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Crowder named director at JCJC Jasper County Center

By Heath Walley,

The Jones County Junior College Jasper County Center in Bay Springs has welcomed a new director at the facility.

A long-time member of the Jones County Junior College family, Grant Crowder of Ellisville has already begun his duties at the center. He is the third director the center has had since its opening, and the 45-year-old is excited to build upon what former directors Paul Johnson, who recently retired in April, and Gary Suddeth began.

"Mr. Gary (Suddeth) was the first director here, and he pretty much got everything in place as far as equipment and facilities, and he was great at that. Mr. Paul Johnson was great in the program aspect. He knew the workforce and the academic parts, and he got those programs set up and moving in the right direction," said Crowder. "We've got the facilities and the facilitators, and now we have to start putting people in here. That's what I plan to do . . . to come into the community and the schools and recruit. I want to put some people in the seats here. Everything seems to be in place, and it's moving in the right direction."

En-route to putting students in seats at the facility, Crowder explained that he has a plan to start expressing the idea of the center and its advantages to students as young as those in middle school all the way to adults



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who may be looking for a new avenue in life. His idea is to promote the center and its benefits that are highly designed for citizens to find working success right here in Jasper County or abroad.

"Getting out and starting early with middle schoolers with what we've got to offer is important. I want to promote it early, even

reach out to the community," he said. "I've looked at statistics of the workforce of who is working and who is not working, and what's coming in and going out. There are some pretty big numbers of people who are not working, and there are those who are going and those who are coming in. Somewhere along those lines we have to balance

out that big number who are not working back in to the working side. I think Jasper County, with the industries that are here and the workforce that it has, you can make a good living right here in Jasper County. There are some out there that believe you have to go four to six years of college to make a good living, but there is good work here, if a student doesn't want to take a long college route. Letting them know you can make just as much in the workforce is very important. Just getting it out there and letting them know that they don't have to move to Jackson or the Coast and that they can make a great living right here and really be skilled when they come out, even out of high school, with consistency is a key. They need to know that the opportunity exists, and I plan to do that."

Crowder expanded further on growing programs at the center and on some of its newly accredited programs.

"We just got accredited for our healthcare assistance program to have it here, as well as the CNA testing site. No longer will the students have to go to the main campus to do their CNA testing," he explained. "The programs are coming. One of my goals is to get a LPN class here. I've known several people who wanted to go that direction, but they couldn't go to campus every day,

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I thought all of my "firsts" were over. By the time you reach a certain age, you come to accept that you have already experienced most things of importance – first day of school, first kiss, first love, first home, first child, etc. Aside from "first trip to Italy and Greece," which is more due to my bank account than my lack of trying, most of my firsts have come and gone. Until today...

Today, I experienced a first that, in most social settings, would be my worst nightmare – the first time wearing the same outfit as someone else. Thankfully, it happened at my office in front of five other people and not at some glamorous 100+ guest party, so the mortification was minimal. I still did not enjoy it, but I should have seen it coming.

A few months ago, I bought a really cute floral, twist-hem shirt at Eve Marie's. Not long after I made my purchase, the shirt went on sale and one of my co-workers bought it, even though it was too big for her. Everything fits when it's on sale, right? Unfortunately, the discounted price didn't shrink the shirt to her size, so she passed it along to Amanda, another co-worker. The first day Amanda wore the shirt to work, I issued a warning that she should text me any day she was wearing the shirt so I would know to leave it hanging in my closet. A month or so passed without incident. And then I ignored my own protocol...

When I pulled the shirt off its hanger this morning, the thought briefly crossed my mind to text Amanda and tell her I was planning to wear it, but then my child woke up and all semblance of a calm morning went right out the window. In my rush to get him dressed, fix his breakfast, get my shoes on, and grab my morning Mountain Dew out of the refrigerator, sending the text slipped my mind. I didn't think about it again until I walked into work and saw my shirt sitting in the wrong office.

We all had a good laugh, and I found a topic for this column, but it got me thinking... how I would handle something like this on a bigger stage? Would I be as good-natured about it as I was today, or would I get embarrassed and actively avoid my clothes twin? As much as I'd love to say I'd take it in stride, the honest answer is probably the latter. I was working Zeus this past year and saw three ladies wearing the exact same formal gown. I had such second-hand

embarrassment for them that I could hardly focus on my job. And then I played a little game of "Who Wore It Better?" in my head.

I think that is my biggest fear in this situation – worrying that not only will someone else wear the same outfit as me, but they will wear it better. I realize how shallow that is, but it's the truth. I am normally pretty confident in my clothes, but seeing someone else in my clothes would throw me completely out of my comfort zone. I had a roommate once who borrowed one of my dresses. I was so convinced that it looked better on her than it ever did on me that I never wore it again. I eventually gave it to her.

What this all boils down to is being comfortable in your own skin, which is something I imagine most of us struggle with from time to time. But we shouldn't. No two people are alike, and we should embrace that instead of hiding from it. I'll do my best to remember that if I ever run into my clothes twin outside of the safety of my little office, and I hope you all do, too.

Emily Hall is the Fashion Columnist for the Impact. If you've ever run into your clothes twin and have pictures to prove it, send them to her at emily@impactads.com. In the meantime, feel free to send cash so she can take that trip to Greece and Italy.



Emily Hall
Fashion Columnist



Stewart represents Laurel in Little Miss & Mr. Magnolia State Pageant



Annabelle Stewart is the daughter of Andrew and Shaylee Stewart. She represented Laurel recently as Teeny Miss Laurel at the Little Miss & Mr. Magnolia State Pageant in Vicksburg, Miss. She was a semi-finalist, placing 17 out of the top 25 girls. There was 52 girls in her division. *Photos submitted*

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Jones Co. Republican Women's Club endorses Chris McDaniel



A large number of the officers and members of the Jones County Republican Women's Club, one of the largest and oldest established Republican Women groups in Mississippi, personally chose to endorse Chris McDaniel, in the 2018 special election for U.S. Senate during their May 2018 meeting. The election will be held on November 6, 2018. McDaniel is a Jones County native and a longtime associate member of the Jones County Republican Women. As a leader in the MS State Senate, Senator McDaniel represents the beliefs and values of the majority of the Jones County Republican Women. The Jones County Republican Women club was chartered in 1963. It is a chapter of the National Federation of Republican Women. This club has received numerous national and state awards and ranked in the top 10 clubs in the United States. All the members who endorsed Senator McDaniel were not available for the photo. *Photo/submitted*

Stop the Violence back to school rally set for August 11

Submitted

It's our goal to prepare your child(ren) for a successful school year. With that in mind, a back to school event will be held from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 11 at Pleasant Grove M.B. Church in Ellisville. The church is located at 291 Dacetown Road. The focus of the rally will be to stop school violence and inspire great vision in our students.

There will be motivational speakers such as Perry County School Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jasmine Smith, Vice President of Howard Technologies Kyle McCoy, Quitman

community leader Twanda Foster, Laurel community leader and minister Marian Allen, and Clark County community leader Ingrid Smith. Thaddeus Edmonson Sr., founder and president of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, began organizing the rally some 18 years ago after an increase of violence across the nation, especially after April 20, 1999, the date of the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado that resulted in the death of 12 students and one teacher.

The annual rally is to promote peace and nonviolence especially in the schools. We also acknowledge the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. movement for nonviolence. He stood for peace all over the world. The important message attendees will receive is eliminating violence in and out of school. We

want parents and children to leave this great event with the correct information they will need to make the school year of 2018-2019 a smooth school year. We appreciate your support more than you know; as we grow please invite a friend to join us.

