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Henderson finishes hiking Appalachian Trail at age 80

By Brad Crowe

Robert Kurson once wrote, "It's never too late in life to have a genuine adventure." In a world where time seems ever so fleeting, many lose the courage to believe that statement to be true. On occasion, however, those brave enough to pursue their dreams achieve special feats that inspire us all to dream bigger. Such is the case with Ovet, Mississippi's very own Carolyn Henderson, who — on her 80th birthday — completed her long-time dream of hiking all 2,190 miles of the great Appalachian Trail.

Mrs. Carolyn's dream was born in January of 1978. She and her family had just returned to the United States after living in Sin-

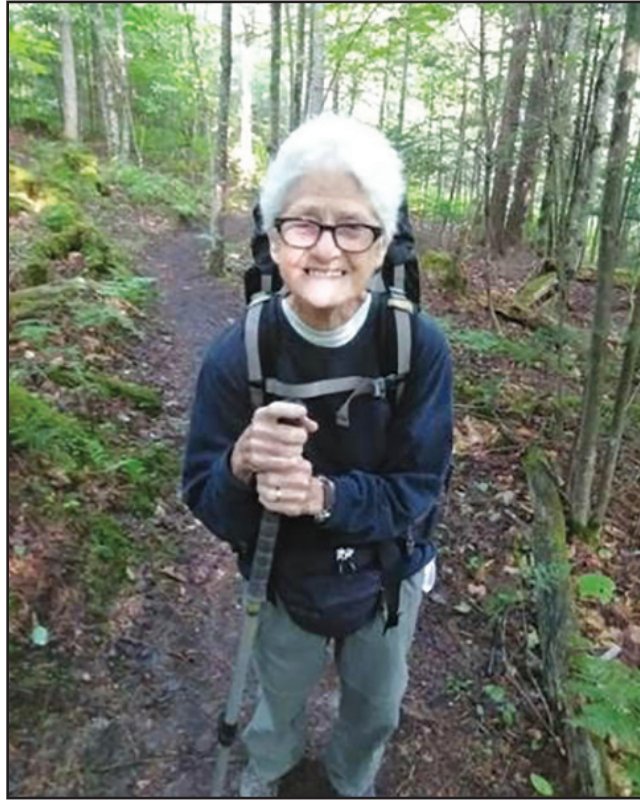
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**BOBBIE SPRADLEY
DAUGHTER**

gapore for three and a half years. While shopping for groceries at Piggly Wiggly, she noticed a magazine with a photo of Emma Gatewood, more commonly known as "Grandma Gatewood," the first woman to ever hike the entire Appalachian Trail. "I was so enthused," recalled Mrs. Carolyn. "I bought the magazine and read the article, and I was ready to go right then."

In preparation, Mrs. Carolyn decided to learn everything she could about the trail. In July of 1978, she became a member of both the Appalachian Trail Conference — now known as the Appalachian Trail Conservancy — and the Georgia Trail Club. Her son Mark Henderson, who was nine at the time, accompanied his mother on her very first hike, and the two continued exploring together for six years until Mark chose to pursue his own aspirations as a young teen. Mrs. Carolyn continued hiking on her own, and her passion continued growing with every mile. "I decided

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Carolyn Henderson, 80, smiles for a photo before completing the final stretch of the Appalachian Trail in the Kinsman Mountains. Photo/Bobbie Spradley

in '96 that I wanted to do it," she recalled. "I wanted finish the whole thing." From Georgia to Maine, she ventured through each and every section of the trail. She hiked several of them multiple times, but it was not until 1996 that she began logging the miles in her data book and crossing each section off the list.

Her journeys often presented challenges, but the obstacles only created stronger memories. Once her faithful hiking dog, Skeeter, shot straight down the side of a steep cliff to investigate a noise that caught his attention. "I just turned around, and I started crying," said Mrs. Carolyn. "I just knew I had lost my dog. But low and behold, I looked down, and that rascal was stretched out on his stomach just crawling up the side of the mountain at an angle. Skeeter could do anything."

Through all her adventures, Mrs. Carolyn has memories of many beautiful sites. "The most beautiful [section] to me was in Maine, which reminded me so much of Anchorage, Alaska, where my husband and I lived for a short time. But as far as favorite hiking trails, I always really enjoyed the national parks! I loved the Smokies, as well as Shenandoah in Virginia. They were just always so well kept and seeing all of the animals was wonderful. Once I had an old mama bear cross the trail with her two cubs just right in front of me! I didn't check up, and she didn't either. She kept going right down the mountain, and I kept going right up the other direction."

Two weeks ago on July 12, her 80th birthday, the dream that was born at a Piggly Wiggly in 1978 was finally completed. Mrs. Carolyn traveled to Mount Kinsman in New Hampshire with her son Mark, where she hiked 3.7 miles across the last section of the Appalachian Trail to be crossed out of her book. Through years and years of commitment and perseverance, she accomplished a feat that very few — of any age — can claim to have accomplished. Mrs. Carolyn's hope is that she may inspire others to follow their dreams, just as Grandma Gatewood's inspired her 40 years ago to follow her own.

"She works so hard to stay in shape to do the things she loves,"

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HANDBAGS and HIGH HEELS

Happy Wednesday, readers! This week, I want to talk about a different kind of shopping – back to school shopping. My son starts kindergarten in a few short weeks, so I am starting to purchase all of his essentials for school.

I am not what some people refer to as an “over-achieving mom.” There are the moms who bake fancy cupcakes for school parties and create extravagant gift bags for guests to take home from birthdays – and then there is me. If I am asked to bring cookies for a school party, I go to the Walmart bakery and grab the ready-made box. I work a 40-hour week and spend my nights cooking dinner, entertaining my kid, tending to our chocolate lab, feeding the fish, walking the turtles (yes, we have added two box turtles to our growing list of pets), and occasionally doing laundry or running the dishwasher. I don’t have the time or the energy to bake.

That same lack of enthusiasm extends to school supply shopping. The best thing ever invented is the “Find Your School” button on Target’s website. You find your child’s school supply list, and with the click of a button, everything is added to your cart. Walmart



EMILY HALL
FASHION COLUMNIST

has that feature, too, but you have to manually add all of the items to your cart. I utilized Target’s feature earlier today. While it was much easier than enduring the crowds of people in the stores, I still have questions about some things that ended up in my cart.

One item on my son’s list is glue sticks. That makes sense. Kindergartners do a lot of arts and crafts. Specifically, the glue sticks have to be purple. They said that helps the kids to see where they are gluing. Again, it makes sense. Here is where they lose me, though. The teacher is requesting 24 glue sticks. 24!! Multiply that by approximately 25 kids in the class and you get 600 glue sticks! What in the world are a bunch of 5-year-olds going to do with 600 glue sticks? If I don’t see a life-size paper replica of Hattiesburg at the end of the school year, I will be disappointed.

The next item on the list is Crayola crayons. I guess my habit of buying Up & Up, the generic Target brand, ends here. I wonder what would happen if I sent the off-brand. Would he be able to use them, or would he be forced to sit in the corner donning a cone of shame

while his fellow classmates happily colored with their name-brand crayons? For my child’s sake, I won’t test that theory . . . this year.

One bottle of Germ-X hand sanitizer is on list. Why does it have to be Germ-X, which is oddly not available on the Target website? Generic hand sanitizer does the same job, and it’s half the price. Looks like I’ll be jumping ship from Target over to Walmart.com for this purchase. I’m sorry, Target. I still love you the best.

