozeman Road is a project that dates back over a decade and was initially billed as a \$10-\$12 million project that has since ballooned to nearly \$40 million. Work was supposed to begin in 2022 and 2023, but was delayed repeatedly.

District 2 Supervisor Trey

Baxter said nearly \$10 million has been spent so far, about \$6 million by the county and about \$4 million by utility providers who have moved poles and gas lines.

“My major thing is moving traffic,” Steen said as he was challenged by Baxter and newly-seated District 1 Supervisor Casey Brannon. Steen said he wants to

focus on roadway improvements on Stribling Road and Catlett Road to move traffic down the interstate from there.

Bozeman Phase I

Phase I of Bozeman Road dates back to as early as 2013, with an initial estimate of about \$10-\$12 million. In 2016, engineers were hired

for the phase that initially was from Mississippi 463 in Madison to Reserve Crossing and the new cost estimate was closer to \$30 million.

The scope of the project changed to continue past Reserve Crossing and move north to end at Reunion Parkway, which also

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COCHRAN CASE

U.S. Supreme Court denies Mayfield family appeal

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The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear the wrongful death case against Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler by the widow of a former Chris McDaniel senate supporter who killed himself in 2014 after being prosecuted by the city for his role in a nursing home videotaping scheme that backfired.

The court denied certiorari on Tuesday, which means that fewer than four of the justices thought a review was warranted by the court.

The case was appealed to the Supreme Court after the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a 2020 decision by Southern District Judge Carlton W. Reeves, who dismissed the case with prejudice.

The family of the now-late Ridgeland Attorney Mark Mayfield said he killed himself after the city of Madison prosecuted him in retaliation for his role in an incident during the 2014 U.S. Senate race in which Republican challenger Chris McDaniel sought to unseat the now-late U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran.

During the 2014 U.S. Senate campaign, Mayfield, after communicating with fellow McDaniel supporters John Mary, Richard Sager and Clayton Kelly, agreed to help Kelly obtain a photo of Cochran's infirmed wife Rose inside St. Catherine's Village assisted living facility in Madison.

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

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

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



This rendering shows the new exterior prototype for Whataburger. The Madison Whataburger building will not feature the traditional orange coloring, but instead will be all white, which the developer says will be “unique.”

OLD BACK YARD BURGERS LOCATION

Whataburger coming to Madison

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MADISON — A Whataburger restaurant will open here later this year on Grandview Boulevard without the brand's trademark orange on the exterior.

Bridgeforth Rutledge, a local real estate attorney and developer, said Whataburger's lease will start in March in the old Back Yard Burgers building vacated in March of 2023.

“Their lease starts next month and they hope to start renovating after they move in,” Rutledge said.

Rutledge hopes the burger restaurant will be able to open its doors in late 2024 or early 2025.

The building will feature all-white signage and forego the brand's trademark orange.

“It will be unique,” Rutledge said.

The planned renovations have already been approved by the city, he said.

Whataburger was founded in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1950. They serve made-to-order burgers, fries, and chicken sandwiches, among other things



Whataburger is a fast-food chain that features hamburgers, chicken tenders, breakfast foods and more.

including breakfast.

This will be the 13th such restaurant in the state and will be the second in Madison County. Currently, there is one

in Ridgeland on County Line Road.

They are now headquartered in San Antonio and have more than 1,000 restaurants in 15 states. Recently they

opened a location on the Las Vegas strip in time for Super Bowl LVIII making Nevada their 15th state.

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Visit Ridgeland rebrands, opens new center

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The Ridgeland Visitors Center rolled out a new brand and bike share program at their grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting at their new space at the Renaissance last week.

"We are so excited to finally be in our new location," said Katie Coats, director of marketing and public relations with Explore Ridgeland.

Late in the afternoon on Feb. 15, the Ridgeland Tourism Commission opened their new location in the Renaissance at Colony Park next to the AT&T Store and unveiled Explore Ridgeland, their new brand. Thursday was followed by a Ribbon Cutting held the following morning on Feb. 16.

"Transitioning from Visit Ridgeland to Explore Ridgeland signifies a renewed approach to showcasing Ridgeland as a premier travel destination," a statement from the city of Ridgeland said. "The City is excited about the future and would like to thank Chris Chapman and her team for all of their hard work with the rebranding and promotion of our great City."

New features highlighted at the new visitors center include a Bikeshare patio with Explore Ridgeland branded bikes, an outdoor scenic mural, Bill Waller Craft Center displays, local art, a 24-hour accessible True Omni Kiosk, and a branded conference room and bike wall depicting Ridgeland trails.

Coats said Explore Ridgeland was the result of nearly two years of research and design.

The redesign was handled in part by Mad Genius, a Ridge-



Explore Ridgeland, formerly Visit Ridgeland, celebrated its rebranding along with a new visitor's center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Thursday. Mayor Gene McGee, center, cut the ribbon for the center located at Renaissance at Colony Park.

land-based firm, which was selected after a nationwide search for a creative partner.

"Mad Genius has called Ridgeland home since its inception 19 years ago," said Rob Bridges, CEO of Mad Genius. "We are proud of our city and

eager to see it continue to flourish. Everyone at Mad Genius is honored to be Ridgeland Tourism's creative partner, and we are keen to help them launch their new brand strategy to provoke curiosity, stir a passion for exploration, and guide visitors

new and old to our great city."

Chris Chapman, president and CEO of Explore Ridgeland, said the new brand elements will be used to market the city across the nation to attract visitors and business partners who will help positively impact the local economy and increase the quality of life for residents.

"These projects have been the result of cooperation and collaboration with stakeholders and leaders from our community as well as visitors from around the

region who came to Ridgeland as leisure consumers, group travel experts, small meeting planners, and event and sports organizers," Chapman said. "We look forward to getting the word out to our audiences about our new brand and many new offerings."

Chapman said tourism is Mississippi's fourth-largest industry and noted tourism plays a vital role in Ridgeland. Chapman has been happy to see Ridgeland grow in the 27 years RTC has been involved in growing the city.

"We have seen growth and changes in all departments - marketing, sales, visitor services -

and in the world, through the digital landscape and the evolving role of destination marketing organizations in their communities," added Chapman. "Collectively, our staff has over 80 years of tourism experience to help make Ridgeland one of the fastest-growing tourism markets in our State, especially for outdoor enthusiasts, shoppers, and event-goers."

In 2022, visitors spent \$106.8 million in Ridgeland which generated an economic impact of \$121.6 million, according to Chapman. Chapman said that money came from outside the region and benefited the local community and even helped to create 1,093 jobs, representing a growth of over 11 percent from 2021.

"Ultimately, our mission is to increase opportunity and economic impact for our city, and we believe the 'Explore Ridgeland' message will encourage guests and residents alike to explore their passions and tell others about our thriving city," Chapman said.

The new Visitors Center is located on the I-55 side of the Renaissance at Colony Park at 1000 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 3002 between Barnes and Noble & AT&T. Previously the Visitors Center was housed in a space on the other end of the Renaissance across from Zea Rotisserie and Bar under the old Visit Ridgeland brand.

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Madison crime statistics remain low for 2023

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MADISON — There were no major violent crimes here in 2023 allowing the city to maintain its “relatively low crime rate,” Madison Police Chief Gene Waldrop said after crime statistics compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation were released.

“I am glad to report there were no major violent crimes within the city of Madison in 2023,” Waldrop said. “Madison continues to enjoy a relatively low crime rate.”

According to FBI statistics, Waldrop reported a decrease in Total Group A

offenses reported for the calendar year 2023 mainly consisting of property crimes — specifically financial crimes, embezzlement, fraud, and identity theft. Statistics show this category was up from 2021 last year.

“We continually remind our citizens to secure their homes and garages when not in use, remove valuables from their automobiles, and secure them at all times preferably in the trunk,” Waldrop said.

Simple assaults increased with the majority of assault cases consisting of the offenders knowing the victims, Waldrop said. MPD investigated 78

assaults and 12 aggravated assaults in the city in 2023 compared to 61 simple assaults and 12 aggravated assaults in 2022.