Stop the Violence Rally helps educate young people to decrease violence in the area (especially among our youth). We are trying to reach out to our youth and let them know that violence is not the answer and to at least stay involved in church or the community. The church and community has been lost to violence. Stop the Violence starts with parents. As adults it is our responsibility to help reduce the crime rates and get involved with our youth as mentors. While parenting may be the first step, it takes an entire community to help young people stay on the right path.

The purpose of this rally is to give parents and students important tips on preventing violence in their neighborhoods, homes and schools and help them prepare for the upcoming school year of 2018-2019. We are asking all school boards to partner with us. We will also have help with providing families with bus schedules, calendars, school supply lists and other important information (for example: local health department, free-school immunization/vaccination and flu mist).

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The Story Teller: His day had come

By Martha McCarty

No one had any idea that this would be the last family gathering Fred would attend. He had always been healthy, and work had never slowed him down, so he'd really had no warning that his heart would just decide to quit on him.

He and Bea had gotten home from the McKenny's after the supper they had shared with the building crew. Leo's house was completed, and his wedding was to be in five days. Fred and Bea had had the last two pieces of chocolate pie before going to bed and had sat by the fire for a while before turning in. She had fallen to sleep right away, but Fred had taken time to reflect on recent events.

As he lay still in the dark, he noticed the moon shining through the needles of the cedars in the yard. There was no wind, and all seemed to be sleeping around him. He realized how good his bed felt to his back and shoulders and then how tired he really was. Why hadn't he noticed it before? He did have an ache in his left arm and realized he'd felt it off and on for the past few days. But what were a few aches and pains to a farmer, anyway?

Then came the nausea, and he sat up on the side of the bed. His stomach rolled, but what he felt was more like heart burn than an upset stomach. Gradually the pain subsided, and he was able to stretch out again. He asked, "What's going on here, Lord? Am I in trouble? Are you trying to tell me something?" And instantly, he was free of all discomfort and resting quietly again on his bed.

He prayed, "Father, is it time for me to come your way? Is that what you're telling me? To get ready? Well, I guess I'm as ready as I'll ever be. I've never dreaded dying, Lord, and you certainly know that."

"I'm not particularly ready to leave Bea or the children, but I have no fear of dying at all. I've searched your Word for years to find more about what Heaven is like, and I'm very curious to see for myself. I know you've said there's no way I can even imagine what you have there for me, and I know I'll love whatever you've planned."

"But Father, it's Bea I'm concerned about. Now, I feel sure she's your child, as much as I am, but, Lord, she depends so much on me. And I on her, for that matter. How's she gonna fare without me here? So, Father, if I'm to come before her, I'll trust you to take good care of her. You've promised to be a husband to the widow, but Lord, it won't be the same. Could it maybe be better? I'm sure you could be."

Time was passing much faster than Fred realized. He hadn't been sleeping at all when he heard the rooster crow. He thought, "It's been quite a while since I lay awake all night. Funny thing is, I'm not at all sleepy and I'm fairly well rested. Then a thought came through loud and clear, "Don't you know, son, you've been resting in my presence. How could you possibly be anything but renewed?"

He rolled over to see Bea still asleep beside him and carefully put his arm around her. As he gazed on her peaceful face, he thanked the Lord again for the time he'd had with her, for the love they'd had for each other, for the children they'd been blessed with but most of all for the knowledge of and believing faith they'd had in Him.

At about the time he usually woke each morning, he drifted off to sleep. Not long after, Bea woke to see him resting peacefully very close to her, and she slipped out of bed, being careful not to wake him. She went into the kitchen,



en, built the fire and made the coffee. Fairly soon both Ed and Henry came in for coffee, and Grady joined her mother at the stove.

With biscuits, ham and eggs on the table and the boys sitting around it, Grady went to her parents' room to call her Papa to breakfast. "Papa, breakfast is ready." He looked so peaceful that she hated to disturb him. Again, she said, "Papa, breakfast is on the table." She thought he must be deep asleep, and this time she rubbed his arm as she said, "Papa, the boys are gonna' eat all of the ham before you get in there, if you don't get up."

Grady was alarmed when he didn't respond to her rubbing his arm.

She turned and went to the kitchen door, where she got Henry's attention from the door. He saw something in her face that he didn't like, and he got up to go to her. "What's wrong, sis?" he asked.

She took his hand and led him to their father's side. Henry knew pretty quickly that Fred was not asleep. He had gone home with last night's visitor. Henry turned to Grady and pulled her in to his chest. "Grady, he's gone." Henry whispered. "He must have died in his sleep".

"Oh, no. He can't be gone. He's my Papa, and I need him to stay here. Go get Mother, Henry, she'll know what do." Grady wasn't yelling, but neither was she quiet.

Both Mother and Ed came into the room wide eyed. Bea said, "Won't he get up? Silly man loves his ham. Fred, come on in to----" And then she too knew. "Oh! My Jesus, have you taken my Fred? You cannot have him yet! Jesus, you know I need him still!" She lay down on the bed, in pretty much the same spot she'd risen from an hour earlier, and this time her arm went over him. She made herself get quiet, as her three youngest children gathered around their parents.

Grady slid to the floor beside the bed with her hand on her Papa's leg and cried softly. Ed sat beside him on the other side of the bed and said pretty much nothing. It was Henry who tried to take charge of the sad situation. "Mother, he must have died in his sleep, and

obviously without pain. He would want us to be strong. But it hurts, oh, God, it hurts!" And he collapsed on the floor beside Grady, with his arm around her shoulder.

The three of them stayed there for quite a spell, until Grady's leg began to cramp, reminding her that, yes, she was still alive, even if she'd rather not be. Her precious Papa had 'gone on over' as he often had said, and she would have to do without him for now. Then Ed said, "Grady if you'll do what you can for Mother, I'll ride around for Arthur. Henry, will you go to the lane for Robert and Leo?" They left Bea on the bed with Grady sitting beside her.

Within the hour all six of Bea's children had gathered around their mother. At a time like this, Ned would have been such a comfort. Then she thought of his reunion with his father. At least she could think of their being together again, and that realization did bring her some comfort.

Because it was winter and very cold, the urgency of a quick burial wasn't a problem. The Presbyterian minister was contacted, and arrangements were made for the next afternoon. Leo and Robert helped Bea dress Fred in his only suit, and his body was placed on the dining room table for friends and neighbors to visit and view that evening. Fred's sons would take turns sitting up with the body overnight, after they had together dug his grave in the cemetery on the hill behind Walter's house.

Bea was in no shape to welcome the many guests who came to the house that evening, but both Margie and Lilly were there for her. With Grady's assistance, they received tons of food and many bereaved guests all evening and the morning of the funeral. Doris came to Violet's house where they and Inez took care of all of the youngsters from the several young families.

After the funeral service and burial, friends and family again gathered with Bea and the grown children. More than once someone said something like, "Fred sure would have enjoyed this crowd of friends and family." More than once the question was asked, "Where did Bea go?"

She needed to be alone and dreaded being alone at the same time. Once she took Leo's arm and walked through the horse stable, saying very little. Another time she was found on the back porch wrapped in a big wool blanket. When the crowd began to clear, she and Grady pulled rockers to the fire and sat quietly barely rocking. No words helped, but the presence of caring loved ones did. Finally, Bea put herself to bed. And, thank God, sleep came!

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so they had to drop out. We want to make it easier for people like that, and it's moving in that direction. We started out with CNA. Now, we have the healthcare assistance for credit. Those programs get students points to head into the LPN program."

Crowder has 22 years experience in the education field. Just before making the move to the Jasper Center, he was a firefighter, a Battalion Chief for Ellisville Fire Department and an Engineer at Petal Fire Department. He graduated from Richton High School and graduated from Jones County Junior College where he played football for two years and was involved in student government. He continued his football career at Northwestern State in Louisiana where he earned a Bachelor's degree in business and a Master's degree in education. After completing his degrees at Northwestern State, he coached football there for three-and-a-half years. He made a move back to Jones County Junior College in 1999 when he was hired as the Dean of Men and the head fast-pitch softball coach, where he transitioned the team from a slow-pitch to fast-pitch team. He left JCJC in 2009 to become a firefighter, and made a move back to JCJC in 2016 where he was involved with recruiting.

