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Lighting displays are one of the many things that help make the holiday season a special time of year. Often awe-inspiring, holiday lighting displays present a perfect opportunity for communities and individuals to showcase their festive sides.

Safety should always be a priority when stringing holiday lights both inside and outside a home.

The National Fire Protection Association notes that, between 2009 and 2014, fire departments in the United States responded to an average of 210 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year.

Lighting displays strung on home exteriors also can pose safety risks if homeowners do not exercise caution. Fortunately, various strategies can help homeowners safely deco-

rate their homes' interiors and exteriors this holiday season.

❖Choose a fresh tree. The NFPA recommends celebrants who prefer natural Christmas trees choose ones with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Dry trees are more likely to catch fire than freshly cut trees. Adding water to the tree stand each day will keep trees fresher longer. When placing the tree, avoid placing it too close to heat sources, making sure it is at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.

❖Check all lights before stringing them. All lights, including those going on trees inside a home and those being strung outside, should be inspected prior to being strung. Look for any worn or broken cords and replace any defected

lights.

❖Employ the buddy system. When stringing lights, always work with at least one other person. This makes it safe for homeowners who must climb ladders to string lights on especially tall trees and/or on their home exteriors.

❖Avoid working in inclement weather. The weather during the holiday season can sometimes be unpleasant or unpredictable. Check the forecast before stringing exterior lights to ensure Mother Nature won't pose a threat. Avoid hanging lights if the forecast predicts wet, icy or windy conditions that can make ladders unstable.

❖Turn lights off when going to bed and/or leaving the house. Interior and exterior holiday lights should not be left on when no one is home or everyone inside is sleeping. If left on overnight or when no one is home, lights may contribute to fires that damage homes and may even prove fatal.

Holiday lighting displays help make this time of year special. Following some simple safety procedures when decorating with lights can ensure everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday season.



The Top Ten beauties in the Most Beautiful pageant at Jones College are Jada King of Bay Springs, Mackenzie Jordan of Laurel, Ryleigh Meadows of Petal, Holly James of Ovett, Victoria Strickland of Ellisville, Haley Smith of Ellisville, Rylee Gavin of Ellisville, Grace Freeman of Sumrall, Harleigh Howell of Laurel, and Kamryn McGee of Hattiesburg. Victoria Strickland was the Audience Choice winner, Madeleine Lambert was the Miss Congeniality winner, Jada King was the Essay winner, and Hayley Lott was the Most Photogenic winner.

Holiday Delight: The goodness of Gingerbread

Gingerbread is a broad term that can describe anything from a firm and crispy cookie to a moist, soft cake. Traditionally, gingerbread is seasoned with ginger, cloves, nutmeg, and other aromatic spices.

Molasses and brown sugar counteract the spice with sweetness. North Americans have been baking gingerbread in various shapes or forms for more than 200 years, and the recipes even pre-date the

American Revolution.

However, gingerbread dates back even further to the Shakespearean era, with The Bard having mentioned it in one of his plays.

Gingerbread's name can be trace to medieval England and once referred to any kind of preserved ginger. The term went on to reference ginger-flavored cakes in the 15th century. Even though gingerbread cakes and cookies have been made

for centuries, Germans are often credited with creating gingerbread houses, according to Smithsonian.

They were probably modeled after the witch's candy cottage in the German fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel." Even though gingerbread can be made any time of year, it is particularly associated with the Christmas season, with gingerbread men and other fanciful shapes turning up on cookie platters

Op-Ed: Families need school choice

Our families need school choice. The concept is simple: parents direct the tax dollars associated with their child to the best education they can find. Instead of leaving such an important decision up to strangers, we decide how education dollars for our own children are spent. Does that make sense to you? It does to us.

You see, we've experienced the desperation and frustration that only parents feel when they want to solve a problem for their children but see only hurdles. Each of us has a child with special needs who benefits from an educational setting other than the one assigned to him. So, we've all made sacrifices. One of us became a business

owner to have the flexibility to transport her son to therapy.

Another took up homeschooling at night even though she works at her son's district school.

Another drives 4 hours each day to take her son to the school that works best for him.

All of us have spent countless hours tirelessly searching for the education we want and need. We've investigated and tried online schooling, homeschooling, all kinds of private schools, our district schools, and any other options we could find. We've sat in IEP meetings for long hours, applied for Education Scholarship Accounts for financial relief, and stayed on the phone asking questions until we found answers.

But some answers, we're still waiting on. Though we love our state, the temptation to move to find greater freedom and support grows with each new difficulty.

We have done the work, but there is little to aid us in our efforts to secure the best education we can find for our children. Two of us adopted our sons, and the joy of providing them with loving homes has turned into a struggle to give them all they deserve. Thankfully, Mississippi does offer some options to families through private choice programs and new charter schools continue to open their doors. But sitting on a wait list for months and years is disheartening – we all know. Watching our bank accounts shrink as we try different options is scary. And the emotional toll is difficult to quantify. As a society, we've committed to providing all children between kindergarten and 12th grade with an education. We pay taxes to fulfill this commitment. But getting a good education depends entirely on where you live, your income, and your needs. Being a parent who is willing to fight for her kids is a big step in the right direction, but the barriers to educational freedom that exist make our road a long, hard one. We need smart policies that recognize each child is

unique and each parent needs the freedom to make choices.

School choice is a smart policy. It doesn't cost taxpayers more money, and it's based on gold standard research. Most importantly, it empowers parents to solve problems immediately. If that's not enough for you, it's also good, old-fashioned common sense to give parents back the responsibility of deciding where their children go to school.

And it's not just children with special needs who can benefit from school choice – everyone can. You advocate for your child more persistently than anyone. You see the consequences of an environment that doesn't work. You know the financial strain of paying for a seat in a school your child cannot attend because it doesn't work for him or her.

School choice doesn't say one school is better than another...it simply recognizes these truths. We've lived for far too long under the assumption that there are education experts out there who know more about our children and who can make better decisions for them than we can. That's just not true. Those people are trying to serve every child and meet every standard – a huge task. We parents are only concerned about our children. We live with them every day, and we know their potential. We know their struggles and gifts. Our values may vary, but we all have the same mission: to give our children the best chance we can at a happy and successful life.

