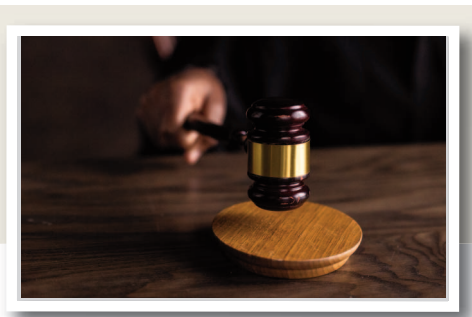




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TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Voters head to the polls for party primaries

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Absentee voting is generally a strong indication of overall voter turnout in elections, which means Tuesday's primary elections may result in subpar participation, observers say.

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray said as of Wednesday, only 619 absentee ballots had been cast, with 416 in the Republican Primary and 203 in the Democrat Primary.

For comparison, Wray said four years ago there were 886 Republican absentee ballots and 331 Democrat absentee

ballots. Four years ago in the general election, Madison County only had 54 percent voter turnout with 1,420 absentee ballots.

Wray said that as of now all signs point to low turnout on Tuesday when voters head to the polls across the state

for party primaries for county and state races.

Voters will cast votes in either the Democrat Party or Republican Party primary.

There is only one county-wide race being decided on Tuesday — the successor to Kay Pace as the next Madison County Tax Collector.

Former County Administrator and Comptroller Shelton Vance is facing C.J. Garavelli, longtime Tax Assessor employee, in the Republican Primary. There is no Democrat candidate so the winner Tuesday will take office in January.

The District 1 Supervisor

race could also be decided on Tuesday or it could be set for a runoff as three Republicans battle it out to replace Sheila Jones, who opted not to seek a third term.

Casey Brannon, Timothy N. Jenkins and Arlette Hulsey

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MADISON

Standoff at Cypress Lake ends with arrest

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MADISON — A three-hour standoff between law enforcement and a man barricaded inside a home in Cypress Lake ended with the man in custody on domestic violence and kidnapping charges Saturday morning, the authorities said.



Brandon Bly

The man, Brandon Stephen Bly, 26, was charged with aggravated domestic violence and kidnapping, Madison Police Capt. Kevin Newman said.

Bly had an initial appearance in Madison Municipal Court at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 31 and was denied bond.

"He was not granted bond," Newman said. "MDOC has a probation revocation hearing

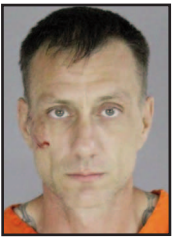
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Chase starts in Madison, ends in Jackson

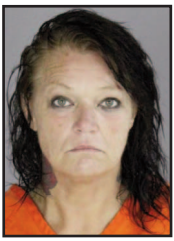
By DUNCAN DENT
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A pair wanted in Alabama has been arrested and charged in connection with a Monday morning police pursuit that began in Madison and ended in downtown Jackson.



Steven Eric Garner

The two suspects have been identified as Steven Eric Garner and Dana Marie Morales, according to Madison Police Cap. Kevin Newman.



Dana Marie Morales

Garner, 44, of Jasper, Ala., was charged with felony receiving stolen property, felony fleeing and

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U.S. Rep. Michael Guest, Central Mississippi Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons, Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann, U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, Gov. Tate Reeves, District 3

Supervisor Gerald Steen and District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks were among those who participated in the Reunion Parkway extension groundbreaking Wednesday morning.

NEW EAST-WEST CORRIDOR

Groundbreaking ceremony held for Reunion Parkway Phase 2

By DUNCAN DENT
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Ground was broken Wednesday on a \$26 million project to connect Parkway East with Bozeman Road.

The Reunion Parkway extension over I-55 will open land for development and create an efficient east-west transportation corridor in Madison County, officials said.

The 1.9-mile road being built with a combination of state and local funding will be two lanes in both directions and include a multi-use trail, according to Darion Warren, the project manager for Waggoner Engineering, the engineers on the project.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Wednesday at 9 a.m. adjacent to Southern Performance Institute between Madison and Gluckstadt.

Gov. Tate Reeves spoke and said the parkway has been talked about for "years and years" and will likely take "the next several years" to complete.

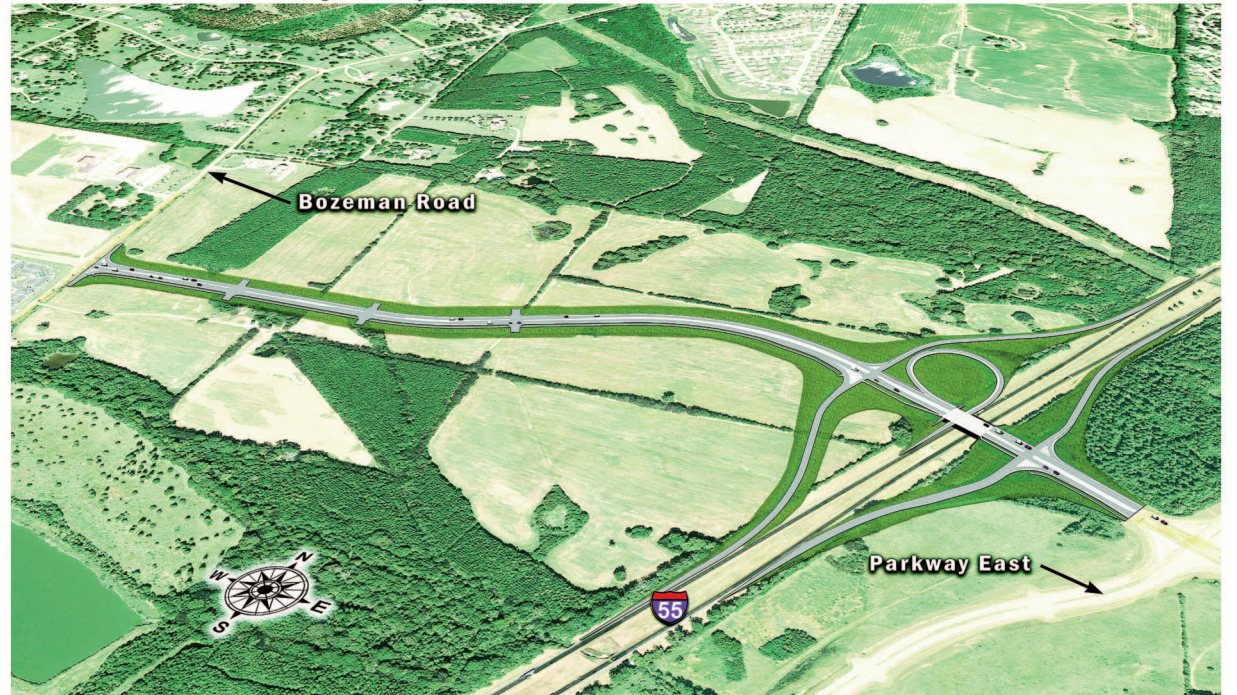
Reeves said he frequently tells his daughters that "the harder you work, the sweeter the taste of victory."

"Victory tastes might sweet today," Reeves said referencing the groundbreaking of a project that has been at least ten years in the making.

Reeves said this is an "indication" of the growth that is going on throughout the state.

"This does not just benefit one city or one county but the whole state," Reeves said to reporters after the

Reunion Parkway Project - Phase 2



A rendering looking north shows the new east-west corridor that will cross I-55.

groundbreaking.

The list of local and state dignitaries on hand included Gov. Reeves, U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, U.S. Rep. Michael Guest, Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann, Central District Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons, and President of Madison County Board of

Supervisors President Gerald Steen all of whom made remarks during a press conference held before the groundbreaking ceremony.

Steen said the parkway was "much needed" and will be an important part of the county's continued growth.