Charges of driving under the influence, a Group B offense, dropped to 109 in 2023 representing a drop of 55 total offenses from 2022.

The clearance rate for crimes dropped to 59.97 percent in 2023 with officers clearing 451 of 752 reported offenses in 2023. More crimes were reported in 2022 with 540 cleared reported offenses out of 835.

The Madison Police Department continues to utilize a combination of citizen

input and programs, along with a highly visible police presence in an attempt to keep crime to a minimum, according to Waldrop. He said citizen participation is a “major component of any successful anti-crime efforts in the City of Madison.”

As in years past, 2023 has seen a continuation of the population growth in the city and a “tremendous and steady growth in the commercial, retail and professional community,” Waldrop said.

Madison grew from a population of 25,860 in 2021 to

27,674 in 2022.

“I congratulate the City of Madison officials, members of the Madison Police Department and especially the citizens of the City for a partnership that is successfully working to keep crime to a minimum and the City a safe and wholesome environment to live, raise a family and retire,” Waldrop said.

Statistics are from the National Incident Based Reporting System. The FBI switched to the NIBRS in 2021 after phasing out the Summary Reporting System

(SRS) of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program that was utilized by cities and other jurisdictions to officially report crime offenses to the federal government.

Waldrop called the new program “more robust.”

More information regarding the State of Mississippi’s NIBRS reporting program, along with the ability to further review NIBRS data for Madison and other jurisdictions, as well as statewide, can be found at: <https://mscrimestats.dps.ms.gov/default.aspx>

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increased the size of the project.

At present, all right-of-way has been acquired and the majority of utility lines have been relocated. County Engineer Tim Bryan told supervisors on Tuesday the project was essentially shovel-ready.

One bidder responded to an RFP last fall and the bid came in at over \$37 million, which the board ultimately rejected.

Bozeman Phase II
Phase II of Bozeman Road will run from Reunion Parkway to just south of Gluckstadt Road.

Bryan said that the environmental work has been completed and the next step is purchasing right-of-way. He said he would possibly have a contract amendment to move forward with that process in March.

County Administrator Greg Higginbotham said that part of the process would be about 12-15 months.

Initial estimates for the cost of Phase 2 are set at \$24.5 million.

Funding
Madison County has received a considerable amount of money from outside sources for Bozeman Road. The state has given the county \$7.5 million for the project. The federal government has given \$4 million for the project. The Metropolitan Planning Organization has given \$4.4 million, and the county has already contributed \$5 million.

Baxter said he specifically requested language from the Legislature to earmark the money for Phase I, but Higginbotham told supervisors there were two interpretations.

The language in two different funding bills stated, “making improvements to Bozeman Road, beginning at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 463 and proceeding north.”

Baxter and Brannon contend the intent and the interpretation is that the \$7.5 million in state funds is specifically earmarked for Phase I since it begins at Mississippi 463.

Higginbotham told supervisors that he spoke with someone at the Department of Finance and Administration, which oversees how the money is spent, and was told that the money could be used on any section of Bozeman Road north of 463.

Bait-and-Switch
Baxter said Steen was trying to pull a “bait-and-switch” by abandoning a road that was engineered to engineer another road, with no construction complete, referring to the era of former County Engineer Rudy Warnock who is currently under federal indictment for bribery charges and wire fraud.

“This bait-and-switch in designing a road and stopping before construction is an old trick that’s been used in Madison County for years and years,” he said. “We’re right back where we were 10 years ago.”

Baxter said it was “time to build a road out.”

Baxter made his comments after seconding a motion by Brannon to re-advertise Phase I. Steen and District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin voted against, ending in a tie due to the absence of District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks.

Brannon had argued that there is a shovel-ready project that could give traffic relief to Madison County residents by 2026. He said abandoning the project now doesn’t get anything done until a new board term in 2028 at the earliest.

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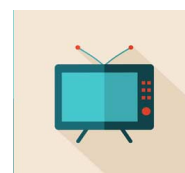
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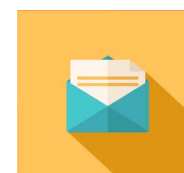


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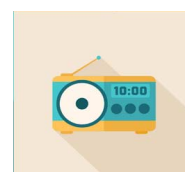
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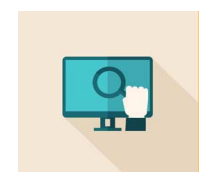
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Biden's boxes of influence

If special counsel Robert Hur's report on mishandled boxes of classified documents embarrassed President Biden, whistleblower Tony Bobulinski's congressional testimony must have mortified him.

Mr. Bobulinski, who served as an officer in the U.S. Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, claimed in an opening statement before a joint House hearing Tuesday that "Joe Biden was 'the brand' being sold by the Biden family. His family's foreign influence-peddling operation — from China to Ukraine and elsewhere — sold out to foreign actors who were seeking to gain influence and access to Joe Biden and the United States government."

A former Hunter Biden business partner, Mr. Bobulinski said Chinese energy firm CEFC infiltrated the Obama White House in 2015 and compromised then-Vice President Biden. Son Hunter was instrumental as "the Biden family's weakest link," he said, drawn in "with the promise of tens of millions of dollars, initially."

Present at several business meetings with the elder Biden in 2017, Mr. Bobulinski asserted that Mr. Biden wasn't simply "a participant" in the influence-peddling scheme, "he was an enabler," and his denials of involvement are lies. As an ongoing congressional impeachment inquiry uncovers the facts, the president enjoys the presumption of innocence.

Meanwhile, the White House is still reeling from Mr. Hur's characterization last week of Mr. Biden as "an elderly man with a poor memory" in explaining his handling of documents — even while the special counsel's conclusion spared the president from prosecution.

Subsequently, Republican lawmakers, led by Committee on Oversight and Accountability Chairman James Comer, sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick

Garland on Monday requesting access to documents special counsel investigators found in cardboard boxes scattered among the detritus in Mr. Biden's Delaware garage.

Therein, lawmakers suspect, lies validation that the Bidens profited from their patriarch's proximity to the levers of power. The committee members also requested a transcript of the special counsel's interview with Mr. Biden, seeking to ascertain whether uncomfortable questions were disallowed.

Among the recovered records is a four-page document dated March 2013 and addressed to Mr. Biden titled, "China Engagement in the Second Term." It was in December 2013, during President Barack Obama's tenure, that Hunter accompanied his father on Air Force Two to Beijing. Days later, he was awarded a director's role in an investment firm funded with Chinese government money, *The Wall Street Journal* has reported.

Also among the shoddily stored Biden records is a five-page memo titled "U.S. Energy Assistance to Ukraine" from September 2014. The date coincides with Hunter's tenure on the board of Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company that reportedly paid him \$1 million a year. It also coincides with actions the elder Biden took to halt an investigation into allegations of corruption at Burisma. According to House investigators, Hunter raked in as much as \$20 million from China, Ukraine and elsewhere, with few credentials beyond his Biden name.

Embarrassment for President Biden notwithstanding, allegations raised in Mr. Bobulinski's testimony and Mr. Hur's investigation must be resolved for the good of the nation.

— *The Washington Times*

Denying a Trump victory

Some Democrats are hatching a plan to reverse the outcome of the 2024 presidential election if it doesn't go their way. As Markus Batchelor told the crowd at the Stop the Coup 2025 rally in Washington last month: "Coups can be committed at the ballot. Coups can be committed by seemingly democratic processes."

Mr. Batchelor, a former District of Columbia school board member and national political director of the left-wing activist group People for the American Way, was speaking about his opponents. As is so often the case, however, his words are almost a self-reflection on the left's plan to "defend democracy" by refusing to seat Donald Trump should he come out on top in November.

Having considered arguments in the Colorado ballot access case, the U.S. Supreme Court appears poised to slap down Democratic maneuvers to delete Mr. Trump from the ballot. The justices can do so without wading into the murky waters of whether the Jan. 6 Capitol fracas qualifies as an insurrection.