When someone says that you just need to fill out more paperwork, wait for your school to improve, or lobby for more money, you tell them you don't have time to wait.

When people tell you that school choice leaves students behind, you tell them our current system leaves students behind every day. School choice gives us a fighting chance.

You will hear people say school choice is just a way to take money away from district schools. But you'll notice those people overlook students in fa-

vor of systems and often have the money to make decisions not everyone can. Even if they don't, they are comfortable with telling you what is best for your child. We don't want to tell you how to educate your child. We want you to have the freedom to make that decision yourself.

We've worked hard to find a setting that works for our children and realize that search may continue as they grow and develop. Nothing will keep us from doing all that we can for them. In 2019, join with us and tell your legislators to vote for every student's success by passing school choice policies that benefit all Mississippians. We don't have time to wait.

By Alice Dillon (Tylertown), Courtney Jones (Jackson), and Missy Hopkins (Oxford). Founded in 2014, Empower Mississippi is an independent, nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to removing barriers to opportunity so all Mississippians can flourish.

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The Story Teller: **“Shelling peas and cutting okra”**

By Martha McCarty

Shane came toward the back door to find Caroline sitting on the porch shelling peas. She was quite fast with that job and made it look so easy. She could fill a dish pan almost as fast as he could reach for another hand full from the sack.

He stood still beside her watching her shell and then asked, "How do you do that? It's almost like you find a zipper down the side of each pod. You make that look so easy."

"Oh, I don't know. I've never minded shelling 'em. I never minded shelling butter-beans either, but I sure don't like picking 'em. Always shelled for my brothers so they'd do my share of picking. Worked out pretty good for all of us," she laughed.

"Did you get those from the Lindsey's again? I figured it was about time for them to start bringing vegetables to town again," he asked.

Yes, I did. He knows to bring mine when he brings produce for the company kitchen. He came in this

morning with these peas and squash and okra. If you have time, you could get a knife and another bowl and cut up that okra, if you want some for supper, that is."



He watched his face for the smile she knew she'd see there, and she did.

He was in and back out pretty quickly and sat down to cut the okra.

“Did Lindsey or one of his men bring this in?” he asked.

"It was the man who works with him and often comes in with him. Why do you ask?" she asked.

"Well," he said, "I thought if it had been Lindsey himself, he might have said something about his camp car."

"His what?" she asked. "What's a camp car? What are you talking about?"

“He’s made himself what he’s calling a camp car that he can go camping in. He’s rigged up a room-like structure on the back of an automobile that he can drive to wherever he wants to camp and then climb up into the back of it and sleep. So, he calls it his camp car.”

“Well, who would have thought to do that?” she said. “Has he been camping in it?”

"Apparently, he's been all over the country in it. How much of this okra you want me to cut up?"

"While you're in it, go ahead and cut it all, if you don't mind," she said. "That family has some mighty resourceful folks in it, doesn't it?"

Seems like they can and do just about anything they need to do to get the job done.”

"You'd be right about that. His logging wagon went to the war,

you know. Our soldiers used it in Europe, so I'm told."

She leaned in over her dish pan and looked at him as she said, "Well, how about that?" And then she stood with her pan and went to the back door. "I'm gonna' get these peas washed and on the cook. Will you bring me that okra when you finish? And save a handful of the smallest pods to cook in the peas, if you will." And in the back door she went.

As the screen settled against the facing of the door, Shane finished cutting what needed cutting and stood to go in. As he turned toward the door, he caught sight of the bud on the magnolia tree. "Well, would you look at that?" he said quietly. "I guess that's its first bloom yet."

Then he spoke to the tree. "You sure are a lucky little tree to even be here. It's amazing you didn't get taken down or pushed over years ago, but I'm glad you were spared. And, for what it's worth, I thank you for the bloom. I always did like a magnolia." And he reached for the knob, opened the screen and took the okra on into the kitchen.

As the screen closed behind him, he said, "Caroline, before I forget to tell you. Mr. Eastman died. That's the grandfather of the young Lauren Rogers whose house became the museum. Mr. Lauren C. Eastman, he was."

And he heard her reply, "That family sure has had its share of grief and tragedy, hasn't it?"

This excerpt taken from “Laurel’s Forgotten Beginnings,” which is scheduled to be released in spring of 2019.

The holidays are here, and that means more spending

The holidays are here, and that means millions of people will spend time decorating, making shopping lists, purchasing presents, and stocking up on entertaining essentials. Various groups and consumer watchdogs track trends in holiday spending and giving. Here are some facts and figures col-

cans shopped in stores and online, offers the NRF. Black Friday still reigns supreme, with 77 million consumers. However, Small Business Saturday was not far behind, with 55 million consumers.

■Data from Prosper Insights & Analytics says people planned to spend an average of

■ Many people pride themselves on shopping early for gifts, but there are eleventh-hour consumers as well. NRF says around 15 percent of last-minute shoppers plan to buy gifts at supermarkets or grocery stores.

■ Charitable giving tends to skyrocket at the end of the year, when the spirit of giving synonymous with the season inspires individuals to give back. According to PricewaterhouseCoopers, the average total cash contribution to charity by individuals is roughly \$245.

■The NRF notes that, in 2017, only about 12 percent of consumers finished their holiday shopping by the second week of December.

■ Research from Forbes found that gift cards will continue to reign supreme. Gift cards are convenient for gift-givers, and PWC found that 42 percent of people prefer to receive gift cards for the holidays.

■ Sales are strong for both online and brick-and-mor-



tar retailers. Accenture's "10th Annual Accenture Holiday Shopping Survey" discovered 84 percent of consumers plan to go online, particularly to Amazon.com, to research and price-check gifts before looking or buying elsewhere.

■ The Accenture survey also found that at least three-quarters of shoppers are enticed by coupons and other promotions to shop at stores they have not visited before.

■Don't let the holiday buying season fool you. Shopping continues even after Santa has slid down the chimney. The NRF states 48 percent of shoppers will take advantage of after-Christmas sales in stores.

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lected from the last holiday season, some which may surprise holiday enthusiasts.

■ Economists with the National Retail Federation say online and retail sales in 2017 increased by 10.5 percent over the previous year. The combination of job and wage gains, modest inflation, and elevated consumer confidence has led to higher holiday spending.