Warren said the project is in the

bid phase for construction. Bids close at 10 a.m. on Aug. 30. Warren said the project is currently projected to take two years after construction begins.

The project will also include access ramps which will be built by the MDOT to connect the project to Interstate 55.



Madison aldermen honor state champions

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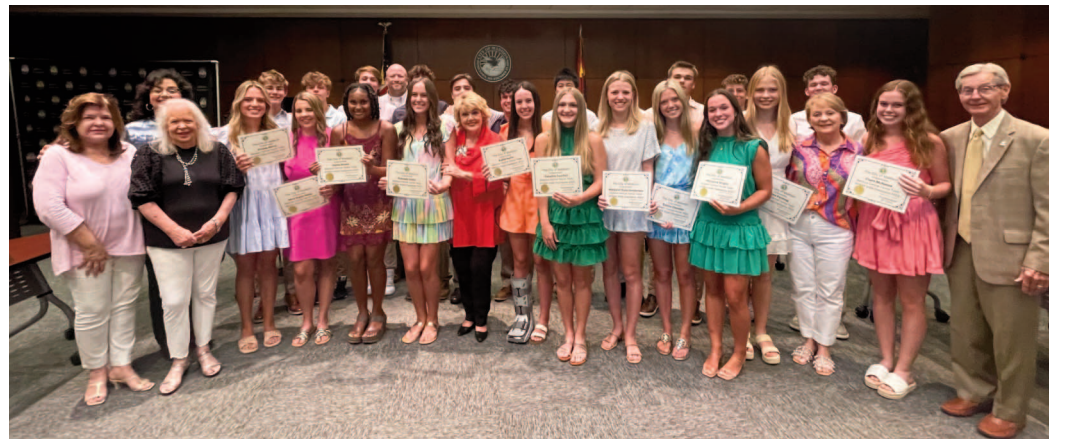
Madison Central High School's tennis and golf teams were recognized Tuesday night by the city of Madison for being at the top of their game and winning their respective 2023 MHSAA State Championships. Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler said not many cities can brag about having two different groups of state champions. "Congratulations to all of you and your parents," Hawkins-Butler said. "We are so proud of you." The Madison Central ten-

nis team, which has won four state championships in a row, received recognition first. Head Coach Brad Boteler handed out certificates of recognition to every team member present at the meeting. These team members included: Forrest Carson, Evans Henderson, Alex Holder, Phillip Leroux, Harrison Lowe, Taylor Parker, Danny Royals, Patrick Royals, Ryan Wu, Will Brown, John Brown, Emmie Chandler, Katie Farthing, Margaret Anne Henderson, Kehle Hutto, Kennedy Hutto, Claire McNeese, Mary Dogan Neely, Kirsten Norris, Caroline Touchet, and Marianna

Wright. The Madison Central Golf Team received recognition next, and Head Coach Todd Beach also presented every team member present with a certificate. These team members included: Joseph Wright, Cole Flesher, Ty Miller, George Tickner, Kamden Yearick, Hayden Webber, Daniel Young, Tucker Gutierrez, Gray Collins, Cash Jones, and Parker Winders. "Always remember to never quit, dream big and remember to pray," Hawkins-Butler said. "God bless you."



The Madison Central High School boys golf team was recognized by the City of Madison Tuesday night for their 2023 MHSAA State Championship win. Every team member present received a certificate. Pictured, from left: Alderwoman Tawanna Tatum, Alderwoman Pat Peeler, Tucker Gutierrez, Daniel Young, Hayden Webber, Alderman-at-Large Sandra Strain, Kamden Yearick, George Tickner, Head Coach Todd Beach, Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler, Joseph Wright, Ty Miller, Cole Flesher, Alderman Mike Hudgins, Gray Collins, Alderman Paul Tankersley, Parker Winders, Alderwoman Janie Jarvis, and Alderman Guy Bowering.



The Madison Central tennis team was recognized Tuesday night for their 2023 MHSAA State Championship win, which marks their fourth state championship in a row. They have also won six out of their last seven state championships. Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler and alderman celebrated the team's victory with certificates.

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To search by street, go to www.caseybrannon.com, and click on the District 1 Map in the menu. Polls will be open from 7am-7pm, Tuesday, August 8th. To check & see where you vote, go to: <https://myelectionday.sos.state.ms.us/VoterOutreach/Pages/VOsearch.aspx>

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Southern Farm Bureau back as golf sponsor

By STAFF REPORTS
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The Sanderson Farms Championship announced this week that Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Compa-

ny is back for the fourth consecutive year as a Tournament Partner and Official Volunteer Sponsor for the upcoming PGA TOUR event.

The Sanderson Farms Championship will be held at The Country Club of Jackson, October 2-8.

"Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company is thrilled to continue our Tournament Partnership with the Sanderson Farms Championship," said

Will Waldrop, Senior VP Marketing, Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. "As the Championship's Official Volunteer Sponsor, our employees will welcome the hands-on opportunity to make a difference for Mississippi charities and our children in need."

The Sanderson Farms Championship needs 1,000+ volunteers each year to serve in various positions.

Meet the Candidates

The Madison County Journal is authorized to announce the following candidates:

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Shelton Vance
(Republican)

C.J. Garavelli
(Republican)

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(Republican)

District 58 State House
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(Republican)

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EDITORIALS

Bidens a case for term limits

Hunter Biden's misadventures have entered a new chapter in which the first son may yet wind up a convict. While his legal woes appear well earned, his case illustrates the ease of corrupting Washington elites — and their families. The need to extend term limits to members of Congress has seldom been more apparent.

President Biden's son strutted from a Secret Service SUV into a Delaware federal courthouse Wednesday to complete a deal — carefully arranged with his father's Department of Justice — in which he would plead guilty to two tax fraud misdemeanors and skirt a gun felony charge altogether with good behavior.

He stormed out later with his case blown apart after Judge Maryellen Noreika surprised the defense with her unwillingness to fold, spindle or mutilate the law. The ride back to the White House, where Hunter has reportedly been making frequent extended stays, must have been colorful.

Hunter Biden might as well be stamped with the label "a product of privilege." Just 3 years old when his father kicked off his daily commute from Delaware to the U.S. Senate, Hunter was raised on the rewards of a potent Democratic household.

Heading off to Georgetown University, he wound up in the thick of Washington away himself. Yale Law School took him away geographically, if not politically.

Supporters eager to please his father provided Hunter with steady employment. Delaware-based bank MBNA, whose employees showered the longtime senator with campaign cash, hired and propelled him up the corporate ladder to vice president.

Hunter was appointed a board member at Amtrak, his father's choice method of travel, by Republican President George W. Bush in an apparent trade with Senate Democrats to move forward on other nominations.

Government isn't working

The government isn't working in Washington. That's not an opinion; that's a fact confirmed in a new Government Accountability Office study of the utilization of federal buildings that revealed a majority of federal employees haven't been showing up to their place of work.

The audit revealed the majority of federal buildings are underused, largely because the people in charge of the federal workforce have not reined in telecommuting now that the pandemic-era lockdowns are behind us.

But that's not the only reason. Mismanagement of federal office space is rampant, according to GAO's findings. Estimates are that the federal government owns 500 million square feet of office space, but there could be more. Nobody knows for sure.

It costs about \$2 billion a year to maintain and operate the known, owned space. Add to that the space that's leased, and the number rises to more than \$7 billion.

That's a mighty sum for space that's barely being used. The July 2023 interim report from GAO determined that 17 of the 24 agencies included in its review were using less than one-quarter of their headquarters' building capacity.

"On the higher range," the report explained, "agencies used an estimated 39 to 49% of the capacity of their headquarters on average."

