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**GLUCKSTADT VILLAGE**

## Conceptual plan revealed for Gluckstadt

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GLUCKSTADT — A new city hall, police department, city park, and multi-use trail were just a few things shown off in the most recent version of the conceptual Gluckstadt Village Master Plan Tuesday

night. Chris Watson from Bridge and Watson, Inc. presented the new master plan to Mayor Walter Morrison and the alderman and discussed all of the new buildings and other notable features planned for Gluckstadt Village, which will settled right in the middle

of Gluckstadt Way, Calhoun Station Parkway, and Church Road. Once complete, the entire village can be viewed while traveling along I-55. "We want to do something nice for Gluckstadt," Watson said. "I'm sure you're aware that people are tired of look-

ing at strip shopping centers and gas stations and things of that nature. You can tell by the drawings I've provided that this plan has quite a bit of detail." Watson presented a four-page document to the mayor and board which provided an overview of some of the fea-

tures and logic behind elements of the design. He noted that the plan is still conceptual, and things have changed every time he has looked at it. He said a plan of this nature will likely cause some issues since some people will like the concept and others will not. Rather than calling

the plan an overlay, he named it Gluckstadt Village to give it its own character and identity. Watson said this is the fifth version of trying to determine the best way to develop the village. It features what Watson described as a "true down-

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## STATE TESTING CHS rated 'B' for first time in a decade

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Despite a drop in the Canton Public School District's overall rating, the high school sported a "B" rating from the state for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Mississippi Department of Education released the grade-level scores of districts and schools across the state on Sept. 28.

According to a release from the district, Canton High School was rated a "B" for the first time in the 10 years the state has handed out such ratings. They said CHS was once the lowest "F" rated school in the state.

Among the scores that brought up the school's ranking included a 91 percent graduation rate, which the district claims is the highest in the school's history, and "proficiency gains in reading and science across the board, and all four of the elementary schools are rated B or higher."

The district's overall accountability rating decreased from a "B" in the 2021-2022 school year to a "C" for the 2022-2023 year. They received a score of 618.

The district's score was automatically downgraded due to testing irregularities detected last year at Nichols Middle School.

The Mississippi Department of Education's Accountability Standards state that if a school or district does not meet an overall 95 percent testing participation rate, the school or district will automatically be dropped by one classification level.

Due to the invalidation of scores at Nichols Middle School due to testing irregularities, the district's testing participation rate was 92.7 percent, which was below the required 95 percent testing participation rate.

CPSD Superintendent Gary Hannah calls the district's automatic downgrade "disappointing."

Hannah said he is confident that the district will return to its previous rating.

"We used what we learned from this experience to make significant changes to our test security plan," Hannah said. "And we are moving forward to get back to our B status or higher."

The state issues accountability ratings on an "A" to "F" scale.

MAAP measures student performance in English/Language Arts, and mathematics in grades three through eight, science in grades five and eight along with English II, Algebra I, biology and U.S. history in high school.



Thousands of people from across multiple states will descend upon Renaissance at Colony Park this weekend for the 16th Annual Euro Fest, which features dozens of rare and exotic automobiles. The event kicks off Friday with a drive out to Livingston.

## 2023 Renaissance Euro Fest expecting thousands of spectators

By JOHN LEE  
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The 16th annual Renaissance Euro Fest is expected to draw thousands this year to see dozens of rare, exotic cars that some can only dream of being able to view with their own eyes.

Euro Fest founder Mike Marsh started the show in 2008, and said the lack of events or shows for European cars in the Ridgeland area is what sparked inspiration for the festival.

"We had no shows like Euro Fest back in the day, and I finally said that if I ever found a place that would be the right venue, I would start a European car show," Marsh said. "Fortunately around that time, the Renaissance had just opened. What attracted me to it was its magnificent architecture, which is Mediterranean style, the European-style fountain, and the green grass and flowers every-

where."

Since then, Euro Fest, which features all-European automobiles and motorcycles, has grown each year and has seen over 200,000 total spectators and over 1,200 cars from various states in the Southeast, such as Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

This year, Euro Fest begins on Friday, Oct. 13, and runs through Saturday, Oct. 14. Registration for the festival is now open.

Marsh believes Euro Fest is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty of British, Italian, German, and many other European vehicles and brands such as Rolls-Royce, BMW, Mercedes Benz, Land Rover, Alfa Romeo, Volkswagen, Ferrari, Porsche, Jaguar, and Royal Enfield.

This year, cars are coming from those states and from various European countries, including England,

Italy, Germany, France, Austria, and Sweden.

Recent entries for the festival this year include a 1995 Mercedes-Benz E320 Cabriolet, a 1958 MG MGA, a 1949 MG TC, a 1997 Land Rover Defender 90 NAS, and a 1981 Land Rover Defender 110.

The festivities begin on Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. with a big drive out to Livingston, where all participants and sponsors will enjoy an ice cream social before coming back to town and picking up their packets at Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry. Dinner is also available through reservations from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Enzo Osteria Italian Restaurant for \$40, which includes tax and gratuities.

"Weather permitting, we're expecting 15,000 people," Marsh said. "The show starts at 10 a.m. on Oct. 14, but if you want to see the cars before the crowd gets there, come early in the morning. We'll

have a band in the prayer garden, wonderful barbecue out on the lawn, and a lot more going on. The show itself encompasses over four square blocks of the Renaissance."

He said a big draw of the festival is people being able to view rare, exotic cars.

"A lot of people who come to this event will come and be able to see cars they've never seen before," Marsh said. "We do not charge the owners for people to come look at their cars, nor do we charge spectators to look at the cars. It is free to everybody."

Sponsors for Euro Fest include Renaissance, BMW of Jackson, European Engineering Southern Hospitality, and Visit Ridgeland.

For more information about Euro Fest, visit [www.euro-fest.net/ridgeland](http://www.euro-fest.net/ridgeland), or call Marsh at (601) 946-1950.





# St. Joe students collect goods for Hope Lodge

By JOHN LEE  
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MADISON — St. Joseph Catholic School has collected hundreds of items to donate to the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, including non-perishable food, paper towels, bottled water, and more.

The Hope Lodge is located in Jackson and is a place for cancer patients to stay free of charge when they receive medical treatment. Representatives from the lodge will accept the collected items this Friday during halftime of the St. Joe vs. Presbyterian Christian School football game.

St. Joe and Presbyterian Christian School from Hattiesburg will formally present thousands of dollars in food, supplies, and cash to the Hope Lodge and American Cancer Society.

St. Joe faculty cheer advisor and math teacher Samantha Poole said this is a great time to draw attention to cancer as a whole due to October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"This will go miles in helping families with cancer



Mrs. Samantha Poole, a St. Joseph Catholic School teacher, joins St. Joe students as they sort through donations for the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Jackson. Pictured with Mrs. Poole from left are Mackenzie

patients who travel out of town to Jackson to receive necessary medical treatment," Poole said. "Sometimes these families stay for days or even weeks. These donations will help ease their financial bur-

den." The Hope Lodge, located at 2615 N. State Street in Jackson, offers 32 guest rooms near cancer treatment centers. Along with providing guest rooms, it also offers a fully-equipped community

kitchen, free laundry rooms with supplies, televisions, and computer access.