■Between Thanksgiving Day and Cyber Monday 2017, more than 174 million Ameri-



Tis the season to be Jolly. The 2018 holiday season is quickly approaching. Gary Walters of Ellisville happily lended a hand to decorate Ward's Pharmacy in Downtown Ellisville (122 S. Front St.) with festive Christmas decor. Ward's first opened in 1886 and offers its customers not just pharmaceutical products and retails items . . . but an ice cream bar! Photo/Katie Grice

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DECEMBER 5
Prayer Tower Outreach Non-Denominational Church, 4005 CR 8, Heidelberg, invites you to our Pentecost Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Revival, “Having a Spiritual Awakening”, running December 5-7 at 7:15 nightly.

DECEMBER 6
Join us at the YWCO for our favorite annual Christmas event, “Victorian Christmas Tea,” on December 6 from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. High tea is served in three courses. This is a seasonal holiday event perfect for a lady’s afternoon out! Cost is \$20 per person. You can reserve your seat by contacting the office by phone or email.

DECEMBER 7
First Trinity Presbyterian Church of Laurel will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its wonderful Aeolian-Skinner organ with a special organ recital presented by Lorenz Maycher on Friday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. Maycher, who served as organist and

choirmaster at First Trinity from 2007-2010, will present a thrilling program to demonstrate the immense versatility and colors of the instrument. His program will include works by J. S. Bach, Richard Keys Biggs, Charles Callahan, Marcel Dupre, Harry Rowe Shelley, Leo Sowerby, and Louis Vierne. Childcare will be provided, and a reception will follow the recital.

DECEMBER 8
Gospel sing Saturday, December 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Sanford Community Center located at 663 Old Hwy 49, Sanford. The featured guest will be “Harvest Quartet,” “Cool Water Gospel Family” and “Faithway Singers.” Admission is free. A love offering will be received. For more information, call 601-765-6485.

The YWCO invites you to Brunch with Santa on December 8 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. This brand new event is sure to be a hit with all the kiddos! Brunch + getting to meet Santa! The event is \$10 per person (age 2 and under free). Contact the Y to reserve your seat.

Shady Grove M.B. Church of Heidelberg will be hosting a benefit program for Curtis Jed Walker on December 8 at 6:00 p.m. We encourage all

surrounding churches, choirs and soloist to support us in this blessed occasion.

Brunch with Santa. You are invited to have Brunch with Santa at the YWCO on December 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Come and meet Santa and get your picture made while eating yummy breakfast foods! RSVP by December 1: ywcooflaurel@gmail.com or 601-428-5694.

DECEMBER 13
Pub Theology will be held on Thursday, December 13 at Lee’s Coffee and Tea starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Hatten Water Association hereby announces solicitation for five (5) dedicated, competent, hard-working and motivated individuals (male & female) to serve as our association’s Board of Directors (non-compensated position). The meeting for the selection/election of Board members is scheduled for Monday night, January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Palestine MB Church Family Life Center, Hebron. Persons interested

in selection/election to the Board are asked to submit their name, address, phone number, and a brief statement about how they will work to improve the Association to the Hatten Office not later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. Your doing so will allow ample time for the staff to prepare paper ballots and be fully prepared for the January 7, 2019, meeting.

DECEMBER 15
Friendship Baptist Church, 116 Custom Avenue in Laurel, invites you to our program, “The Birth of Christ,” on December 15 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 16
First Trinity Presbyterian Church of Laurel’s Chancel Choir will present our annual Lessons and Carols service on December 16 at 6:00 p.m. This year’s service will include choral works by Francois Poulenc, Leo Sowerby, Paul Manz and Mack Wilberg. This is always a wonderful evening of sacred music, and we would love to see you there! Childcare will be provided. We will also have a family friendly

Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m. December 24.

DECEMBER 21
Join the YWCO for the “Magic of Downtown” on Friday, December 21 from 5-9 p.m. We will be hosting Christmas cookie decorating with Ms. Claus. This is a free event, but donations will be accepted.

DECEMBER 31
Glade Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 15 south of Laurel, will have a New Year’s Eve gospel sing on December 31 at 7:00 p.m. and going until 12:01 a.m.
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Where do people spend money the most

Who hasn’t tallied up monthly bills or looked at a credit card statement and pondered if they’re spending a little too much? The average person also may wonder how their expenditures compare to other people around the country and what they need to do to enjoy financial freedom in retirement.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average American household spends just about \$57,000 each year between necessities and luxuries. Canadians are spending even more than



their neighbors to the south. Statistics Canada indicates that, in 2016, the average annual expenditure on goods and services per household totaled \$62,183.

So how are people allocating their funds? The results may surprise you and indicate where it’s possible to trim some fat and save big bucks.

Across North America, housing is the largest line item in people’s budgets. Various sources suggest that housing and shelter needs account for anywhere from 30 to 40 percent of most household budgets. By making housing decisions based on areas with the most efficient cost of living, individuals can save considerably over the long run.

The second largest expenditure category is transportation. This accounts for the cost to finance or lease a vehicle and insure it, and it also includes urban dwellers who rely on public transportation or ride-share services to get around. Keeping transportation budgets in check can be a great way to save.

Food is the next largest expense. While everyone needs sustenance to stay alive, how that money is allocated can make a big difference in saving versus spending. The BLS says that food at home costs around \$4,000 annually, while spending on dining out amounts to around \$3,100, for a grand total of \$7,100 each year. Statistics Canada notes that Canadian households spent an average of \$8,784 in 2016 on food and that 26 percent of that spending was on dining out. Cutting back on dining out can be a great way to save money, as can becoming a more sale-conscious grocery shopper.

Healthcare, utilities and entertainment are the next most costly expenditures, respectively. But each of those items are considerably less expensive than the top three. Therefore, making changes to where one lives, how one gets around and how one eats can certainly add up to considerable savings.

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Tartars come up short against Rebels in valiant effort

By James Pugh

Without star starting QB Ty Keyes, Taylorsville was unable to crank up its offense in a 21-7 loss to Scott Central in Saturday afternoon's 2A State Championship.