As the nation faces a spending crisis and total federal indebtedness continues to soar, more than half of some of the most expensive and desirable real estate in America is going unused. The issue with that is, employees who live in the Washington metropolitan area get a pay bump within the general schedule, and it costs significantly more to live here than

A bewildering series of startup consultancies followed, which Hunter advanced using the Biden name. Along the way, he raked in millions around the world with dubious accounting methods that may have finally caught up with him.

Moreover, his legal troubles have exposed evidence that whistleblowers name President Biden as chairman of the international business schemes that have raised suspicions of influence peddling and bribery.

Leveraging political power for self-enrichment is Washington at its dirtiest. With the elder Biden defending his seat — as a senator, vice president and finally as president — Hunter has known little but the advantages of proximity to political power for most of his 53 years.

That's why term limits for members of Congress are simply common sense. The idea gained momentum with the Republicans' 1994 Contract with America, but the Supreme Court in 1995 made it clear in *U.S. Term Limits v. Thornton* that only an amendment to the Constitution could limit congressional terms.

Toward that end, Republicans Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Rep. Ralph Norman of South Carolina proposed a constitutional amendment in January that would limit U.S. senators to two six-year terms and members of the House of Representatives to three two-year terms.

An overwhelming 83% of registered voters favor such an amendment, according to the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy.

Had such an amendment been in effect when the elder Biden began his 36-year Senate career, he would have been forced to relinquish his ambitions in 1985, after a dozen years of service. In that case, Americans would likely have been spared ever knowing the lurid details of the younger Biden's escapades.

— *The Washington Times*

in Butte, Montana, Gastonia, North Carolina, or Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Maybe that's one of the reasons more government jobs are being filled than in other sectors of the economy. As the Committee to Unleash Prosperity recently noted in its daily Hotline, in the first half of 2023, the government workforce at all levels grew by 380,000 new hires — which is not just more hires than in any other sector, it's "more than mining, manufacturing, construction, wholesale, and transportation" combined.

Despite the surplus of federal building space in Washington the FBI plans to vacate the J. Edgar Hoover headquarters building on Pennsylvania Avenue in favor of a palatial new complex in Northern Virginia. This may not happen, as House Republicans have expressed a desire to block America's top cops from expanding their real estate empire.

They have a point. If telecommuting is here to stay, federal agencies no longer need to maintain a pricey Beltway address. As long as employees of agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the National Technical Information Service or the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are attending Zoom meetings, it makes no difference whether they live in Arlington, Virginia, or Arlington, Texas.

Moving the headquarters of these agencies to more modest quarters in Iowa or southern Illinois or Nebraska, where the cost of living is far lower, would yield massive savings in terms of real estate and salary costs. Congress ought to review GAO's findings and ensure American taxpayers do not continue paying billions for nothing.

— *The Washington Times*

RICH LOWRY

The Florida slavery smear

There have been so many poisonous and stupid lies about Florida since 2020, it's almost hard to keep track, but the latest may be the most outrageous.

As you might have heard thanks to the vice president of the United States, Florida allegedly wants to teach its students that slavery benefited slaves.

In reality, the Florida curriculum on slavery is extensive and includes pretty much everything you'd want a child to know about this enormity. The occasion for the Kamala Harris smear is one line that says, "Instruction includes how slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit."

This is not the first thing, or even the 19th, that you'd want students to learn about slavery, but it is also indisputably true.

No one is saying the enslaved "benefited" from slavery.

It's not an endorsement of slavery to point out that slaves looked for every crack in the system to try to improve themselves and gain some autonomy — rather, it's an endorsement of the initiative and resilience of an oppressed people operating in the worst of circumstances.

We are supposed to believe that enslaved African Americans strained against their awful condition in every way — learning to read, worshipping on their own, defying their masters when they could, creating an elaborate system of escape, but they never, ever learned a skill to their own benefit.

This is, of course, nonsense. The Advanced Placement African American Studies curriculum that Florida has reject-

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ed contains almost exactly the same language about skills as the state's curriculum—without causing a firestorm of criticism.

Some of the most honored African American figures in our history took advantage of whatever ability they had, while enslaved, to improve themselves and learn. In Baltimore, Frederick Douglass famously became a ship caulker and brought in \$6 to \$9 a week, rightly resenting "the right of the robber" exercised by his owner, who took his earnings.

In his extraordinary "African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded American Ideals," David Hackett Fischer brings to light other lesser-known examples. He notes the example of one Captain David Stodder, the leading shipbuilder in Baltimore in the late 18th century. As of 1790, about two dozen of his workers were slaves, and he freed them in his will. "Among these slaves," Fischer writes, "were some of his most highly skilled workers."

Or consider George R. Roberts, who was probably born a slave in southern Maryland. He became an experienced seaman and eventually "came home to Baltimore, bought a small house in the happy neighborhood that is still called Canton, and became prominent in the civic life of the city."

Or Robert Lemmons, born a

slave in Texas. He learned from a rancher who employed him and became extremely adept at handling mustangs. Freed after the Civil War, according to Fischer, he "saved his profits, invested in land, built a holding of 1,200 acres, became a successful rancher, rented some of his land, added another business, and became a local money lender."

Was slavery good for these men? Absolutely not. The point is what they accomplished despite slavery, not because of it.

Two can play the Kamala Harris game, by the way.

In her famous 1619 Project essay, *The New York Times* writer Nikole Hannah-Jones writes that: "Black people were not chattel. And so the process of seasoning, instead of erasing identity, served an opposite purpose: In the void, we forged a new culture all our own."

There she goes — saying slavery served some good, that it was "seasoning."

Imagine if the Florida curriculum said that slavery gave us African American hair styles? There'd be outrage, but Hannah-Jones says it: "Today's avant-garde nature of black hairstyles and fashion displays a vibrant reflection of enslaved people's determination to feel fully human through self-expression."

The left wouldn't have to deny the historical record or tie itself into knots if it weren't so determined to lie about DeSantis, but that imperative overwhelms everything else.

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

CHARLES HURT

Media protects the Biden men

Late on a Friday afternoon, in the baking heat of summer, on the eve of a 10-day vacation at the beach, President Biden finally acknowledged his granddaughter that he and his wife have feverishly erased for the first four years of the child's life.

"Our son Hunter and Navy's mother, Lunden, are working together to foster a relationship that is in the best interests of their daughter, preserving her privacy as much as possible going forward," the White House said in a formal statement, released at 5:03 p.m. last Friday.

"This is not a political issue, it's a family matter. Jill and I only want what is best for all of our grandchildren, including Navy."

Nothing says "I love you" like a press release. And really, they were just concerned about the little girl's "privacy."

A daughter's most important relationship is with her father. And by extension, her grandfather. From him she learns the boundaries of decency and builds faith in relationships. He teaches her how to trust that which is good and recognize that which is degenerate.

Growing up fatherless is one of the hardest things a little girl must overcome. But far worse would be to have a Biden man as your father — or grandfather.

As men go, the Biden clan are unique degenerates.

They are wife-stealing philanderers. They take their brother's grieving widow to bed. They turn their own daughter into a self-described sex addict by showering with her. They put their whore-loving, crackhead son in charge of

The Bidens are a family of leeches, thieves and liars — making a fortune on the public dole their entire lives.

the family's international influence-peddling scheme so that he goes spiraling into the oblivion of debauchery — and records every minute of it.

Then leaves all the evidence of his debauchery on his laptop left to be found at the computer repair shop he stiffed.

Last week, a Republican congresswoman decided to announce at a prayer breakfast in Washington how she heroically declined morning sex with her boyfriend so she could get to breakfast in time to tell everyone about it. Creepy, indeed. But at least she had enough shame left in the tank to recognize right away that she had shared "TMI" — "too much information."

Not so the Bidens. President Biden openly fantasizes about having relations with younger women. He unapologetically sniffs them and chomps at the faces of terrified little girls. And if that were not enough, he reminisces wistfully about hearing his parents having sex through thin walls as a child.