St. Joe joined forces with Presbyterian Christian School to help stock the Hope Lodge with necessary items, and as of Tuesday, St. Joe has col-

lected more than 2,800 items with more supplies arriving daily.

The school is also selling t-shirts in support of the Hope Lodge with 100 percent of the proceeds going directly to the American Cancer Soci-

ety and has raised more than \$3,000 in just t-shirts alone.

Helping the Hope Lodge was just one of several community outreach efforts organized by St. Joe this year, with others including food collection for local food banks, feeding families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and hosting an Angel Tree for children at Christmas.

On top of those events, the school's largest annual community fundraiser, Bru-inTHON, happens each spring and raises money for Children's of Mississippi, formerly known as Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital. This past April, St. Joe raised a record \$19,665.

St. Joe Principal Dr. Dena Kinsey said the school's effort to help the Hope Lodge is what St. Joe is all about.

"We're all about educating our students and preparing them for life following Christ by helping others in need," Kinsey said. "I am always so proud of our St. Joe community for stepping up and helping cancer patients and their families, giving them one less thing to worry about. It's the St. Joe way."

### Meet the Candidates

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## Village

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town development concept." The plan includes a village core, which will include individual storefronts and restaur-

ants, commercial and civic buildings with architecture representing German Heritage, and roundabouts for

traffic calming.

Other notable features of the master plan include a multi-use trail along Church Road, Calhoun Station Parkway, and areas beyond, the new Gluckstadt Police Department (currently under construction), a new town hall, town green with open space and a passive-use amphitheater, city park with a pavilion, playground, walking trail, pier, and covered overlook pond.

The plan includes locations for parking behind buildings, on-street parking which provides a buffer between pedestrians and cars, a landscape buffer, existing buildings incorporated into the new design which additions that bring them to the street, and an opportunity for Callaway's to showcase landscaping style and products and to beautify street corners.

Mayor Walter Morrison expressed interest in the plan after Watson discussed all of the elements of the master plan.

"I think this looks awesome," Morrison said.

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Firefighters battle a blaze on Boardwalk Boulevard in Ridgeland.

## House fire under investigation

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RIDGELAND — The state Fire Marshal is investigating a weekend house fire here.

The fire destroyed a townhome on Boardwalk Boulevard Saturday evening.

RFD received a call reporting the fire at 583

Boardwalk Boulevard on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 6:01 p.m.

“They were able to knock down the fire pretty quickly,” said Fire Chief Matt Bailey. “After that, they were probably on the scene another two or three hours making sure the fire did not rekindle.”

Bailey said that no one is believed to have been home at the time of the blaze and

no injuries have been reported. The adjoining units were not damaged.

Bailey said the call came from a neighbor.

“This is an ongoing investigation,” he said.

The investigation has been turned over to the insurance agency and the State Fire Marshall’s Office, Bailey said.

## Data company opens in Madison

By **JOHN LEE**  
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MADISON — Data Systems Management has a new home here with plans to provide high quality services in payroll, accounting, court management, and more.

DSM owner Alan Smith took over in January and said he has been a partner with the company since 2013.

“Data Systems originally started as part of Watkins Ward and Stafford Accounting Firm in Flowood in 1983,” Smith said. “It originally branched out and became its own software company and stayed in Flowood for around 21 years. It then moved to Clinton and stayed for around 19 years, and finally we moved to Madison around two months ago.”

Madison Community Partners held a ribbon cutting for Data Systems on Sep. 27 to officially welcome them to the city. Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler, Alderman Paul Tankerlsey and other city officials attended the ribbon cutting along with multiple DSM employees.

Smith said moving the company to Madison was a great decision since he lives in the city and it is a great central hub to entertain clients with a lot of hotels and restaurants.

“It’s quite convenient for

us since Madison is located in a central part of the state and a lot of my employees live around here,” Smith said. “As far as I’m concerned, we’re home and this is where we’ll be for the foreseeable future. We plan to keep expanding and picking up more clients and cities.”

Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler said she is honored that Data Systems chose Madison as their new home.

“We’re very proud of our

community and we know the Lord plants us in places for a reason,” Hawkins-Butler said. “This company started very small and it’s grown with the technology over the years. I think them being here is a great thing and it’s absolutely wonderful.”

Data Systems Management is located at 100 Webster Circle, Suite 101 in Madison. For more information about the company, visit [www.dsm.ms](http://www.dsm.ms).

## PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Walter Michel seeks re-election as State Senator

Republican State Senator Walter Michel has announced his re-election to District 25 of the Mississippi Senate. The district includes Ridgeland, Gluckstadt, Madison and Northeast Jackson.

Senator Michel and his wife Beth reside in Ridgeland. He is a graduate of Jackson Prep and the University of Mississippi and has been a commercial real estate broker for 40 years with his family company, the J. Walter Michel Agency, Inc.

In the Mississippi Senate, Senator Michel has chaired the Municipalities, Economic Development & Public Property Committees. He was appointed by Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann to chair the Insurance Committee, where he has served for 4 years.

As Insurance Committee



State Sen. Walter Michel

Chairman, Senator Michel has been very active with the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) where he was elected to the Executive Committee and Bylaws Com-

mittee Chairman. NCOIL is a legislative organization comprised of legislators serving on state insurance and financial institutions committees around the nation.

Senator Michel also serves on the Universities & Colleges, Rules, Economic Development, Energy, Wildlife, Ethics and Appropriations Committees. As chairman of the Appropriations sub-committee on Insurance / Finance, he oversees the large MS Department of Revenue budget.

Senator Michel is a recipient of the Guardian of Small Business award from the National Federation of Independent Business for his pro-business voting record. He has been graded “A” and named Business Champion from BIPEC every year of his service in the Senate.

The election will be held on November 7, 2023.



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### EDITORIALS

## Obamacare's hidden price tag

More than a dozen years have passed since then-President Barack Obama unleashed his signature "Obamacare" program under the Affordable Health Care Act. It has since proved anything but affordable.

"Once this reform is implemented, health insurance exchanges will be created, a competitive marketplace where uninsured people and small businesses will finally be able to purchase affordable, quality insurance," Mr. Obama said at the time, promising \$1 trillion in deficit reduction over the course of two decades.

Flash forward to today, and the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office anticipates our national debt will nearly double over the next 30 years, with health care costs as a leading driver. Federal health care spending is projected to rise 78% in the next decade, exceeding all other categories by 2030.

Meanwhile, the amount an average family has to pay in annual health insurance premiums has skyrocketed 267% since 2000, averaging an increase of about 5.8% per year — well beyond the 2.5% rate of inflation, according to KFF, a health policy research firm.

In 2000, health insurance premiums cost families about \$6,000 a year. Last year, the average was \$22,000 — the price of a small car.

Those with "Obamacare" plans can expect premiums to rise about 6% next year. Costs for employer coverage are also expected to surge around 6.5% for 2024, adding to the price tag for employer plans that already average more than \$14,600 a year per employee. These massive expenses often lead businesses to offer less coverage, drop plans or lay off workers.