Crowder is married to the former Anita Shawn Windham. They have three children: 17-year-old Caidyn, a senior at South Jones High School; 15-year-old Reeves, a sophomore at South Jones; and 12-year-old Cannon, a seventh grader at South Jones.

Crowder, a Christian man, is excited about being at the Jasper Center and fervently believes the Lord has placed him there.

"I am very excited about being here. The Lord has led me in this direction, and I feel like the Lord has me here. Whatever He has in store for me here, I am excited about being here; I'm excited about the opportunity to be here. I've got a lot to learn, and it will be a step process, but I know I wouldn't be here if it weren't for Him," he said. "I enjoy people, and I thoroughly enjoy watching people succeed and better themselves. And, that can happen here."

Heath Walley is the editor of the Jasper County News. You can reach him at news@jaspercountynews.net.



BABY SQUIRRELS RESCUED - Powers Fire & Rescue Emergency Medical Responder Dwayne Walters (Powers 19) and his wife Ronda (Powers 39) rescued four baby squirrels at their home after a tree blew down with a squirrel nest in the tree. The baby squirrels were taken to Sergeant Jessica Welborn with the Jones County Sheriff's Department for care. Sergeant Welborn is permitted to work in wildlife rehabilitation. We are happy to report all four baby squirrels are receiving nourishment and doing well. Photos submitted

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Nothing is impossible for God

By Dr. Bill Myers

"God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20)

Many Christians get discouraged waiting for their prayers to be answered, allowing doubt and fear to creep into their mind. A negative feeling of undeserved or unworthiness attacks many. Friends, you are His child; your Heavenly Father loves you and truly desires to answer every prayer! He's the God of miracles, answers, and open doors! What He does for others, He will do for you. Just believe and expect that He'll come through at the right time!

Some people feel they shouldn't bother God, that He's too busy to be concerned about small issues. He cares about every part of our lives! Many times God is waiting for us to take our hands off the situation so He can answer or provide our miracle. Trust means we choose to let go of the situation and give it to Him! Our human nature tells us we need to "fix" the problem, but trusting God means letting go, removing our hands from the problem, and having faith He will answer.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills-where does my help come from? My help (answers) comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

I'm so thankful for the stories in the Bible that encourage us to trust God. Yes, He's a rescuer! When we focus our heart on Him with thankfulness, He will answer our prayers. Nothing, absolutely nothing, is too big for Him to handle for us! We may look at someone and say, "There is no way they will ever get saved." But all things are possible with God! God sees the heart, not the outer surface!

"Nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37) Let's pray and confess this scripture all through our day to encourage our faith in God when all seems impossible.

"A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all!" (Psalm 34:19) So, who is righteous? We are! We are the "righteousness of God in Christ Jesus." Our Father gives us permission to approach His throne with confidence knowing we are His children and He cares. We are not bothering Him! He always welcomes His children with open arms. What do you need this morning? He's waiting to hear from you! Remember, "Prayer changes everything!"

"I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." (Isaiah 41:13)

Are you waiting for an answer? Don't give up! Remember, His timing is perfect. Trusting God matures and strengthens us to be strong.

"In the day of my trouble I will call to you, O Lord, for you will answer me." (Psalm 86:7)

He has never forsaken His children. Your needs are important to Him! He will not ignore you, I promise!



AREA HAPPENINGS

The Area Happenings section is a schedule of activities for non-profit groups only – such as schools, churches and other not-for-profit organizations or family events. You may send your events to: Admin@laurelimpact.com.

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 free school supplies, 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.

The 48th meeting of the descendants of J. David Jefcoat will be held on Saturday, August 4 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Big Creek Community Center on Hwy 84 West, 10 miles from Laurel. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with a noon covered dish meal and 1:00 p.m. program/business meeting. Please bring family history and photos to share and collect. For more information, contact Don Jefcoat at 601-763-4952.

Join us for the Voice of Hope Conference with Sandra Hancock August 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at "The Gathering Place," 3227 Audubon Dr. in Laurel. God has given Sandra a word just for you! Bring your friends and come expecting your miracle! There are no admission costs! For more information, call 1-800-579-7350 or see our webpage at www.sandrahancock.org.

New Jerusalem FG Church will have rummage sale items in the church parking lot on Saturday, August 4th starting at 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Fish plates will be served with two sides, dessert and drink. For more information to pay and pre-order, please call 601-283-0164.

Byrd-Edison reunion will be held Saturday, August 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Calhoun Baptist Church. Bring your family and favorite foods and have a great visit.

August 5

East Pleasant Grove Baptist Church invites you to our annual revival from August 5-10. Sunday service, August 5, will start at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Sidney L. Tucker, Sr. bringing the message. The afternoon message will be brought by Rev. James McCullum, pastor of Pine Grove MB Church, Laurel. The week-

ly services will start at 7:00 nightly with Rev. Jermaine Keys, pastor of Greater First MB Church of Lisman, Alabama.

Zion Rest CM church at Eucutta will celebrate homecoming services on Sunday, August 5 at 10:45 a.m. Reverend George Purvis will be the guest speaker.

Mt. Olive UM Church, located on Hwy 29 South of Ellisville in the Whitfield Community of Ovet, 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 6

Pre-registration for Southeastern Baptist College fall semester is ongoing now through August 6. On campus registration will be held August 7, 8 and 9. Location is 4229 Highway 15 North or call us at 601-426-6346. Office hours are 8-5, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We are also found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Accredited and affordable!

The Smith County Republicans will meet Monday August 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chancery Court Building in Raleigh. Everyone is invited to join us. For more information call 601-725-4544.

St. Luke M.B. Church, Laurel, invites you to our annual summer revival beginning Monday thru Friday August 6-10 at 7:00 nightly. Rev. Larry McLaurin, pastor of West Pleasant Grove M.B. Church of Laurel and the New Truelight M.B. Church of Millry, Alabama, will be the guest speaker each night.

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.

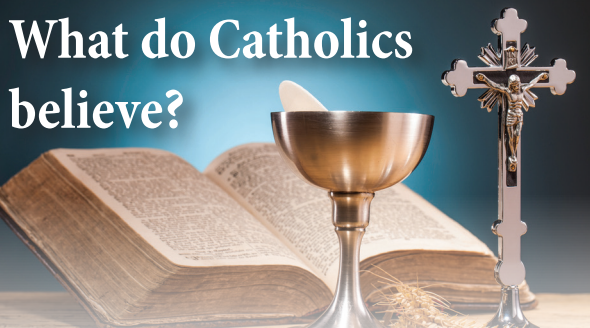
Gospel sing on Saturday, August 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Sanford Community Center, located at 663 Old Hwy 49 Sanford. Featured guests will be "The Pilgrim Family" (Bluegrass Gospel), "Gospel Grass Revival" and "Faithway Singers." Free admission; a love offering will be received. For information, call 601-765-6485.

The annual Stop the Violence Back to School Rally will be held at Pleasant Grove MB Church, Ellisville on August 11 from 11:00 am. Until 5:00 p.m. There will be several motivational speakers. Children must be present with parents and stay for the duration of the program to get supplies. The cost is completely free. For more information, call 601-663-6228.

August 12

Greater Faith MB Church invites you to our annual fall revival services, which will begin on Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Eugene Page of Leaf River MB Church of Taylorsville will bring the word during the afternoon service. We will begin nightly services on Monday, August 13 thru Thursday, August 16 at 7:15. There will be a different guest speaker each night.