We might be tempted to call the Bidens a family of pervy sex-pests — but that sounds too endearing for these people. Biden men are self-loving, degenerate creeps. And exhibitionist creeps at that.

The Bidens are a family of leeches, thieves and liars — making a fortune on the public dole their entire lives.

You would let former Presi-

dent Bill Clinton chaperone a sleepover pool party with your teenage daughter and her 10 best friends before you would let any of these Biden creeps clean the gutters on your house.

You would let former House Speaker Dennis Hastert coach your son's high school wrestling team before you would let any creep in the Biden family unclog your toilets. With Biden men rifling through your sewage, you couldn't be sure they weren't looking for souvenirs.

You would let former Rep. Anthony Weiner be pen pals with your child at summer camp before you would let these people walk your dogs. The Bidens are the kind of sickos you would not allow around your pets — even under supervision.

And yet for some reason, the media shamelessly covers for them and all their degenerate behavior.

As one shrewd internet wag said on the website formerly known as Twitter, "There's not a five-figure-an-hour prostitute on the planet that [served Hunter Biden] more enthusiastically than the American mainstream media."

He was referring in particular to a USA Today article lamenting how Republicans were exploiting Hunter Biden's "foibles" in a cynical effort "to slime the president."

Ah, yes. Refusing to accept responsibility for your own child and financially abandoning the woman who gave birth to her.

"Foibles." Oh, and it's Republicans who are to blame.

Charles Hurt is the opinion editor for the Washington Times.

CORRECTION

A column by Douglas Carswell last week was incorrectly labeled Charles Hurst but was correctly tagged at the end.

BIBLE SELECTION

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.

— Psalm 119:114 (ESV)

Rural broadband is essential

By JASON DEAN

Whether it is the rural electrification projects or copper wire telephone expansion, the federal government has an established history of policies that support rural citizens gaining access to these vital services. It is just as vital today as it was 100 years ago to ensure citizens can access high speed internet to do everything from participate in e-Commerce to download their homework to get vits telehealth services. Our day to day reliance on the internet has become as necessary as having access to electricity or a telephone to participate in the 21st century economy and the inability to connect only serves to widen the disparities with remote citizens such as we have in Mississippi far too often further disadvantaged by this digital divide. That's why it is critical important that the U.S. Congress find a solution to preserve a program called the Affordable Connectivity Program.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a federally funded Federal Communications Commission project that provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase certain hardware devices. This essential program is estimated to run out of funding by early 2024 if there is no intervening

action. This will have a significant impact for our state as there are currently over 218,000 households that utilize this program to pout the cost of their internet subscription within reach.

As someone who has worked in Mississippi education policy for the past 20 year and a father of three, I can tell you firsthand that the most pressing reasons to support the extension of the ACP is the fact it connects our students to the broader world in a way that is frankly just not achievable without it. Access to the internet has become central to learning and ultimately workforce development that supports shared economic opportunities in Mississippi. As we continue to make major improvements in education, we must at the same time strive to ensure we are not further disadvantaging students because their mothers and fathers can't afford to pay the internet bill. By extending the funding for the ACP, we ensure that both affordability and accessibility are not obstacles to be overcome. This approach, just like our country did 100 years ago to provide electricity to places that were unserved, will allow students to access online resources, participate in a virtual reality and augmented reality education experience while unlocking their full future potential.

Just as valuable as the ACP's enhancement of educa-

tional and economic growth is its relationship to rural broadband deployment. Mississippi is fortunate to have a high ranking U.S. Senator that recognizes this in Senator Roger Wicker, who along with other Republican Senators authored a letter sent to the White House calling for the President's support in extending the ACP. Specifically, it points out that by lowering the subsidy needed to encourage internet service providers to invest in broadband infrastructure in rural areas, the ACP ensures taxpayers money will be allocated to its maximum economic potential.

By facilitating access to education, driving economic growth, and maximizing the efficiency of rural broadband deployment efforts, the ACP serves as a much-needed tool in our efforts to get all Americans the connectivity that they require. My hope as I think it will be for most Mississippians is that Congress will follow the lead set by Senator Wicker and work toward a common sense solution that ensures this critical program will continue to provide affordable access to the future.

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The ten virgins

I. Who is The Faithful Servant?

Please turn with me in your Bibles to Matthew 25:1-13. I think you will see three sections in the story. In verses 1-4, you will see the character of the bridesmaids described. You have ten wise bridesmaids and ten foolish bridesmaids. And they are described in that section. And then if you will look at verses 5-10, you will see the consequence of their care and the consequence of their carelessness. You will see what happened because of five of them in their care and five of them in their carelessness. And then if you will look at verses 11-13, you will see how Jesus applies the story. He will show you the consequences of their carelessness as reflected in what happens when the bridegroom comes. Let's look at this together.

I. The Character of The Bridesmaids

First, in verses 1-4, we are reminded that we ought to examine ourselves and consider whether we are wise or foolish. Whether we are nominal Christians, Christians in name only, or whether we are true Christians, trusting actively in our Savior and living only for Him. This parable reminds us that when Jesus comes, there are going to be two classes of people. Some are going to be believing in Him, some are going not going to be believing in Him. Let me set the context of marriage and wedding practice in Jesus' time. The custom would have been for the groom to go to the home of his bride on the night that the wedding feast was to begin. The groom would come to the house and he would make his argument for bringing the bride along and the parents would delay him and stall him and talk to him and the longer they delayed, the more they honored their daughter. In this story, apparently this groom was delayed a long time. His bride's parents honored her for a long time and the groom is delayed. And what he would do is once the parents released the bride, they would progress along with his groomsmen and then her bridesmaids would join them and they would parade through the darkness of the streets with their torches lit and they would make their way to the wedding feast. That is the setting of the story that

Jesus is telling here.

But, of the bridesmaids of this bride, five of them were ready for this processional, and five of them were not. Five were prepared. But five were not. This story stresses the vital distinction between those who are outwardly, visibly part of the Lord Jesus' kingdom. They profess His name, but some are nominal and some are real Christians. This story is reminding us of the absolute importance of watchfulness and heart religion, if we are going to be prepared for the day of the Lord's coming. And this kind of watchfulness requires self-examination. We must ask ourselves if we are truly in Christ? Are we truly trusting Him? And are we living in such a way that we are saying that we long for His return, that we are preparing for His return. This story of the ten virgins is a compliment to the story to the faithful and unfaithful servants in the previous passage. It gives a picture of the predicament that the disciples are going to find themselves in at Jesus' coming if they have failed to prepare themselves for it. Because when that day comes, the day of opportunity is passed. That is the moral of the story of the ten virgins. When He comes, it is too late then, to get prepared. You must be prepared now. Now is the day of salvation. Now is the day of preparation.

II. The care and carelessness of the bridesmaids

Look at verses 5-10 as we see the care and the carelessness then of these virgins displayed. This section teaches us that when Jesus comes, it is going to be too late to become true Christians. That commitment must be made now.

Now you might think in the context of a wedding ceremony that there might be a little more cooperation between the bridesmaids, but in this case, I think there is perhaps a moral behind the story. Saving grace is not transferable. Preparation is not transferable. And so, Jesus has this ironic exchange here where the prepared virgins say, no there is not enough oil for both of us. We have prepared for this, you haven't. You go out to the dealers and you buy some. Then of course, the story tells us that while they have gone off to buy the oil to light their lamp, at that time, the bridegroom comes. And he

takes the other bridesmaids with him and they go along with the rest of the wedding party and they go into the feast and the door is shut. The time had come and they were unprepared. Now is the time to prepare for the second coming of Christ. Then, will be too late.