Here is one of my favorites – construction paper, divided by color. Who has time to sit at home and divide up 100 sheets of paper by color? Not even my slightly OCD husband would enjoy that activity. I did notice that the instructions to divide by color have this disclaimer at the end – “if possible.” Guess what? Unless the package comes already divided, it’s not happening. My closet is the only thing I willingly color-coordinate.

This is another fun one – two large boxes of Kleenex tissue. Here we go with the name-brand requests again, and again, Up & Up brand didn’t make the cut. Here is a fun fact – Kleenex boxes don’t come in packages of two online. They come in packages of three or four. Well played, teachers. Well played. All of these items are sitting in my cart waiting for me to hit the purchase button. They can wait a little longer. I think I’ll reach out to my teacher friends first to see how they feel about off-brands.

Emily Hall is the Fashion Columnist for the Impact. Share your thoughts on school supplies with her at emily@impactads.com.

Dance Alliance from BYU-Idaho to perform July 26 at Saenger



Brigham Young University-Idaho’s premier touring dance group, Dance Alliance, will be performing in Hattiesburg at the Hattiesburg Saenger Theater on Thursday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. as part of this summer’s tour to cities in the southern United States.

Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased at Dance Fantasy or at the Saenger theater on the day of the performance. Tickets online at www.hattiesburgsaenger.com be \$10.00

The company of 35 BYU-Idaho students will participate in a two-week tour themed “Dreams to Discover.” The Dance Alliance repertoire is unique in that encompasses many genres of dance including ballet, ball-

room, swing, tap, jazz, world and contemporary. The company takes pride in its ability to keep its music, costuming and choreography modest and family appropriate.

Since its creation in the 1970s, the group has performed at various locations across the world, including many countries in Europe, Central and South America. Last summer, the troupe performed in Eastern Canada as part of that country’s 150th Anniversary.

BYU-Idaho is located in Rexburg, Idaho, and serves more than 20,000 students from all 50 states and over 40 countries.

For more information call Susan Albert at 601-270-6893.

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Join the Jones County Chamber for a program featuring female leaders who have left their mark on the Jones County business community as they highlight issues facing modern working women.

Mississippi’s First Lady Deborah Bryant will cap the day of empowerment and education with a keynote where she will share her passion for servant leadership.

The program is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15 from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at South Central Place in Laurel. This is a lunchtime educational seminar and networking event that you don’t want to miss.

Opening remarks will be made by Robin Robinson, director of organization development for Sanderson Farms.

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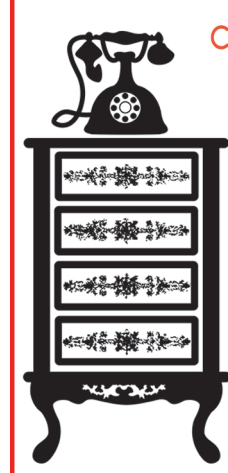
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The Story Teller: How special are the places we call our church homes

By Martha McCarty

As a little girl sitting in that sanctuary, I always felt as if I were a princess in a castle. The high vaulted ceiling, the dark stained woodwork, the colorful windows with their pointed tops, and the sheer size of the room all worked their magic to make me expect the king to appear at any moment! Little did I know then that I was, in reality, in the presence of the King. In fact, He was the King of all Kings, and I was truly sitting in his presence, among so many who had come to pay respect and honor!

I grew up in the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Fifth Avenue and 5th Street here in Laurel, and it was within its walls and under the influence of some mighty fine folks that I was offered a rich understanding and appreciation of our Heavenly Father. I am so grateful that my parents were drawn to worship here and that we, even as children, knew that we too were vital to its congregation.

There is one thing that our home town has never lacked, and that is her many churches and her godly people. Regardless of what denomination one might choose, Laurel and her surrounding communities offer many houses of worship in which her people may gather with others of like faith.

With so many from which to choose, I have often wondered, "Just what is it about a church that we look for, and why would any certain one be chosen over another? What is it about a church that it would become one's 'home church?'" What do you so appreciate about yours?

As a four-year-old child, I felt like I was with family when I went to Sunday school. I remember one Christmas morning being on Sunday and how important it was for Padge, Pippy and me to take our new dolls to show to our teacher. We really believed that she would want to see them. And she did, or she surely fooled us.

The Christmas services were so special! We had the worship service in the sanctuary and later the Santa movie and gift sharing in the Kirk House. All of the families gathered for both. And the family night suppers and programs on the stage were such fun. Once I made up a silly poem about my dentist, Dr. Weaver, and can still see his laughing face when I recited it from the stage. Our folks were more than just members: we were family!

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When in junior high, my classmates gathered in our sanctuary for the funeral of one of our own. Paula had died of leukemia, and we, as youths, had to face the harsh reality of her death. I think it was Dr. Tucker who spoke that morning and who told us that even if she could come back, she would choose not to do so. He told us a bit of what she was experiencing in Heaven and that she'd not trade her place there to return to us. That was my first serious thought of what might be awaiting even me there, and I have never forgotten the peace I felt after he spoke.

As teens we sat in the balcony. Up there no one's mama or grandmother could give us "that look" or make us not whisper quietly to each other, and we could look down and see everyone else from way up there. We felt so grown up and even scolded one of our own for her having slipped a banana into church! No one allowed young children to sit up there, and ours was a privilege we didn't want to lose. I never realized during those services that Dr. Tucker could and did see us all very well.

Kenny and I were married in that sanctuary, and, oh, the thrill of that day! My bridal party made its way from the bride's dressing room below up those winding stairs in the back of the vestibule, and my maid of honor – my little sister Ann – cried all the way up those stairs. I remember telling her that I was happy and



that there was no reason for her tears. She then told me that she wasn't at all happy that I would be leaving home and that, "Nothing will ever be the same!"

Several years later, Kenny and I were blessed to christen our two oldest children there. In turn they each wore the dress that Mother's mother had hand-made for me to wear when I had been christened so many years earlier. And it was around in the new, west wing addition that I took my babies to the nursery and later to Sunday school too.

It was on the top floor, up by what we children used to call the tower, that years later I taught 6th grade for several years. We were up there and locked securely in my classroom the day that a prisoner escaped from the jail behind the court house. He had come into the church through the front doors and had hidden from the police somewhere in the church. I kept my doors locked and my children tucked away in an alcove in the rear of the room until the police came to our door to escort us all out of the building. I've not since then seen that many children in one place be that quiet as they were that morning, slip-

ping down those three flights of stairs and out of that building! The officers had told them to be very quiet, and I suppose they thought that their lives depended on their doing so!

Oh, yes, our churches do hold many memories for those of us who have been around a while, and the buildings that we call our churches are special places indeed. We bring our babies to the nurseries and often sign them up on 'cradle rolls' even before they're born. We bring them back and dedicate them and ourselves to our Lord. We make efforts to attend Sunday schools and sermons every week, and we gather for all sorts of celebrations, be they weddings, feasts or funerals, and we call the place our home. So why? What is it that makes this house a home?

My friend, it's the people who make a place a home, whether it's our family dwelling or our place of worship, and when it's His people who gather there, the King does come on the scene! He is what we look for, whether we know it's so or not, and it's where we finally find Him that we feel so much at home. Because He lives now within His people, others find Him in us. Without God's people in it, a building is only that. So, when we look around our town and see her many churches, isn't it grand to imagine them all filled to overflowing with God's people and His glorious presence. It's really no wonder that Laurel's such a wonderful place to be! May we all be conscious to allow others to

LRMA awarded \$26,100 grant from Mississippi Arts Commission

Lauren Rogers Museum of Art has been awarded a \$26,100 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC). This grant is a portion of the nearly \$1.4 million in grants the Commission will award in 2018-2019 and will be used for general operating support. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"The Mississippi Arts Commission supports arts activities in nearly every corner of the state through grants to arts organizations, schools, communities and units of governments," said Malcolm White, executive director of MAC. "The projects and programming these organizations produce with MAC funds helps enrich our state's communities. This funding helps organizations provide arts experiences and educational opportunities to people who may not otherwise have access to the arts."