"Hats off to those guys," Coach Mitch Evans said after the award ceremony. "They had a great game plan, they executed, and we couldn't do anything about it."

The Tartars knew coming into the contest that moving the ball would not be an easy task without the state's leading passer, sophomore Ty Keyes, available to play due to a fractured ankle suffered in the semifinals. However, the Tartars surprised most in attendance on the opening drive

of the game with something very unexpected: a huge passing touchdown by the backup freshman signal-caller.

Karson Evan's 56-yard strike to junior receiver Jabez Griffith gave Taylorsville an early touchdown lead and was ultimately the longest scoring play of the game. Unfortunately for the Tartars, it also went down as their only source of points.

In the second quarter, Scott Central put together a physical, four-minute drive ending with a one-yard touchdown carry by senior running back Hydee Barlow to tie the contest. Moments later, the Rebels' defense forced a three-and-out, and a high snap before the punt resulted in a safety, allowing them to take a 9-7 lead and

a great deal of momentum into their locker-room at halftime.

After trading punts to begin the second half, the Rebels strung together yet another gritty drive, moving the ball 67 yards on eight plays. Treyon Wash finished the possession with an eight-yard touchdown run to extend the Rebels' lead to 15-7 entering the fourth and final quarter.

In desperate need of offensive production, the Tartars were simply unable to get anything going. The Scott Central defense certainly proved to be worth its salt, holding the Tartars' rushing game to -3 yards on 12 carries on the night. Unable to keep the chains moving, the Rebels retook possession and delivered the final blow –

a seven-minute scoring drive ending with another one-yard touchdown push by Barlow.

With under six minutes to play, the Tartars put themselves in position to reduce the lead with a long pass from Evans to Cedric Beavers that put them inside the 10-yard line. However, the drive ended with an interception on fourth-and-goal. With no timeouts for Taylorsville to stop the clock, the Rebels were able to drain the remainder of the fourth quarter. Scott Central

dethroned the Tartars with a 21-7 victory to become 2018 2A State Champions.

Taylorsville had won 26 consecutive games leading up to Saturday, en route to the 2017 state title and a 2018 South State title. However, Coach Evans says it might just take a while to get over this loss before they can really reflect on what they were able to accomplish.

"It's hard to talk about the past when you just got beat," admitted Evans, "but I mean

we had a great run. Won 20-something in a row; but tonight we couldn't finish the deal, man, so that's just disappointing."

For now, the Taylorsville Tartars (15-1) will hang up the pads; however, with an enormous load of returning talent, along with a new motivation from the loss to Scott Central (15-1), one would be safe to assume the Tartars will be back in the mix in 2019 with their sights set on reclaiming the 2A title.



Taylorsville freshman QB Karson Evans looks for running room against Scott Central in the 2A title game. Photo/James Pugh



Junior wide receiver Jabez Griffith (1) of Taylorsville breaks away from defenders in the 2A state title games against Scott Central on Saturday, as Zarian McGill (55) looks on. Freshman QB Karson Evans connected with Griffith on a 56-yard TD strike to give Taylorsville an early 7-0 lead. The Tartars put up a good fight against the Rebels but came up short, 21-7, of their second championship in a row. Photo/James Pugh

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Sideline View: National championship semifinals set; Miss. State headed to Outback Bowl in Tampa against Iowa

By Dale McKee

The college playoffs are set as SEC champion Alabama (13-0) will take on Oklahoma (12-1) in the Orange Bowl, while Notre Dame (13-0) plays Clemson (13-0) in the Cotton Bowl. Both games are December 29 with the winners heading west to Levi Stadium in Santa Clara, California, to meet in the national championship game on January 7.

The SEC will have ten other teams heading to bowl games. Mississippi State will play Iowa in the Outback Bowl on January 1.

The 18th-ranked Bullies, who now have gone bowling every year of this decade, are 13-8 in their bowl history. This is their first visit to the Outback Bowl. USM (6-5) was left out of the bowl selections.

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Mississippi high school football state champions were crowned in Hattiesburg at the University of Southern Mississippi this past weekend.

The northern part of the state claimed five of the six titles. Nanih Waiya, located in Winston County, was the lone south team to win as they won their first state football championship in school history by ending Simmons' 54-game winning streak, 21-18, in the 1-A match-up. Winston County is rare in that every high school in the county now has a state championship as Nanih Waiya joins Noxapater, Louisville and Winston Academy with state football titles.

In 2-A Scott Central won their second title and first since 1999 with a 21-7 over Taylorsville. Water Valley downed Seminary, 34-28, to claim their second title in school history and first since 1990. In 4-A, Louisville is now 9-0 in championship games with their 25-20 win over Poplarville. West Point won their tenth title with a hard fought 27-12 win over West Jones. Horn Lake won their first title in school history, 31-27, over Oak Grove in the 6-A contest.

USM did a great job along with MHSAA to host the event, which is slated to be in Hattiesburg again next year.

ALCORN WINS SWAC; EMCC WINS AGAIN

Jones College prevails in bowl game from P. 5

Buckley noted each phase of the game contributed to the win.

"We do this thing with three phases – offense, defense and kicking game," he said. "We did what we had to do to win this ball game."

Jones ended the game with only 205 yards of offense, including just 31 rushing yards. Buckley said the Bobcats just wanted to possess the ball and play to its strengths.

"They had eight or nine in the box and they were playing zero coverage," he said. "We probably should have thrown it more early on, but we wanted to control the ball and take control of the line of scrimmage. We wanted to keep it in front of the chains, use the punting game to our advantage and play off of the defense."

In addition to Bemby, numerous Bobcat defenders had excellent games.

Linebacker Nick Anderson (Vicksburg) led the team in tackles with eight and also had a half TFL. Gill had six tackles, one and a half sacks, two TFLs, one forced fumble and one quarterback hurry. Chei Hill (Miami, Florida) had six tackles, one sack and three TFLs. He ends the year as the nation's leader in TFLs with 39 and he also had 15 sacks, which is fourth in the nation.

Hill was also named the Mississippi Bowl Player of the Year for the team representing the MACJC in the bowl game.