III. The consequences of lack of preparation

In these verses 11-13, the story begins to fade and the reality and the applications begin to come to the surface. These bridesmaids who had been part of the wedding party show up late and they knock on the door and the door is shut and the response is, I don't know you. In this story, as they cry out, Lord, Lord, and the master of the house says, I don't know you. You remember in Matthew 7:21, Jesus says that at the end there would be people who said, Lord, Lord, and what is Jesus going to say to them? I never knew you. That word 'to know' is filled with importance. To say that 'I don't know you' means not only that I do not recognize you, but it means to say that I don't acknowledge you as part of my people. For Jesus to stand and say, I don't know you means you have never had a personal saving relationship with me. I don't know you.

This story, you see, is putting forth the consequences of nominal unprepared Christianity. Our choices here have everlasting consequences and we must take caution that we really care about the most important things. That the Lord Jesus Christ is truly Lord and Savior, that we truly trust in Him and that we are walking in His ways. All of us must be watchful of our hearts. We must examine ourselves to see if we are trusting in Him, lest we unprepared travel on. On that last day, as we stand before the Lord and we hold hands before the throne, I don't want a one of you to be unprepared and miss out on hearing those beautiful words, well done, my good and faithful servants. Come and enjoy the glory that I have prepared for you. Now is the time.

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OBITUARIES

Ralph Hamilton Alford

Ralph Hamilton Alford, 71, of Ridgeland, passed away at his home on July 27.

Ralph was born on March 3, 1952, to Herman "Bud" Alford and Alma Hamilton Alford in Kosciusko, Mississippi.

After graduating as salutatorian from H. V. Cooper High School in Vicksburg, he went on to study Accounting at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Ralph graduated from Mississippi College in 1974 and immediately started work at

DeMiller, Denny, Word, and Company (which later became Harper, Raines, Knight, and Company), kickstarting a 43-year career as a Certified Public Accountant. His specialty was Taxation with an emphasis in Oil and Gas, for which he was a renowned expert.

He retired from Harper, Raines, Knight, and Company in 2017 as a partner in the firm. Ralph was preceded in death by his father and mother.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Alford of Ridgeland; stepdaughter Candace Slawson of Canton; stepson Alex Slaw-

son (Jerry) of Huntersville, NC; brothers Allen Alford (Roberta) of Orlando, FL, and Steve Alford of Vicksburg; sister Lynn Alford of Vicksburg; several nephews, great-nephews and great-nieces; numerous cousins; and, his beloved dachshund, Maggie. No services are planned at this time.

The family requests that donations be made either to Community Animal Rescue and Adoption (CARA) Mississippi or the Mississippi Animal Rescue League.



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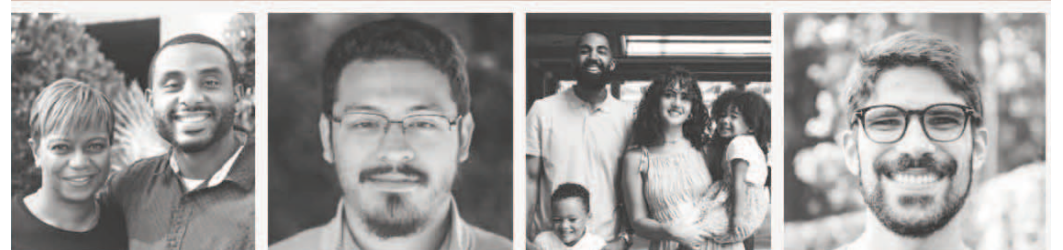
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Fifth Circuit rules against Mayfield family

By **MICHAEL SIMMONS**
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The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals last week ruled for the second time that Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler and the Madison Police Department were not responsible in the wrongful death of a Chris McDaniel supporter who killed himself in 2014 after being prosecuted by the city for his role in a videotaping scheme that backfired.

The ruling 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.

Similar suits against others, including the Butler Snow law firm, were settled before Reeves' 2020 ruling.

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. Mary and his associates wanted the video to feature a photo of the real Mrs. Cochran."

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 for its portrayal of the bedridden elderly Rose Cochran, and Kelly pulled it within hours of posting it.

The Madison Police Department investigated the incident and on May 16, 2014, arrested Kelly, and on May 20, 2014, arrested Mary. During the investigation, Mary told officers that Mayfield had assisted them in photographing Rose Cochran and police arrested Mayfield

on May 22.

"The police also executed search warrants on Mayfield's home and office," the court document states. "The basis for those warrants was Officer Harrison's affidavits indicating that Mayfield's office would have evidence that he inflicted pain on a vulnerable person. Mayfield's bond was set at \$250,000. Mayfield became depressed, sought professional help, and was prescribed medication for sleep, depression, and anxiety. His wife Robin experienced similar symptoms and was also prescribed medication."

On June 27, 2014, Mayfield's wife found him dead in the basement where he had taken his own life.

Mayfield's family later filed lawsuits against Cochran's legal team at Butler Snow and several other defendants.

The city of Madison argued that it should not be held liable "because there is no direct evidence of a 'premeditated, official policy to arrest McDaniel supporters,'" the court document states.

The City of Madison further argued that it had "a legitimate, non-retaliatory reason for Mayfield's arrest. Based on the evidence gathered during its investigation, the City had probable cause that Mayfield conspired with others to trespass onto St. Catherine's Village property."

In his order, Reeves said the plaintiffs presented no evidence that the city focused on prosecuting anyone based on their support of McDaniel. The Fifth Circuit said the Mayfields were unable to show no probable cause existed.

"Instead of rounding up the most vocal McDaniel supporters, City investigators

followed the evidence from Kelly to Mary to Mayfield," Reeves wrote. "The police were given free rein to conduct their investigation as they saw fit, without direction from the Mayor, a Cochran supporter. There is no evidence that before the Rose Cochran incident, the City of Madison was itching for an excuse to go after McDaniel supporters. And there is no evidence of differential treatment of McDaniel and Cochran supporters. As an example, there is no evidence that Cochran supporters entered a McDaniel relative's home in Madison, after which the City refused to prosecute them."

On the wrongful death claim, Reeves wrote, "Here, the Mayfields have no evidence, expert or otherwise, that Mark Mayfield acted under an irresistible impulse."

Bryant files defamation lawsuit against *Mississippi Today*

By **STAFF REPORTS**
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Former Gov. Phil Bryant filed a defamation lawsuit in Madison County Circuit Court last Thursday against the Ridgeland-based nonprofit news organization Mississippi Today and Publisher Mary Margaret White in connection with comments made about him in the wake of an alleged \$77 million welfare scandal they reported.

Bryant's filing came two months after he served a formal notice seeking a retraction for statements White made at a media forum and for comments that reporters

made on a podcast. Last week, Bryant sent over a second letter seeking additional retractions for additional statements made by Mississippi Today, which the organization declined.

Bryant is seeking a jury trial for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees and associated costs from Deep South Today, the parent company of Mississippi Today.

In the lawsuit, Bryant claims that White did not apologize for comments made at a Knight Foundation journalism forum in February 2023, where she told a crowd of journalists that Mississippi

Today was the outlet that uncovered the welfare scandal, claiming Bryant "embezzled" state monies.

"We're the newsroom that broke the story about \$77 million in welfare funds intended for the poorest people in the poorest state in the nation," White said during the forum. "Being embezzled by a former governor and his bureaucratic ponies to be used on pet projects like a state-of-the-art volleyball stadium at Brett Favre's alma mater."

After being served with a letter seeking retraction, White issued what Bryant called a non-apology.

"I misspoke at a recent media conference regarding the accusations against former Governor Phil Bryant in the \$77 million welfare scandal," White's apology posted on Mississippi Today said. "He has not been charged with any crime. My remark was inappropriate, and I sincerely apologize."

According to the lawsuit, "White did not apologize for accusing Bryant of embezzling \$77 million of welfare funds and did not retract and correct her false and slanderous remark. Instead, she issued a statement noting Bryant had not been charged with a crime. White's accusa-

tion and subsequent statement convey that Bryant embezzled \$77 million of welfare funds, but criminal authorities have failed to prosecute him."

