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# Laurel's first Welcome Center officially opens

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Malory Rasberry, Laurel Main Street president, cuts the ribbon to officially open Laurel's Welcome Center. Photo by Linda Cranford

By Linda Cranford

A Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held Thursday afternoon, June 4, to officially open Laurel's first Welcome Center, which is located in the old First National Bank Building at the corner of Central Avenue and Magnolia Street in historic downtown Laurel. The space for the Welcome Center was provided by the building's present owner, Jim Rasberry with Rasberry Financial Services. The Welcome Center is the result of the efforts of Laurel Main Street and will provide visitors to Laurel with information on sights, activities, lodging, and restaurants in Laurel and Jones County, in addition to Laurel Main Street events.

"We finally have a place to say Welcome to our visitors," exclaimed Mayor Johnny Magee. "It's been a lot of hard work and I appreciate the work the Laurel Main Street does for Laurel. Laurel is starting to get on the map. Slowly, it's creaking along, and before long that train is going to be moving fast."

Also found in the Welcome Center, displayed on the stage area in the main lobby, is a restored Lindsey Eight-Wheel Log Wagon.

"The Lindsey Log Wagon is representative of the rich history of Laurel, the town that timber built," said Judi Holifield, Laurel Main Street executive director. Holifield said the wagon is on display thanks to the efforts of the firefighters at the Laurel See WELCOME CENTER, page 2



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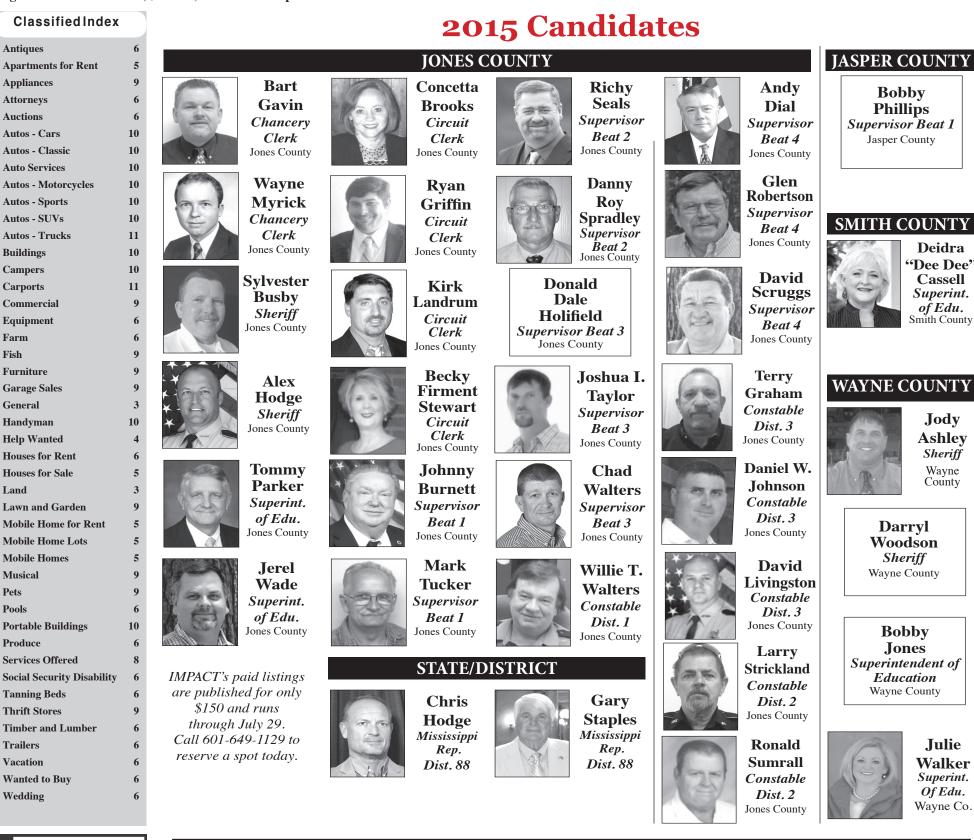
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Fire Department #1 Station, who moved the wagon and put it on the stage.