Jonathan Haynes (Ray Brooks) had five tackles and an interception. Davis Harrison (Lamar

Alcorn (9-3) won the SWAC championship, 37-28, over Southern University this past Saturday. It was the Braves' third conference title in five years and the first for their head coach Fred McNair. It was the 17th title in school history and the first since 2014. The Braves head to the Celebration Bowl to play North Carolina A&T on December 15.

East Mississippi Community College (12-0) brought another title back to Scooba with a 10-9 win over Garden City, Kansas, in the national championship game played in Pittsburgh, Kansas, last Thursday night. The Lions three-peated with the win and now have five national titles since 2011.

The fifth-ranked Jones College Bobcats of Ellisville won the Mississippi Bowl played at Gulf Coast Community College Sunday, 27-7, over the Eastern Arizona Gila Monsters. It was the Bobcats' (10-2) first bowl win since 1998 and first ten-win season since 2001. It was their eleventh bowl game since their first in 1955.

CONERLY TROPHY GOES TO JEFFREY SIMMONS

MSU defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons was named the winner of the Conerly Trophy that goes to the best college football player in the state. The Kent Hull Award sponsored by the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame went to Bulldog center Elgton Jenkins.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In a top ten showdown, the No. 6 MSU Lady Bulldogs (8-0) looked impressive in downing No. 10 Texas, 67-49, in Austin.

William Carey University women's soccer team downed Keiser University, 1-0, to win the NAIA Championship. It is the second national title in school history as the 1969 baseball team won a national title.

REDS STAR SHOWS UP TO SUPPORT TARTARS

Taylorsville's Billy Hamilton showed up at the MHSAA state football championships to support his Tartars. Hamilton was in the final year of his contract with the Cincinnati Reds, and as of Friday became a free agent.

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School) had four tackles and one and a half TFLs and DaShawn Crawford (Bay Springs) had three tackles, one and a half sacks and two and a half TFLs. Enrique Whaley (Stone) also had a pass interception.

Bembry, who will be signing with the University of Kentucky later this month and heading to Lexington in January, was happy the way his career turned out at Jones.

"I enjoyed it," he said. "It's not the same as the city, but I kind of adapted to it. I just tried to come out and give it my all. Today was my last game, so I just wanted to come out and play hard. I wanted to leave out on a good note and I made sure I did."

Sunday's victory gives Jones its first 10-win season since 2001 and it was the first bowl win for the Bobcats since they defeated Georgia Military College 42-35 in the 1998 Grand Isles Bowl in Georgia.

Buckley said this was the way to end the season.

"It's a whole lot better feeling than the last time we played," he said, referring to the 19-14 loss to No. 1 East Mississippi last month in the MACJC championship game. "We wanted to do this for the kids and they deserve this moment right now. They have been a class act for the last three days representing Mississippi in the Mississippi Bowl."

"It's been a great experience for us, the kids and everybody involved. Our kids did a great job."

LHS Career and Technical Center expands business and industry partnerships

By Lacey Slay, Laurel Schools

The Laurel High School Career and Technical Center is working to establish business and industry partnerships to provide curriculum support for the various programs offered at the center and job placement opportunities for students. Through the new job placement partnerships, several Laurel High School students received job offers from area companies.

“Our focus this school year has been to strengthen the courses offered to our Career and Technical Center students,” said CTC Director Jeannine Agee. “We want to make sure the training we provide in the classroom translates to job opportunities for our students.”

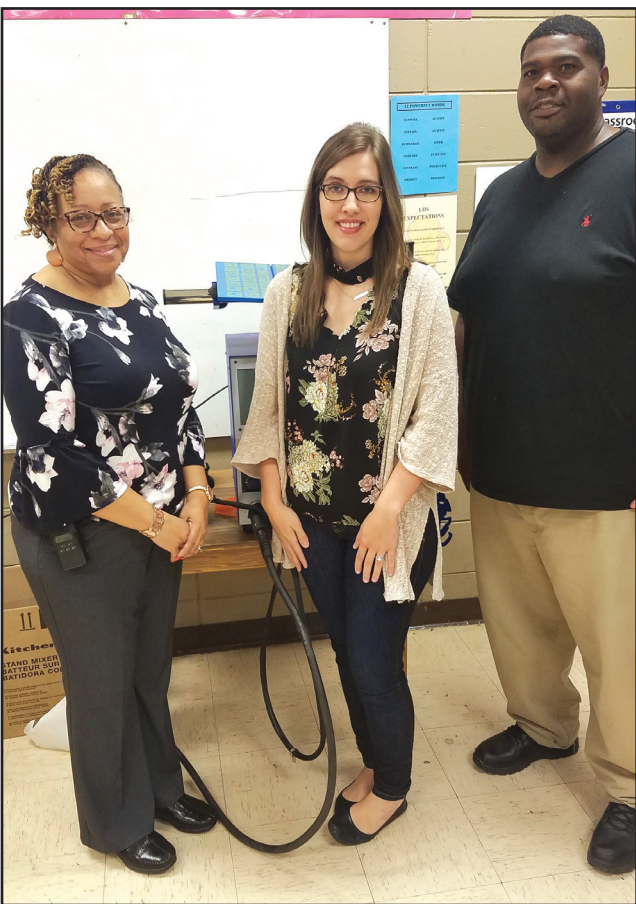
Laurel High School senior Isabella Knight is the first student to be employed through a new student employment partnership with Howard Industries. Knight, a second year welding student, is currently working afterschool at Howard Industries as a welder.

“We are excited about this new student employment partnership,” Agee said. “Howard Industries Corporate Recruiter Rachel Johnson has been very supportive of our welding program and we hope that more students will obtain jobs as they turn 18 and complete the requirements.”

In addition to Howard Industries, Hol-Mac Corporation in Bay Springs offered welding jobs to seniors Teon George and Jerome Caldwell. During a recent visit to Laurel High School, Hol-Mac Corporation Training Coordinator Marcus Evans met with the welding students to discuss the nation-wide shortage of welders. Evans also shared with the students about the products created at Hol-Mac and the corporation’s employee benefits and pay.

“We hope to expand our student employment partnerships throughout all programs at the CTC,” Agee said. “We welcome any business to reach out to us if they are interested in working with our programs.”

The Laurel High Career and Technical Center currently offers Welding, Health Sciences, Culinary Arts, Carpentry/Construction, Marketing and Early Child Care. For more information on becoming a business partner, email jagee@laurelschools.org or call 601-649-4144.