Rising hospital costs are a key element of the price increases, as hospitals seek more money from insurers.

"Inflation we saw a year ago is finally making its way into the contracts [between hospitals and insurers]," Tim Stawicki, the

chief health care actuary at Willis Towers Watson, told The Wall Street Journal last month. "It's like a delayed reaction."

Add to that increased wages for doctors, nurse and other medical staff. Last week, the largest health care strike in U.S. history ended, as 75,000 health care workers across four states demanded higher pay after the COVID-19 pandemic led to longer hours and increased retirements, creating a staffing crisis.

Since Obamacare didn't make health care more affordable, the Biden administration — staffed by Obama White House alumni — wanted a second bite at the apple.

The Affordable Care Act expanded Medicaid to cover 20 million more people, and Mr. Biden's American Rescue Act (a key driver of inflation) expanded it further, allowing states to extend coverage to new mothers. His budget aims to get at least 2 million more Americans on Medicaid, driving up the expense of this federal entitlement.

Mr. Biden's Inflation Reduction Act put into law policies mandating government-set prices for medicines covered by Medicare, which some argue will decrease the availability of drugs given to older Americans on the plan while also discouraging innovation in health care.

Gearing up for the 2024 election, Mr. Biden is aiming to use the federal government's power to crack down on short-term health insurance plans, which he has deemed "junk." The move will result in fewer choices in the marketplace and, inevitably, higher prices for the plans that are available.

Ronald Reagan once famously said: "The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government, and I'm here to help."

In trying to tackle our nation's health care crisis, Democrats have only made it worse.

— *The Washington Times*

## Biden's silence on Iran terror

Iran has been on the receiving end of sweetheart deals from the United States. Most recently, the return of \$6 billion in frozen funds was effectively ransom paid to recover Americans held hostage by the Islamic Regime, raising questions about who in the administration is really running the show.

One possibility nestled in the Pentagon is a high-level Defense Department official who appears to be involved with an influence operation called the Iran Experts Initiative, or IEI. It is unclear whether the connection confers status as an expert on Iran or an expert for Iran.

The online publication Semafor last week identified the Pentagon official as Ariane Tabatabai, chief of staff for Chris Maier, assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict. Born in Iran, the daughter of a University of Tehran philosophy professor, Ms. Tabatabai has held positions as think tank researcher and university professor in the United States. She has also served as a member of the Biden administration's Iran nuclear deal negotiation team.

Ms. Tabatabai's alleged dealings with the IEI, an influence operation connected to Iran's extremist government, have raised suspicion over which nation holds her loyalty. Official Iranian government communications shared with Semafor, if genuine, are truly troubling. They include messages in which Ms. Tabatabai "checked in" with Mostafa Zahrani, an IEI organizer in Tehran connected to the Foreign Ministry.

In a 2014 email exchange, years before gaining her Pentagon post, Ms. Tabatabai reportedly asked Mr. Zahrani's advice about accepting working invitations to Israel and to Saudi Arabia. At his recommendation, she declined the Israel trip and accepted the Saudi visit. In a second message, she gave her IEI contact a heads-up about an upcoming appearance before the U.S. Congress where she would deliver tes-

timony regarding the Iran nuclear deal.

In addition, according to Semafor, Ms. Tabatabai sent Mr. Zahrani a link to an opinion piece that appeared in The Boston Globe in which she echoed Foreign Ministry policy defending Iran's need for nuclear power and discounting the likelihood the regime would violate a religious edict against building nuclear weapons.

In other emails in the cache, her IEI contact reported this and other opinion-shaping successes to his Foreign Ministry overseers.

To be sure, influence is the stock-in-trade of every nation's diplomacy corps, and the long-running U.S.-Iran tug of war is best carried out with words rather than weapons. Americans simply need to know which side Ms. Tabatabai is pulling for.

The same applies to her former colleague Robert Malley in President Biden's campaign to revive the Iran nuclear deal that was orchestrated by President Barack Obama in 2015 and terminated by President Donald Trump in 2018. In June, Mr. Malley was placed on leave from his post as special envoy to Iran.

News reports assert that the FBI is investigating him for possible mishandling of classified material in his communications with Iranian counterparts. The State Department has maintained a stony silence regarding a potential security breach favoring Iran.

U.S. flexibility in the face of Iranian obstinacy seems to originate in the White House, where Mr. Biden has mirrored Mr. Obama's penchant for placating Iran. It's hardly surprising, then, that Mr. Biden's foreign policy officials are following his lead with activities that appear to reward Tehran.

Americans have a right to know whether the Biden administration's Iran experts are acting in U.S. interests or are tools in Iran's influence operation.

— *The Washington Times*

## Another Holocaust

*The lesson that never seems to be learned in the Middle East, particularly when it comes to Israel, is that when one bargains with evil, like Hamas, evil wins.*

On Sept. 22, 2005, Israel completed its unilateral withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. It did not take someone with the power of an Old Testament prophet to predict what would come next. Hamas almost immediately filled the vacuum and began planning a series of terrorist attacks on civilian targets within Israel.

The latest attack, on Oct. 6, the 50th anniversary of the start of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, which nearly overwhelmed the Jewish State, has resulted (so far) in the deaths of hundreds of Israelis, the wounding of many hundreds more, and the taking of hostages by Hamas. These include Israeli soldiers and civilians, some of them women, children, the elderly and disabled.

The Biden administration and several European governments condemned the attacks (and predictably, Iran, which reportedly gave the green light to Hamas, praised them), but they and previous administrations encouraged the terrorists (can we stop calling these murderers "militants" as some in the media do?) by pressuring Israel over many years to "do more" to seek peace with the Palestinians. The more concessions Israel has made, the more the terrorists are encouraged in their pursuit of eradicating Israel.

Saudi Arabia has offered to pump more oil, which would result in at least a temporary lowering of gas prices next year — an American election year — if Israel will make more concessions to the Palestinians. Will the Biden administration take the bait, hoping to improve the president's terrible poll numbers?

CHARLES HURT

## Seeds of terrorism sown by Biden

Rarely in politics can a straighter line be drawn directly from an administration's policies to the calamitous results of those policies.

President Biden opened the southern border. Historic waves of millions of illegals came streaming across the border.

President Biden launched a historic spending binge. Now, Americans are suffering under the highest inflation in 40 years.

On his first day in office, President Biden declared war on domestic energy production — and gasoline prices spiked to historic highs. Although those prices came down, they remained stubbornly high and are now inching back up under the president's steadfast refusal to open access to oil and gas fields owned by American taxpayers.

As if high gas prices were not punishment enough, Americans also find themselves footing massive war bills as a further result of Mr. Biden's ludicrous assault on the American energy industry.

Now comes another war — a direct result of Mr. Biden's insane policies and profound stupidity — that American taxpayers will pay for.

Bloodthirsty terrorists in Gaza fired a massive barrage of missiles over the weekend and invaded Israel. It was the largest incursion into the country in half a century.