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Smith named United Way's 2018 Regional Campaign Chairman

United Way of the Pine Belt Region Executive Director Barbara Johnson recently reported the naming of Randy Smith as the Regional Campaign Chairman for the 2018 "Paint a Brighter Tomorrow" Campaign. Smith has been the general manager of Dixie Electric Power Association for over seven years and has served on the United Way Board of Directors for the same number of years. Prior to accepting the position as general manager, Smith served as engineering manager for four years and as distribution manager for 21 years.



Randy Smith

"Our campaign goal for 2018 is \$660,000.00," said Smith, "which is a challenging goal. But I am confident that we will either meet that goal or surpass it because of the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of the people who live in the communities of the five counties that the United Way of the Pine Belt and our agency partners serve. We've had an excellent start to the campaign already."

According to Johnson, 79 cents of every dollar donated remains in the Pine Belt Region, 20 cents goes toward local administrative cost, and one cent goes to the United Way Worldwide organization. The United

Way of the Pine Belt Region serves 18 agency partners in Covington, Jasper, Jones, Smith, and Wayne counties. The funds raised will be allocated to providing financial assistance to those service agencies that fulfill the United Way's goal of improving education, helping people reach financial stability and promoting healthy living. The agency partners include Boy Scouts of America Pine Burr Area Council; Boys and Girls Club of Covington County; The Children's Center for Communications and Development - USM; DuBard School for Language Disorders - USM; 4-H Advisory Councils

- Covington, Jasper, Jones, Smith and Wayne Counties; Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi; Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers - Wayne County; Parents for Drug Free Youth; Pine Belt Youth Coalition; YWCO; Salvation Army - Covington, Jasper, Jones, Smith and Wayne Counties; American Red Cross - Covington, Jasper, Jones, Smith and Wayne Counties; The ARC; Domestic Abuse Family Shelter; Good Shepherd Clinic; Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention; and First Call for Help.

Prior to the official kick-off, which is scheduled for September 6, the United Way PBR Pacesetter companies' representatives met for breakfast at the United Way PBR Chisholm Center in downtown Laurel on July 31 to set the pace for the campaign by launching their 2018 Campaign.

"This is an exciting beginning," said Johnson. "With these pledges we are on target to meet goal again this year."

If you have any questions or would like to have a United Way of the Pine Belt Region representative speak to your company or organization call the Laurel office at 601-428-8459 and talk with Johnson or Linda Cranford, office coordinator.

Hallquist appointed as TEC of Bay Springs customer account manager

Jackson, MS. - TEC is pleased to announce the appointment of Teresa Hallquist as Customer Account Manager at TEC of Bay Springs, Miss. In this role, Hallquist is responsible for servicing and maintaining customer business.



Hallquist attended Jones County Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where she studied business management and marketing. She brings with her 10 years of experience in the customer relations industry, which will be a great benefit to TEC.

Hallquist currently resides in Laurel, MS with her sons, Jake and Ben.

Laurel Karate Club members compete in AAU Karate National Championships



Members of Laurel Karate Club competed in the prestigious 2018 AAU National Karate Championships June 27-30 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. To qualify for the event, these athletes competed and placed in the AAU Super Regionals held in New Orleans in May. L:R: Bryce Watson, Gold Medal, Sparring; Jonathan Musgrave, Silver Medals, Sparring and Forms; Chandler Watson, Gold Medal, Sparring. Photos submitted

Laurel Little Theatre to present the Southern comedy "Rex's Exes"

For the Laurel Little Theatre 58th season opener, LLT has picked a "dooooozy" for their annual Southern comedy! "Rex's Exes" will run for two weekends on August 3-5 and August 10-12 under the direction of Will Hodges. Evening performances are August 3-4-10-11 at 7:30, and on August 5 & 12 the Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. The LLT reservation line answers 24 hours a day all of show week at 601-428-0140; that line is now open.



The hilarious story? The Verdeen cousins in Sweetgum, Texas, are a madcap trio that just can't get their act together. Cousin Gaynelle is turning 50 and not handling that fact well at all. Peaches, a mortuary cosmetologist, wants to plan her a big surprise birthday party, but cousin Jimmie is too busy with her new wedding gown boutique for "big-boned" gals (called The Wide Bride) - so she can't hardly be bothered!

Throw in the shenanigans of a supposedly 'dead' husband that pops up unexpectedly, a Cajun bounty hunter that comes to town looking for another family member, a jilted bride that holds the cousins hostage with a paintball gun, and, finally, their bitter ol' Aunt La Merle (whose entire life is centered on being accepted as a member of the Daughters of the Nation

of Texas), and you have a hysterical, side-splitting, Southern-fried farce that just might remind you of some of your own family!

Authors Jessie Jones, Nick Hope and Jamie Wooten also wrote the fun comedies "The Dixie Swim Club" and "Dearly Departed" - both of which were presented at LLT in past few seasons. And, over the years, they've also written for many movies and TV shows, including "The Golden Girls." All three of them are Southerners that write about the crazy people in our own lives. The show is

not for the young kids, but it's a ferociously funny comedy for teens and up.

LLT 4-punch season ticket memberships are still on sale and can save up to 39 percent off single ticket prices. Single tickets, regular season memberships and patron memberships can all be purchased at the theatre when arriving for the performance - just make sure to call in your reservation now. For more information, check LaurelLittleTheatre.com or drop a line to LLTLaurelMS@aol.com

Benefit bike run set for Sept. 15 for Anita Walley

On Saturday, September 15, a benefit motorcycle run will be held for Anita Walley. The run will start at Union Grove Assembly of God Church on Union Road off Hwhighway 42 between Richton and Sand Hill. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with free coffee and doughnuts while they last. Kickstands up at 10 a.m. Donation: \$25 for single rider and \$30 per couple, which includes rib eye steak sandwich lunch, water before and after the run, and raffle tickets with lots of great prizes.

Anita, a 52-year-old mother of three and grandmother of five, went to the doctor on June 17 for shoulder pain. Eight days later she was diagnosed with stage four metastatic cancer. They have no health insurance, and her husband is now her full-time stay at home caregiver. Anita's medical expenses are in excess of \$100,000. This does not include the daily 80+ mile per day trips to Hattiesburg for treatment or her prescription medications. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to Anita and her family. For more information contact Susanne Walley at 601-394-3321

Ellisville State School Employees of the Month

The Direct Support Employee of the Month winners for May, 2018 were recently announced at Ellisville State School. Congratulating the winners are (back row, from left to right): Norton Holifield, Nursing Home Administrator; Dawn Lee, Program Director; and Thelma Orange, Assistant Nursing Home Administrator. Winners for the month are: (seated) Janes Shepherd, Laurel. Not pictured: Teresa Sullivan, Soso; Kaneesha Flowers, Ellisville; and Cedrick Lawrence, Laurel. Photos submitted



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Bobcat cheerleaders take top honors at UCA Camp

The Jones County Junior College Bobcat cheerleaders won several awards at the recent UCA College Cheer Camp.

Jones cheerleaders competed in the Open-Coed Division at the camp, which was held July 19-22 at the University of Alabama. Coach Kayla Hankins' Bobcats took first place in Fight Song and were Overall Game Day champions. They won the Tradition Award, Upcoming Squad Award and finished second in Sideline and Timeout. Jones won the Leadership Award as voted on by all of the junior college/community colleges.

Sophomore Mackenzie Jordan of Laurel said, "This week we learned with hard work, determination and team work anything is possible."