The Lindsey Eight-Wheel Log Wagon was invented in Laurel by John Lindsey in 1899 and the Lindsey Wagon Company was established. With the help of Lindsey's brother, Dr. S.W. Lindsey, they designed a manufacturing process and factory that brought the raw material in at one end and the finished product (the Lindsey Eight- Wheel Log Wagon) out the other end. This was believed to be the first fully self-contained manufacturing plant in Mississippi. By 1901, the Lindsey Wagon Company was the largest manufacturing plant in the state, and the biggest single employer in the state with 120 workers. In order to keep a steady supply of forged metal parts for the wagon, in 1904 the Lindsey brothers bankrolled the creation of the Laurel Machine and Foundry, which was later purchased by the Mulloy family in 1912, and is still in existence today.



**The restored Lindsey Eight-Wheel Log Wagon.** Stock photo by Linda Cranford



This sign is displayed in Laurel's Welcome Center along with information for visitors to Laurel. *Photo by Linda Cranford* 

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**IFPA CONTINUE WARDS** of Jones County Also displayed in the Welcome Center is an old sign which says "Welcome to Laurel founded 1882."

The refreshments for the ribbon cutting were another representation of what Laurel and Jones County has to offer. The refreshments included Knight Sweets fudge by Terri Knight from Laurel's newest downtown business, The Knight's Butcher; popcorn from Sweet Daddy's Kettle Corn; Pistachio Brittle and Traditional Toffee from another new Laurel company, Jones Toffee Company, an online business owned by Benjamin and Lauren Gebauer; and homemade ice cream from Landrum's Country.



A large crowd gathered in the main lobby of the old First National Bank for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open Laurel's first Welcome Center. *Photo by Linda Cranford* 



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June 10

The 2015 Mississippi Watermelon Festival is currently accepting applications for arts and crafts vendors for this year's event on July 17 & 18. In our 37th year, the festival is held in downtown Mize in the City Park, with an average attendance of 6000. Spaces are limited this year so get your applications in. Applications may be found on the website www.mswatermelonfestival.com or by calling 601-733-5647.

June 11 SCAR (Southern Cross Animal Rescue) will be at the Ellisville Public Library on June 11th at 1:30p.m., sharing with us the important work they do for animals in our area. We will be holding a pet food drive for the shelter. They will also have few pets with them that are up for adoption. The USDA will provide a free lunch for the children in the George V. Harrison Center next door to the library.

The 16th Annual MSQC Gospel Music Convention will be held on June 11-13 at Lamar Co. Shelter Building in Purvis. This 3-day gospel event will host over 30 artists of varying styles. No Ticket is required, we are asking for a \$5 donation at the door (for facility cost). There will be concessions, door prizes and silent auctions. Booth spaces are available; call us at 601-466-4343 or like us at FB: Mississippi Quartet Convention.

#### lune 13

Gospel sing will be held on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanford Community Center, located at 663 Old Highway 49, Sanford. Featuring: Gospel Grass Revival, Faith Walkers, Faithway Singers. Free admission, a love offering will be received. For information call, 601-765-6485.

Sandra Hancock Ministries will be holding a Don't Limit God! Conference Saturday June 13, 2015 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at "The Gathering Place" 3227 Audubon Dr. in Laurel. Ĝod has given Sandra a powerful word of hope and encouragement. Amanda Jones and the praise band will lead worship. Bring your ladies and church groups to this dynamic event! Come expecting your miracle! There are no admission costs! For more information call 1-800-579-7350 or see our webpage at www. sandrahancock.com.

June 14

The annual Walker Reunion will be Sunday, June 14, 2015, at the Depot located at #203 Eureka Street (behind Trustmark Bank), Taylorsville, MS. Please come and bring a well-filled basket along with a family memory or story. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon.

Center Ridge Baptist Church, in Shubuta, MS, will be hosting a, "Children's Day; Honoring Our Future:Children," on Sunday, June 14, 2015, @ 8:00 am. For more information call (601) 776-3649. Pastor Lorenzo Carter

June 14th, 2015 Hosanna Missionary Baptist Church located at 5444 Hwy 11 North Ellisville, Ellisville, MS(the Pendorf Community) will be celebrating its Choir Anniversary at 2:00. All Choirs, soloist, and groups are invited to attend. For more information contact Sis. KaLela Pugh (601-470-8445).