The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art is a private, non-profit organization operating for the benefit of the public. Opened in 1923, the Museum features collections of American and European art, British Georgian silver, and Japanese woodblock prints, and a Native American Basket Collection. The Museum is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Seventh Street in historic downtown Laurel. For more information call 601.649.6374 or visit www.LRMA.org.

For information from the Mississippi Arts Commission, contact Anna Ehr Gott, communications director, 601-359-6546 or aehrgott@arts.ms.gov.

Appalachian hiking from P. 1



Henderson takes a photo with group of young hikers who were inspired by her accomplishment. Photo/Bobbie Spradley

said her daughter, Bobbie Spradley. "Hiking is so much more than a physical endeavor; it's also a mental attitude. To do something like that gives you such an immense sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. Believe me: if you can climb a mountain carrying a 27-pound bag, you can do anything!"

When asked what her advice to those who hear her story would be, Mrs. Carolyn responded, "Always stay active and don't ever, ever quit. Follow your dreams, and don't ever let anybody tell you that you can't. I'm a prime example that you can. If one good thing was to become of this, I would just hope that I could encourage somebody to follow their dreams and never get up."

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JULY 27
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JULY 28
The descendants of Thomas Jefferson Huff and Green Graves will hold their annual reunions on Saturday, July 28 at the Hebron United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (located next to Hebron Community Center and Hebron Baptist Church), right off Highway 84 West at 9:00 am. All descendants and friends are invited to attend and bring a covered dish. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am.

Pleasant Valley MB Church, Laurel, invites you to our Youth Prayer Breakfast hosted by the JR. Brotherhood on Saturday, July 28 at 9:00 a.m. The theme will be love, joy, peace and faithfulness. There will be a different guest speaker for each subject.

On July 28, starting at 9:00 a.m., Salem Baptist Church, Paulding's Outreach Ministry, will be hosting a gas giveaway at the Chevron station in Heidelberg. The first 100 cars will get \$10 of gas.

New Life in Christ Outreach Ministry, 226 Ellisville Blvd, Laurel, will have a "free clothes" giveaway on Saturday, July 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

JULY 29
New Beaver Meadow Church invites you and your church family to our Men and Women's Day Program on July 29 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Russell Jones, First Baptist Church of Heidelberg, will be the guest speaker for the occasion. The dress code will be Hawaiian themed. Ladies can wear floral dresses, and men can wear floral shirts with jeans or khaki pants.

New Jerusalem FG Church invites you to our Youth Got Talent program on July 29 at 3:30 p.m. Sing, dance, music, instruments, skit, poem, comedy, whatever you can do, we want to see it! For more information, call Melissa Nix, youth director, at 601-319-6786.

Please join us for the Fifth Sunday Community Unity Church Service at Gavin Chapel Presbyterian Church on July 29 at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Jessie McGee will be the presiding minister with Rev. George Keys Jr. providing the message. Please join us in supporting the youth of Bay Springs and the surrounding area.

Koinonia Missionary Baptist Church, located 603 Chippewah Drive, Laurel, will be celebrating the Church's 13th year anniversary on Sunday, July 29. The service will start at 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Brother Herbert Walker, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Sandersville. The public is cordially invited.

New Life in Christ church invites you to our "Friends and Family Day" on Sunday, July 29 at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Youth Department of New Jerusalem Full Gospel Church invites you the public to our upcoming services on July 29 at 3:30 p.m. for our Youth Got Talent Show. For more information call Director Melissa Nix, 601-319-6786, or Candace Jordan, 601-577-2603.

AUGUST 3
Laurel Little Theatre has just announced the upcoming 2018-2019 season and have begun their annual season ticket membership drive. Featuring two amazing musicals and two awesome comedies, there's an entire season of great stories for everyone. The new season kicks off August 3-5 and 10-12 with the Southern comedy "Rex's Exes," which will be directed by Will Hodges. LLT offers a full season membership ticket that has savings up to 39 percent off single ticket prices and makes the average price of attending live theatre less than a movie. The 4-punch LLT Season Member Ticket is \$45 (seniors or students), \$50 (adults), \$90 (two 4-punch season tickets for a couple) or \$170 (four season tickets for a family of four). The annual season brochure has just gone out and you can request a copy of it by mailing LLTLaurelMS@aol.com or it can be downloaded from their website: LaurelLittleTheatre.com.

AUGUST 4
East Laurel Church of Christ invites you to our Youth Revival 2018 on August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents, get your teens and young adults to this event featuring Tre Beard, youth minister. There will be fun topics, food, break-out sessions, games and more. Please join us! #YourLifeMatters. For more information, call 601-620-8173.

The YWCO will have bingo night at the Y on Saturday, August 4 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, August 11 we will have a ballroom dance starting at 7:00 p.m. Then beginning on Tuesday, August 21, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. we will have a class (Burdens to Blessings) meeting every Tuesday for 8 weeks. The class will be taught by Linda Carson. Bring your own brown bag lunch. On October 2 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. we will have a "Welcome to Laurel Luncheon" for anyone new to Laurel and looking to meet people and ways to get involved in the community.

AUGUST 5
Mt. Olive UM Church, located on Hwy. 29 South of Ellisville in the Whitfield Community of Overt, will be holding our annual Homecoming on Sunday, August 5 beginning with an 11:00 a.m. worship service. Rev. James Salter will be bringing the message. There will be a covered dish luncheon afterwards.

Mt. Pleasant MB Church, Soso, invites you to our annual revival beginning on Sunday, August 5 at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served on Sunday afternoon. Weeknight services for Mon.-Fri., August 6-10 will begin at 7:00 nightly. Rev. Thomas McSwain, pastor of Old Hopewell MB Church in Collins, will be the guest speaker each night.

It's a celebration! Salem Baptist Church, Paulding, invites the public to worship with us as we celebrate 147 years of faithful service to the Kingdom of God on Sunday, August 5 at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for the occasion is Pastor Spencer Richardson of East Galilee M.B. Church, Rose Hill.

AUGUST 11
Appreciation gospel singing for Shannon Clark on August 11 at Koinonia MB Church starting at 7:00 p.m. Asking all groups, choirs, soloists and praise teams to come and be a part of this special occasion. For more information, contact Richard Pollett at 601-319-9375.

AUGUST 18
Trinity Baptist Church, Laurel, invites you to our crusade revival from August 18 -22. On Saturday, August 18 is our Back

to School rally at 6:00 p.m. Sunday August 19 services are at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday – Wednesday (August 20-22) services will begin at 7:00 p.m. The speakers will be Brother Bill Britt and Brother Joseph Walters.

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Laurel, MS. Servicios, Sabados: 6:00 p.m., Domingos: 10:00 a.m. Pastores Rafael Y Cecilia Anderson. 601-335-1453.

Al-Anon meetings are held each Monday night at 7:00 at the 24-hour Society Club House at 626 N. Magnolia Street in Laurel. Al-Anon is for families and friends for those who have addiction problems. Al-Anon hotline is 601-426-4688.

Disappointments and hurts can cause us to feel abandoned

By Dr. Bill Myers



"...for God Himself has said, 'I will never, never let go of your hand: I will never, never forsake you.' So that we fearlessly say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid: what can man do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:5-6)

No matter what we're going through at the moment or season, God reminds us that He is with us whether we "feel" it or not. Obviously, when we're going through a storm or major trial, the devil works hard to make us feel alone, abandoned, and that God is nowhere near.