The terrorists slaughtered hundreds of innocent Israelis, including older adults waiting at bus stops, terrified families huddled in their homes, and revelers at a "peace" concert. They also took an undetermined number of civilians and soldiers hostage to use as human shields to protect their terror dens and stockpiles of weapons and ammunition they will use to kill more civilians.

In the aftermath of the savage attacks, the terrorists cheered and paraded through

The Anti-Defamation League has reviewed Saudi high school textbooks and found that they promote hatred against Jews, Christians, women, homosexuals and other Muslim sects. This, despite repeated promises to return the country to a more moderate form of Islam. Why should the U.S. trust the Saudis when, according to some experts, the Koran encourages devout Muslims to lie to "infidels" in pursuit of their jihadi goals that include Israel's destruction?

Wasn't "land for peace" supposed to be the magic formula? Didn't the West believe in this doctrine and hasn't Israel done all the giving and received only war and terrorism in return? The West should concede the formula is wrong.

This is the premise in Israeli commentator Caroline Glick's book, "The Israeli Solution: A One-State Plan for Peace in the Middle East." She writes: "Between 1970 and 2013, the United States presented nine different peace plans for Israel and the Palestinians, and for the past twenty years, the two-state solution has been the centerpiece of U.S. Middle East policy. But despite this laser focus, American efforts to implement a two-state peace

deal have failed—and with each new attempt, the Middle East has become less stable, more violent, more radicalized, and more inimical to democratic values and interests."

Her proposals include a full annexation of the West Bank. It may sound radical, until one considers the alternatives the West has been pushing almost since the founding of modern Israel in 1948. Continuing to follow the same path that hasn't worked in the past only guarantees more terrorism and war in the future, as we are witnessing in the present. Wishful thinking never produces the results the wishers seek to achieve. Instead of more of the same, what is needed is less of the same and in fact none of the same.

In 1973, The late King Hussein of Jordan warned Israel of impending military action by Egypt and Syria. President Nixon and Secretary of State Kissinger had forbidden Israel to launch a preemptive strike against either Egypt or Syria as Israel had successfully done in the 1967 Six Day War. Nixon sent military aid just in time to ensure Israel's victory, which resulted in a united Jerusalem and Israel's capturing of the strategic Golan Heights.

The lesson that never seems to be learned is that when one bargains with evil, like Hamas, evil wins. The goal should be to defeat evil and in that pursuit Israel deserves the support of all who share her greater goal of true peace.

*Look for Cal Thomas' latest book "A Watchman in the Night: What I've Seen Over 50 Years Reporting on America" (HumanixBooks).*

*Providing Iran with a hefty \$6 billion in "humanitarian" aid would allow Iran to fund more terrorism from Gaza.*

the streets of Gaza with live prisoners and the bodies of innocents piled in the beds of pickup trucks.

Two irrefutable data points became immediately clear even before the smoke cleared and the cheering stopped.

First, the highly coordinated and meticulously planned attacks were carried out by terrorists funded by Iran, which joyfully proclaims its intent to kill innocent Jews and erase Israel from the map. Second, just a month ago, President Biden waived sanctions to allow \$6 billion in Iranian funds to be wired to Qatar, one of Iran's closest allies, for Iranian use.

Once again, a straighter line could not be drawn more directly between the Biden administration's policies and the calamitous results of those policies.

Also remarkable was watching the political press come unhinged as they feverishly ran interference on behalf of the Biden administration to insist that the \$6 billion Mr. Biden sent Iran had absolutely nothing to do with the images of bloodshed and smoldering ruins flashing across the screen.

Administration spokeswoman Katy Tur, who plays a journalist on TV for MSNBC, became hysterical Sunday morning as she lectured guests and viewers that there was no connection between the Biden cash for Iran and the reign of terror unfolding in Israel. That \$6 billion, she insisted, was for "humanitarian" purposes only. You know, she said, like if peo-

ple in Iran need "Band-Aids."

Yikes. Watching Ms. Tur cling to the administration's dishonest talking points provided the only sliver of comic relief on a grim morning. But even that really wasn't funny anymore.

It is hard to say which is worse: Ms. Tur's trying to minimize the malevolent policies of the Biden administration or her attempts to whitewash Iran's involvement in funding terrorist attacks in which hundreds of civilians are slaughtered.

By midmorning, even the Biden administration had given up trying to deny that providing Iran with \$6 billion in "humanitarian" aid would allow Iran to fund more terrorism from Gaza.

"Iran has unfortunately always used and focused its funds on supporting terrorism," Secretary of State Antony Blinken replied when asked directly if Mr. Biden's \$6 billion cash giveaway to Iran could be spent on more terror.

Sadly, the mere fact that I am writing this column is a victory of sorts for those who support Mr. Biden's murderous policies. Having this whole, big navel-gazing discussion about the precise status of this particular bucket of money distracts from the much larger Biden agenda to hand the Middle East over to the most evil, bloodthirsty, bigoted tyrants — just as he has done at our own southern border.

So, Iran didn't use THIS \$6 billion for these latest attacks? Oh, they used the billions Mr. Biden gave to Iran the last time — much of it in unmarked U.S. bills that were saran-wrapped together on pallets delivered under the cover of darkness.

In other words, THIS \$6 billion will be used to pay for the next terrorist attacks. Maybe those will be in Cleveland or Denver instead of Sderot.

*Charles Hurt is the opinion editor at The Washington Times.*

## BIBLE SELECTION

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

— Deuteronomy 13:4 (ESV)





### Tri-County Academy Homecoming Court announced

Tri-County Academy will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, Oct. 13. The Homecoming Court, pictured front row from left, are Adley Moriarty, John Rollins Harris (Middle) Sami Kate Miller, Hastings Smith, Jada Smith, Alisha Davis, Ivey Kirkland, Mia Hatfield, Annah Perry, Mae Evelyn Moses, Nora Robinson (Back) Jennings Tillman, Jimmy Washburn, Hayden Smith, Noah Brown, Hayden Walker, Reed Taylor, Tanner Blackwell, McGraw Hatfield, Colton Jones, Cooper Riddell, and Landon Utroska.



### Northbay Garden Club meets

The September meeting of the Northbay Madison Garden Club was held recently in the Northbay Club House. Wes Holsapple, Jr., State Training Manager for the Office of Emergency Planning and Response, presented the program on being prepared and learning about what kind of disasters you may encounter in a community. Selected as the Northbay Yard of the Month was the home of Mike and Carol Brown. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, October 16. Guest speaker for the October meeting will be Lisa Rippey and she will present a program on Fall Tablescapes. Pictured from left are hostesses and guest Matt Kostos, Amy Kostos, Wes Holsapple, Jr., Sherrie Holsapple, Wendy Greif, and Janie Walters.



### Madison hosts Walk to School Day

Penni Tharp Davis waves to the children gathering for Walk to School Day on Oct. 4, at the Madison Avenue elementary classes. Davis' mother Nell Tharp started the tradition of the school walk from Stonegate subdivision with Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler years ago.