June 15

The Jones County Agriculture teachers will be sponsoring a Private Pesticide Applicators course at South Jones High School, Agricultural Department, on June 15th at 6:00p.m. There will be a \$10 charge for certification. Please call the MS State Extension Office at 601-428-5201 to pre-register or registration can be completed on site.

Powers Chiefs will be holding football signups for flag, peewee, and youth June 15th, 16th, 18th, 22nd, and 23rd, from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. at EJE gym. Bring physical, birth certificate, and one proof of residency. Contact Erin Flyntt with questions 601-498-8224.



**Charles Ray and Diane Ashley** will celebrate fifty years of marriage on June 13, 2015 at 2' oclock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel, MS. They were married on June 13, 1965 and have two children: Rhnee Ashley and Delinda Ashley-Smith and one grandchild, Austin Ashley. The reception will be hosted by their children. Friends and family are invited to attend. Your presence will be their cherished gift.

June 16

Laurel Jones County Library will have Rescue 7 flying in and landing in the parking lot on June 16 at 1:30p.m. Em-Serve will also be there with an ambulance, as well as, United Blood Services with their Bloodmobile. We will be hosting a blood drive in the parking lot from 11:00a.m. till 3:30p.m. The USDA will provide a free lunch for the children at 1:00p.m.

June 17

Center Ridge Baptist Church, in Shubuta, MS, will be hosting a, "Single Class," on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, @ 7:00 pm. For more information call (601) 776-3649. Pastor Lorenzo Carter.

Iune 18

Local author, Annette Sikes, will read her new book "Super Twinz" at the Ellisville Public Library on June 18 at 1:30p.m. The children will make a cape and mask after the story is finished. This will require a t-shirt. The USDA will provide a free lunch for children at 1:00p.m. in the George Harrison Center next door to the library.

June 19 The 2015 Heidelberg Academy Football Camp will be Friday, June 19th from 8:00am-3:00pm. The fee is \$40 and includes T-shirt and lunch. Registration should be mailed to: Heidelberg Academy Booster Club, P.O. Box 387, Heidelberg, MS 39439. If you have any questions contact Shelley Cook (601) 577-3320 or Richie Cook (601) 577-3146.

June 20

Center Ridge Baptist Church, in Shubuta, MS, will be hosting a, "Day in Park," on Saturday, June 20, 2015, @ 10 am until... at Desota Baseball Field. (Fun-Filled Activities: softball, kickball, volleyball, sack race, & more). For more information call (601) 776-3649. Pastor Lorenzo Carter.

Ladies Day at East Laurel Church of Christ will be held Saturday, June 20 at 9:30a.m. Speakers will be Dorsie Jones, Slidell, LA, and Jolivette Wallace, Jackson. For more information call Marilyn Graham at 601-649-7853.

June 21 Center Ridge Baptist Church, in Shubuta, MS, will be hosting a, "Father's Day; Honoring Our Future: Fathers," on Sunday, June 21, 2015, @ 11:00 am. For more information call (601) 776-3649. Pastor Lorenzo Carter.

June 22

VBS @ Fairfield Baptist Church June 22nd - 26th from 5:00pm (includes supper)-8:45pm, ages 3 years old through the 12th Grade. Come join us for an Epic Expedition! We are located at 942 Moselle-Seminary Rd, Moselle, Phone # 601-752-6366.



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#### June 23

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Keys Memorial Church of God in Christ, Laurel, will host: "Annual District Holy Conference" on June 23-26. The services on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 & 24 will begin at 7:30p.m. nightly. The services on Thursday and Friday, June 25 & 26 will begin at 7:00p.m. nightly. Everyone is cordially invited.

#### June 25

Jeremy Crompton, zookeeper for Hattiesburg Zoo, will be at the Ellisville Public Library on June 25 at 1:30p.m. He will be bringing the Zoomobile and several animals. The USDA will provide a free lunch for the children at 1:00p.m. in the George V. Harrison Center next door to the library.