Friends, this is just the opposite of the Truth (Jesus is truth). He tells us in His Word that He is with us holding our hand through every trial we face. He protects us as a mother hen protects and shelters her babies.

"Yes, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you O Lord, are always with me..." (Psalm 23)

God is encouragement and comfort. Even though trials and storms can hit hard and attack us with hurt and disappointments, they can become easier and turned around to victory "if" we will place our broken heart at the foot of the cross and trust Him to be with us and provide His protection.

"O Lord, my comfort in my suffering is this: Your

promise preserves my life." (Psalm 119:50)

When we're facing a fierce storm, which causes our emotions to be on a roller coaster, and our hearts are broken into with hurt and disappointments, our Heavenly Father is beside us with open arms. He promises He will comfort, shelter, and protect us.

Personally, many times in my life, my heart has been

"THE LORD IS MY HELPER; I WILL NOT BE AFRAID: WHAT CAN MAN DO TO ME?"

broken with hurts and disappointments, but I always knew in my heart my Heavenly Father loved me and was with me, even when I didn't feel it. His word, which is truth, offers us hope, comfort, and reassurance.

God desires to restore our "joy" (strength) so we may live a productive life again. The devil works hard to steal your joy and keep you feeling defeated.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

Prayer: "Thank you God for walking with me each step I take. Thank you for wrapping your loving arms around me and never leaving me. Thank you for healing my heart when it's been broken. Thank you for understanding my hurts and disappointments and comforting me. O God, I'm reminded today that I am your child, you love me and I'm never alone! In Jesus' name, Amen (so be it)."

I encourage you to keep your eyes on Jesus and not on your problem. He is your refuge and will take care of you, I promise!

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Fifteen JCJC cosmetology students earn certificates

By Teresa McCreery,
JCJC Media-Public Relations Director

ELLISVILLE- After a year in cosmetology classes at Jones County Junior College, 15 students have earned their career certificates and are ready to apply for their license and State Board testing. Cosmetology instructor, Sylvina Buckley and adjunct instructor, Marlette Lawrence are confident this group is ready for the next step.

“These students have worked very hard throughout the year,” said Buckley. “Long hours and standing all day can be a task in itself. They have turned out to be the professionals that we groomed them to be.”

Graduates include: Savannah Leigh Barnett of Petal; Hannah Nicole Dukette of Hattiesburg; Lynlee Michelle Dye of

Petal; Caroline Anna Kaye Green of Hattiesburg; Casey Jade Jones of Petal; David Bradley Jones of Sumrall; Kimberly Dawn Merrill of Petal; Kaley Delaine Minter of Runnelstown; Keila Joyce Mitchell of Hattiesburg; Cassandra Laine Musgrove of Purvis; Natalie Brooke Rice of Mize; Kaylin Nikole Ryals of Moselle; Hannah Elizabeth Sellers of Columbia; Holly MaryAnn Updegraff of Richton and Carly Lindsey Ward of Montrose.

These students trained for three semesters, for a total of 1,500 clock hours in the classroom and laboratory activities to become proficient as cosmetologists. For more information about the JCJC Cosmetology program contact Sylvina Buckley at 601-477-4097 or email sylvina.buckley@jcjc.edu.



JCJC Cosmetology instructor, Sylvina Buckley (left) and adjunct instructor, Marlette Lawrence (right) pose for pictures with the fifteen JCJC students graduating from the cosmetology program. Graduates pictured in the front row, left to right are Casey Jones, Caroline Green, Kaylin Ryals, Lynlee Dye, Carly Ward and Natalie Rice. Standing left to right is David Jones, Keila Mitchell, Hannah Sellers, Holly Updegraff, Kaley Minter, Hannah Dukette, Kimberly Merrill, Cassandra Musgrove and Savannah Barnett. Photo/ Teresa McCreery

Mobile phones can be annoying, even deadly

Because they enable people to make calls or send messages from just about anywhere, mobile phones can be great conveniences. But they also can be annoying when conversations, texting or perusing the Internet gets in the way of proper etiquette.

Talking loudly in public areas, texting when in the middle of a face-to-face conversation or sharing personal details in public are not just bad manners, but such behaviors also can be unsafe. Poor mobile phone etiquette is cause for some concern, but there is great cause for concern for people who find themselves routinely distracted by their mobile phones while driving or operating equipment. Using a mobile phone when driving greatly increases a person's risk of getting into an accident. Distracted driving has become something of an epidemic, as the following figures, courtesy of Don't Text and Drive, illustrate.

- Texting or doing something on your phone can distract drivers for as long as five seconds. If you're traveling at 55 miles per hour, that is the equivalent of driving the length of a football field without looking at the road.

- Texting while driving makes you 23 times more likely than normal to be in a car crash.

- Among drivers between the ages of 18 and 20 involved in car accidents in the United States, 13 percent admitted to texting or talking on their phones at the times of their crashes.

- The National Safety Council reports that cell phone use while driving leads to around 1.6 million crashes each year, with nearly 330,000 injuries occurring from such accidents.

- Cell phone usage while driving can de-



Texting while among friends may be rude, but texting while driving can be deadly.

lay a driver's reaction time as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit.

Although the majority of drivers support a ban on texting while driving, many still continue to do it. The single best way to prevent driving accidents and fatalities related to mobile phone usage is to put the phone down. Consider the following suggestions to help you avoid looking at your phone while behind the wheel.

- Keep your phone in a purse or in a bag in the back seat so that it is not readily accessible while driving. Many cars now have Bluetooth-enabled hands-free dialing and calling. So you do not need to have the phone nearby to answer a call.

- Leave your phone at home on short trips and give yourself a break from screen time.

- Set up an automatically generated text message that indicates you are driving. Other apps will read out texts to you or block incoming calls or texts altogether.

- Turn off notifications so you will not be tempted to look at your phone each time there's a new pop-up or sound.

Remember, any texts can wait until you pull over, park or arrive at your destination.

5 ways to squash back-to-school stress

(Family Features) Heading back to school is exciting for both kids and parents, but with all the thrill and anticipation, there can be quite a bit of stress, too. As a parent, you can approach the impending school year with a positive attitude and these tricks can help minimize stress and give your kids extra confidence when heading into the classroom.

Lifestyle expert and mother of two Jeannette Kaplun recommends these tips:

Start adjusting bedtimes before school starts. It's common for bedtime rules to be broken in the summer. However, an abrupt transition to early mornings can lead to stress and irritability. The National Sleep Foundation recommends implementing earlier bedtimes two weeks before school starts and setting the alarm a bit earlier each morning for a smooth transition to the first day of school.

Curb the summer slide. Screen time isn't just for passing time; leverage technology to keep the reading skills your kids learned in the classroom sharp all summer long. A device like the Fire Kids Edition tablet from Amazon is built from the ground up for kids with a two-year worry-free guarantee, a kid-proof case and a one-year subscription to Amazon FreeTime Unlimited, giving kids access to 15,000 kid-friendly books, videos, educational apps and games. Parental controls like Learn First encourage learning before playtime and allow you to set screen time limits to help get kids back into a routine for the school year. Additionally, STEM toys and games can keep math and science top of mind during the summer months and help kids excel during the school year.

Dress for success. There's a reason grownups tend to dress up for special events - when you look good, you feel good. Give your kids that same boost by helping them choose a special outfit for the first day of school that he or she feels comfortable and confident wearing. Shopping for clothes is an opportunity for your child to express individuality, so have fun with it. For added stress relief, lay out the complete ensemble the night before and have your child try it on to head off any concerns. If the routine works, try making it part of your nightly routine for stress-free mornings throughout the school year.