Pulitzer Prize winning reporter Anna Wolfe and Editor Adam Ganucheau did not issue an apology for statements they made on a Mississippi Today podcast that Bryant claims continued to push the misinformation.

"Bryant brings this action to prove that Mississippi Today and White defamed him as part of a malicious and concerted effort to damage his reputation and business interests with a steady

stream of lies, baseless speculation, and irresponsible innuendo," the lawsuit reads.

Bryant has also subpoenaed documents and communication with Wolfe and a number of former state government officials relating to her work covering the welfare scandal, including Brad Pigott, the former attorney investigating the civil case for the state, and Jacob Black, former deputy director at MDHS.

The case was assigned to Circuit Judge M. Bradley Mills.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE C. WATSON-LEE, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-697 -C SUMMONS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MADISON TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW CHRISTINE C. WATSON-LEE, DECEASED. You have been made a Defendant in the Petition filed in this Court Dietries W. Codjoe, Petitioner, seeking authority to determine the heirs-at-law of Christine C. Watson-Lee, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action and show cause, if you can, that you are an heir-at-law of Christine C. Watson-Lee, deceased, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 21st day of September 2023 in the Courtroom of the Honorable Robert G. Clark, III at the Yazoo County Chancery Courthouse at Yazoo City, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the 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 26th day of July, 2023. RONNIE LOTT CHANCERY CLERK (Seal) By: /s/ Kim Sievers D.C. Submitted by: Bob Waller (MSB# 6912) WALLER & WALLER Post Office Box 4 Jackson, MS 39205-0004 (601) 354-5252 bobwaller@wallerandwaller.com

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI CAMDEN ROAD BRIDGE REHABILITATION BID NUMBER 2023-0002 Bids will be received by the Madison County Board of Supervisors until 10 A.M. Friday, September 8, 2023, at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's office, Room 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046. All sealed bids submitted to the Chancery Clerk's office shall be marked on the outside face of the envelope "CAMDEN ROAD BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT," and shall have the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number written on the outside of the envelope. If any envelope is not so marked, said bid shall not be opened and considered.

2. Electronic bids will be received until 10 A.M. Friday, September 8, 2023, as a PDF file via Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Each bidder submitting a bid electronically as a PDF file shall include its Certificate of Responsibility Number as part of its PDF electronic bid submittal. Any electronic PDF bid that does not include the bidder's Certificate of Responsibility Number shall not be considered. Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.madison-co.com/bids>. Questions regarding plans and specifications should be sent to Tim Bryan, P.E. with the Madison County Engineer's Office at tim.bryan@madison-co.com or 601-

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790-2520. Madison County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Madison County Board of Supervisors By: (s) Keshia Jackson, Purchase Clerk

Publication Dates: August 3 & 10, 2023
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH CANNON ZACHRY, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-174W

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ELIZABETH CANNON ZACHRY, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the *Petition to Determine Heirs* filed in this Court by Savannah Zachry Collins, Petitioner, seeking authority to determine the heirs-at-law of Elizabeth Cannon Zachry, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said *Petition to Determine Heirs* filed against you in this action and show cause, if you can, that you are an heir-at-law of Elizabeth Cannon Zachry, Deceased, at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, before Judge James C. Walker in the courtroom of the Madison County Chancery Courthouse at 146 W. Center Street, Canton, MS 39046, 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 *Petition to Determine Heirs*.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the ____ day of _____, 2023.

RONNIE LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Deputy Clerk

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SLEDGE'S WRECKER SERVICE LLC. P. O. BOX 1694 MADISON, MS 39130 TELE (601) 856-8220

NOTICE OF SALE is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles, that the following vehicles, bearing their respective serial numbers and registration will be sold along with all contents of said vehicles for towing and storing charges and costs of this sale as follows:

2007 HONDA ACCORD VIN# 1HGCM66547A001598

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1998 HONDA ACCORD VIN# 1HGCG3156WA017426

Date of Sale: **AUGUST 15, 2023**
Time: 9:30 am
Place: 308 N Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE CHARLES TRUSS CAUSE NO. 2022-00139

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The known and unknown heirs of Lawrence Charles Truss

Notice to Defendant:

THE MOTION TO DETERMINE HEIRS 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 Motion to Determine Heirs which is filed against you in this action at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of September, 2023, in the Madison County Chancery Court in Madison County, Mississippi.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the _ 31st_ day of July, 2023.

RONNIE LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: RITA CARPENTER D.C.

(SEAL)

BEFORE THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

PUBLIC NOTICE

Docket No. 303-2023-D

To: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MIDDLETON 36-12 1 WELL LOCATED IN SEC 36 T 9N R1W FLORA FIELD, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Please take notice that beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 in the Hearing Room, Suite E., 500 Greymont Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, the State Oil and Gas Board will hear the Petition of Energy Resources Corp. requesting an extension of the inactive well Classification under Statewide Rule 28 for the captioned well location in a forty (40) acre oil unit Section 36, T 9N R1W, Rankin County, Mississippi.

A copy of said Petition is on file in the Office of the State Oil and Board, Suite E., 500 Greymont Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi and may be there examined by any interested person. At said Hearing all interested persons may appear and be heard. If you intend to contest the Docket or Request a continuance you must notify the Board and the Petitioner of your intention in writing not Later than 5 P.M. August 8, 2023. Failure to so notify the Board and Petitioner shall constitute a Waiver of your rights to contest and/or request a continuance. You are advised that the Board may adopt orders concerning the Petition, which may differ from the relief requested by the Petitioner and the

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Board will enter such order or orders as in its judgment, may be appropriate in accordance with the evidence submitted. Dated at Jackson, Mississippi, this the 12 th day of July.

Petitioner: WHITNEY J. PANSANO JR P. O. Box 422 Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114 Telephone: 601-668-6939

By: Jess New State Oil and Gas Board Supervisor

MISSISSIPPI STATE OIL & GAS BOARD FILED FOR RECORD DATE 7-12-2023 BY Jess New/BB

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE C. WATSON-LEE, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2023-697 -C NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters of Administration having been granted on the 14th day of July 2023 by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Christine C. Watson-Lee, 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 20th day of July, 2023. /s/ Dietres W. Codjoe DIETRES W. CODJOE ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE C. WATSON-LEE, DECEASED Of Counsel: Bob Waller (MSB 6912) Waller & Waller P.O. Box 4 Jackson, MS 39205 (601) 354-5252 bobwaller@wallerandwaller.com

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2006 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER, VIN # JTEEP21A360161659, \$2728.50, a 2007 HONDA ACCORD, VIN # 1HGCM66567A040354, \$2782.00, and a 2015 HONDA ACCORD, VIN #1HGCR2F8XFA132926, \$4156.95. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday August 4, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at Gilmore Towing & Recovery, 124 E. State Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157.

In the chancery court OF MADISON county, Mississippi

DAVID MARTIN BRIDGES PETITIONERS AND SUZANNE MARIE BRIDGES

VIRGINIA RUTH ARNOLD DEFENDANTS KIRSTIE ARNOLD, MATTHEW HUDSON AND UNKNOWN PUTITIVE FATHERS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

TO: UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHERS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

THE PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS, FOR ADOPTION AND OTHER RELIEF WHICH IS

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ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

NOTICE OF HEARING

YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Petition to Terminate Parental Rights, for Adoption and Other Relief at 9:00 A.M., on the 24th day of October, 2023 before the HONORABLE JAMES C. WALKER., CHANCELLOR, at the MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY BUILDING, CANTON, MISSISSIPPI 39046. 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 Petition to Terminate Parental Rights, for Adoption and Other Relief. 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 on this the 15th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK Post Office Box 404 Canton, Mississippi 39046

/s/Ronnie Lott C.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Madison County Board of Supervisors, Madison County, Mississippi Reunion Parkway Phase 2 Project MDOT Project No. STP-0055-02(208) LPA/105278-701000

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will receive bids for the **RE-UNION PARKWAY PHASE 2 Project** Federal Aid Project No. **STP-0055-02(208) / LPA 105278 -701000** no later than 10:00 a.m. Local Time, August 30, 2023, at the Madison County Chancery Clerks Office Rooms 225-228 located at 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046, at which time said bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

The construction (grade, drain, base, pave of Reunion Parkway from Bozeman Road to Parkway East for approximately 1.90 miles. The project includes some improvements of Bozeman Road and on Reunion also guard rail, a center median and a shared use path on the south side. Also included is a bridge over I-55.