Pictured are Laurel High School Career & Technical Center Director Jeannine Agee, Howard Industries Corporate Recruiter Rachel Johnson and Welding Instructor Stan Jones. LHS Senior Isabella Knight is the first student to be employed through a new student employment partnership with Howard Industries.

Photo/Lacey Slay

Laurel Kiwanis Club helps students succeed



Each year when thousands of patrons pass through the lines of the annual Pancake Day, the Laurel Kiwanis Club is raising funds to help area students succeed. Through those funds over a dozen scholarships are awarded annually and for the fourth year, the Laurel Kiwanis Club donated a set of multiplication and division flashcards to every third grade student in both the Laurel and Jones County school districts. To facilitate the giving, members of the club visited every elementary school in the area to personally give each student their gift. Pictured with third graders at Maddox Elementary School are Kiwanis member Barbara Johnson, Superintendent Dr. Toy L. Watts, Kiwanis members Tim Dudley and Michael Cudworth and Principal Tammy Griffith

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Pictured are Laurel High School Career & Technical Center Director Jeannine Agee, LHS Senior Teon George, Hol-Mac Corporation Training Coordinator Marcus Evans, LHS Senior Jerome Caldwell and Welding Instructor Stan Jones. George and Caldwell were offered employment opportunities as welders at Hol-Mac.

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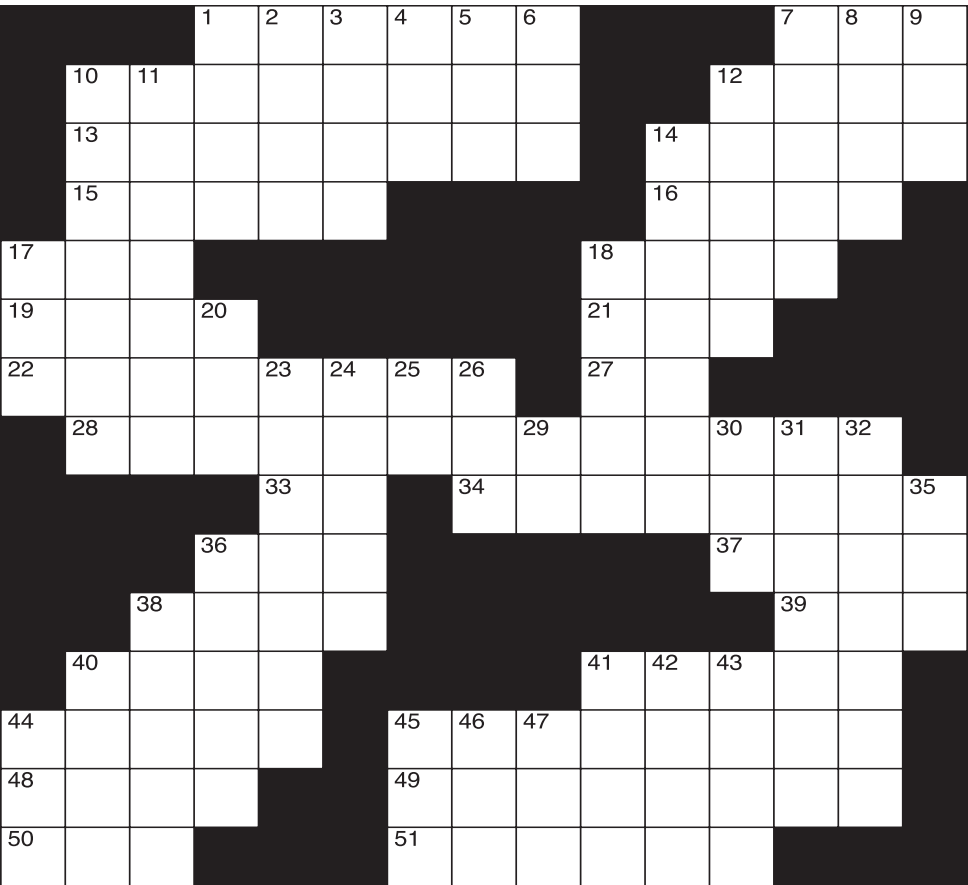
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16. Month in the Jewish calendar
17. Value
18. Brews
19. Child's eating accessory
21. Arrived extinct
22. Of the sea
27. Potato state
28. Leading man
33. Blood type
34. Oppressed
36. "Much ___ about nothing"
37. World's longest river
38. deGrom and Sale are two
39. Crafty

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1. Prevents harm to young
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3. Fascinated by
4. Unnilhexium
5. Honey maker
6. Soviet Socialist Republic
7. They hang out with papas
8. German river
9. Domain name
10. Type of chair
11. Fill someone with an urge
12. Sorceress
14. Unpleasant smell
17. Leg (slang)

18. Farewell
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23. Merchants
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25. Of I
26. Electronic countermeasures
29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)
30. A type of sister
31. Omission of a sound
32. Screaming
35. Ottoman title
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40. Nobleman
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42. Long, winding ridge
43. Muckraking journalist
44. Defunct phone company
45. Military telecommunications term (abbr.)
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47. Firearms manufacturer



GUESS WHO?

I am a rapper born in Trinidad and Tobago on December 8, 1982. I was a waitress and an office manager prior to finding fame. My debut album dropped in 2010. Since then, I have collaborated with many artists. I was an "American Idol" judge during season twelve.

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Local players part of Bobcats 2019 baseball recruiting class

By Shawn Wansely, JC SID

ELLISVILLE – The Jones College baseball Bobcats have announced the first 11 members of its 2019 recruiting class.

November 1 was the opening day for NJCAA programs to sign future student-athletes and Bobcat head coach Chris Kirtland is pleased with the early additions to the roster.

"I am thrilled about the way recruiting is going for our program right now," he said. "Our coaching staff has worked long and hard to compile a group of exceptional young men to join our program next year.

"It isn't an easy puzzle to finish when you attempt to assemble a junior college baseball recruiting class. Coach (Ladd) Rhodes and Coach (Wes) Thigpen did an excellent job evaluating players and developing a relationship with them

over the past two years or so. We still have needs to fill, but the bulk of the 2019 class is complete and we are super excited about what is coming in next year."