Simplify the shopping experience. Every back-to-school season comes with classroom supply lists and new wardrobe needs. A one-stop shop retailer like Amazon lets you complete your shopping on your own schedule, and its back-to-school store offers deals and a wide selection, making it easy to find everything from must-have items like binders, backpacks and shoes to fun gear such as glitter glue, donut erasers and emoji stickers that allow kids to express their personalities.



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

“Back-to-school shopping doesn't have to cause anxiety,” Kaplun said. “By shopping online at Amazon from your

phone, tablet or computer, you can buy everything you need without having to find a parking spot, tracking down a sales associate to help you find your child's size or standing in line to pay, saving you precious time. Plus, Prime members receive unlimited, free two-day shipping on more than 100 million items all-year long.”

Share the excitement. It's perfectly normal for parents and kids to feel anxious about the new school year. Instead of revealing your own apprehension, share your favorite memories from your time in your child's upcoming grade. Ask your kids what they're most excited for and what they're a little nervous about and come up with solutions together.

Get a jump start on your stress-free transition back to school with more tips and resources at amazon.com/backtoschool.

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2018 Sertoma T-Ball season comes to a close



The 2018 Sertoma T-Ball season recently concluded. The Yankees team, coached by Sertoma member Wayne Myrick, are seen here showing off their trophies. Front left to right are: Easton Culpepper, Dallas Busby, Liberty McCullum, Malachi Nelson, Caiden Cooley, Kylan Arrington, Ella Lindsey, Isaiah Hinton. Back, Coach Wayne, Tyde Pipkins, Israel Windham, Asher Windham, Ryleigh Hinton, Tatum Pipkins, and JayDeion McCullum. *Photosubmitted*

Sideline View: Baby Braves making a move

By Dale McKee

"This is not a one-year wonder. We have built this team to last. I think you are going to see a team that continues to get better and better," stated Atlanta Braves minor league scout Rod Gilbreath.

The Atlanta Braves are in year four of rebuilding that started with their last play-off appearance in 2014, and Gilbreath has high hopes for this year and the future. Gilbreath was a three-sport star athlete at then R.H. Watkins High School in Laurel. He signed a football scholarship with the Ole Miss Rebels in December of 1969. Then baseball season came, and Gilbreath was the third round selection of the Braves (69th overall). Two years later at the age of 19, Gilbreath was in the Majors with the Braves as he was rubbing elbows with the likes of Dusty Baker, Hank Aaron, Darrell Evans and Davie Johnson under the management of future hall of famer Eddie Matthews. He has been a scout with the Braves since 1985 and has been in pro baseball for 46 years with 44 of those years either as a player or working in the front office or scouting with the Braves.



is a five tool player and Acuna has power," stated Gilbreath about the young duo.

Acuna has 20 home runs at the all-star break. Other young players who are contributing are shortstop Dansby Swanson and pitchers Sean Newcomb, Mike Foltynewicz and Julio Teheran. The Gwinnett triple A team has a Mississippian in former DeSoto Central third sacker Austin Riley whom the Braves are counting on to be a future star.

"He was hurt early on, but he does have a lot of potential. He is solid with the glove and has a strong arm as well as power at the plate," stated Gilbreath.

The veteran players in Freddie Freeman and Nick Markakis were both named all-stars and are the solid leaders of this renaissance, according to Gilbreath.

Gilbreath's main duties are checking in on the Braves' AAA team at Gwinnett, their AA team at Pearl, their A team at Rome and their low A team at Orlando. "I love what I do. It has been a blessing from day one," said Gilbreath.

Odds & Ends

Alabama is the pick by the SEC media to win the 2018 SEC championship. Mississippi State was picked to finish third in the West while Ole Miss came in at sixth just ahead of Arkansas. Only six times since 1992 has the predicted champion at SEC Media Days proceeded to win the Championship.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have won nine straight games as they are led by former Brookhaven Academy and Meridian Community College star Corey Dickerson. Dickerson went 4-for-5 Sunday against the Reds and has hit five home runs in the last four games. For the season he has 11 home runs and is batting .315.

Francesco Molinari became the first Italian to win the British Open. He shot a 69 Sunday to finish eight under for the tournament. Tiger Woods finished sixth as he shot a final day 71.

Dale has covered Mississippi sports for more than 45 years. You can contact Dale at ddmckee18@yahoo.com

New study suggests this breakfast staple could help kids start the day off right

(Family Features) Eating a nutritious breakfast helps kids start their day off right, and new research reminds us why serving real dairy milk is so important for the first meal of the day. As little as 7 grams of milk protein at breakfast could help set kids up with building blocks they need to grow after a good night's sleep, according to a new study in the Journal of Nutrition.

It's no secret that kids need nutritious foods to fuel their constantly growing bodies, but there's a period of time when they're not getting these nutrients - during sleep. Of course kids need sleep - and plenty of it - but as they slumber, they're using up their body's energy stores, and if they don't refuel in the morning it could potentially impact their ability to grow. That's why a proper breakfast is so important, to ensure kids make up for this overnight fast.

In this new study, University of Toronto researchers gave 28 boys and girls ages 7-11 a breakfast of 170 calories that included 0, 7, 14 or 21 grams of milk protein. While more protein at breakfast was more beneficial, researchers found as little as 7 grams was enough to promote positive effects over the next nine hours.

Serving an 8-ounce glass of milk, which has 8 grams of high-quality protein, each day at breakfast is an easy way to get kids protein they need to support optimal growth and development. In fact, a previous study in the American Journal of Human Biology suggests regularly drinking milk during the growing years (all the way through late teens/early twenties) is associated with greater height in the teen years, while research in Osteoporosis International has linked regularly skipping milk to reduced height.^{1,2}

Milk is also an easy way to get kids B vitamins to convert food to energy, vitamin A to support a healthy immune system, and phosphorus, calcium and vitamin D to help build strong bones. That's why experts recommend including milk in kids' diets. And, with a taste they love, it's a simple, wholesome and affordable addition to any morning meal.

To kick start your child's morning, serve a protein-packed breakfast, like this adorable bunny oatmeal, to give them nutrients they need to grow up strong. Not only will it bring a smile to your child's face, it also gives them 18 grams of high-quality protein when served with a glass of lowfat milk.

For more information and kid-friendly recipe ideas, visit milklife.com.

Bunny Oatmeal

(1 serving)

Recipe courtesy of MilkPEP

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup instant oats
- 3/4 cup fat free milk
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 2/3 of a small banana
- 2 fresh blueberries
- 1/2 of a small strawberry
- Optional- chocolate syrup

Pair each serving with: 8-ounce glass of milk

Directions

1. In a microwave safe bowl stir together oats, milk, cinnamon, vanilla, and brown sugar. Microwave on high for 30 seconds to 1 minute and stir.

2. Cut banana in half crosswise. Cut 1 1/8-inch thick coin slices from the flat end of each banana half. Place those banana slices in the upper third of your oatmeal bowl, side by side, to make the eyes. Top with one blueberry on each banana slice.

3. Place the remaining banana halves at the top of the bowl, hanging out, to create the ears.

4. Place strawberry in the middle of the bowl to make the nose, and then drizzle chocolate if desired to make a mouth and whiskers.

5. Serve with an 8-ounce glass of milk.

Nutritional information per serving: 320 calories; 2 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 18 g protein; 59 g carbohydrates; 5 g fiber; 190 mg sodium; 550 mg calcium (60% of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk, and include an 8-ounce glass of milk.

¹ Wiley AS. Does milk make children grow? Relationships between milk consumption and height in NHANES 1999-2002. *American Journal of Human Biology*. 2005;17(4):425-441.