#### lune 27

The Annual Chandler Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 27 at Mineral Springs Baptist Church in Smith Co. Please come and bring a dish and enjoy good family fellowship. We encourage all family members to please try to attend.

Gospel Sing - A Night of Gospel Music with the Magnolia Boys Quartet of Laurel, June 27 starting at 7:00p.m. at Ovett United Methodist Church.

#### June 30

The Summer Reading Finale for the children that participated in the summer reading program for the Laurel and Ellisville Library will be at the Sportsplex, June 30 beginning at 11:30a.m. Their reading log will serve as their ticket. We will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers provided by the USDA. There will be jumps from Holly's Fun Jumps, Mr. Silly Sock, the Splash pad, face painting, etc. Grand drawings will be held on this day (must be present to win). Prizes include t-shirts and tablets.

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#### By Linda Cranford

Just in time for a busy summer in downtown Laurel, and to kick off the summer activities, a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held Thursday morning, June 4. With his wife Terri by his side and surrounded by friends and family, owner Chad Knight cut the ribbon with a chop of his butcher's knife to officially open Laurel's newest business, The Knight Butcher. Chad and Terri Knight were not only celebrating the grand opening of their new business, but were also celebrating their fourth wedding anniversary.

The Knights moved back to Laurel at the first of the year from Seattle, Washington with "a dream and a plan for their new business," as Chad's mother, Diane Smith, said.

Laurel Main Street Director Judy Holifield said, "This is a perfect example of the results of a Laurel Main Street recruitment package." Holifield said the Knights were among the first people she thought of, last year, to send a recruitment package to. "We've been working on this for over a year now," exclaimed Holifield. "Welcome, welcome, welcome!"

"God said, 'Man should not live by bread alone," stated Mayor Johnny Magee to the laughter of the large crowd gathered on Central Avenue for the ceremony, "we need meat!" Magee welcomed the young couple and their new business to Laurel and added, "We're right around the corner, if you need us."

Jones County Chamber of Commerce Director Larkin Simpson led the ribbon cutting ceremony and the invocation was given by Pastor Corey Vermilyea from Oakland Grove Baptist Church. Jones County Miss Hospitality, Alexis Menendez, was also present to welcome the Knights to Laurel.

Chad, a master butcher, and Terri, said they wanted open the business to provide the community with freshly ground burgers and sausage, different types of beef cuts, stuffed pork chops, a variety of jerkies, and dog treats for our furry friends. "We look forward to providing Laurel with quality meat, and customer service with a smile," exclaimed Chad.

Terri's "Knight Sugar" items include fudge in all flavors such as pistachio, classic chocolate and chocolate and pecans, strawberry and walnuts, peanut butter, and M&Ms, to name a few. Each day the two Knights offer something special with their meats and sweets. To keep up with their daily specials call 601-651-2054, visit their website – www.theknightbutcher.com, or follow them on Facebook. The Knight Butcher is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and is located in downtown Laurel at 520 Central Avenue, just down the street from Studio 550.





Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting held Thursday, June 4, to officially open The Knight Butcher in downtown Laurel. *Photo by Linda Cranford* 



The Knight Butcher offers freshly ground burgers and sausage, different types of beef cuts, stuffed pork chops, a variety of jerkies, and dog treats for our furry friends. *Photo by Linda Cranford* 



Jones County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Faye Jackson presented Chad and Terri Knight with their first dollar of profit. *Photo by Linda Cranford* 



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The House Rockers from Jackson, with Laurel's own Ronnie Goss on bass guitar, provided the entertainment. Photo/Linda Cranford



Laurel Mayor Johnny Magee was among the several hundred who enjoyed the delicious barbecue from Hog Heaven. Photo/Linda Cranford



Hundreds gathered on the front lawns of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art and Rogers Green House, located in the historic district of Laurel, Friday night, June 5, for the Museum's 22nd Annual Blues Bash. This year the crowd enjoyed the soulful blues music of The House Rockers from Jackson, while enjoying delicious barbeque catered by Hog Heaven in Laurel. Other sponsors of the event included Southern Beverage Company, BancorpSouth, Chancellor Inc., Eagle Transportation, Ellis and Walters Dental Care, Gholson Burson Entrekin & Orr, Kim's Chrysler Toyota, The Koerber