Precedent buried in an 1869 opinion by Chief Justice Salmon Chase suggests the application of Section 3 of the 14th Amendment — the insurrection clause — is a question for Congress, not the courts. That seems to be the next avenue of attack.

In oral arguments in the Colorado case, Jason Murray, attorney for the plaintiffs seeking to boot Mr. Trump from the ballot, said as much when justices looked more deeply into his intentions.

"If this court concludes that Colorado did not have the authority to exclude President Trump from the presidential ballot on procedural grounds, I think this case would be done, but I think it could come

back with a vengeance," Mr. Murray said. "Ultimately, members of Congress may have to make the determination after a presidential election, if President Trump wins, about whether or not he's disqualified from office and whether to count votes cast for him."

A few Democrats in Congress have used the Electoral Count Act to object to certifying the electoral votes in every Republican presidential victory since 2001. If Mr. Trump wins, it's a foregone conclusion that the disqualification strategy will move from fringe to mainstream, based on how coordinated the left has been in labeling Mr. Trump an insurrectionist.

Under such a scenario, a majority of members in both the House and Senate would have to approve objections saying that electoral votes could not have been "regularly given" to an insurrectionist. If that's their ploy, Democrats have the will necessary to vote in lockstep. Ultimate success requires finding only a handful of Republicans unable to resist the allure of being hailed as courageous by corporate-backed media outlets.

Given that control of both chambers rests on a handful of seats, it's even possible that Democrats could flip the House and sustain a Senate majority with Mr. Trump holding an electoral edge. That means this scenario could work without the need for cultivating "maverick" Republicans.

President Biden and his allies never tire of repeating the refrain that democracy is on the ballot in November. This is true. They just lack the self-reflection to realize they are the threat.

— *The Washington Times*

CAL THOMAS

Willis vs. Wade vs. euphemisms

During questioning of Fulton County, Georgia prosecutor Nathan Wade about his "relationship" with District Attorney Fani Willis there was a moment that cut through all the euphemisms we have become accustomed to when it comes to human behavior.

Scott Sadow, an attorney for Donald Trump, who is trying to get an indictment against Trump dismissed for Trump's alleged interference in the 2020 presidential election, received an answer to a question that appeared to surprise him. Asked about his "relationship" with Willis, Wade said "do you mean intercourse?" Sadow said he wasn't going to use that word, but since Wade brought it up, then yes, that's what he meant.

It was a classic example of how euphemisms are increasingly used to soften the meaning of questionable behavior.

A forceful Willis tried to obfuscate her relationship with Wade, even calling him at one point a "Southern gentleman." But in an earlier court filing, she admitted to an affair (meaning sex) with Wade, who she put on the payroll as part of her Trump prosecution team.

Radio host Dr. Laura Schlessinger receives calls from women who speak of living with their boyfriends.

"In other words," she said, "you're shacking up."

One woman replied, "I wouldn't put it that way."

Schlessinger then asked, "How would you put it?"

The woman had no answer.

That was once called telling the truth.

RICH LOWRY

Russia is a civilizational adversary

The poet Robert Frost once said that a liberal is someone too broad-minded to take his own side in a fight.

What would he say about those on the right who seem to be confused about the same question?

Over the last few days, Donald Trump told a rally about how he'd supposedly warned the leader of a NATO nation that he'd encourage the Russians "to do whatever the hell they want" against countries that weren't spending enough on defense, while the former Fox News personality Tucker Carlson broadcast videos from Moscow praising its grocery stores and subways as superior to those in the United States.

For its part, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives is refusing to approve another tranche of aid to Ukraine as it runs short of artillery shells in a defensive war against Russia.

What's notable about all of this is that people who, in other contexts, are fierce about the need to defend Western civilization are unenthusiastic about a core institution of the modern West — namely, NATO — and feel little urgency about checking the aggression of a Russia that is an avowed and long-time civilizational adversary of the West.

There are legitimate policy disagreements about NATO and the Ukraine war, but there shouldn't be any doubt about the larger significance of Vladimir Putin's challenge to the West's interests, values and resolve.

In his classic book "The Clash of Civilizations," the late social scientist Samuel Huntington wrote of an

Lying doesn't always bring the consequences it once did, even when witnesses take an oath to tell the truth. It is more than fishy that Wade and Willis exchanged cash and have no receipts.

So many descriptions of human behavior have been modified or changed to gloss over their real meaning. In part, I think, it is to avoid judgment which can lead to a change in behavior that benefits individuals and the wider culture. Failing to identify certain behavior for what it is can have the effect of legitimizing that behavior in the eyes of people who are engaging in it and in the wider culture that refuses to accept a standard defining right and wrong.

How many speak of cheating on one's spouse, as Wade is alleged to have done, as "adultery"? Today's preferred description is "a romantic relationship." Going on "vacation" with a woman not your wife or a man not your husband is now considered as legitimate as a married couple enjoying a similar experience.

Could we also stop saying "boyfriend" and "girlfriend" when speaking of adults? These are not dating teenagers. They are mature people who have presumably been exposed to what used to be called the right way to live, but who have chosen another way.

Lying doesn't always

bring the consequences it once did, even when witnesses take an oath to tell the truth. It is more than fishy that Wade and Willis exchanged cash and have no receipts or other records to back up their claims of legal behavior and propriety. Wade refused to say where he keeps his cash, but suggested some of it might be under his pillow. Willis said she once paid Wade \$2,500 in cash that came from her pocketbook. Who carries around that kind of money? Wade even obfuscated on whether he used a credit card and how he was reimbursed for part of his expenditures when he and Willis traveled together. Who doesn't keep receipts, especially for tax purposes? Will the IRS investigate?

Two of the Ten Commandments prohibit adultery and bearing false witness. Those two forms of behavior are increasingly allowed in our "non-judgmental" culture. We see daily the corrosion violating these commands have caused.

Using words that accurately describe behavior, instead of euphemisms, can have the effect of limiting that behavior. It once seemed to. Approving, or at least failing to reject such behavior, contributes to more of it. As one translation of Proverbs 29:18 puts it, "If a nation is not guided by God, the people will lose self-control (ERV)."

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Russia's traditional resentments and insecurities, to a determinedly anti-Western view that draws on Slavophile thought.

Putin believes in authoritarianism, in a strong Russian state, in the rehabilitation of the country's Soviet past, and in a Russian civilization that is superior to a West corrupted by secularism and individualism.

He seeks to reunite "the Russian world," a concept, according to Figes, he got from the patriarch of the Orthodox Church. He wants to protect the "family" of Slavs and the "tens of millions of our citizens" lost to the Russian state after the supposed disaster of the fall of the Soviet Union.

It's the misfortune of Ukraine, which straddles the line of Western and Orthodox civilization, to use Huntington's terms, to be in the firing line of these grandiose ambitions. Ukraine's desire to be a sovereign state of its own and, in particular, to align itself with the hated West is intolerable for Putin. He's explained at great length why he believes Ukraine has no legitimacy as an independent nation, and his model of a neo-tsarism where elections are fake and opposition leaders die in Arctic prisons would be threatened by a Ukraine that successfully embraced a version of the Western model.

Give Putin this — at least he's defending what he considers his civilizational birthright of despotism and illiberalism. Any true friend of our own should be appalled.

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

BIBLE SELECTION

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

— 1 John 4:11-12 (ESV)

Robinson appointed new assistant superintendent

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Madison County Schools is pleased to announce Dr. Capucine Torrey Robinson will serve as an Assistant Superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Robinson currently serves as director of elementary school services in the district. Her distinguished career in education spans more than three decades, 15 years of which have been in Madison County Schools.

"Dr. Robinson is an outstanding educational leader, and we are blessed by her expertise, wisdom, and enthusiasm for excellence in education. Her talents will be a wonderful complement to our current team of assistant superintendents, and I have full faith she will continue to make a positive impact on our district in this new role," says MCS Deputy Superintendent Ted Poore.

"I am humbled by this opportunity to serve the faculty, students, and families of Madison County Schools," says Dr. Robinson. "Our district embodies the Mark of Excellence, and I look forward to building on that strong

foundation and supporting the continued success of our schools."