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Southern Miss punter Tyler Flathau strikes a chord with country music

By Zac Chamblee

All signs pointed early to Tyler Flathau taking a real interest in music.

There's actually a photo Flathau recently rediscovered in which he's pictured holding a guitar at the age of four. He took lessons later on and even participated in a chorus class.

But none of it really clicked for him like sports did.

Flathau prepped at Sacred Heart Catholic School and quickly became a standout soccer and football player as a Crusader. As a result, he was presented opportunities to play either sport at the college level. He chose football and signed with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College as a punter.

After two years in Perkinston, Flathau signed to play at the Division I level at Arkansas State. It was there, about 15 years after that infamous guitar photo was taken, where the dots connected for him.

"There wasn't really much to do up there [in Jonesboro]," Flathau said. "I came home on vacation, and my mom had bought me a guitar. I had never wanted to play it or even try, but I ended up taking it up back with me to school."

The rest is pretty much history.

"I ended up teaching myself how to play in about three months. It's become a pretty big part of my life right now."

Now Flathau suits up for his hometown team, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles. He transferred home after just one semester at



Photo/Zac Chamblee

Arkansas State in the spring of 2017. He brought with him his leg and his newfound music ability, which he credits to YouTube.

"You only need to learn four chords basically to learn every song," Flathau said. "In general, yeah, most of the songs are just four chords. Then you want to start playing the more complex songs and those get kinda hard."

Flathau started learning those tunes, too. Before you know it, he was writing his own stuff and performing it on the regular. Lo-

cally, he's played at Nick's Ice House and Southern Miss' Talon Awards, the school's award banquet for student-athletes. His first official show came at Boots and Spurs in Ocean Springs about a month ago. It was a show he or his mother, Heather, will not soon forget.

Flathau says his mom is both his "biggest supporter and biggest critic", and that he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I was pretty nervous," Flathau said. "At first, I took a break midway through, and

my mom was like, 'You sound like you're in fast forward'. I was nervous and even playing faster than I should. But I slowed it down, and everyone started getting out there dancing and singing with me."

So what really changed? Aside from just being bored, what brought on this fascination with making music?

"I'm not a vocal person. I don't really share my emotions with people," Flathau said. "But I can write it down, and I can sing it in a song way easier than just telling you how I feel. I think it's like my artistic escape I guess."

Flathau's genre is country. Specifically, he says it's "sad country". Some of the songs he's wrote are "Runaway Girl", "Broke My Heart and You Didn't Even Know It" and "No Man's Land".

"Some of it [was from inspiration]," Flathau said. "I'm also pretty good at putting myself into other people's shoes. Some of the stuff would happen to me, and I'd get down and write a song. Some stuff happened to my friends where I would be able to put myself into that situation."

Flathau says his main country influences are Adam Doleac, Riley Green and Sam Hunt. All three are former Division I athletes and are currently at a place in their careers which Flathau dreams for.

"I would love to see where this dusty, old six-string can take me," Flathau said with a smile. "We'll see, it should be a good time."

Jenkins selected to Rimington Trophy Fall Watch List

After being selected to the award's spring watch list back in May, Mississippi State senior center Elgton Jenkins earned a spot on the 2018 Rimington Trophy Fall Watch List, the organization announced on Friday.

Jenkins is one of seven Southeastern Conference centers selected to the list as a total of 58 student-athletes were selected as nominees for the award. Jenkins is coming off an outstanding junior campaign in which he took over a starting role on the offensive line. The Clarksdale, Miss., native started all 13 contests in 2017, helping the Bulldog offense rack up 5,442 yards of total offense. MSU averaged 418.5 yards per game. Jenkins is the first Bulldog center to make the fall watch list since Jamaal Clayborn in 2016.

The Rimington Trophy committee uses the Walter Camp Foundation, Sporting News and Football Writers Association of America All-America teams to determine its winner. The center with the most first team votes will be determined the winner. The winner will be recognized at the Rimington Trophy Presentation at the Rococo Theatre in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

2018 Mississippi State Preseason Honors

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Maxwell Award Watch List
Davey O'Brien Award Watch List

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Rimington Trophy Fall Watch List

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Lady Bobcat softball national championship tops JCJC year in sports

By Shawn Wansley

JCJC Sports Information Director

ELLISVILLE – The first-ever softball national championship in school history highlights the 2017-18 year in athletics for Jones County Junior College. The JCJC Lady Bobcats captured the NJCAA Division II title with an 18-2 victory over Phoenix College (Arizona) on May 22 at Traceway Park in Clinton. The win gave Jones an incredible 54-3 record for the season. JCJC dominated women's sports in the MACJC and Region 23 for the past year.

In addition to winning the national championship, the Lady Bobcats won the MACJC and Region 23 titles. Jones also won MACJC and Region 23 titles in women's soccer, women's basketball and women's tennis – a clean sweep for the school. Overall, Jones had a 175-56-2 record in all sports combined this past year – a .755 winning percentage. The 2017-18 year in athletics was from July 1, 2017, until June 30, 2018.

Softball

JCJC won its final 21 games in a row to win the state, region and national titles. They earned the state title with an 8-0, five-inning win over host Itawamba at Fulton on May 7. It was JCJC's third straight state title and the fifth MACJC championship in six years. Jones then whipped LSU-Eunice 10-0 in five innings on May 12 to win its third straight region title. They swept the national tournament, winning five straight games in four days. Jones beat Potomac St. (West Virginia), 13-0 in five innings; Illinois Central, 10-2 in six innings; LSU-Eunice, 8-7; Phoenix, 20-1 in five innings and Phoenix again, 18-2, in the championship game.

Centerfielder Kelsha Loftin (Mendenhall) was named the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament and made the All-Tournament Team. Shortstop Taylor Murray (Parklane Academy) was named the tournament's Most Valuable Defensive Player and made the All-Tournament Team along with pitchers Karli Perque (Westwego, Louisiana) and Madison Burge (Harrison Central) and third baseman Emily Robinson (Lafayette). Loftin, Murray, Robinson, second baseman Callie Venable (Clinton, Louisiana), Perque, Burge and Hallie Donald (Mooreville) were named All-Region 23.

First baseman/pitcher McKennah Sikes (Van Buren, Arkansas), leftfielder Simone McKinney (Harrison Central) and rightfielder Gracie McCleskey (Caledonia) were named All-MACJC first-



The Jones Lady Bobcat softball team captured the 2018 NJCAA Division II National Tournament on May 22, 2018, at Traceway Park. It was the first softball national title for Jones and for an MACJC school. Photo/JCJC Athletics

team. Catchers Faith Denton (Northwest Rankin) and Bailey Gilbert (Sylva-Bay Academy) and leftfielder Sarah Brock (North Pike) were named All-MACJC second-team. Perque, Loftin and Emily Robinson were named NFCA All-Americans and were also NFCA All-South Region, along with Murray and Venable. Loftin and Perque were named NJCAA Division II All-Americans.

The Lady Bobcats also had a 3.35 team GPA, which gave them NJCAA Honorable Mention Academic Team of the Year honors. Head coach Chris Robinson was named Region 23 Coach of the Year and Coach of the National Tournament. Robinson, associate head coach Bob Herrington and assistant coach Katie Durham were named NFCA South Region Coaching Staff of the Year and NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year. Robinson is 391-96 (.802) in his nine seasons as head coach. Jones is 200-21 (.905) over the past four years.

Women's Basketball

Head coach Missy Bilderback's Lady Bobcats enjoyed another outstanding season. Jones ended the year 26-4 and won its second straight MACJC and Region 23 tourney championships. The Lady Bobcats also made its second straight appearance in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in Lubbock, Texas. Jones entered the tournament as the No. 4 seed before falling to eventual runner-up Trinity Valley (Texas).