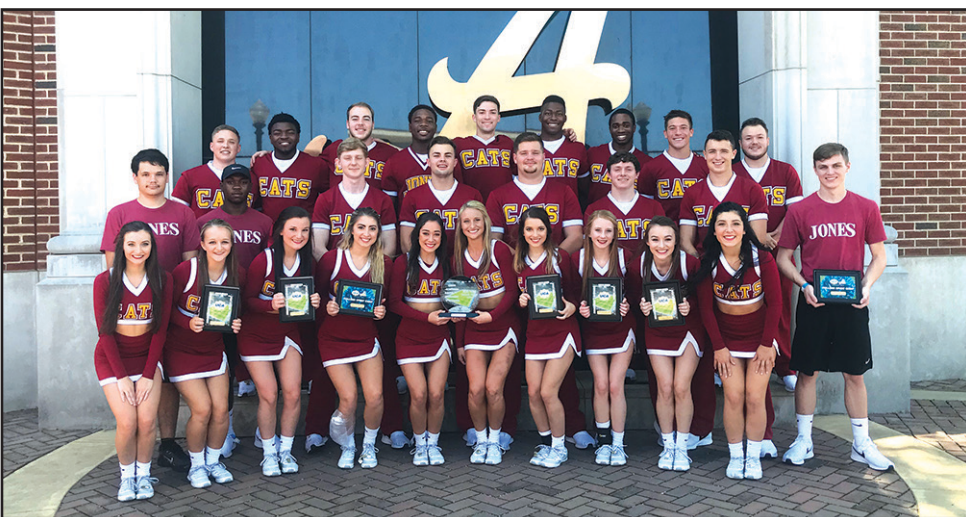
Sophomore Ali Coleman of Sumrall added, "This week was a success for us because we set short team goals back at home. We worked hard to meet those goals. One main goal for camp was to take in and learn as much as we could as the UCA staff could offer. We took the knowledge the UCA staff gave us and came home as Overall Game

Day champs!"

The Bobcat cheerleading squad consists of sophomores Jordan, Coleman, Gabryele Battise (Ocean Springs), Ivy Depriest (Brandon), Ty Adams (Madison), Dakota Finerman (D'Iberville), Jamar James (Leroy, Alabama), Derek Ladner (Gulfport), Blake Morrison (Mobile, Alabama) and McKenzie Richardson (Tupelo). Freshmen are Cryslynn Boman (Butler, Alabama), Kate Broom (Laurel), Haley Kim (Gulfport), Baili Meadows (Richton), Brianna Tisdale (Purvis), Reagan Verret (New Augusta), Sydney Whigham (Millry, Alabama), Kohl Gilbert (Winfield, Alabama), Hunter Henderson (Mobile, Alabama), Andrew Kirkland (Petal), Dawson Lowery (Petal), Jansen Parker (Wiggins), Drew Stanley (Wiggins) and Logan Terwilliger (Gulfport).

Mascots are Briggs Cox (Forest), Garrett Griffin (Morton) and Rogers Wesley (Vicksburg). Tara Williamson (Mendenhall) is the manager.

The cheerleaders are preparing for the JCJC football opener, which will be at 7 p.m. on Aug. 30 at home vs. Coahoma.



The Jones cheerleaders won several awards, including Overall Game Day champions, during the UCA Cheer Camp July 19-22 at the University of Alabama. Photo/Submitted

Laurel Ford School Supplies Giveaway

Laurel Ford gave away over four pallets of school supplies to local elementary schools for the 2018-2019 school year.

Sales Associate Jay Shelby helps distribute boxes of school supplies to various elementary schools during Friday's giveaway.

"We've been donating to the schools since even before I began working here, but this is the second year we've gotten the opportunity to do this school supplies giveaway. There are one hundred packets in each box containing your basic supplies, such as paper, pencils, composition notebooks, markers, etc."

Schools include Glade Elementary, North Jones

Elementary, Moselle Elementary, West Jones Elementary, Nora Davis Elementary, Maddox Elementary, Mason Elementary, Oak Park, East Jones Elementary, and South Jones Elementary.

— Finance Manager Katy Smith



L-R: Keith McCullough, F&I Manager and Bobby Herron, Sales Manager Photo/Submitted

JCJC awards 138 students with High School Equivalency diplomas

By Teresa McCreery

The 138 graduates of Jones County Junior College's High School Equivalency (HSE) program are the second group of graduates to earn their HSE with the state's revised HSE curriculum. As of July 2016, the state approved two new HSE tests, the HI SET and the Test of Adult Secondary Completion (or TASC), in addition to the widely recognized GED test. All three tests lead to earning a High School Equivalency diploma; however, the new and revised tests are more rigorous, giving graduates an extra reason to celebrate completing the program.

"The High School Equivalency credential is not the finish line for our students but the starting point for their future. We are celebrating this major achievement tonight but have encouraged all to also take advantage of the open doors this will provide them. These graduates now have educational and employment opportunities not previously available to them," said JCJC Adult Education Director Michael Yarbrough.

Graduates Barbara Craft of Seminary and Yolanda McGlaston of Bay Springs both dropped out of school about 30 years ago. McGlaston said she was "young and foolish" for leaving school in eighth grade, but she has always been determined to get her diploma.

"This is so special to me," said the mother of two girls. "Math is my worst subject but when the scores came back, mine was the highest! The Lord helped me and I've learned I have to motivate myself."

Craft said her husband Mitchell's support helped her get through school. The 49-year-old explained she struggled to raise three kids after dropping out of school in the 10th grade. However, she wanted to help raise her grandkids before returning to school.

"It's never too late! If I can do it, anyone can," said Craft, who also earned her Certified Nurse Assistant's degree through the Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (MIBEST) program. "I plan on continuing my education at Jones this fall."

Nineteen additional graduates also finished extra training through the MIBEST program after completing their High School Equivalency tests. The highest scoring seven graduates received a financial boost through scholarships. Graduates earning scholarships from JCJC's eight county district included Covington County scholarship recipient Jamie Allen Owens of Mt. Olive. The Greene County scholarship recipient is Trevor Alex Dueitt of Lucedale. Britney Nicole Parke of Bay Springs received the Jasper County Scholarship. Ellisville's Michael Vincent Wade Lovett was awarded the Jones County Scholarship. Bryana Michelle Clark of Richton earned the Perry County Scholarship. The Smith County Scholarship went to Baker Donnell Sims of Taylorsville, and Peyton Walker of Waynesboro was awarded the Wayne County Scholarship. Because Walker also had the overall top score among

all graduates, Charlie Garretson, the vice president of Advancement and executive director of the JCJC Foundation Inc., awarded Walker with an additional \$500 scholarship.

"I can't believe it! I thought it was a mistake when he called my name!" said Walker.

Many of the graduates celebrating their accomplishments at the ceremony at JCJC have overcome obstacles to earn their diplomas, including the keynote speaker, Alonso Hernandez. The Costa Rican native and current Ellisville resident earned his HSE through JCJC two years ago. Through the MIBEST program, he also earned 20 hours of employability skills, a Silver CRC, OSHA certificate and NCCER CORE Credential, AWS certification and 15 hours toward college credit in welding. Last May, the aspiring car shop owner left JCJC with degrees in automotive and welding. However, Hernandez said his life could have turned out very differently because he was headed down a dark path.

"When I hit my teenage years, I had a tremendous amount of anger inside me that I just didn't know what to do with...I started being rebellious...The thing is, none of the hard things or the abuse I've endured in my childhood, none of that was my fault and I feel like I didn't get the same chance as other kids," said Hernandez.

At 15, he dropped out of school and started hanging out with the "wrong crowd," which eventually led to being kicked out of the house. Three years later, his life began to change.

"When I gave myself to the Lord, my life turned around just like that. No more addictions, no more parties, no more chasing girls, chasing fights, and I was just 18 years old... I realized that I have to do something for myself. I didn't want to end up in a dead end job, doing something I hated every day."

While getting a Costa Rican GED in a rough part of town, Hernandez met his missionary wife, Ashli from Ellisville. He had hoped to begin college classes to be a car builder when he arrived at JCJC, but Hernandez learned he would have to get an American High School Equivalency before he could work towards his dream to be a car builder.