A dedicated educator since 1990, Dr. Robinson began her career as a teacher in Jackson Public Schools followed by service as a program coordinator, principal, and assistant superintendent. In 2008, she joined Madison County Schools where she has since served as principal of East Flora Elementary School and most recently as director of elementary services. She has earned numerous accolades for outstanding work in the education profession, including Administrator of the Year honors in Jackson Public Schools in 2004 and Madison County Schools in 2018. Her expertise is valued in the community as well; Dr. Robinson has served as a member of the Barksdale Reading Institute Board of Directors and the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children Advisory Board. She is also a past president of the Mississippi Association of Elementary School Administrators.



Dr. Capucine Robinson

Over the course of her career Dr. Robinson has been tapped to join the Education Policy Fellowship Program at Mississippi State University and has served as President of the Mississippi Early Childhood Association.

Dr. Robinson earned her Doctor of Philosophy Degree at Jackson State University, following a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Education Degree from Mississippi College. Dr. Robinson is the proud mother of two grown children, both of whom are graduates of Germantown High School. Her son Grant Robinson, married to Gabrielle Robinson, works as a technology team member at Blue Cross Blue Shield, and her daughter Torrey Robinson is a speech therapist serving as a fellow at the CAY clinic at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Robinson will begin serving in her new role beginning July 1, 2024.

Treasurer rebrands college program

State Treasurer David McRae announced recently the state's 529 program has rebranded to become Mississippi College and Career Savings. The name change better reflects the true capacity of the program, which can be used for traditional four-year colleges,

as well as vocational programs, apprenticeships, and other career training.

"For years, Mississippi's college savings program has helped put educational goals within the financial reach of hundreds of families," said McRae. "Over the years, how-

ever, our mission has evolved to better align with Mississippi's workforce needs. A name change is a small adjustment, but I'm hopeful it helps expand Mississippians' understanding of everything our team can help them pursue."

OBITUARIES

Johnny Dee Dial

Johnny Dee Dial, 90, died February 14, 2024, surrounded by his family at home.

Services were held February 17, 2024, at Madison Church of Christ. After high school he studied electronics and worked for Braniff Airways.

He was converted as a Christian and decided to become a minister. His first job as a preacher was at the Lake Habor Church of Christ. He, his wife Judith, and other church members provided funds for materials so that a group of Mexican Tzotzil Natives could build a church building in San Andreas. For many years until his death, he contributed to the ministry of David Aguilar, a Mexican Missionary.

In his 30 years he decided to fulfill a long-held dream of becoming a physician; he graduated Medical School when he was 42 years old.

John is survived by the love of his life married 56 years Judith Dial, children, Rhonda Gelbar, Rocky Dial, Randy Dial (wife Becky), Heather Dial, and Alice Toy (husband Columbus) dear friend like a daughter, Grandchildren, Maya Schopmeyer, Decota Mangrum (girlfriend Rose), Carly Schall, Mandy Gency, Johnathan Dial (Wife Adele), Roxanne Gelbar, Diana Adair, Sibling, Charlene Dudley, 11 Great-Grandchildren, Many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family requests donations be made to Mexico Missions - Mail to Larry Summers 100 Ervin Road, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

Linda French Ezelle

Linda French Ezelle, 74, of Madison went to be with her Lord at home on February 9, 2024.

She was surrounded by her husband, Will; her daughter

and son-in-law, Erica and Brandon Roberts; and her sister, Carolyn Mitchell.

Linda was born September 18, 1949 to Eunice and Shelvie Rutland in Jayess, MS.

She is also survived by the children of Brandon and Erica Roberts, daughters, Charley, Emerson, Bennett, Sutton Brooks and Laithe; and son, Kinler. Additionally, she is survived by her step-daughter Joanne Wellborn, portly beagle, Oliver, and numerous nephews and nieces.

A Memorial Celebration of Linda's Life will be held at Canton Christian Center, 2735 Highway 51 South, Canton, MS on Thursday, February 22, 2024. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 3:00 pm with a service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Linda's name to CurePSP, 325 Hudson Street, Floor 4, New York, NY 10013.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

Brought very low

Turn with me to Psalm 79. Let me remind you of the context for this Psalm. Jerusalem has been destroyed. Many of the children of Israel have been taken off into captivity. Hundreds - thousands - have been left dead in the streets. Yet like so many of the other Psalms, it is meant for public worship. That's a striking thing, that even the destruction of Jerusalem would be a matter of public praise for the people of God.

I want to look at this passage in three parts. In verse 1-4 we will see the tragedy from God's perspective. In verses 5-10a, we will see the psalmist confess sins and petition for God's compassion. Lastly, in verse 10b-13, we will consider God's judgment and the psalmist's praise.

I. Tragedy from God's Perspective

In verses 1-4 you see the psalmist's lament for fallen Jerusalem. And the thing I want you to recognize is that this tragedy is seen from God's perspective. The psalmist speaks of the blood of God's people flowing in the streets. He speaks of dead bodies which have been left unburied in the city rows of Jerusalem. But the thing that strikes you here is that he is describing the tragedy from God's perspective. It's a cry of the heart; but ultimately it is a cry of faith in perplexity because the psalmist is horrified by the event which seems to call into question God's sovereignty and seems to hinder the cause of His kingdom. The people that love the Lord are most deeply moved by those disasters that seem to hinder the cause of Christ, and it is this psalmist's great love for the Lord that most deeply pains him as he looks on this scene of desolation.

This tragic scene also shows that God's word always suits the situation of the church from age to age, and there is never a situation that the church faces for which there is not an applicable word of God. We enjoy relative security and prosperity, but thousands of our brothers and sisters around the world know just this kind of persecution. We could go into a nation hostile to Christianity and see the blood of God's children running in the streets. We could see their dead bodies left unburied. Is there a song for them to sing? Yes, there is. It's right here. God has provided a song for His

children to sing on every occasion. May it be long before we have to sing this song ourselves, but if we should find ourselves in these circumstances, God has already written the song that we will sing. God's word is excellent, and He supplies the words to say, the prayers to pray, the songs to sing in every situation of the church from age to age.

II. Confession and Petition

Now in verses 5-10a we come to a prayer of confession and a petition for compassion. The psalmist admits that it is God's just punishment, and he does it several times in the Psalm: "How long, O Lord? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire?" The psalmist knows that the people of God deserve this judgment because of their idolatry. God is doing what He promised He would do if His people went after other gods, which they did repeatedly! The psalmist knows that we need forgiveness of sins. He knows that this event is a judgment, a righteous judgment of God, and so it is only right to respond to this judgment with confession, and so he prays that God would forgive their sins.

But notice the arguments that he brings: "Let Your compassions come quickly to meet us, for we are brought very low." He comes to God with arguments. When your friend has done you wrong, you come to your friend with arguments. When you disagree with your husband, you come to your husband with arguments. And the psalmist under the burden of God's judgment comes to God with arguments, "Lord God, look at how low we are laid. We need Your compassion."

The psalmist knows how great his need is. It's a shame that we don't see the greatness of our own need as often as we ought. And so the psalmist cries out, "Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Your name's sake." The appeal is rooted in God's person, in God's character, and the reasons are piled up, "Lord, hear us because You're our salvation. Lord, hear us because Your essential glory is at stake. Forgive us our sins for Your name's sake." The cause of God's mercy is always found in God Himself. When disaster strikes

us, we ought to appeal to God for help on the basis of His name.

III. Judgment and Praise

I want you to think of something else from this passage as well. For it's not only a prayer of confession and of petition for compassion, but also a picture of God's certain judgment on the wicked. The psalmist asks God to avenge His servants. In our day and age one of the least popular teachings of Scripture is God's final punishment of the wicked. But this Psalm shows that judgment is certain. In verse 12, he prays that God will return the reproach of the nations against Him on them. He's asking that the blood of the innocents which had been shed in Jerusalem would be returned upon those who dealt with them wrongly.