Members of the class so far are catcher Hayden Harris of Pontotoc, infielders Hunter Richardson of Enterprise-Lincoln and Murray Hutchinson of Madison Central, infielder/pitcher Tyler Ducksworth of South Jones, utility player/pitcher Colson Harris of West Jones and pitchers Zach Flaskamp of Southeast Lauderdale, Kameron Partridge of West Lauderdale, Trevor Waddell of Germantown, Jacob Mouriz of Archbishop Shaw High School in New Orleans, Louisiana, Wyatt Blalock of Madison Central and Andrew Nix of Stringer.

The Bobcats will be adding more players to the class in the future.

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Kiwanis Club of Laurel puts focus on men's health issues



Sergeant Adam Cochran with the Jones County Sheriff's Office, pictured with Kiwanis Club of Laurel President Lowell Howell, spoke to Kiwanis Club members on Wednesday, November 28 on the topic of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm: Symptoms, Signs and Treatment. Several members of the Jones County Sheriff's Office, including Sergeant Cochran, are participating in "No Shave November" and "Don't Shave December" to bring awareness to men's health issues. Sergeant Cochran's father, Glen Cochran, passed away suddenly in June 2008 from a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm and this topic is of particular interest to Sergeant Cochran. The Kiwanis Club of Laurel meets regularly on Wednesday at noon at the Laurel Country Club. Anyone interested in visiting a Kiwanis Club of Laurel meeting is welcomed to attend as a prospective member. Kiwanis Club of Laurel meets most Wednesdays at Noon at the Laurel Country Club. Photo/submitted

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Jones College selects three Honor Alumni of the Year

By Teresa McCreery

Jones College honored three of its alumni, Dennis Bohannon of Laurel, Paul Culliver of The Woodlands, Texas and formerly of Raleigh, and Clyde Dease Jr., of Picayune and formerly of Ellisville, during Homecoming festivities. Each of the three Honor Alumni of the Year has poured their heart and soul into their work and volunteering in various ways at JC according to Vice President of Advancement, Charlie Garretson. Bohannon has dedicated his life to education and athletics and has been a loyal supporter of the college. Paul Culliver and Clyde Dease, Jr., who are also lifetime members of the JCJC Alumni Association, have impacted their field of expertise too. Jones College President, Dr. Jesse Smith added that each of the alumni has inspiring accomplishments and are worthy of recognition.

“Each of these men has had different, unique and challenging circumstances they had to overcome to get to Jones but from those experiences, they left Jones and made the world a better place wherever they went. It’s very inspiring to see all of their successes,” said Smith.

After graduating from Roosevelt High School in1969, Clyde Dease Jr. said he credits Coach Walter Clark who inspired him not be afraid to “sail out in the harbor where the big ships are.” Excited about being able to go to college close to home, Dease said Jones was the first desegregated school he had ever attended. After completing the first test in a class, Dease said he was challenged by a teacher who didn’t accept his high test score because of the color of his skin. That experience taught both men a new lesson about life, along with the teacher mentoring Dease and becoming friends. That test also carried Dease through future challenges, he shared with guests.

“I learned from experience what people respect, regardless of color or where you come from is they respect quality work, performance, accomplishments. That’s what it taught me. I took that lesson in life because I needed it everywhere I went after that,” said Dease.

After graduating from USM with a bachelor’s of science degree in biology with certifications in chemistry, physics, instrumentation and biochemistry, some of the places Dease ventured to include the Science department at Picayune High School where he served as chair of the department. Later, he would serve as a NASA satellite and rocket scientist as a member of the NASA leadership team at Stennis Space Center where he also served as Lead within the Center Operations Directorate. He provided a variety of scientific, engineering, laboratory, programmatic and institutional support to the flight certification testing of rocket engines, in addition to overseeing an annual budget of \$75 million. After 35 years working at NASA in various leadership roles, Dease retired with the privilege of being selected from the 25,000 employees on the Gulf Coast, as the Federal Employee of the Year and received the Mississippi Gulf Coast Association of Federal Administrators Award. Currently, Dease is the President of the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation which helps to build stronger communities by improving health, education, social and economic vitality.

Ironically, his nephew from Taylorsville and 2002 Jones forestry graduate was also selected as a Jones Honor Alumnus in 2014. The Area Environmental Manager at Lafarge-Holcim in Pueblo, Colorado traveled back to Ellisville to see his uncle honored.

“My uncle has been a role model to me since I was a young child, but I don't believe I ever truly appreciated what an amazing figure he is until I became an adult. I'm elated that I was able to share this experience with him, and I'm immensely proud that he is getting the recognition he deserves,” said Derrick Dease.

Another former Smith County resident and Jones 2018 Honor Alumnus, Paul Culliver left his hometown of Raleigh shortly after earning his associate’s degree in construction engineering from Jones. The All-Conference and MVP football and track star moved to Texas and started the first of several oilfield service companies at the age of 23. Two years later, Culliver became operations manager of Triad



Drilling & Supply, Geosouthern Energy Corporation and USX Exploration. The independent real estate, timber, and healthcare industry businessman always kept in touch with Mississippi. Over the years, he served as an officer and director of a retirement center in Raleigh and as vice president of the JCJC Foundation Board of Directors and on the Foundation Finance & Investment Committee. Culliver shared with the audience gathered at the Honor Alumni of the Year luncheon his thoughts on how to be successful in life.

“It’s about your DNA, work ethic, upbringing and even your birth order. All of these things help in how we succeed in life. An old man told me, ‘If you’re not willing to get up in the morning and get your boots on to get to work, you’ll never amount to anything but go hungry,’” said Culliver.

Dr. Smith praised Culliver for his ability to have an intense focus on the task before him, and yet look across the world to see how to do things best. He’s also not afraid to take on the world, Smith said. Culliver is very encouraging, very loyal. In fact, Culliver’s special project, Adam’s Angels Ministries, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families cope with the diagnosis of childhood cancer led him to Washington D.C. for several years. Culliver acted as a representative with the Children’s Oncology Group seeking legislation and funding for pediatric cancer research.

“I tell young people all the time. It’s about relationships and it’s about working hard. I hope I’ve inspired others to succeed,” said Culliver.