JCJC defeated Copiah-Lincoln 76-53 in Senatobia on March 1 to win the MACJC title. Jones beat Co-Lin 98-74 on March 9 at Mississippi College to capture the region championship. Guard Alexis Tolefree (Conway, Arkansas) scored 50 points in that game. Tolefree and Nique Cherry (Heidelberg) were named All-

Region 23 and made the All-Region 23 Tournament team. Tolefree and Cherry were named All-MACJC first-team and Chrystal Ezechukwu (Stone Mountain, Georgia) was named All-MACJC second-team. Tolefree was named All-NJCAA second-team All-American and Cherry made All-NJCAA third-team All-American. Ezechukwu and Kira Bonner (Quitman) participated in the MACJC All-Star Game.



The Jones Lady Bobcat soccer team won its second straight MACJC/Region 23 title on Nov. 3, 2017, in Ridgeland. Photo/www.jucoweekly.org

Bilderback was named Region 23 and Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) Coach of the Year. Bilderback has led JCJC to a 75-13 record (.852) in her three seasons as head coach.

Women's soccer

Head coach Dolores Deasley's Lady Bobcats won its second straight MACJC/Region 23 championship. Jones upset previously undefeated and No. 16 Holmes 3-2 in the title game on Oct. 29 at Ridgeland. The Lady Bobcats advanced to the championship game by penalty kicks in the semifinals vs. Mis-

issippi Gulf Coast. The game ended 1-1, but JCJC outscored MGCCC 4-3 in PKs.

No. 20 Jones ended the season by dropping a 4-0 decision to No. 4 Eastern Florida at home on Nov. 3 in the NJCAA District H playoffs.

Aimee Durn (Watford, England), Judith Verdaguer (Spain) and Angel Ryals (Brandon) were named All-Region 23. Mia Holmes (Brandon), Erica Gaddie (West Lauderdale), Anna Kate Howard (South Jones) and Mikayla Banks (Vicksburg) were named All-MACJC. Holmes, Ryals and Verdaguer were named to the MACJC South All-Star team. Durn was chosen as an NJCAA Division I Honorable Mention All-American.

The Lady Bobcats were also named MACJC Academic Team of the Year for women's soccer after compiling a 3.47 GPA – tops in the state. That also earned them NJCAA Honorable Mention Academic Team of the Year honors. Deasley was chosen as Region 23 Coach of the Year after leading Jones to a 9-3-2 record. She has compiled a 126-31-5 record in 10 years as head coach, a .793 winning percentage.

Women's Tennis

Head coach Brooks Buffington guided the Lady Bobcats to the MACJC/Region 23 championship on April 21 in Meridian at Northeast Tennis Park. Beth Owen (Stone) won the No. 3 singles title. Jones then went to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in Waco, Texas.

Mireia Jordan (Spain) won the No. 1 singles consolation round title. Kaylee McLaurin (Laurel Christian School) advanced to the finals of the No. 4 singles consolation round. JCJC ended the tournament with 14 points and tied for 13th-

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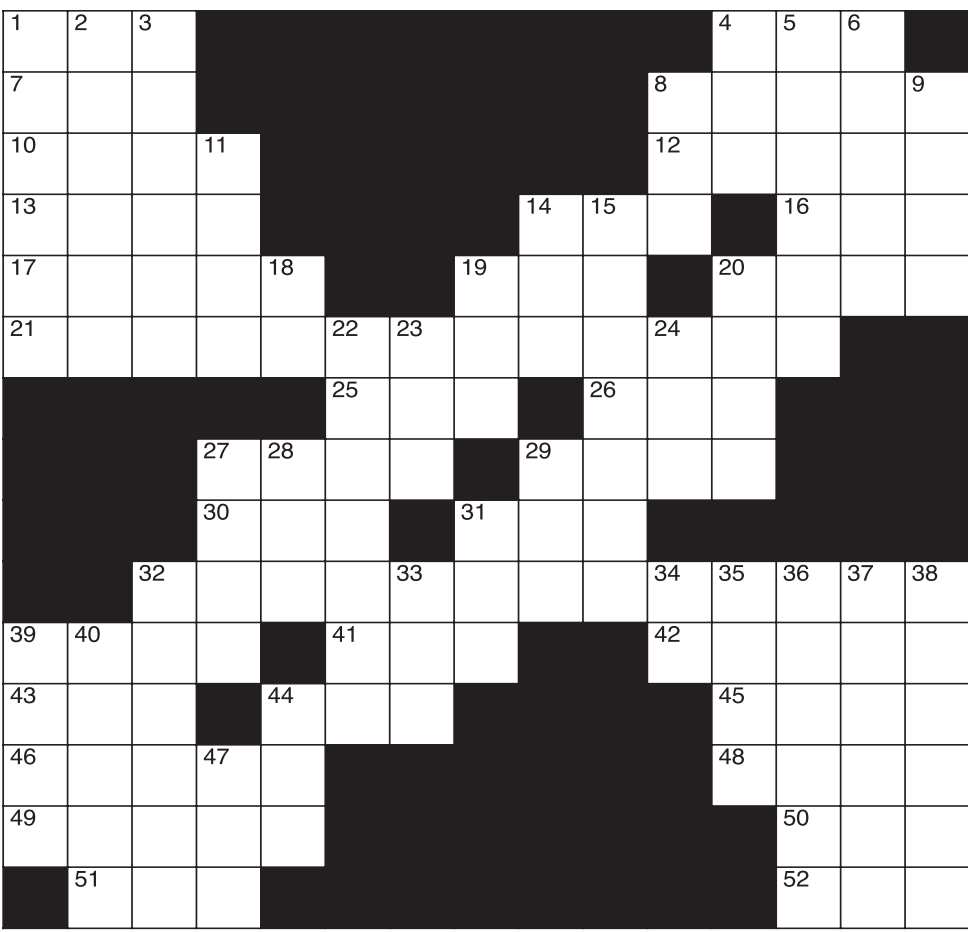


The Jones women's basketball team won its second straight MACJC and Region 23 tournament championship in March of this year. The Lady Bobcats are shown after winning the Region 23 Tournament on March 9 in Clinton. Photo/www.jucoweekly.org



The Jones women's tennis team won the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament title on April 21 in Meridian. Photo/JCJC Athletics

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- 4. What a cow says
- 7. Snake-like fish
- 8. Spiritual leader
- 10. Catch
- 12. Car part
- 13. Extremely small amount
- 14. Nucleic acid
- 16. The Greatest of All Time
- 17. Lustrous
- 19. India's least populated district
- 20. Muckraking journalist Jacob
- 21. Medicine
- 25. S. American plant
- 26. Small amount
- 27. Dry or withered
- 29. Where construction takes place
- 30. Russian river
- 31. Supervises flying
- 32. "City of Brotherly Love" native
- 39. Greeting at meeting
- 41. Common gibbon

CLUES DOWN

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I am an actress born in Virginia on July 26, 1964. I moved to Manhattan after graduating from drama school and worked as a bartender. I gained notoriety after starring alongside Keanu Reeves. I won an Academy Award for playing a football mom.

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the best finish ever in Division I for Jones. They were rated No. 15 in the final regular ITA poll.

Owen was named ITA Region III Most Improved Player of the Year at the national tournament banquet. The Lady Bobcats also posted a 3.70 team GPA, which was second in the MACJC and third in the nation. That earned them NJCAA Honorable Mention Academic Team of the Year honors.

Buffington was named NJCAA Region 23, MAC and the ITA Region III Coach of the Year. JCJC was 15-3 this past season and is 24-8 (.750) in Buffington's two seasons as head coach.