But it's also a prayer of preservation for those imprisoned and awaiting death. So many had been carried off into exile, and the heart of the psalmist is for them. He asks that God would protect them and would spare them and uphold them in their trials. As we think upon those who have been persecuted in our own time, that's a prayer we should remember for them.

But then he closes in a quite extraordinary way. Look at verse 13: "So we Your people and the sheep of Your pasture will give thanks to You forever; to all generations we will tell of Your praise." When you consider where this Psalm starts, it leads you to wonder with amazement at the faith which enabled such a Psalm from such distress to end with thanksgiving and praise. This psalmist is looking at the destruction of the city of God, he is looking at the destruction of the temple of God, and he is concluding this Psalm with thanksgiving and praise, just as Job after the report of the loss of his goods and his children. He tore his clothes and said, "The Lord has given; the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." And like Job, this psalmist looks at the destruction of the city of God and decides to give thanks to God and to praise Him to the next generation. May we do likewise.

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

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To Kirsten Jones: You are summoned to appear before the Mississippi Board of Nursing on April 10, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. to answer charges brought against you. The hearing will be held in the hearing room at the office of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, which is located at 713 S. Pear Orchard Road, Ste. 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Failure to appear may result in the revocation of your nursing license.

Signed: Phyllis Johnson Executive Director, MS Board of Nursing

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUSAN LINDA RIDDELL, DECEASED NO. 2023-1347-C

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 5th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Susan Linda Riddell, 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 forever be barred.

This the 1st day of February, 2024. Thomas Allen Riddell, Executor of the Estate of Susan Linda Riddell, Deceased

John B. Dongieux, Attorney 933 S. College St. Brandon, MS 39042 601-825-8696

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHANTAL BATTEN NO. 24-43W

H. WESLEY WILLIAMS, III PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 26th day of January, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Chantal Batten, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

s/ H. WESLEY WILLIAMS, III H. WESLEY WILLIAMS, III EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF CHANTAL BATTEN, DECEASED

PREPARED BY:

AMY LEE TOPIK, MSB # 99251 MARKOW WALKER, P.A. Post Office Box 13669 Jackson, Mississippi 39236-3669 (601) 853-1911 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF CHANTAL BATTEN, DECEASED

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELLE-RIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

EN RE:

EDISSON GERARDO LAZARO RAMOS, MENOR CAUSA NO. 2024-2W

MAYRA NOEMY RAMOS IC DE LAZARO, PETICIONARIA

REGLA 81 CITACIÓN POR PUBLICACION

EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA: Freddy Orlando Lazaro Tupul Cuyotenango, 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 a.m. el día 18 de Marzo, 2024, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Canton, Mississippi, ante Su Señoría James C. Walker, 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.

Emtido bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 8th de Jan., 2024.

Ronny Lott Secretario de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison, Mississippi

[SELLO] por: Ivy Stephens D.C.

In the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi

In the Matter of the Estate of Diane Willis Jones, deceased Cause No. 2024-73

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 29th day of January 2024 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Diane Willis Jones, 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 the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 7th day of February, 2024.

s/ Cody S. Jones CODY S. JONES ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DIANE WILLIS JONES, DECEASED

Of Counsel: Bob Waller (MSB 6912) Waller & Waller

Public Notices

P.O. Box 4 Jackson, MS 39205 (601) 354-5252 bobwaller@wallerandwaller.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that Owner Barry Blackstock has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance to allow for an accessory building height increase from 10 feet to 15 feet in a R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) zoning district, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property located at 517 Windsor Drive, Trace Vineyard Subdivision, Lot 22. Parcel Number 072E-15B-0 01/02.23.

Notice is further given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Madison, Madison County, Mississippi, will have a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, in the Municipal Courtroom of the Madison Justice Complex, at 2001 Main Street in Madison, Mississippi, and at such time, date and place hold and conduct a public hearing at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard thereon, either in person, by petition, or by counsel.

For additional information, contact Madison City Hall, Planning Department at 601.856.7116.

By: s/Susan B. Crandall Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk Director of Finance and Administration

Publication: February 22, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: SANAMPREET SINGH, A MINOR CAUSE NO. 2023-1324W

GURJANT SINGH, PETITIONER

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Parkash Singh Pipaltha, Haryana, India

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Appoint Guardian filed against you in this action at 8:45 am on the 18 day of March, 2024, in the Madison County Chancery Court House located in Canton, Mississippi, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, Chancellor, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Verified Petition to Appoint Guardian.

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 9th day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

[SEAL] by: Stacey Toten, D.C.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anyway affected thereby, that Owner Barry Blackstock has filed with the City Clerk/Administrative Director of the City of Madison, Mississippi, an application for a variance for an accessory building square footage increase from 750 feet to 900 feet in a R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) zoning district, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison, Mississippi. Property located at 517 Windsor Drive, Trace Vineyard Subdivision, Lot 22. Parcel Number 072E-15B-001/02.23.

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For additional information, contact Madison City Hall, Planning Department at 601.856.7116.

By: s/Susan B. Crandall Susan B. Crandall, City Clerk Director of Finance and Administration

Publication: February 22, 2024

To Josh Roland: You are summoned to appear before the Mississippi Board of Nursing on June 5, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. to answer charges brought against you. The hearing will be held in the hearing room at the office of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, which is located at 713 S. Pear Orchard Road, Ste. 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Failure to appear may result in the revocation of your nursing license.

Signed: Phyllis Johnson Executive Director, MS Board of Nursing

EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELLE-RIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

EN RE:

KELVIN ALESSANDRO BATRES RIVERA, MENOR CAUSA NO. 24-117

FLOR MARIA AGUIRRE, PETICIONARIA

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EL ESTADO DE MISSISSIPPI

PARA:

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Evelin Yaneth Rivera Hernandez Alegria, Usulután, El Salvador

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 8:30 a.m. el día 3 de Abril, 2024, en el Tribunal de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison en Madison, 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.

Emtido bajo mi mano y el sello de dicho Tribunal, este día 14th de February, 2024.

Ronny Lott Secretario de la Cancillería del Condado de Madison, Mississippi

[SELLO] por: Ivy Stephens, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 23-1025 B

DORIS JACOBS THOMAS PETITIONER

VS.

THE KNOWN AND UNKNOW HEIRS AT LAW OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JEAN DELORIS JACOBS, DECEASED, WHOSE POST OFFICE AND STREET ADDRESS AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY REMAIN UNKNOWN

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs filed herein against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 15th day of March, 2024, at the Madison County Chancery Court House located in Canton, Mississippi, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, Chancellor, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money and 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 said Court, this the 1st day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott Madison County Chancery Clerk By: Kim Sreiver D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHERYL LYNN PETERSON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-1045 (W)

CHARLES STEVEN HALL, Petitioner

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 6th day of October, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Cheryl Lynn Peterson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of the Chancery Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of the notice or said claims will be forever barred.

This the 26th day of October, 2023.

s/ Charles Steven Hall Charles Steven Hall, Administrator

Prepared by:

s/ Jeffrey B. McGuire Jeffrey B. McGuire (MSB #104622) THE MCGUIRE FIRM 303 Highland Park Cove, Suite A Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 Telephone: (601) 861-5155

2023-08077-MS Substituted Trustee's Notice Of Sale Whereas, on 2/28/2018, Megan V Davis, a single woman, and Keith O Davis, a married man, executed a certain deed of trust to Donald G. Griffin, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Community Bank of Mississippi, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, State of Mississippi as Instrument No 834950, in Book 3579, Page 407; subsequently, the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument 973912, in Book T-4287 at Page 804 on 12/19/2022 and Whereas, said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned Freedom Mortgage Corporation and recorded 11/17/2021 as Instrument No. 944431, in Book T-4134, Page 111; and Whereas, Freedom Mortgage Corporation has heretofore substituted Nestor Solutions, LLC, as Trustee by Instrument recorded on 1/18/2024 in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 997466, in Book T-4402, Page 396 and Whereas, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and for