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES/J. Ligon Duncan III

### Jesus betrayed

If you have your Bibles, I'd invite you to turn with me to Matthew 26:47-56 as we continue our study in the gospel of Matthew. The sovereignty of God is seen again in the passage. We will study this text under three headings created by William Hendriksen. Firstly, in verses 47-50, we will consider the onslaught of the treacherous. In verses 51-54, we will look at the defeat of the defenders. Lastly, in verses 55-56, we will see the triumph of the captain.

#### I. The Onslaught of the Treacherous

You remember Jesus has already aroused His disciples from their sleep, and He has gotten them up and they are marching towards Judas, and those who are here to arrest Jesus. And at that time they are approached by Judas and the crowd. Judas identifies himself to Jesus, and he identifies Jesus to the crowd by greeting Him as a teacher and then giving Him a kiss. It would have been a normal way that those in the Near East would have greeted one another, an affectionate sign. And because it is an affectionate sign, it actually heightens the despicableness of what Judas has done. He has used a sign of affection to mark Jesus for arrest.

And then Jesus does something absolutely mind boggling in verse 50. He basically gives permission to Judas and this mob to arrest Him. He says, "Friend, do what you have come to do. Just go ahead and get it over with." Jesus is virtually giving permission to Judas and his captors to arrest Him. This again shows the sovereignty of our Lord Jesus Christ. His character, His resolution, and His majesty are brought into bold relief against a backdrop of this betrayal. We cannot but admire the dignity of the Lord Jesus Christ as He goes through this indignity. He does it with magnanimity, and He does it with the sense that He is not forsaken. He is not out of control. God's providence is ruling over all. And the Lord Jesus' utmost trust in the Father's plan provides an example for us the midst of our own trials.

#### II. The Defeat of the Defenders

As Jesus is being arrested in verses 51-54, Matthew tells us that one of His disciples attempted to resist that arrest by taking

out his short sword and cutting off the ear of the servant of the High Priest. Matthew, very kindly, doesn't point the finger at Peter. But John's gospel clearly shows that Peter was the culprit.

Peter's attempt to resist the arrest of the Lord Jesus Christ is quite feeble. Peter had pledged to Jesus that he would be faithful to Him to the end, and he had pledged that he would die with or for Him if necessary. And this is Peter seeing his opportunity to be a faithful disciple to the Lord Jesus Christ. And I want you to understand that Peter's actions, as brave as they are, reveal a fundamental misunderstanding of Jesus' mission and the purpose of His death. Peter's actions were ignorant and uncomprehending, because as Jesus will say twice in this passage, He had to be arrested in order that the Scriptures would be fulfilled. Jesus was conscious that God's plan was being worked out here and nobody, not Peter, not Judas, not the mob was going to keep that plan from being worked out. And it is not because Jesus lacks the ability to ask of God to spare Him that He is going to the cross. He is going to the cross because He has chosen to go to the cross. He is not a passive victim. He is the prime actor. Jesus goes to the cross not because the Father can't stop it, but because of His desire to fulfill the word of God.

And if you do not understand that you do not understand the cross. The cross is not some sort of "Plan B" idea that God came up with. Jesus understood that, and so He rebukes His disciples. And I want to say that if you're a sinner who thinks that you've done something beyond Jesus' willingness to receive you, you need to remember this: That the one who was willing to suffer is a willing Savior. The almighty Son of God who allowed men to bind Him and take Him away and crucify Him is desirous that sinners turn from their ways and trust in Him and find salvation. If He's willing to suffer what He suffered, surely, He is full of readiness to save everyone who calls on His name.

#### III. The Triumph of the Captain

In verses 55-56, Jesus addresses the crowd that has come to take Him captive. He announces to these

same people why it is that He is going to be taken captive. Jesus says, "You are doing just what I predicted because God decreed it before the foundation of the world. He told His prophets, His prophets wrote it in the Scripture, and I came into the world in order to fulfill that Scripture, and you are merely instruments in the hands of God. I am not being taken today against My will. I am being taken today in accordance with the will of God which I have freely embraced."

Notice here that Jesus doesn't just acquiesce or concede to God's sovereignty. He doesn't shrug His shoulders and say, "Well I guess God has just allowed this terrible thing to happen." Rather, Jesus is convicted and pleased with the Father's will. He says, "This is in accordance with His holy, perfect will and I embrace it because it is the will of My Heavenly Father, and it's good. It may be horrendous for Me, but I willingly embrace it because it's good for His people, and I love His people. And He's promised to give them to Me if I lay down My life for them." Jesus reveled in the sovereignty of God, and He proclaims it even to that multitude of captors.

And then we're told at the very end of verse 56, right as He is being led away, perhaps in chains, that all His disciples flee, just as He told them that they would. The failure of the disciples reminds us that sometimes we don't know the weakness of our heart until we are tried and tested. Have you ever gotten excited, and you were moved at a Christian meeting of some sort, and you resolved to be faithful to Christ like you've never been faithful before? You were filled with zeal for Him; and in forty-eight or seventy-two hours you found yourself falling prey to sin once again. If the actions of the disciples in verse 56 teach us anything, they teach us not to trust in ourselves, but to wholly lean on Jesus' name because it is only by His grace that we are upheld. May God bless you as you do so.

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## OBITUARIES

### William Magnum Aden

William Magnum Aden was born on December 6, 1944, in Vicksburg, Mississippi to Dr. Aubrey Aden and Anne Goodman Aden.

He moved with his parents to Indianola, Mississippi shortly thereafter. Throughout high school in the Delta, he worked as a "Holly Ridge Cotton Doctor," checking cotton for insect infestations. He graduated as the Valedictorian of his class at Indianola High School in 1963. Bill graduated with his B.S. from the University of Mississippi in just three years and began medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1966.

He was a member of AOA Honor Medical Society, a Dean's Scholar, and received the Louisiana-Mississippi Ophthalmological & Otolaryngological Honor Award during medical school. After graduating from medical school in 1970, he completed an internship before finishing his residency in Ophthalmology at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, where he served as Chief Resident. He completed two fellowships: one in Ophthalmic Pathology under Dr. Milton Boniuk, and a

second with Dr. Charles Kellman in Cataract Surgery at the Manhattan Eye Institute in New York.

Bill practiced from 1974 until 2020 and performed more than 35,000 successful cataract operations. He was the first Ophthalmologist in the state of Mississippi, and one of the first ophthalmologists in the southeast, to offer Phacoemulsification, subsequently teaching the procedure to hundreds of other surgeons in the southeast and for the American Academy of Ophthalmology. His pioneering efforts in small incision cataract surgery also afforded him the opportunity to perform the first outpatient cataract surgery in Mississippi.

Bill was a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, as well as being a founding member of the Board of Directors of the American College of Eye Surgeons. Bill was a scratch croquet player who was nationally ranked for many years. He played in more than 100 competitive six-wicket croquet tournaments in the United States and Canada, winning several.

He was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church

for 57 years.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Tindall Aden, his 3 daughters, Leslie Brannon Aden (Julie Tauzin), Allison Aden Simon (Clint), and Meredith Blair Aden Lowe (Mason), and his 4 grandchildren, Aubrey LaFleur Simon (24), Stewart Aden Simon (22), Patrick Tindall Simon (20), and Campbell Mason Lowe (8).