Baseball

Head coach Chris Kirtland's Bobcats enjoyed another excellent season. Jones finished the season with a 38-11 record and was ranked in the top five for most of the season. They finished No. 15 in the final NJCAA Division II poll. The Bobcats finished second in the MACJC and advanced to postseason play for the 10th consecutive year. They were eliminated in the opening round best-of-3 series by Hinds. Pitcher Will Freeman (Semmes, Alabama) was named All-Region 23 and All-MACJC. He was also drafted by the San Diego Padres in the 36th round.

Luther Woullard (D'Iberville) and Tyler Spring (Stone) were named All-MACJC first-team. Cooper Brune (Ocean Springs), Trace Henry (Mooreville)

and Jake Mason (West Lauderdale) were named All-MACJC second-team. Jones also had a 3.31 team GPA, earning them NJCAA Honorable Mention Academic Team of the Year honors. The Bobcats have posted a 138-24 record in Kirtland's three seasons as head coach, an .851 winning percentage.

Football

Head coach Steve Buckley's Bobcats went 8-2 and won the MACJC South Division in 2017. Jones dropped a 24-20 decision to eventual national champion East Mississippi in the first round of the playoffs. Both of JCJC's losses were to EMCC. Center Andrew Smith (Prentiss), running back Scott Phillips (South Jones) and punter Taylor Wallace (Jackson Prep) were named All-Region 23 and All-MACJC South first-team.

Wide receiver Kendall Parham (Oak Grove), defensive end Brandon Young (West Jones), linebacker Deric Hawthorn (Collins) and defensive back Fred Peters (Columbia) were named All-MACJC South first-team.

Tight end Chancie Tidwell (Clinton), offensive linemen Dylan Desper (Madison Central) and Colby Ragland (Raymond), defensive tackle Jordan Beaton (Harrison Central) and defensive back Travis Reed (Meridian) were named All-MACJC South second-team.

Buckley was named MACJC South Division and MAC Coach of the Year. He is 14-5 in two seasons as JCJC head coach.

Men's basketball

In Randy Bolden's first season as head coach, the

Bobcats posted a 12-11 overall record and finished 7-7 in MACJC South Division play.

JCJC's Shemar Johnson (New Hope) participated in the MACJC All-Star Game and scored 19 points for the South team.

Men's soccer

Head coach Brendan Connolly's team went 6-8-1 in his second season as head coach. Glenn Waters (Dunbarvan, Ireland) was named All-MACJC. John Andrew Hawkins (Cleveland) and Michael Godley (Starkville) were chosen for the MACJC All-Star Game.

Men's tennis

Buffington's team posted a 7-11 record this season and finished fifth in the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament. The Bobcats were rated No. 21 in the final ITA regular season poll. Jones had a 3.15 GPA which earned them NJCAA Honorable Mention Academic Team of the Year honors.

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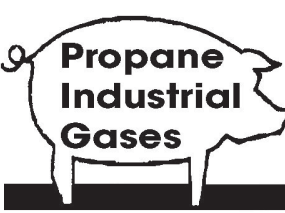
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1996 Dodge 1500 pick-up, \$2000. 601-498-0004.

1985 Chevrolet Silverado, \$3100. Phone 601-426-7647.

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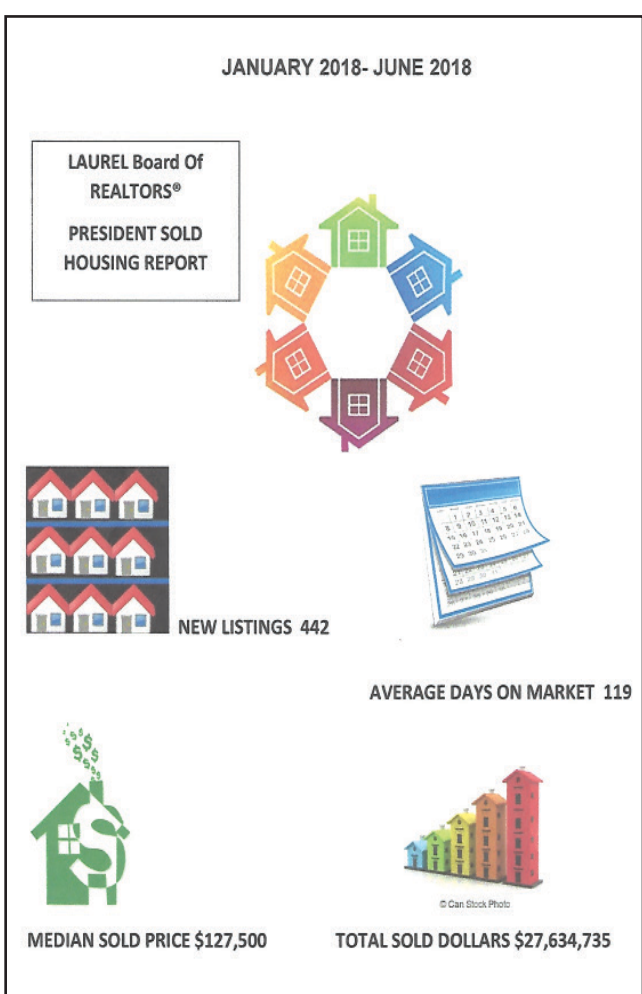
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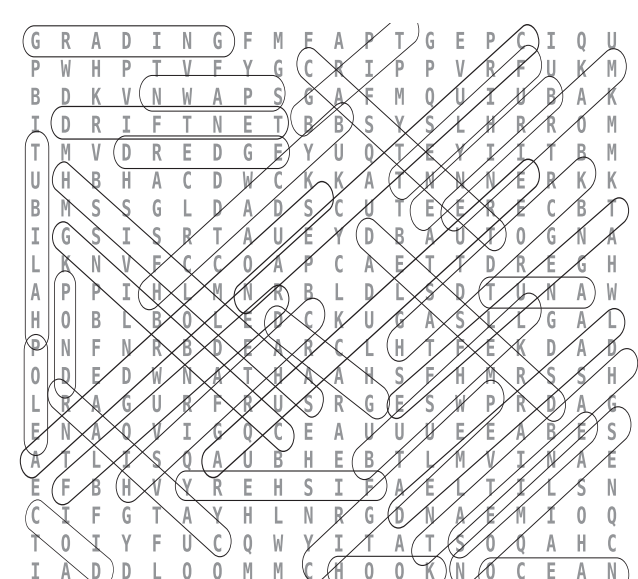
Laurel Board of Realtors semi-annual report

Below is a graphic showing numbers from the Laurel Board of Realtors President Semi-Annual Report. The report reflects performance numbers for the first half of 2018. LBR President Susan Brashier stated that "residential solds" in our area are up from 2017. This residential report reflects LBR area Jasper, Jones, Smith and Wayne counties.



Answers to Today's Puzzle Page

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Today's "Guess Who?" answer:
Sandra Bullock

JCJC baseball to hold High School Showcase

Jones County Junior College baseball will host its annual High School Showcase at noon on Sept. 8 at Community Bank Park.

Check-in and registration begins at 11:15 a.m. The camp is open for all players entering grades 9-12. Registration fee is \$100.

Campers will be evaluated on running, fielding, hitting and throwing.

To sign up for the camp, go to www.jcjcathletics.com, click on "Baseball" and click on "Camps." Go to "Upcoming Events" and click on "High School Showcase Camp." Or go to www.jonesbaseballcamps.com. For more information, contact JCJC assistant coach Wesley Thigpen at 504-508-9189 or wesley.thigpen@jcjc.edu.

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