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the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. Now, Therefore, Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on 3/14/2024 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the County Courthouse of Madison County, Mississippi, located at the South Door of the Madison County Courthouse, 128 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Madison County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of Cooksey Lane with the East line of Wheatley Street said point being 20.0 feet North and 20.0 feet East of the approximate center lines of said streets; thence North 340 feet to an iron pin on the East line of Wheatley Street and the North line of public street and the point of beginning; thence East along the North line of said public street 200 feet to an iron pin; thence North 80 feet to an iron pin; thence West 200 feet to an iron pin on the East line of Wheatley Street; thence South along the East line of Wheatley Street 80 feet to the point of beginning. We will Convey only such title as vested in us as Substituted Trustee. Witness My Signature on this 8th day of February, 2024. /s/ Sylvia Weiss, its Sr. Trustee Sale Officer Nestor Solutions, LLC, Substituted Trustee 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, CA 92648 Publication Dates: 2/15/2024 2/22/2024 2/29/2024 3/7/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

In the Matter of the Estate of JOLEEN KAY CASE, Deceased CAUSE NO. : 22CV-00789 DAVID ALAN CASE PETITIONER

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW JOLEEN KAY CASE, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition filed in this Court by DAVID ALAN CASE, Petitioner in the above-captioned matter, seeking to establish heirs at law of JOLEEN KAY CASE, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and respond to the Petition filed against you in this action at 8:45 A.M. on the 19th day of March, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Madison County, in Canton, Mississippi, located at 146 W Center St., Canton, MS 39046, and in case of your failure to appear and respond, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief 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 said Court, this the 19th day of January, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/ Stacey T. D.C.

Publish: 02/12, 02/22, 02/29/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY STOKES, DECEASED NO. 24-91 B

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: The unknown heirs-at-law of BILLY STOKES, and any and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of BILLY STOKES, Deceased, whose last post office addresses and street addresses are unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry and upon whom service of process may be had by publication as prescribed by law:

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition to Administer Estate, for Appointment of Administrator and to Determine Heirship filed by Terri Stokes Livingston, Administrator, seeking to obtain a judicial determination of the heirs-at-law of Billy Stokes. The Petition asserts that the only heirs-at-law of Billy Stokes are Terri Stokes Livingston and Kimberly A. Stokes.

You are summoned to appear and give testimony establishing your rights as an heir-at-law of the Decedent before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, Chancellor of the 11th Chancery District at 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2024, at the Madison County Courthouse at 146 West Center Street, Canton, Mississippi 39046, and in case of your failure to appear a judgement will be entered against you for the 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 the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February, 2024.

RONNY LOTT, Chancery Clerk Madison County, Mississippi By: Kim Sievers, Deputy Clerk

Prepared by: Sara M. Fox, MSB # 8992 FOX LAW GROUP, PA Post Office Box 310, Brandon, MS 39043 Telephone Number: (601) 825-6111 sara@foxlawgroup.ms

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2009 CHEVY TRAVERSE, VIN # 1GN-ERY3D69S121653, \$2782.00, a 2006 CHEVY HHR, VIN # 3GNDA23P96 S530964, \$2889.00, a 2006 HONDA ACORD, VIN # 1HGCN56836 A055736, \$2889.00, and a 2015 KIA SOUL, VIN # KNDJN2A2XF186678, \$4012.50. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday February 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: SANAMPREET SINGH, A MINOR CAUSE NO. 2023-1324W

GURJANT SINGH, PETITIONER

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Harpinder Kaur Pipaltha, Haryana, India

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Appoint Guardian filed against you in this action at 8:45 am on the 18 day of March, 2024, in the Madison County Chancery Courthouse in Canton Mississippi, before the Honorable James C. Walker, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Verified Petition to Appoint Guardian.

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 9th day of February, 2024.

Ronny Lott Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi

[SEAL] by: Stacey Toten, D.C.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES M. LONGINO, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 24-28

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of January 2024 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned, upon the Estate of James M. Longino, 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, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

Witness my signature, this the 31st day of January 2024.

/s/ William Durham William Durham, Co-Executor of the Estate of James M. Longino, Deceased

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 31st day of January 2024.

/s/ T. McCall Stern NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires: 6.5.27

Counsel for Co-Executors: McCall Stern, PLLC Post Office Box 5173 Brandon, Mississippi 39047 Telephone No. (601) 345-3001 mccall@mccallstern.com

PUBLISHED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: February 8, 15, and 22; 2024.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY STOKES, DECEASED NO. 24-91 B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 7th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator of the ESTATE OF BILLY STOKES, DECEASED, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 7th day of February, 2024.

Terri Stokes Livingston, Administrator of the Estate of Billy Stokes, Deceased

Sara M. Fox Mississippi Bar Number: 8992 FOX LAW GROUP, P.A. Post Office Box 310 Brandon, Mississippi 39043-0310 Telephone Number: (601) 825-6111 sara@sarafox.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CARL WHITTINGTON & DIONNE WHITTINGTON PLAINTIFF VS.

CAUSE NO. 2023-1141 C ALICE DENTON; DELORES HARBOUR; LINDA MAGEE; ALVIA AGNEW OR THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALVIA AGNEW; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BEATRICE G. GRIFFIN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SALLY G. HARRIS; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: TRACT 1: SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 29, 2016, PARCEL NO. 1051-32-010/02.00, PPIN 36226; 1 ACRE OUT LOT WBL OFF E/S LYING S OF HWY 16 AND LYING IN, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10N, RANGE 05 E; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TRACT 2: SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 29, 2016, PARCEL NO. 1051-32-010/01.05, PPIN 36225; 2.85 ACRES LYING IN N1/2 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10N, RANGE 05E; MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND DOES 1-75, INCLUSIVE DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON

TO: LINDA MAGEE

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiff Richard Wilbourn III seeking modification of custody and child support and asking the Court to find you in contempt.

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tax title of property in Madison County, Mississippi (the "Property"). Defendants other than you in this action are Alice Denton; Delores Harbour; State of Mississippi; Madison County, Mississippi; District Attorney for Madison County, Mississippi; and unknown Defendants, all other persons, firms and corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the following described lands: Tract 1: sold for taxes on August 29, 2016, Parcel No. 1051-32-010/02.00, PPIN 36226; 1 acre out lot WBL off E/S lying S of Hwy 16 and lying in, Section 32, Township 10N, Range 05E; Madison County, Mississippi; Tract 2: sold for taxes on August 29, 2016, Parcel No. 1051-32-010/01.05, PPIN 36225; 2.85 acres lying in N1/2 of Section 32, Township 10N, Range 05E; Madison County, Mississippi.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Andrew Hammond, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Young Wells Williams P.A., Post Office Box 6005, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158 or 141 Township Avenue, Suite 300, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DEL



The Mississippi Children's Museum is celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday this Saturday.

Dr. Seuss Day set at Children's Museum

By STAFF REPORTS
news@onlinemadison.com

Make plans to visit the Mississippi Children's Museum on Saturday, February 24, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for Dr. Seuss' Silly Birthday. This annual celebration is one of the highlights of the year for MCM visitors who look forward to experiencing Dr. Seuss' magical literary world.

MCM invites the public to join us for a super silly Seuss-inspired party! You'll get messy with ooey-goey oobleck while learning fun science facts, explore the museum on a Seuss-themed scavenger hunt, and enjoy food labs throughout the day. Readings of everyone's favorite Dr. Seuss books will be enjoyed throughout the day, and guests can snap their photo with Thing 1, Thing 2, and of course - The Cat in the Hat! Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite Dr. Seuss inspired costume to commemorate MCM's annual Dr. Seuss' Silly Birthday Celebration!

- Activities Include:
- Oh, The Places You'll Go Map Scavenger Hunt
 - Seussical Spin Art
 - Imagination Playground

- Selfie Station
- Seussical Headbands & Cat in the Hat Hats
- Oh, The Places You'll Go Suitcases
- Truffula Tree Shooters
- Oobleck Making
- Sensory Area in Rhythm & Moves
- Know to Grow program
- Storytimes throughout the day
- Food Lab programs

"Dr. Seuss was a storyteller that encouraged children to think outside the box as they explore the world of literacy," said President and CEO, Susan Garrard. "MCM wants to inspire a love for reading and laughter in learning, which is what Dr. Seuss did through his stories. Dr. Seuss' Silly Birthday Party is a time to celebrate his work with a day of laughter and fun."