A memorial service was held October 9 at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson.

Memorials may be made in his name to Reformed Theological Seminary, 4268 I-55 North, Jackson, MS 39211, First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, MS, or the charity of your choice.

### George Martin Walker

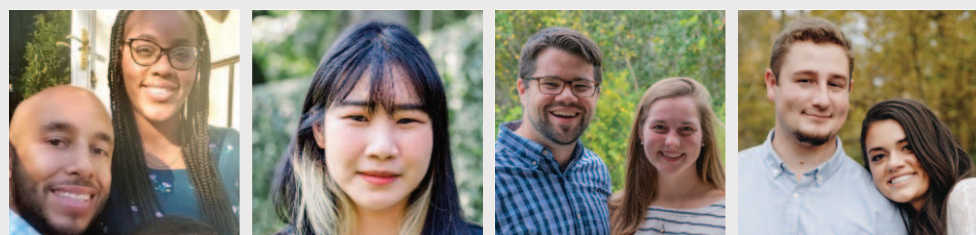
George Martin Walker, age 93, of Madison, departed this world to be with the Lord on October 3, 2023.

Funeral services were held at Broadmoor Baptist Church on October 7, 2023.

Memorial donations may be made in George's name to American Diabetes Association, Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery and Broadmoor Baptist Church ESL Program



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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE LAY, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2022-729 (C)

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 16th day of September, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Bobby Joe Lay, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

THIS, the 6th day of October, 2023.

*/s/ Sandra Shelton*  
SANDRA SHELTON, Administrator of the Estate of Bobby Joe Lay, Deceased

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

**ROY KEITH EASLEY, DECEASED**  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023-296 (C)

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
(Unknown Heirs)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE HEIRS AT LAW OF ROY KEITH EASLEY, DECEASED, WHOSE NAMES AND STREET ADDRESSES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN TO PETITIONER, ROBERT KEITH EASLEY, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROY KEITH EASLEY, AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY.

You have been made Defendants in the Petition filed in this Court by Robert Keith Easley, Administrator of the Estate of ROY KEITH EASLEY, Deceased, seeking to determine the heirs at law of ROY KEITH EASLEY, Deceased, and requesting that the Court enter a Judgment adjudicating that these three heirs are the only heirs at law of ROY KEITH EASLEY, Deceased, and if you fail to appear and defend, a Judgment may be entered against you for the things demanded in the Petition to Determine Heirs. You are not required to file an Answer or other response, but you may do so if you desire. If so, your Answer or response should be filed with the Clerk of this Court by the date of the hearing set forth below. A copy of your Answer or response should also be mailed or hand-delivered to Kimberly M. Phillips, attorney for Robert Keith Easley, and the Estate of ROY KEITH EASLEY, Deceased, Post Office Box 258, Brandon, Mississippi 39043.

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS**  
YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear at 9:00 a.m. on 29 th day of November, 2023, before the Honorable Robert G. Clark, III, Chancellor, at the Madison County Courthouse in Canton, 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 10th day of October, 2023.

Ronny Lott, *Chancery Clerk*  
Madison County, Mississippi

By: \_\_\_\_\_ D.C.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on or about July 31, 2013, Livingston Township Fund One, LLC executed that certain Deed of Trust to Stephen Van Sickle, Trustee, in favor of Bank of Montgomery which was filed for record on July 31, 2013, at Instrument #710185, in Book 2983 at Page 488, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Madison County, Mississippi, (the "Deed of Trust"); and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2018, Bank of Montgomery changed its name to BOM Bank ("BOM Bank"); and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2022, BOM Bank executed a Partial Release as to a certain tract containing 0.055 acres, more or less, as more particularly described in that certain Partial Release, which was filed for record on November 15, 2022, at Instrument #72261, in Book T-4278 at Page 310.00, in the Chancery Clerk's office of Madison County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2023, BOM Bank appointed and substituted Jim F. Spencer, Jr. as Substituted Trustee in the place and stead of Stephen Van Sickle, the original trustee of the Deed of Trust, as was set forth to do under the terms of said Deed of Trust, said Substitution of Trustee being recorded on September 18, 2023 at Instrument #98601, in Book T-4370 at Page 832.00, in the Chancery Clerk's office of Madison County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, BOM Bank, 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 for the purpose of raising sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim F. Spencer, Jr., the undersigned Substituted Trustee, will sell during the legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) on the 6th day of November, 2023, at the south main front door of the Madison County Courthouse, 128 W. North Street, Canton, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property located and being situated in Madison County, State of Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: A parcel of land lying and situated in Section 8, Township 8 North, Range 1 East, Madison County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Start at a cotton picker spindle designated as reference point #1 and run thence S 46 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds E for a distance of 1199.02 feet to a cotton picker spindle designated as reference point #2; thence run S 31 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds E for a distance of 283.57 feet to a cotton picker spindle designated as reference point #3; thence run S 24 degrees 48 minutes 41 seconds E for a distance of 809.02 feet to a concrete monument at the northeast plat corner of Chestnut Hill Part 1A, a subdivision of which the map or plat is of record and on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Madison County, Mississippi, said plat corner being the Point of Commencement for the parcel herein described. From said Point of Commencement run along the westerly right-of-way of Highway 463 per Federal Aid Secondary Project #S-0516(4)A for the

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following calls: northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 1195.92 feet, a delta angle of 14 degrees 31 minutes 40 seconds, a chord bearing of N 31 degrees 37 minutes 37 seconds W, a chord length of 302.42 feet, and an arc length of 303.23 feet, for a distance of 303.23 feet to a point; N 24 degrees 59 minutes 50 seconds W for a distance of 504.18 feet to a point; northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 1382.39 feet, a delta angle of 28 degrees 49 minutes 49 seconds, a chord bearing of N 40 degrees 08 minutes 06 seconds W, a chord length of 688.28 feet, and an arc length of 695.80 feet, for a distance of 695.80 feet to a point; N 53 degrees 12 minutes 24 seconds W for a distance of 312.49 feet to a point; northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 1195.92 feet, a delta angle of 19 degrees 51 minutes 14 seconds, a chord bearing of N 43 degrees 06 minutes 20 seconds W, a chord length of 412.33 feet, and an arc length of 414.40 feet, for a distance of 414.40 feet to an iron pin; thence run northwesterly, along the said westerly right-of-way of Highway 463 and the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 1195.92 feet, a delta angle of 13 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds, a chord bearing of N 26 degrees 38 minutes 40 seconds W, a chord length of 272.16 feet, and an arc length of 272.77 feet, for a distance of 272.77 feet to a point; thence run N 56 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds W, along said westerly right-of-way, for a distance of 204.84 feet to an iron pin which is the Point of Beginning of the parcel herein described. From said Point of Beginning run thence S 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds W for a distance of 223.12 feet to a point; thence run S 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds E for a distance of 92.80 feet to a point; thence run S 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds W for a distance of 115A4 feet to a point; thence run S 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds E for a distance of 30.50 feet to a point; thence run S 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds W for a distance of 116.40 feet to a point; thence run N 47 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds W for a distance of 165.46 feet to an iron pin; thence run S 50 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds W for a distance of 56.77 feet to a point; thence run N 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds W for a distance of 116.40 feet to a point; thence run N 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds E for a distance of 240.00 feet to an iron pin; thence run S 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds E for a distance of 189.25 feet to a point; thence run N 46 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds E for a distance of 77.06 feet to a point; thence run N 43 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds W for a distance of 189.58 feet to an iron pin; thence run northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 81.00 feet, a delta angle of 50 degrees 53 minutes 58 seconds, a chord bearing of N 18 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds W, a chord length of 69.61 feet, and an arc length of 71.96 feet, for a distance of 71.96 feet to a point; thence run N 1 degree 59 minutes 14 seconds E for a distance of 35.18 feet to a point; thence run N 07 degrees 28 minutes 09 seconds E for a distance of 78.42 feet to an iron pin on the southerly right-of-way of Highway 22 per Federal Aid Secondary Project #S-515-1(1); thence run easterly along said southerly right-of-way and the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 1195.92 feet, a delta angle of 16 degrees 18 minutes 43 seconds, a chord bearing of N 89 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds E, a chord length of 339.32 feet, and an arc length of 340.47 feet, for a distance of 340.47 feet to a point at the intersection of said southerly right-of-way of Highway 22 with the said westerly right-of-way of Highway 463; thence run S 56 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds E, along said westerly right-of-way, for a distance of 61.73 feet to the Point of Beginning.