"Most people here say you aren't going to make any money. It's a cool hobby but you won't make money. Guess where I work now? I'm a car builder. That's pretty cool and I make a living. I drive an hour and 15 minutes with a smile on my face because I love what I do," said Hernandez, who is a custom car builder at Mike Goldman's Custom Cars Inc.

Bragging that he worked on a 1934 Victoria today and three years ago, he didn't know which way a ratchet wrench clicked. Crediting his education at Jones for helping him fulfill a dream, Hernandez challenged the newest graduates to push forward.

"You were made for a purpose and I don't

Allie's on Magnolia Boutique holds Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting ceremony

Allie's on Magnolia Boutique, located at 325 N. Magnolia St. in Downtown Laurel, recently held their Grand Opening and ribbon-cutting. Allie Foster, owner, celebrated the occasion with friends and guests on July 24. Allie invites everyone to drop by and browse through their wide selection of clothing and accessories. Also, if you make it in before August 4, ask about the staff about the "school faculty sale." You can save 30-50% off many cute clothes now, and there are new arrivals daily. Photo/Submitted



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think stopping at a high school diploma is it. I think you were made for greater things. This is the greatest country on Earth! You have the world at your disposal. If you want to be a chef, you better be the best chef on Earth. Let's make Mississippi great....With faith in God and perseverance, we'll make it."

For more information about JCJC's Adult Basic Education programs including the High School Equivalency program, contact Jennifer Hodges at 601-477-4164 or emailjenifer.hodges@jcjc.edu.

How to ease kids' transition to a new school

Being the new kid in school can be a tall order for youngsters. Children who change schools may face a host of challenges that studies suggest can affect both their social and academic development. In a 2010 study that followed students who entered kindergarten in 1998 through 2007, the Government Accountability Office found that 13 percent of students changed schools four or more times by the end of eighth grade. Such mobility can adversely affect students, as a study of 13,000 students in the city of Chicago found that children who had changed schools four or more times by the sixth grade were roughly a year behind their classmates.

In addition to the toll transferring schools can take on their academic performance, students also may experience difficulty assimilating into their new schools. Though there's no formula to make such transitions easier, parents can try various strategies to help their kids successfully adjust to new schools.

*Speak with children about the transition. Pathways.org, a not-for-profit organization devoted to providing free child development information to parents and health professionals, recommends parents speak with their children about transitioning to a new school. Encourage children to share what excites and worries them about the transition. The way parents discuss transitions can go a long way toward shaping how kids view the change.

*Stay true to your routine. Pathways also recommends parents of students who are transitioning to a new school do their best to replicate first day of school routines from years past. Some familiar traditions might help calm kids' concerns about their first day in a new school.

*Assimilate into a new community before the school year begins. The education resource Edweek.org notes that the most common causes of students changing schools are residential moves related to parents' jobs or financial instability. Parents on the lookout for a new job or those who may need to relocate for financial reasons may want to delay moving until the current school year has ended. Moving between school years gives families time to acclimate to their new communities. That means kids will get time to make new friends. Some familiar faces on the first day at a new school can go a long way toward alleviating the fears children may have.

*Volunteer at your child's new school. Parental involvement at school can have a profound impact on children. The National Education Association notes that children whose parents are involved at school are more likely to perform academically than students whose parents are uninvolved. In addition, such students are more likely to have good attendance and exhibit stronger social skills than children whose parents do not involve themselves in their children's school. It stands to reason that students transferring to a new school may benefit from parental involvement even more than other students, as seeing their parents approach a new school with excitement and energy may inspire children to follow suit.

Transitioning to a new school is not easy for many students. But parents can help smooth that transition in various ways.

Tips for travelers considering a cruise

Cruises are a popular vacation option that appeal to travelers for a number of reasons. When on a cruise, vacationers typically get to see numerous cities in various countries while spending their nights aboard luxurious ships that cater to their every need. Those who have never been on a cruise may not know what to look for as they consider taking the cruise plunge. The following are a few pointers for travelers who need some help finding the right cruise to take them out to the high seas.

* Find a ship that suits your style. You don't need to know anything about sailing or boats to find a cruise that suits your style. But it is important that would-be cruisers know that not all ships are the same. Some cruise ships cater to families, so singles or young married couples without children may want to avoid such ships. Before booking a cruise, do your homework to ensure you find a ship that will appeal to you and cater to your needs.

* Ask for recommendations. Another way to find a ship that's right for you is to ask family and friends for recommendations. Chances are strong you know people who have sailed before, and they can be invaluable resources. Ask about their experience and if there was anything they wish they did differently. They may recommend a certain cruise line or time of year to travel, and such recommendations should be taken into consideration before you make your final decision. Cruises are a popular vacation option that appeal to travelers for a number of reasons. When on a cruise, vacationers typically get to see numerous cities in various countries while spending their nights aboard luxurious ships that cater to their every need. Those who have never been on a cruise may not know what to look for as they consider taking the cruise plunge. The following are a few pointers for travelers who need some help finding the right cruise to take them out to the high seas.

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* Research your lodging options. Lodging prices vary greatly, and it will no doubt prove tempting to choose the least expensive lodging option, especially if you plan to spend most of your time on deck or patrolling the ports of call. But travelers who are accustomed to five-star hotels may find cabins with no windows don't suit their style, and that can make for a less enjoyable trip. Before booking your trip, explore your lodging options and choose a cabin you know you will be comfortable in.

* Find ports of call you want to visit. A big part of the excitement of going on a cruise is the opportunity to visit different ports and experience various cultures in a single trip. Ships will usually dock for a day at a time and allow passengers to visit different cities throughout the trip. Make a list of cities you want to visit and then choose a cruise that takes you to as many of those cities as possible.

* Ask a professional for help. Even if you receive recommendations from like-minded friends and relatives, you still may find it difficult to choose the right cruise for you. If that's the case, you can work with a travel agent who specializes in cruise ships. Travel agents can be invaluable resources who can help you find a cruise and cruise line that suits your needs. Agents can also help you understand any visa or passport requirements, and they may even be



able to arrange for special perks you might not be privy to if you simply book your trip online. Cruises make for wonderful vacations that allow travelers to explore many different cultures while enjoying breathtaking scenery. First-time cruisers can take several steps to ensure they choose the right cruise and make the most of their first time at sea. Research your lodging options. Lodging prices vary greatly, and it will no doubt prove tempting to choose the least expensive lodging option, especially if you plan to spend most of your time on deck or patrolling the ports of call. But travelers who are accustomed to five-star hotels may find cabins with no windows don't suit their style, and that can make for a less enjoyable trip. Before booking your trip, explore your lodging options and choose a cabin you know you will be comfortable in.

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Sideline View: The greatest MLB team ever?

By Dale McKee

It is a long way from the farmlands of Silver City, Mississippi, to Broadway and the bright lights of New York City. Jack Reed made the long trek back in 1961, as he was a member of one of the greatest Major League baseball teams in the history of the game. The Bronx Bombers, as they were affectionately called, smashed a baseball record 240 home runs, led by the famous duo of Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris.



Reed played in New York from 1961-63 and won two world championships for the Yankees in 1961 and 1962. "The one thing I learned playing with those guys was that we really believed we were going to win every game," said Reed. Reed says with players like Bobby Richardson, Tony Kubek, Roger Maris, Mickey Mantle, Elston Howard, "Moose" Showron, Yogi Berra and Clete Boyer, he still considers that '61 team one of the best ever. "You know everyone's attention was on Roger and Mickey chasing Babe Ruth's single season home run record. Maris hit 61 home runs while Mantle blasted 54 home runs, but we also had three catchers that year that ended up hitting 63 home runs as a group," stated the former Ole Miss football and baseball player.