MCM strives to provide unparalleled experiences through innovative programs, special events and permanent exhibitions targeted to reach children during critical learning years. All activities are included in \$10 general admission and free with museum membership. For more information, visit www.mschildrensmuseum.org.

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the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi before the Honorable James Walker located in Canton, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 12 th day of February, 2024.

RONNY LOTT
CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Prepared By:
Matt A. Baldrige (MSB #: 102636)
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA S. FARMER, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-0006 B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO: 24-0006 B

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA S. FARMER, DECEASED
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 6th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of SANDRA S. FARMER, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons or parties having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred. The 6th day of February, 2024.
s/ Benjamin Bradley Farmer
BENJAMIN BRADLEY FARMER
Executor of the Estate of Sandra S. Farmer, Deceased

THOMAS M. MILAM (MSB #3264)
Milam Law Office, PLLC
P. O. Box 1247
Madison, Mississippi 39130-1247
Phone: (601) 853-1268

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE M. DUPONT, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 24-84W

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of February, 2024, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of GERALDINE M. DUPONT, Deceased, being administered in Cause No. 24-84W on the docket of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present 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 16th day of February, 2024.

s/ Mark C. Dupont
Mark C. Dupont,
Executor of the Estate of GERALDINE M. DUPONT, Deceased

Prepared by:

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Attorneys for the Estate of GERALDINE M. DUPONT, Deceased

PUBLISH: February 22, 2024; February 29, 2024; March 7, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eutaw Construction has filed a petition with the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, MS, to request a Rezoning on property, pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of Madison County, Mississippi, to amend the Zoning Maps adopted pursuant thereto, by rezoning A-1 Agricultural to a C-2 Commercial District, to-wit:

Legal Description

DESCRIPTION-TRACT NO. 1

A parcel or tract of land, containing 7.17 acres (312,277.93 Sq. Ft.), more or less, lying and being situated in the South ½ of Section 34, T9N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi, being a part of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property as described in Deed Book 4324 at Page 517 of the Records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of said Madison County, at Canton, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found steel post lying at the NE corner of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi; run thence

South for a distance of 5,280.00 feet; thence

West for a distance of 674.08 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying on the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 (Federal Aid Project No. I-55-2(23)112) as it existed in May, 2023, and the SE corner of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property; thence

Leaving the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, run North 15 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds East along the Westerly Right-Of-Way of said Interstate Highway No. 55 and the Easterly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property for a distance of 343.19 feet to a found concrete monument lying on the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 as shown on that certain Right-Of-Way acquisition plat of Parcel E for Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000); thence

North 10 degrees 52 minutes 25

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seconds East (North 10 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds East-ROW Plat) along the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 (Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000) and the Easterly boundary of Tract 1 said David B. Smith property for a distance of 517.75 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying at the NE corner of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property; thence

Leaving the Westerly Right-Of-Way of said Interstate Highway No. 55 (Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000), run West along the Northerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property for a distance of 1609.46 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described property; thence

Continue West along the Northerly boundary of said David B. Smith property for a distance of 3123.08 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying at the NW corner, thereof, said point also lying on the Easterly boundary of Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), as it existed in May, 2023; thence

South 00 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and along the Easterly boundary of said Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), for a distance of 100.00 feet; thence

Leaving the Westerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Easterly boundary of said Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), run East for a distance of 3,122.48 feet; thence

North for a distance of 100.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the above described parcel or tract of land.

DESCRIPTION-TRACT NO. 2

A parcel or tract of land, containing 26.39 acres (1,149,727.59 Sq. Ft.), more or less, lying and being situated in the South ½ of Section 34, T9N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi, being a part of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property as described in Deed Book 4324 at Page 517 of the Records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of said Madison County, at Canton, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found steel post lying at the NE corner of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi; run thence

South for a distance of 5,280.00 feet; thence

West for a distance of 674.08 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying on the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E and the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 (Federal Aid Project No. I-55-2(23)112) as it existed in May, 2023, and the SE corner of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property; thence

Leaving the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, run North 15 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds East along the Westerly Right-Of-Way of said Interstate Highway No. 55 and the Easterly boundary of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property for a distance of 343.19 feet to a found concrete monument lying on the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 as shown on that certain Right-Of-Way acquisition plat of Parcel E for Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000); thence

North 10 degrees 52 minutes 25 seconds East (North 10 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds East-ROW Plat) along the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 (Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000) and the Easterly boundary of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property for a distance of 517.75 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying at the NE corner of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property; thence

Leaving the Westerly Right-Of-Way of said Interstate Highway No. 55 (Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000), run West along the Northerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property for a distance of 1609.46 feet; thence

Continue West along the Northerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property for a distance of 3123.08 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying at the NW corner, thereof, said point also lying on the Easterly boundary of Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), as it existed in May, 2023; thence

South 00 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Easterly boundary of said Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), for a distance of 100.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described property; thence

Continue South 00 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Easterly boundary of said Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994) for a distance of 739.95 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying at the SW corner of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property, said point also lying on the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E; thence

Leaving the Easterly boundary of said Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), run East along the Southerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, for a distance of 1551.58 feet; thence

Leaving the Southerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, run North for a distance of 739.94 feet; thence

West for a distance of 1556.06 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the above described parcel or tract of land.

DESCRIPTION-TRACT NO. 3

A parcel or tract of land, containing 26.61 acres (1,159,051.98 Sq. Ft.), more or less, lying and being situated in the South ½ of Section 34, T9N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi, being a part of Tract 1 of the David B.

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Smith property as described in Deed Book 4324 at Page 517 of the Records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of said Madison County, at Canton, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found steel post lying at the NE corner of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi; run thence

South for a distance of 5,280.00 feet; thence

West for a distance of 674.08 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying on the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E and the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 (Federal Aid Project No. I-55-2(23)112) as it existed in May, 2023, and the SE corner of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property; thence

Leaving the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, run North 15 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds East along the Westerly Right-Of-Way of said Interstate Highway No. 55 and the Easterly boundary of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property for a distance of 343.19 feet to a found concrete monument lying on the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 as shown on that certain Right-Of-Way acquisition plat of Parcel E for Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000); thence

North 10 degrees 52 minutes 25 seconds East (North 10 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds East-ROW Plat) along the Westerly Right-Of-Way of Interstate Highway No. 55 (Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000) and the Easterly boundary of Tract 1 of the David B. Smith property for a distance of 517.75 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying at the NE corner of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property; thence

Leaving the Westerly Right-Of-Way of said Interstate Highway No. 55 (Nissam/MDOT Project No. ISP 0055-02(178) (103392/201000), run West along the Northerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property for a distance of 1609.46 feet; thence

Continue West along the Northerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property for a distance of 3123.08 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying at the NW corner, thereof, said point also lying on the Easterly boundary of Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), as it existed in May, 2023; thence

South 00 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Easterly boundary of said Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), for a distance of 100.00 feet; thence

Continue South 00 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds East along the Westerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Easterly boundary of said Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994) for a distance of 739.95 feet to a one-half inch iron rebar lying at the SW corner of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property, said point also lying on the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E; thence

Leaving the Easterly boundary of said Old Jackson Road (Federal Aid Route No. 6994), run East along the Southerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, for a distance of 1551.58 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described property; thence

Leaving the Southerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, run North for a distance of 739.94 feet; thence

East for a distance of 1566.42 feet; thence

South for a distance of 739.94 feet to a point lying on the Southerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property, said point also lying on the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E; thence

West along the Southerly boundary of Tract 1 of said David B. Smith property and the Southerly boundary of said Section 34, T9N-R2E, for a distance of 1566.42 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the above described parcel or tract of land.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Madison County, MS, will meet at 9 a.m. on March 14, 2024, at the Madison County Complex Building, in the Board Room, located at 125 West North Street, Canton, Madison County, MS to consider and act upon the petition, and will at such time, date and place, hold and conduct a public hearing at which all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on the matter of the petition, either in person, by petition, or by attorney.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, on this the 1st day of February 2024.

s/Scott Weeks, Zoning Administrator
Publish: February 22, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Turkey Ridge Holdings LLC has filed a petition with the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, MS, to request a Conditional Use for a mining operation on certain property located on Hwy. 22, pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of Madison County, Mississippi, by Conditional Use for a mining operation to-wit:

Legal Description

Turkey Ridge Holdings - Description of Expansion Property
The SE ¼ of Section 25 lying South of utility line, Township 9, Range 1 East; The NE ¼ of Section 36, Township 9, Range 1 East; All of the SE ¼ North of Hwy 22, formerly Canton-Flora Road, in Section 36, Township 9, Range 1 East, less and except the property conveyed to the Trustees of the King Solomon's Chapel A.M.E. Church in Deed Bood WWW at Page 188.