The contract times is 230 working days. The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on

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the grounds of race, color, sex, age, disability, religion or national origin in consideration for an award.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements. The DBE goal is 8 percent.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at Madison County Chancery Clerk's Office, Rooms 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046, and at Madison County Road Department, 3137 South Liberty Street, Canton, MS, 39046. One copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$200) at the office of Waggoner Engineering Inc., 143-A LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211. The payment is non-refundable. Plans, specifications, and contract documents may also be secured at no charge by either of the following methods:

1. Download a copy from Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids>.
2. Email a request to keshia.jackson@madison-co.com.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Cashier's check, Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the Madison County Board of Supervisors as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the County. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposal and contract documents **in its entirety** shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with at the Madison County Chancery Clerk's Office, Rooms 225-228, 146 West North Street, Canton, MS 39046 or electronically to Madison County's website at <http://www.madison-co.com/bids> prior to the hour and date above designated. **Stripped Proposals will be rejected. Bidders may not withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the date of the actual bid opening without consent of Madison County.** Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the "Mississippi State Highway Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2017", together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

The attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Subsection 102.07 pertaining to irregular proposals and rejection of bids. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

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Bid Opening Date: August 30, 2023
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Smith receives Madison proclamation

By JOHN LEE
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MADISON — Dr. Amy Smith was recognized Tuesday night with a proclamation from the city declaring Aug. 1 as her day due to her outstanding achievements in the healthcare field.

Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler kicked off the Aug. 1 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by presenting the proclamation to Smith and thanking her for her service to the community.

“I’d like to begin tonight with a special recognition of a fine lady who has given her life to helping people and taking care of so many,” Hawkins-Butler said. “In Amy Smith, we see the compassion and love of a nurse, and nurses care about what they do. It’s a passion and a ministry.”

Smith was recognized along with her daughter Jessica and husband Joel.

“Amy is a Madison resident and has been named the Alumna of the Year for Nursing at UMMC,” Hawkins-Butler said. “On behalf of the city of Madison, we would like to present you with a proclamation, declaring this day your day.”



Jessica Smith, Dr. Amy Smith, Madison Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler and Joel Smith

Smith went to the UMMC School of Nursing with a health professions scholarship from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She then returned the favor, serving the VA for more than 30 years in roles from nursing to health care executive.

Smith is now VA director of clinical operations for specialty care and received the Alumna of the Year award during an awards luncheon in May at the River Hills Club in Jackson. The award recognizes School of Nursing alumni who have demonstrated outstanding lead-

ership and service, and who have made significant contributions to health care, the nursing profession or UMMC’s School of Nursing.

Smith said it is an honor for her to serve this nation’s heroes, and her family includes veterans who have served in World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam.

“Whereas, Dr. Amy Smith, an esteemed resident of Madison, has been acknowledged as the distinguished 2023 UMMC School of Nursing Alumni of the Year, an honor bestowed upon her in recognition for her

outstanding achievements and leadership in the healthcare industry,” Hawkins-Butler said. “Therefore I, Mary Hawkins-Butler of the City of Madison, hereby proclaim and comment Dr. Amy Smith for her exceptional achievements, transformative leadership, and unwavering dedication to the field of healthcare. We extend our heartfelt congratulations, and our deepest gratitude for her remarkable contributions to the healthcare community. Thank you for being who you are, and thank you for doing what you do. We love you.”

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Chase

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petit larceny. Newman said Garner is also wanted for receiving stolen property and attempting to elude police in Cullman County, Ala.

Morales, 51, of Cullman County, Ala., was charged with felony receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit a crime. Morales is also wanted for receiving stolen property in Cullman County, Ala., Newman said.

Both subjects are currently being held in the Madison

County Detention Center. Newman said both individuals were scheduled for an initial appearance in Madison Municipal Court for some time Wednesday where bond would be set.

Newman said the arrests stem from an incident on Monday, July 31, at 9:12 a.m., when MPD officers responded to a report of subjects in a vehicle in the Windsor Hills neighborhood of Madison who had stolen items from a garage at a residence.

Officers encountered the 2003 Toyota Tundra pickup truck on Highway 463 near Interstate 55 and upon attempting to stop the vehicle, the driver fled southbound on Interstate

55 with officers in pursuit, Newman said.

Officers also learned that the vehicle was reported stolen from Walker County, Alabama.

The vehicle pursuit continued southbound on I-55 at which time the vehicle exited west onto Beasley Road and then southbound on State Street.

The vehicle continued south on State Street at which time the Capitol Police Department assisted with the pursuit, Newman said. The fleeing vehicle continued south on State Street turning west onto Highway 80 and then north onto Interstate 220. The vehicle then exited Interstate 220 east on West

Capitol Street.

The vehicle continued on Capitol Street turning north on Congress Street. Newman said, upon turning on Congress Street, the vehicle stopped at which time the driver and occupant surrendered to officers.

While responding to assist with the pursuit, a Capitol Police Department vehicle was involved in an accident with a third-party vehicle on State Street near East Rankin Street, Newman said.

“There were no injuries reported as a result of the accident,” Newman said.

Arrest

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scheduled for him on Aug. 10.”

The case will be forwarded to District Attorney John “Bubba” Bramlett and the Madison County District Attorney’s Office for prosecution, Newman said.

According to Newman the charges stem from an incident reported on Saturday, July 29, at 9:32 a.m., when officers of the Madison Police Department responded to the area of Beaumont Drive and Farwell Boulevard in Cypress Lake.

“The original call was concerning a male subject assault-

ing a female and possibly kicking her on the ground,” Newman said.

Upon the officers’ arrival, Newman said, the female victim was discovered on the sidewalk suffering from multiple injuries. Medical attention was provided for the victim while officers attempted to make contact with the suspect. Brandon Stephen Bly, at 813 Beaumont Drive in Madison.

The victim was transported to a local hospital where she was treated for her injuries.

Attempts to make contact with Bly were unsuccessful and it was determined that a 4-year-old child was also inside the residence, Newman said.

Special Response Teams from the Madison Police Department, the Madison County

Sheriff’s Department, and the Ridgeland Police Department were activated and responded to the scene.

“Officers began attempting negotiations with Bly but were initially unsuccessful,” Newman said.

At 12:29 p.m., contact was made with Bly and he was taken into custody without incident. Special Response Teams entered the residence and discovered the 4-year-old child unharmed. The child was checked out by medical personnel and returned to the grandfather.

Bly was taken initially to the Madison Police Department for booking. Investigators remained at the scene to process evidence, Newman said. After booking, Bly was

transported to the Madison County Detention Center.

Election

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Thompson are all on the ballot. There is no Democrat challenger.

The District 3 and District 4 Constable races will also be decided in the Republican Primary on Tuesday.

In District 3, K. Michael Bailey and Richard “Taco” Johnson face off. In District 4, incumbent Brad D. Harbour is being challenged by Jonathan J. Tillman Sr.

The District 2 Justice Court Judge race will be decided in the Democrat primary with incumbent Martina B. Griffin being challenged by Walter “W.L.” Johnson Jr. A number of incumbents do not have any primary or general election opponents this cycle, whereas a number of county races will be settled in the November general election.