Yogi, Elston and Johnny Blanchard hit 22, 21 and 21 home runs respectively for the '61 Yankees. Bill Showron also smashed 28 dingers during the first 162-game Major League season. Reed was also part of the home run record as he hit his only Major League home run during a 22-inning, seven-hour Yankee win against Detroit that summer. Reed hit his home run off Phil Reagan in the top of the 22nd inning. Reed came in the game in the 13th inning to replace Mantle. "I had faced Reagan in the minors and just got lucky. I knew I hit the ball solid, but didn't think it was going out until the umpire told me as I got close to second base," stated Reed.

Reed was used mostly as a late inning defensive replacement for Mantle during his three

seasons in New York. "Yankee manager Ralph Houk called me before the '61 season and told me what my role would be during my first season. My job was to help prolong Mantle's career. I was called his 'caddie'," said a laughing Reed.

The 1961 team won 109 games during the regular season and whipped the Cincinnati Reds in five games in the World Series. Reed played in three of the five games. The Yankees followed that up with another title in 1962. Reed's last year in New York was the 1963 season when the Los Angeles Dodgers swept the Yankees in four games behind the pitching of Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale in the World Series. Reed still says Koufax was the best opposing pitcher in the game during his career in the Majors.

Reed played in 222 games for the Yankees in his three years. He hit .302 in 88 games during the 1962 season. He retired from playing after the 1963 season and coached or managed for four years in the Yankee farm system before coming home to Silver City to run the 2,000-acre family farm.

Reed is only one of four people to play in a World Series game and also play in a New Year's Day Bowl game. He played in the 1953 Sugar Bowl for Ole Miss. Deion Sanders, Jackie Jensen and Chuck Essegian are the others.

Hall of Fame Inductions

The Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame inducted the 2018 class this past weekend. Billy Brewer Anna Jackson, Mike Jones, Archie Moore, Lafayette Stribling and Joe Walker Jr. joined the elite club. Tyrone Keys received the lifetime achievement award to Mississippi sports – The Rube Award – named in honor of Michael Rubenstein.

Chipper Jones was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame this past weekend. Chipper is one of the top three switch hitters in Major League baseball history. Jones's career batting average from the left side was .303 and .304 from the right side in his 18-year career for the Atlanta Braves.

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The Greatest Game in the Series – Rice

Southern Miss athletics looks at the greatest games in each of the playing series of all 12 opponents from its 2018 football schedule, giving Golden Eagle fans a look of what we consider to be the greatest game in history between the two respective programs features. We will post these games on social media as well, and ask fans to agree or disagree with our selections as well as share their favorite memory from these games. This week, the focus switches to Rice, who the Golden Eagles entertain to open up Conference USA season, Saturday, Sept. 22, in a 6 p.m., CT contest at M.M. Roberts Stadium.

The greatest game in the series, though, goes back to the 2011 campaign as the program was on its way to a school-record 12-win season and Conference USA championship. The Golden Eagles were searching for a much-needed C-USA victory at home against the Owls after losing its league opener a few weeks before on the road at Marshall.

Having lost the previous two ever meetings with the Owls, the Golden Eagles' Austin Davis threw for 284 yards and three touchdowns, while Kendrick Hardy rushed for 172 yards and Southern Miss scored four unanswered touchdowns in the second half to turn a tight game into a 48-24 rout over Rice at Roberts Stadium. Southern Miss gained what was then a school-record 654 total yards, including 370 on the ground, but four turnovers kept Rice in the game. The Owls scored twice on fumble recoveries, including a 96-yard return by Xavier Webb that briefly gave Rice a 24-20 lead early in the third quarter.

"If you don't have something in your chest or that tough makeup, you might lay down after that," then Southern Miss

coach Larry Fedora said after the game that night. "Not this bunch, they are going to keep fighting."

The Owls simply couldn't stop Southern Miss' offense. The Golden Eagles kept churning away with big gains on the ground, even as Hardy and backup Jama Woodyard left the game with injuries. The Golden Eagles scored the final 28 points in the second half on three rushing scores and one passing touchdown to pull away in the contest. Kelvin Bolden caught nine passes for 132 yards and a touchdown for Southern Miss while Ryan Balentine caught seven for 114 yards and two touchdowns.

Rice struggled from the first play, when Southern Miss linebacker Jamie Collins darted through the defensive line and slammed running back Sam McGuffie to the turf for an 8-yard loss. The rest of the night was the same for the Owls, who failed to generate much offense unless Southern Miss gift-wrapped a turnover. Rice led 14-13 after a first quarter that featured four touchdowns in the last 5 minutes -- including two in the final 5 seconds.

Southern Miss looked like it might blow Rice right off the field at first, taking a 13-0 lead after Hardy's 47-yard touchdown run and Balentine's 46-yard touchdown catch. The Owls recovered in a hurry. McHargue hit Vance McDonald for a 2-yard touchdown with 5 seconds remaining in the quarter, and then the Owls scored again as time expired after Southern Miss fumbled the kickoff. Michael Kutzler recovered and ran it back 17 yards for the touchdown and 14-13 lead. Southern Miss took a 20-17 lead into halftime after cornerback Marquese Wheaton recovered a fumble and ran 75 yards for the touchdown.

Southern Miss Athletics restructures Ticket Sales & Service Department

Southern Miss Athletics announces the hiring of a new Ticket Sales and Service team that will be dedicated to new business development and to boosting service initiatives for current fans. The revamped department brings three new employees to the Southern Miss Ticket Office. Deven Matthews, Senior Ticket Sales Executive, Ben Winpiger and Hooks Hausman, Ticket Sales Executives, will be led by Lynne Firmin, Director of Ticket Sales, who has been promoted from a Ticket Operations position to overseeing the external unit of the Ticket Office.

Current Season Ticket Holders can expect to be contacted over the next several weeks with an introduction from their new Account Representative. "It's important that our Ticket Holders have a person that they can trust, not an 800 number, to call when they

need assistance. When you purchase tickets from Southern Miss, you become part of a family. I want our fans to really feel that," described Firmin.

Sr. Associate Athletics Director of External Affairs, Stephen Pugh, believes the Athletic Department's refocus on Ticket Sales strategies is a crucial part of efforts to maximize the customer service provided to Southern Miss fans. "Creating value for our Season Ticket Holders is paramount. We want to recognize their investment in our success and we want to reward them with access to special events, benefits, and top-notch service."

A personalized experience and the fulfillment of additional Season Ticket Holder benefits is just a fraction of the initiatives the new team will focus on. The Ticket Sales team will also be dedicated to seeking new

business by offering incentives for current fans to refer new ticket buyers, developing a Small Business Ticket Package, creating brand-new group events, and much more.

Firmin elaborated on the team's efforts to grow. "We have the capability to create an incredible ticket-buying experience for our fans. Not only do we have some new tools, but we have a group of three young and talented Account Executives that each bring a unique set of strengths and an enthusiasm for Southern Miss that can be ignited in new fans."

Matthews, a native of St. Martin, Miss., comes to Southern Miss after serving as a Ticket Sales Executive with the Biloxi Shuckers for three seasons. Matthews is a 2013 Southern Miss graduate of the Sport Management program.

Winpiger, who earned his Southern Miss

Sport Management degree in 2018, hails from Laurel, Miss., and is a second generation Southern Miss graduate. Prior to his role as Account Executive, Winpiger worked as a student worker in the Ticket Office for the 2017-18 athletic seasons and an intern with the Southern Miss marketing staff from 2016-2018. He also worked as a Trainee with the Mississippi Braves during the 2017 season performing many different roles.

Hausman comes to Southern Miss after working as a post-graduate Intern in Ticket Operations at Texas Tech. He also served in ballpark operations with the Boston Red Sox, as well as an Intern with the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp and in game day operations with Ole Miss Athletics.