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# Page 14 · Laurel IMPACT, June 10, 2015 · www.impact360.ms JCJC's Holifield inks with Southern Miss

By Shawn Wansley, JCJC Sports Information Director Another Jones County Junior College softball standout is headed to the University of Southern Mississippi. Lauren Holifield, the 2015 NJCAA Division II Player of the Year, signed with the Lady Eagles on Thursday. She joins her JCJC teammate and 2014 NJCAA Division II Player of the Year – Tori Dew – in Hattiesburg. Bailey Stokes, who was a freshman at JCJC in 2014, played her sophomore year with the Lady Eagles this past season. Holifield is excited to join second-year head coach Wendy Hogue's Southern Miss program.

"It means a lot because I like this area and my family is from here," Holifield said. "I also get to play with two of my former teammates. I'm hoping us three together can help them out some since we had so much success at Jones."

Holifield, a shortstop, posted some eye-popping numbers for the 41-6 Lady Bobcats. She won the MACJC "Triple Crown" with a .503 batting average, 28 home runs and 82 RBIs. She led the nation in home runs and in slugging percentage at 1.174 and led the Lady Bobcats in doubles with 20. She hopes to have those types of numbers with the Lady Eagles.

"I hope it's the same as it was this year, but you can't really know for sure," Holifield said. "I am going to work as hard as I did here and hope I can get the same results or better. I'm hoping I can be a big hitter in the lineup and be that clutch hitter they need."

JCJC head coach Chris Robinson said the Lady Eagles would be getting a solid addition to their lineup. "I remember her first at-bat of the year, she hits it out of the park and it carried on from there," he said of Holifield's game vs. Marion Military Institute (Alabama) on Feb. 9. "She had a phenomenal year. She was great defensively, offensively and leadership-wise. She was the total package this year."

Robinson noted that senior colleges could go the junior college route to boost their program quickly. "When you are trying to turn around a program like Coach Hogue is at Southern Miss, you want to hit the junior college system pretty good," he said. "She has told us that she is very happy to get our players. "We are pleased that they are only going 20 minutes down the road so our staff and our players can go watch them. I tell you, Southern Miss will have a full house just from the Jones Junior College softball team coming to watch them."

Holifield brings all kinds of accolades to the table. She was recently named a recipient of the NJCAA Marucci Elite Hitting Award and was named an NJCAA Division II first-team All-American. Earlier, she was named the MACJC Player of the Year and All-Region 23. At the JCJC Spring Athletic Banquet, she was named the JCJC Female Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award winner for having a 4.0 GPA. Holifield, along with Dew, has been named as one of 16 players to represent all divisions of the NJCAA in the 21st annual Canadian Open Fastpitch International Competition July 3-13 in Surrey, British Columbia. But Holifield said just being a part of the Lady Bobcat program was an honor.

"Winning state last year was a great feeling with everybody, but there are so many good experiences," she said. "Just being in the dugout and just being up all of the



Jones County Junior College softball standout Lauren Holifield signed a scholarship with Southern Miss on Thursday. Pictured are, seated, Lauren Holifield with her mother, Connie Sharpe, and father, Dwayne Holifield. Standing, from left, are JCJC associate head coach Bob Herrington, Kolbi Holifield (sister), step-mother Melissa Holifield and JCJC head coach Chris Robinson. Photo/Shawn Wansley, JCJC Sports Information

time with my team was fun."

Robinson added that not only are Holifield, Dew and Stokes going to be a part of the Southern Miss program, but another Lady Bobcat – Brittany Seale – has committed to the University of Memphis.

"We are so very proud of Lauren and the kids in this class to be able to move," he said. "Over half of the kids in our class have moved on to a four-year program with four of them going to Division I schools. It's great for our state as far as the junior college system goes. We are looking forward to some great things out of Lauren, Tori, Bailey and Brittany."