District Attorney John K. “Bubba” Bramlett, Sheriff Randy Tucker, Chancery Clerk Ronny Lott, Tax Assessor Norman A. Cansady Jr., Coroner Alex Breeand, County Attorney Pamela Hancock, Justice Court Judge Marsha Weems Stacey, Justice Court Judge Lloyd Spivey III, Justice Court Judge Bruce McKinley, County Surveyor Roy Lamar Bullock, District 1 Constable Michael “Mike” Brown, District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter and District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen are all running

unopposed this year.

Former District 4 Supervisor David Bishop will take on incumbent Karl Banks in November. Incumbent District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin is being challenged again by Charles “Chip” Matthews.

Republican Circuit Clerk Anita Wray is being challenged by Democrat Fannie Hargon Sanders. Incumbent District 2 Constable Johnny Sims is being challenged by Republican Tchiakousky Williams.

There are a number of state legislative races on the ballots this cycle, with only a handful contested. The contested primary races include:

In the District 58 House race, three candidates are competing for the seat being opened up by the retirement of Joel Bomgar. Bob Anderson, Jonathan K. Berry and Jonathan McMillan are all running in the Republican Primary.

In the District 27 House race, Democrats Kenji L. Holloway and James Edward Woods Jr. face off.

In the District 72 race, Justis Gibbs, Synarus Green, Rukia Lumumba and Ailean Stingley all face off in the Democrat Primary.

On the state side, Gov. Tate Reeves faces David Grady Hardigree in the Republican primary. Brandon Presley is running unopposed in the Democrat primary.

Incumbent Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann is facing off against State Sen. Chris McDaniel and Tiffany Longino in the Republican primary and the winner will face off

against Democrat D. Ryan Grover in November.

Sec. of State Michael Watson is running unopposed in the Republican primary and will face off against Democrat Shuwaski A. Young in November. Attorney General Lynn Fitch is running unopposed in the Republican primary and will face off against Democrat Greta Kemp Martin in November.

State Treasurer David McRae is running unopposed in the Republican primary and will face Democrat Addie L. Green in November.

Agriculture Commissioner Andy Gipson is running unopposed in the Republican primary and will face the winner of Robert Bradford Sr., Bethany Hill and Terry Rogers II in the Democrat primary.

Republican Mike Chaney is opposed by Mitch Young in the primary for Insurance Commissioner. The winner will face Democrat Bruce Burton in November.

State Auditor Shad White is running unopposed in the Republican primary and will face Democrat Larry Bradford in November.

Central District Public Service Commissioner Brent Bailey is running unopposed in the Republican primary and will face Democrat DeKeither A. Stamps in November.

Republican Ricky Pennington Jr. will face off against incumbent Democrat Willie Simmons for Central Mississippi Transportation Commissioner in November.

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Getting the Message/Rev. Chris Shelton

Christ shut mouths of lions for Daniel

The story of Daniel in the lion's den is one of the best known stories in the Bible. Daniel was a high official in King Darius the Mede's government. The king found Daniel so trustworthy and capable he decided to promote him to the top position. The other officials tried to dig up dirt on Daniel, but finding nothing, they then proposed a law that would test Daniel's loyalty to God.

The law was that for thirty days no prayers or petitions could be made to any god or man but the king alone. Anyone who violated it would be thrown into the lion's den, a gruesome way to die. The decree appealed to the king, so he signed the decree.

The conspirators went to spy on Daniel, and sure enough, they found Daniel continuing his practice of praying to God three times a day. Daniel prayed on his knees with his windows opened so he could face Jerusalem. The officials report the offense to King Darius.

The king is dejected to hear it. He is for Daniel. He tries to find a way to save Daniel's life, but the officials remind him that the law of the Medes and Persians allows no decree of the king to be revoked. The king reluctantly orders Daniel to be thrown in to the pit of lions. A stone is placed over the opening, and the king seals it with his signet.

After a restless night, the king rushes at daybreak to the pit and calls out to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" Daniel answers that God sent his angel to shut the mouths of the lions. The king then orders Daniel out of the lion pit and orders the men who accused Daniel to be thrown into the lion pit.

One of the things we learn is the secret of godliness. Daniel considered himself a pilgrim on this earth. He sought a heavenly country. He faithfully served earthly kings, but he was committed to God's name and glory. He wouldn't compromise the Lord even though his life was threatened.

King Darius knew Daniel's devotion to the Lord. He observed Daniel serving the Lord "continually." The king knew Daniel

believed God was the "living God," meaning the only God. Daniel was a man of consistent prayer. In Chapter nine you can see that Daniel confessed his sins in prayer, was zealous for God's people, and exalted God's name. Daniel's godliness was known by God and men.

Godliness is more than Christian character or striving for it. Godliness must spring from inward devotion to Christ, a desire to see His name and glory promoted. It is the fruit of communion with Christ. From that spring of life came forth a godly life and godly choices for Daniel. And so it must be for us. We must value the Lord inwardly to bear fruit for Him outwardly.

Another thing we learn here is the malice of the devil. The pit of lions is repeated 8 times in the story. The lion is used as a metaphor for the devil's destructive nature. The decree that Darius thought was good was the common temptation of the devil: "ye shall be like God." The king thought it good that prayers be made to him alone.

The devil deceives us into thinking we can live apart from God, we can be our own god, or we can be the god over others. Our propensity to seek our glory over the glory of God is indicative of the power of sin and the devil. On the other hand Satan has spite for a new creature. If you follow Christ, you will draw a response. So you must be aware of it and count the cost as Daniel did. Are you like Daniel? Are you willing to suffer for the Lord?

This story points us to Christ. He was also falsely accused and condemned to die. He was placed in a tomb with a stone sealing the entrance. However, the Lord Jesus was there because He had to pay the last penny of the debt of sin. He had to make full satisfaction for sinners. And when he emerged from the pit of death, he declared a mighty victory over sin, death, and the devil.

Christ shut the mouths of the lions for Daniel. And he shut the mouth of Satan, the accuser of the redeemed of God, by his victory on the cross. He put the authorities who sought to destroy His people to open shame (Colossians 2). The Lord is a mighty King and a great Savior.

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The City of Ridgeland will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for Fiscal Year 2024 on August 15, 2023 at 6 o'clock pm at City Hall.

The City of Ridgeland is now operating projected total budget revenue of \$54,551,286. Eighteen percent (18%) or \$9,996,291 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$68,333,845. Of that amount, fourteen percent (14%) or \$9,701,115 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

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THANKFUL THURSDAY

Thank you to all Chamber members who have renewed their Ridgeland Chamber membership for 2023!

Our beautiful plaques are being delivered in person to your store, restaurant and/or company.

We ARE Painting the Town Blue!



Canon's CLOSET

THANK YOU RIDGELAND CHAMBER MEMBERS and CITIZENS of RIDGELAND for SUPPORTING CANON'S CLOSET

In honor of K9 Canon and in memory of Sgt. Ray Daniels, Canon's Closet will be filled with items needed for the Ridgeland Police Department to take care of abandoned children and pets until Child Protective Services and the Mississippi Animal Rescue League can respond.

Please join us as we launch Canon's Closet with a ribbon cutting Wednesday, August 23 inside the Ridgeland Police Department's Roll Call Room at 10:30 a.m.

Please come help us reveal a very special closet which our Chamber members and citizens of Ridgeland have made possible.

DIPLOMAT OF THE MONTH JUNE 2023

TAMMY LOUVIER
Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Inc.



WANTED!!!

All Chamber members are invited to bring promotional items by the Chamber office to include in our Newcomer Welcome Bags.

Also, bring your business cards to fill our popular Business Card Holder in the Chamber lobby!!

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