thence you in this action are none. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00a.m. on the 1st day of December, 2023, before the Honorable Cynthia Brewer, in the Courtroom of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi in Madison, 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 the seal of the said Court, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2023.

**RONNIE LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK**

(SEAL) BY: \_\_\_\_\_ D.C

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2014 NISSAN VERSA, VIN #3N1NP7AP6L835407, S 3985.75. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday October 20, 2023 at Big Byrd Towing LLC, located at 120 E. State St. Ridgeland, MS 39157 at 10:00 A.M.

**NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to those parties in interest that there will be a hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at City Hall, 100 W. School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi, for the purpose of determining whether or not to adopt amendments to Section 520 (Technical Industrial Park) of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland for purposes of specifically enumerating data centers and data center related facilities and public/qa si-public facilities and utilities associated with data centers as permitted land uses within Technical Industrial Park District (TIP). A copy of the proposed revision may be reviewed at City Hall and a copy may be obtained by contacting Jordan Lohman, City Planner, at 601-856-3877.

APPROVED:  
*/s/ Paula Tierce*  
Paula Tierce, City Clerk  
October 3, 2023

Publish: October 12, 2023

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APPROVED:  
*/s/ Paula Tierce*  
Paula Tierce, City Clerk  
October 3, 2023

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALTER M. COOK, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO. 23-1063 (B)

TAMMY F. COOK, EXECUTRIX

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 10th day of October 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, 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 pursuant to Miss. Code. Ann 91-7-151.

This the 10th day of October 2023.  
*/s/ Tammy F. Cook, Executrix*

Prepared by: Jeff Arnold (MSB #104335)  
Attorney for the Executrix  
Arnold Law Firm, LLC  
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Brandon, MS 39042  
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**NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to those parties in interest that there will be a hearing on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at City Hall, 100 W. School Street, Ridgeland, Mississippi, for the purpose of determining whether or not a Petition and Application for Re-zoning Real Property shall be granted, and corresponding amendment to the City's Zoning Map, with respect to the described property in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi.

Those certain parcels of real property located in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, near the intersection of Highland Colony Parkway and West County Line Road, comprising approximately 784.2 contiguous acres, more or less, located in parts of Sections 28, 33 and 34, Township 7N, Range 1E, and depicted on the Madison County, Mississippi, tax map by the following parcel numbers:

071H-34A-001/03.00  
071H-34A-001/07.00  
071H-34B-001/01.00  
071H-34B-001/03.00  
071H-34C-001/01.00  
071H-34C-001/03.00  
071H-34C-002/00.00  
071H-34C-003/00.00  
071H-34C-004/00.00  
071H-34D-001/01.00  
071H-34D-001/04.00  
071H-33-038/00.00  
071H-34B-001/02.00  
071H-34C-001/02.00  
071H-33-036/00.00  
071H-28-002/01.00  
071H-33-037/01.00  
071H-33-037/02.00

APPROVED:  
*/s/ Paula Tierce*  
Paula Tierce, City Clerk  
October 3, 2023

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**RULE 81 SUMMONS**

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

YOUTH COURT DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF B.K.H., A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH LINDSEY HERR, YOUTH COURT PROSECUTOR AND NEXT FRIEND AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM, JOSHUA COE PETITIONER

V. CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-344

MAKALA ARIYON HARRIS, MARTAVIOUS TRALOR, and ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER RESPONDENTS  
TO: MAKAYLA ARIYON HARRIS, Wherever she may be found

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 am on November 9, 2023 before the Honorable Staci O'Neal, Madison County Youth Court, 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 complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 4 day of October,

## Public Notices

2023.

ANITA WRAY  
MADISON COUNTY CLERK

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2018 NISSAN PATHFINDER, VIN #5N1DR2MN4JG605062, #4023.20. Public sale of this abandoned/unclaimed vehicle and its contents will be held on Friday October 13, 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

IN RE: YUJIA XU AKA CHENXI XU , A MINOR  
CAUSE NO.: 23-1034W  
YANLING NI, PETITIONER

**RULE 81 SUMMONS**  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: LIN CHEN

**NOTICE TO PARTY OF INTEREST**

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 said Complaint at 11:30 AM on the 17th day of November 2023, at the courthouse at the Chancery Court of Madison County, located at 146 W Center St, Canton, Mississippi 39046 and in your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire . If you choose to file an answer the original must be filed with the Madison County Chancery Clerk, Canton, Mississippi.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 25th day of September, 2023.

Ronny Lott  
Chancery Clerk,  
Madison County, Mississippi

Notice of sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles for the following: 2012 HONDA ACCORD, VIN # 1HGCP2F43C A140154, \$4092.75 and a 1998 LEXUS GS 300, VIN # JTB8D68S3W0039713, \$3959.00. Public sale of these abandoned/unclaimed vehicles and their contents will be held on Friday October 20, 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

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE HUDSON WILKERSON, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO. 2023-987(W)

PETITIONER, KAREN OWENS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 25th day of September, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of ALICE HUDSON WILKERSON, 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 3rd day of November, 2023.

KAREN OWENS, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE HUDSON WILKERSON, deceased.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTYE F. COIL, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO.: 2023-854C

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary (Ancillary Administration) having been issued on August 25, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, to the undersigned of the ESTATE OF BETTYE F. COIL, DECEASED, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present such claims to the Clerk of such Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or such claims will be forever barred.

This, the 9th day of October, 2023.