"We're very excited about the team joining us. They have a diverse background of experience in sales, ticketing, and customer

service as well as deep ties to Southern Miss and the State of Mississippi," said Pugh.

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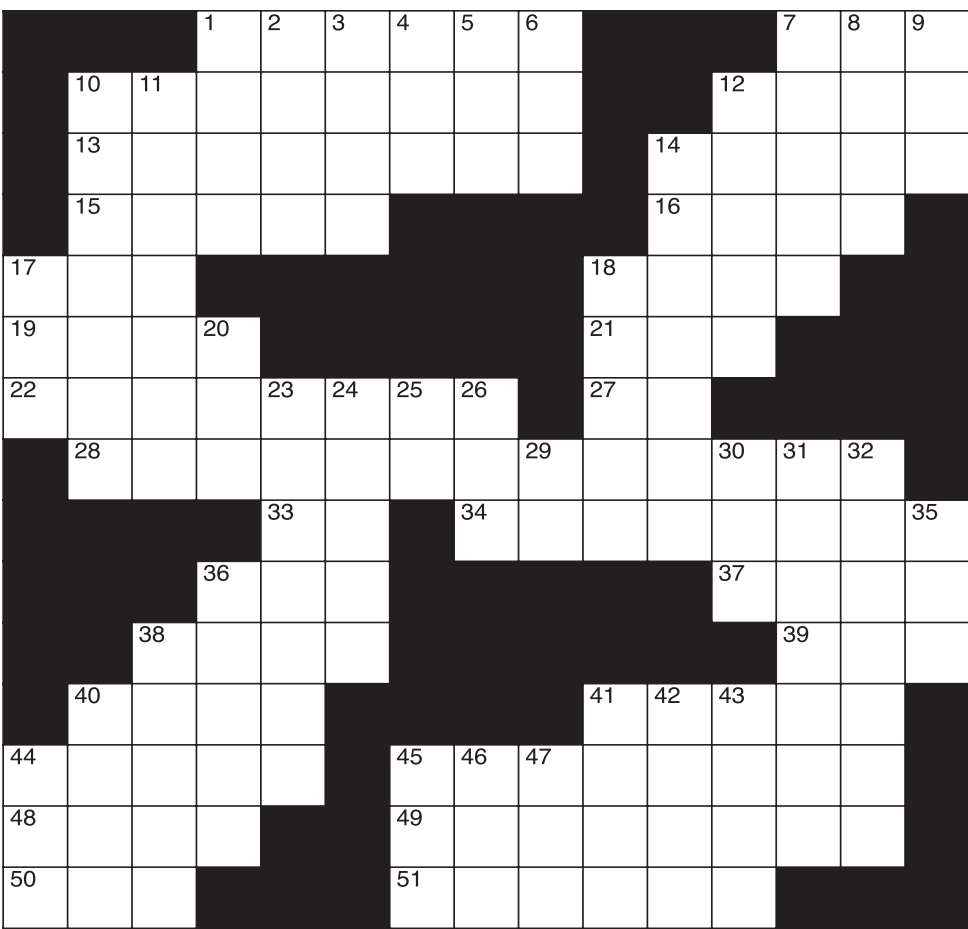
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- 30. Frequently
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- 32. Gives a permanent post
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How to build the perfect playlist

(Family Features) Music can set the mood, no matter the occasion. Whether you're playing jazz classics to give your dinner party a sophisticated ambience or blasting the latest dance-pop tracks for motivation on the treadmill, music is able to provide the soundtrack to different aspects of peoples' lives.

These days, playlists are one of the most convenient ways to organize music, and there's no limit to the number of playlists you can create. It can also be surprisingly simple to make the perfect playlist to match your music needs. These tips can help you on your way:

Tailor the Playlist to Your Audience

Crafting your playlist based on who you're playing it for, like guests at a house party or family barbecue, can help you select the proper vibe, tempo, length and theme. The goal should always be to include songs the majority of your guests will enjoy. Just keep in mind that if you're relying on a single playlist for an occasion, you'll want to ensure that it's long enough to last until the end of the party. A good rule of thumb is at least 30-40 tracks.

Make It Personal

Because different genres and styles of music are available in abundance, your songs and playlists can reflect who you are and the way you feel. A music streaming service like Spotify allows listeners to build personal playlists as well as listen to expert-curated playlists on-demand using its free mobile app.

When taking advantage of those custom features, be sure to clearly identify your lists with ultra-personal names. For example, instead of naming a list "Summer 2018," go for something like "Favorite Poolside Beats 2018." If you need help, the service can also help populate the playlist to at least 15 songs by suggesting tracks based on your playlist title and music tastes. Create your own personalized playlist and find more information at Spotify.com.

Mix It Up

Keep people interested with a wide variety of slow and fast, new and classic, and various musical styles. Don't be afraid to combine genres or decades. This ensures you strike chords among listeners of various ages and backgrounds. When



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in doubt, add classic crowd-pleasers and chart-topping hits of today.

Update Often

If you're creating a playlist that you plan to keep going back to, like a workout playlist, keep in mind you can update it whenever you like to keep it fresh. Switching out songs from time to time can make the listening experience more enjoyable.

Collaborate with Others

Allowing friends or guests to have access to your playlist and make their own additions ensures that everyone's music tastes are represented. Another plus: it's a fun way to discover hot new tracks and artists your friends and family are listening to.

Find Inspiration

If you're short on time or just looking for some new ideas, check out pre-existing playlists that are already curated for your occasion. For example, on Spotify you can find options like "Afternoon Acoustic" for relaxing or "Songs to Sing in the Car" for a long road trip to the beach with friends.

Music is both universal and personal, so let your playlists tell a story about you. If you'll use the list for entertaining, sprinkle in some extra flavor with tracks that appeal to the broader group or specific guests, and just like that, you have a winning playlist for your next party.

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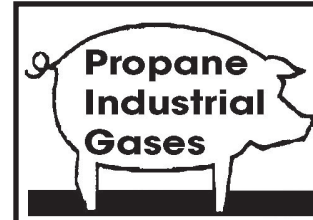
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Today's "Guess Who?" answer: Tom Brady

12th annual Bobcat Hall of Fame 5K Run set for Aug. 25

ELLISVILLE – The 12th annual Jones County Junior College Bobcat Hall of Fame 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run will be held at 8 a.m. on August 25. The race will begin and end at Bobcat Stadium/Sim Cooley Field. Registration begins at 7 a.m. For the 5K Run, pre-registration fee is \$20 and \$15 for students and Pine Belt Pacers members. Day of the race fee is \$25. Fun Run registration fee is \$10. To pre-register, go to www.jcathletics.com and click on "For Fans" and then click

on "2018 Hall of Fame 5K." Fill out the form, enclose check and mail to Jones County FCA, P.O. Box 8011, 900 South Court St., Ellisville, MS 39437 before Aug. 15. T-shirts will be given to all pre-registered participants. Registration forms are also available at www.pinebeltpacers.org. For more information, call Kelvin Smith a 601-575-0524 or Katie Herrington at 601-477-3699. All proceeds from the run go to the Jones County chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Briarfield Community Summer Enrichment Program teaches kids about the dangers of tobacco use

The Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Forrest, Jones and Perry Counties recently participated in the Briarfield Community Summer Enrichment Program held at Briarfield Apartments in Hattiesburg. Through awareness activities and games, children learned valuable information concerning the unfavorable effects of tobacco use and the dangers of secondhand smoke. For more information or to have a presentation by the coalition please contact, Wendy Magee, project director at 601-336-7212 or email wjm@nimk.org. The Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Forrest, Jones and Perry Counties is funded by a grant from the Mississippi State Department of Health. Photo/submitted



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