Laurel’s Dennis Bohannon, or “coach” as many know him, was also selected as a 2018 JC Honor Alumnus. He retired from West Jones after teaching for more than 26 years. He spent a couple of more years teaching ACT Math at Wayne County High School before fully enjoying retirement. One of his coaching honors includes being the coach for the South team of the Mississippi Association of Coaches’ Girls Soccer All-Start Team in 2004. Dr. Smith said, as a Jones student, Dennis knew everyone and was always encouraging to everyone.

“You could always count on Dennis to give you an encouraging word. In fact, he convinced my wife I was an OK guy to date!” Smith added, “Dennis has always consistently donated to the college as far back as we can remember. He’s given part of his earnings every month to the JCJC Foundation.”

The Northeast Jones graduate came to Jones in 1974 to play football and baseball. After lettering in both sports, he pursued his B.S.B.A. in accounting at USM. His math skills assisted his parents who owned the Popcorn Place

Jones College Honor Alumni were honored with a luncheon during Homecoming festivities and formally recognized for their accomplishments and contributions. Pictured left to right are Jones College VP of Advancement, Charlie Garretson; Honor Alumni, Dennis Bohannon, Paul Culliver and Clyde Dease Jr., Alumni Association President, Jennifer McDonald and Jones College President, Dr. Jesse Smith. Photo/Teresa McCreery

in Sawmill Square Mall in Laurel for 27 years. Bohannon returned to Jones in 1985 to be a part of the football radio broadcast crew as the color commentator for 15 years. Retired South Jones coach, retired Principal, and former radio commentator for JC, Bobby Murphy shared Bohannon was a friend and great help during those years.

“Dennis is one of my true friends. We did the Bobcat football broadcasts together for 10 years and basketball for two years. We had many great times and I still count those football broadcasts as some of the best times of my life and Dennis made it all possible. Congratulations to him!”

At the luncheon, Bohannon said JC has always been good to him. He proudly shared with the audience, most of his family, including his parents, two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews looked to Jones for their college education and workforce training. Jones has always been a part of his family.

“I have always loved this college. It is a great honor to be selected as one of the Honor Alumni of the Year. I am very thankful for this opportunity,” said Bohannon.

While Bohannon has served the community in numerous ways, some of his most important work has been as a member of the Oakland Grove Baptist Church in Laurel, serving as Sunday School Director and sound system director since 1984 and as the treasurer for twenty years. Bohannon has served as a Gideon and is most proud to have earned the Boy Scouts, “God and Country” medal.

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Fifth Grade:

Gracelyn Carmichael
Neela Cooley
Kimora Garner
Essence Heidelberg
Zechariah Jenkins
Ashlyn Killings
Joshua Marshall
Gabrielle McDonald
Marshawn Nobles
Shaniya Odom
Ja’quez Pollard
Nyla Pugh
Matterica Walker

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1st grade

Austin Crosby
Marlee Johnson
Indiah Jones
Grayson Mccree
Ethan Thigpen
Judo Williamson
Josiah Wilson

2nd Grade

Macie Arrington
Allyshia Cole
Talasha Collins
Shakira Crumbly
Tyler Lampley
Jayden Lawrence
Brody Paige
Hayden Robinson

3rd Grade

JKeriaha Hailes

Shaniya Loston

Jaiir Payton
Kynzi Ulmer
Niveah Ward

4th Grade

A ziyhia Bolton
Jazlynn Campbell
Charles Dunkentell III

Principal’s List

1st Grade

Alixander Beach
Amariya Bounds
Myron Brown
Erinajah Carpenter
Zyrickah Cooper
Karman Culpepper
Syntasia Eisenhauer
Shaunte’ Green
Camdyn Griffith
James Hicks
Zoey Horne

Thomasciena Husband

Thomazyianna Husband
Khalifa Jasper
Taylor Jones
Nasir Jordan
Kamaria Malone
Makenzie Marsh
Kyen McCarty
Ava McRae
Kera Newell
Druleik Nixon
Zaniya Nixon
Landen Parker
Rodregis Pruitt
Bra Ziha Spencer
Mikia Thigpen
Tavarius Williams

2nd Grade

Ava Bounds
Micah Davison
Veondria Gilmore
Jordyn Griffin

RaDeja Jones

Ayden Lawrence
Hayden Lawrence
Sanquez McCurdy
Jamarri McGill
Derionna Milsap
Shawn Moore III
Aiden Pickering
Keaunna Richey
Dyquaiz Smith
Zyrian Spinks
Terrence Williamson Jr
India Wolverton

3rd Grade

Jadariyon Baker
JaMya Cook
Antwumya Dean
Ja Myria Harris
Aviana Hartfield
Peyton Pollock
Shelby Singleton III

4th Grade

Madison Alridge
Derricka Barber
Azhria Bounds
Jimmy Cook
Kaveon Davis
Jameka Dinkins
Kelsey Dixon
Hayden Ducksworth
Jayden Hasberry
Nizyiah Horne
Aiden Jones

Bryce Jones

Ja Khria Jones
Jhalaydria Jordan
Makenzie Kennedy
Raphael Lindsey
Elijah Mack
Keagan Marsh
Dereona McGruder
Ciera Nelson
Anjeill Price
Marriya Satcher
Khylan Sinegal
Lashun Stevens
Jadarrius Thomas
Cor Day Washington

5th Grade

Matthew Barker
Unique Booth
Payton Brewster
Quentin Carpenter
Davon Chambers
Eddie Cole
Lavarian Coleman
Takaylen Dean
Paige Faison
Marques Gaines
Gerald Hill
Noah Jones
De Ajania Keyes
Saniyah Mack
Kamora Morgan
Jamarina Morrow
Patience Patterson
Keymiya Satcher

Honor Roll

1st Grade

Jon Ni Brewer
Jamarion Jackson
Jyriah McCormick
Laniyla McGill
Austin Robinson

2nd Grade

Kamauri Darby
Tysen Jones
Jamicheal White

3rd Grade

Ja Nya Cook
Cameron Darby
Zori Garner
Harmony Jones
Dejerrick Martin

4th Grade

Yasmine James
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Mar Kysia Ulmer

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