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The West ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 30 lying South of utility line, Township 9, Range 2 East; and the West ½ of the NW ¼ lying North of Hwy 22 in Section 31, Township 9, Range 2 East.

50 acres lying part in the North ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 36, Township 9, Range 1 East and part in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 35, Township 9 North, Range 1 E.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Madison County, MS, will meet at 9 a.m. on March 14, 2024, at the Madison County Complex Building, in the Board Room, located at 125 West North Street, Canton, Madison County, MS to consider and act upon the petition, and will at such time, date and place, hold and conduct a public hearing at which all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on the matter of the petition, either in person, by petition, or by attorney.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, on this the 1st day of February 2024.

s/Scott Weeks, Zoning Administrator
Publish: February 22, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dave Thind has filed a petition with the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, MS, to request a Rezoning on property, pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of Madison County, Mississippi, to amend the Zoning Maps adopted pursuant thereto, by rezoning A-1 Agricultural to a C-2 Commercial District, to-wit: Further identified by Tax Parcel # 082B-10-003/00.00

Legal Description

Tract 1:
A parcel of land situated in the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 2 East commencing at the intersection of an East-West fence line extended with the center line of a county public road (said intersection being where a concrete monument marked "SC 16", representing the NE corner of Section 16 and the SW corner of said Section 10, was placed below the road surface by the Mississippi Forestry Commission), thence run S 89°45' E along existing fence and South line of said Section 10 for 1331 feet to an iron pin; and the point of beginning of the property here described; thence North along that existing fence for 1137 feet to an iron pin; thence S 89°45' E for 209 feet to an iron pin; thence North for 209 feet to an iron pin in a fence line; thence S 89°45' E along the existing fence line for 633.5 feet to an iron pin thence S 86°08' E along the existing fence for 489.6 feet to an iron pin; thence South for 1314.5 feet along the existing fence and the South line of said Section 10 for 1340 feet to the point of beginning; containing 40.2 acres, more or less, as fenced and/or occupied, originally being the SE ¼ of SW ¼, less and except one acre in the NW corner thereof, and subject to casement of right-of-way thirty (30) feet in width on the South side.

Tract 2:
17.0 acres, more or less, in SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the intersection of an East-West fence line extended, with the center line of a County public road (said intersection being where a concrete monument marked "S.C.16" representing the Northeast corner of Section 16 and the Southwest corner of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, Mississippi, was placed beneath the road surface by the Mississippi Forestry Service); run thence S 89°45' E along the existing fence and the South line of said Section 10 for 1331 feet to a fence corner representing the southeast corner of SW ¼ SW ¼ of said Section 10; thence running North 696 feet along a North-South fence to an iron pin in said North-South fence line, being the point of beginning; and from said point of beginning run thence North along said fence a distance of 636.5 feet 10 an iron pin; thence West 1152 feet 10 an iron pin in the East right-of-way line of U.S. Interstate Highway 55; thence South 13°45' West 124.0 feet to a right-of-way marker at the intersection of Old Jackson Road and said Interstate Highway 55; thence South 13°45' E 214.0 feet to an iron pin set in Old Jackson Road right-of-way; thence south 08°40' West 202.7 Feet along said Old Jackson Road right-of-way to an iron pin; thence East 1173.5 feet along the North side of a 30-foot right-of-way easement, and 30 feet more or less North of an old East-West fence and hedgerow, to an iron pin and the point of beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Warranty Deed dated June 14, 2001 from Robert L. Watson and Mary Jane Barnell Watson (Grantors) to Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority (Grantee) and recorded with Madison County Chancery Clerk in Book 0489, Pages 570-573 on June 19, 2001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Madison County, MS, will meet at 9 a.m. on March 14, 2024, at the Madison County Complex Building, in the Board Room, located at 125 West North Street, Canton, Madison County, MS to consider and act upon the petition, and will at such time, date and place, hold and conduct a public hearing at which all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on the matter of the petition, either in person, by petition, or by attorney.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, on this the 1st day of February 2024.

s/Scott Weeks, Zoning Administrator
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God’s gracious gift of grace

In Revelation 1:4, we see that the book of Revelation is a letter to seven churches in Asia. Seven is the favorite symbolic number in the book which is full of symbolic language. It signifies the idea of completeness or perfection. So, the seven churches, though they literally existed in the first century, represent the church in all ages. The letter, then, is meant for us, for all Christians.

John begins the letter with the salutation, “grace and peace to you.” This is not a perfunctory or superficial greeting. The Christian life is lived hand to mouth from fresh infusions of grace from God. A Christian is converted by grace and continues to live by grace. All we have is by God’s gracious gift of grace.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God. The book of Revelation shows us two entirely different scenes. The scenes of heaven show us a realm where all there glorify God and delight in being in the presence of God. The scenes of earth show us a realm where God is not glorified by men. Redemption is the power of God to turn sinful, rebellious man back to the praise and glory of God.

Peace flows from God’s grace. We receive peace with God through the blood of Christ cleansing us from all sin. We have the inward peace of God through walking with God, knowing that Christ has made us children of God.

What we see in the beginning of this letter is how willing God is to pour out grace and peace to his people. The book of Revelation will show the tribulations Christians should expect to encounter in this world. But right at the beginning, God wants his people to know that they are blessed and that he will supply all their needs in Christ Jesus.

There is a trinitarian promise of grace and peace that John pronounces in verses 4 and 5. He begins with, “Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.” This represents God the Father’s promise as the all-sufficient God to bless his redeemed people.

God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and pronounced his name as “I am,” meaning he exists in and of himself eter-

nally. A fire needs something to consume or it will die out. But the burning bush was not consumed. As such it represents God, who is dependent on nothing or no one. He has always been and always will be the eternal, unchangeable, infinite God.

Grace and peace come from our Father in heaven. It also comes from “the seven spirits which are before his throne.” Again, the number seven is completeness, so the seven spirits aren’t created things, but represent the perfection of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the gift of God, who is poured out from the throne of God after Christ ascended into heaven.

The New Testament makes clear that the difference in men is essentially those who have the Spirit of God and those who do not. The Spirit makes us alive in Christ. We are taught as Christians to live in step with the Spirit of God. Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have ears to hear what the Spirit says to the church.” This means we must apply the words of Scripture to our lives.

In verse 5, grace and peace are from “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born form the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.” Christ is the faithful prophet of God. We can trust what he says. He came to bring us to God. The Father says, “Listen to him.”

He is the firstborn from the dead. Christ, as the eternal Son, had no beginning, but his resurrection begins the new creation, reconciling all things in heaven and earth to God. His resurrection promises life with God for all who are united to him. All our hope is in Him. That he is the ruler of all kings is good news. His kingdom prevails over the power of Satan. Whatever his people must endure in their short lives now on earth, they have a place in the kingdom of God.

We learn in these verses how willing God is to give us the grace we need. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit promise to sustain souls who believe. From the first to last, we are in need of God’s aid. Pray continually for his grace and peace. God commands us to pray and promises to hear us in Christ. Grace and peace are rich treasures God is pleased to give to needy souls.

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