Gene D. Roberson, III, Personal Representative of the Estate of Bettye F. Coil, Deceased

*s/Lacey L. Bailey*  
By: Lacey L. Bailey (MSB #103041)

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PUBLICATION DATES: October 12, 2023; October 19, 2023 and October 26, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOKI K. HOLLIS, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23-918B  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters Testamentary having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Toki K. Hollis, Deceased, on the 26th day of September, 2023, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this 28th day of September, 2023

*/s/ Mary Ellen Hugus Executrix of the Estate of Toki K. Hollis, Deceased*

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EN EL TRIBUNAL DE LA CANCELERIA DEL CONDADO DE MADISON, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: RYLEIGH JAYDE REECE, A MINOR CAUSE NO. 2023-784W BY AND THROUGH QUSHENA REECE, NATURAL MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND OF RYEIGH JAYDE REECE, A MINOR RULE 81 SUMMONS TO: Reashad Curtis Ward Biological Father of Ryeigh Jayde Reece Whose address is Unknown You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Petitioner Qushena Reece on the Petition for Authority to Settle and Compromise Doubtful Claim of a Minor. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chancery Courtroom of the Madison County Chancery/Administrative Building, Mississippi in Canton, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief as requested in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you so desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 15th day of September, 2023.

RONNIE LOTT, CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES JOSEPH FOUGEROUSSE, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 2023-711B

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been issued on the 19th day of July, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the Estate of James Joseph Fougrousse, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

THIS THE 22nd day of September, 2023.

*/s/ Renee McGlothlin*  
RENEE MCGLOTHLIN,  
ADMINISTRATRIX OF  
THE ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE FLOWLER, DECEASED

JOEY HOOD, Attorney at Law  
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**Overcoming the devil through Christ**

In Daniel chapter 12, we get to the end of a prophecy an angel is giving to Daniel that began in chapter ten. Daniel twelve is about “the time of the end.” Verse one says, “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time.”

In Revelation 12, the coming of Christ coming into the world is connected with Michael and his angels fighting against Satan and his angels. Satan, called “the deceiver of the whole world,” is cast down to the earth, and his angels are thrown down with him. Cast down to the earth shows a restriction of the power of the devil.

In Revelation 20, the devil is bound for this purpose: “so that he might not deceive the nations any longer.” We can assume the angel doing the binding was Michael. And it is probably also the case that the one who restrains the “man of lawlessness” Paul mentions in 2nd Thessalonians 2 is also Michael. This restraint of the devil means that Christ will build His church as the gospel is proclaimed to all the nations that are in darkness. Christ is the light of the world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

In Revelation 12, Satan being cast down doesn’t prevent him from making war on the saints. Peter teaches us that the devil, “prowls around like a roaring lion seeking whom he might devour.” So we must always be watchful over our souls. But the promise is that the one in Christians (the Holy Spirit) is greater than Satan, so Christians might suffer, but they need not be deceived. They have the truth of Christ, and will overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb.

Daniel 12:1 says there will be trouble at some point unlike any other. Trouble comes in many forms, but the danger from this trouble is the threat of being deceived. It is the time Jesus in Matthew 24 says might even deceive the elect (His people) if that was possible.

We also see this time in Revelation 13 when the beast controlled by the devil is worshipped by the whole world except for those “written before the foundation of the

world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.” Not coincidentally, we find the exact language in Daniel 12:1, “But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.”

Having your name in the book is of critical importance. Those in it have salvation and the value of salvation is shown in verse 2: “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” The Lord Jesus references these words when He says in John 5 that He will be the Judge of men and that some will be resurrected on that day to life and others to the resurrection of judgment.

So we should ask, first, how can I not be deceived by the devil, and secondly, how can I know my name is written in the book of life? To understand the answer to both, we need to face the reality of the “everlasting” nature of the judgment. It is clear from this passage that even if hell itself breaks loose on earth, there will be nothing more important at that moment than our relationship to God. We shall be face to face with our own destiny.

The Lord makes clear that the judgment will determine the state of our soul forever. Christ’s resurrection proves that whatever He says about the future resurrection of men is true. Verse 2 says men will be raised to shame and everlasting contempt. This points us to the truth of the gospel.

Jesus died naked and shamefully on the cross because He suffered God’s judgement in the place of sinners. Men who hear the gospel are offered forgiveness of their sins, and to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ; all sin gone from God’s sight. Without Christ, the guilt and shame of sin remains when men stand in judgment. They will not be in the Lamb’s book of life.

Those who do not have Christ will stand before God and their sins will be made public. There will never be an offer from God to clothe them with the robes of Christ’s righteousness. That offer is now, in this world. It is in knowing Christ that you can know that your name is in the book of life.




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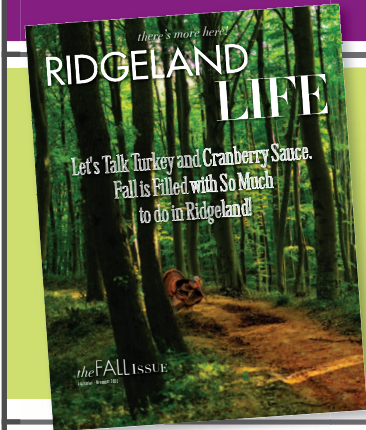
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- [Ridgeland-MS.MyFreeAlerts.com](http://Ridgeland-MS.MyFreeAlerts.com)
- Visit our website and sign-up by clicking Ridgeland Alert on the homepage
- Text your zip code to 38276 to receive emergency alerts via SMS only



**RIDGELAND SCARE trail CROW**

CONTEST OPEN TO ALL ENTER TO WIN

**SCARECROW DECORATING contest**

411 W Jackson Street, Ridgeland  
 October 1 - November 26, 2023

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER**

**Cycle Out Kids Cancer**

A fundraiser bike ride through west Madison County with donations going to Children's of Mississippi Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

**DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2023 • 7:30 A.M.**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:**  
 Cycle out Kids Cancer • [bikesignup.com](http://bikesignup.com)

- All level riders are welcome
- Distance options are available
- Rest stops and bike support provided
- Complimentary tailgate meal and music
- Registration is required to participate

*Don't miss this important opportunity to put your pedals to a purpose and cycle out kids' cancer!*

**RIDGELAND SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMS**

Our mission is to provide a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment where adults over 50 can come to participate in activities to enhance their physical, mental and emotional well-being.

**Programs Include:**

- Group Exercise Classes
- Seated & Standing Yoga
- Line Dancing
- Martial Arts
- Tap Dancing
- Men's Bible & Coffee
- Seasonal Craft Workshops
- Pickleball
- Bridge
- Bingo
- Garden Club
- Art Workshops & more!

For more information call 601.856.6876 or email [neely.jones@ridgelandms.org](mailto:neely.jones@ridgelandms.org).  
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 Find our monthly newsletter at [ridgelandms.org](http://ridgelandms.org).

**RIDGELAND recreation & parks senior adult programs**

**VETERANS DAY**

REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Veterans Day Ceremony**

Ridgeland City Hall  
 Veterans Memory Park  
 100 West School Street  
 November 11, 2023 at 11 o'clock a.m.

..... Thank You TO OUR Sponsors .....



**RIDGELAND recreation & parks 2023**