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# More than honey – the role of the honeybee

#### By Linda Cranford

The honeybees have spent the spring season flittering from flower to flower collecting nectar to feed their colonies, and as June begins, many bee colonies are headed to their northern homes after having spent the winter and spring her in the south. When we think of honeybees, usually the first thing that comes to mind is the delicious honey they produce. But, the role of the honeybees in our ecosystem is much more important than just the production of honey. The hard-working honeybee is a critical link in our agriculture. It is estimated that insects pollinate one-third of our food supply, and honeybees are responsible for 80 percent of this pollination. Vegetables such as cucumbers, squash, melons, peas, beans, fruits, and some nuts depend on pollination by the honeybees. Almonds depend solely on the honeybees.

"The almond crop is ninety-five percent dependent upon the honeybee for pollination," stated Charles Wilson, an inspector with the Bureau of Plant Industry in Mississippi. Wilson and his wife, Terri, are also owners of Leaf River Honey Farm in Hattiesburg. "If there were no honeybees, and optimum conditions existed, the almond farmer would only get a five percent crop."

Wilson said that during the month of February and into March, millions of honeybee colonies are shipped to California to perform pollination services for the almond industry.

"Several of those commercial beekeepers are migratory beekeepers from the northern states, which over-winter their bees here in Mississippi," said Wilson. "A few own property in Mississippi, move their families here for winter, and return in late April or early May to their homes up North, which adds to our economy here in Mississippi."

Beekeepers manage bees for several reasons, and most, but not all, do so to produce and sell honey and honey products such as honey combs, beeswax, pollen, royal jelly, and propolis. Some provide pollination services only, and don't sell the honey and honey products. Many provide pollination services on a small scale and sell the products. Then there are those who manage bees as a hobby, and to benefit their own gardens.

As an inspector with the Bureau of Plant Industry, Wilson does not move his bees out of state for pollination services, because he inspects the pollinator beekeepers that do, and he said it would be a conflict of interest. He, however, does work with cotton and soy bean farmers in the Delta, and moves several colonies there to help with pollinating their crops and his production of honey.

"It helps them with their crops, and it helps us with our honey production," said Wilson. "The Delta has a longer high honey flow period than we do down here. It starts in April and continues through August. In March we began splitting our bees to develop more colonies, and in April will ship a portion of our colonies to the Delta and a portion will stay here." Wilson said the high honey flow period begins tapering off



Leaf River Honey Farm - Photo by Linda Cranford

mysterious dead colony phenomenon known as CCD, or Colony Collapse Disorder, where bees disappear from the colony.

"One day the bees are there, and the next day they're gone," said Wilson. "There is no scientific explanation or determination for the cause of CCD."

According to an article on the USDA Agricultural Research Services website CCD is not the only thing pressuring honeybees and beekeepers, "Since the 1980s, honeybees and beekeepers have had to deal with a host of new pathogens from deformed

wing virus to nosema fungi, new parasites such as Varroa mites, pests like small hive beetles, nutrition problems from lack of diversity or availability in pollen and nectar sources, and possible sublethal effects of pesticides. These problems, many of which honeybees might be able to survive if each were the only one, are often hitting in a wide variety of combinations, and weakening and killing honeybee colonies. CCD may even be a result of a combination of two or more of these factors and not necessarily the same factors in the same order in every instance."

"The important thing, and the best way to deal with these problems, is to keep your colony healthy," said Wilson.

To keep a honeybee colony healthy, beekeepers must figure out the best way to treat the host of pathogens, locate the hives near nectar sources, and in some cases provide supplemental food.

Charles and Terri began beekeeping 26 years ago when they moved to Charles' family homestead north of Hattiesburg. "We manage bees for the honey flow," said Charles. "We maintain from 200 to 300 colonies on average."

We just started marketing locally last year," added Terri. "Before, we were selling our honey by the barrel to manufacturers."

Charles and Terri travel around to local festivals selling their products. "We started marketing locally and developing more honey products to sell because it's something Charles and I can do together, especially when he retires," explained Terri.

Terri has been experimenting with pro-



Leaf River Honey Farm Beehives - Photo submitted

contains a little over a teaspoon of honey. You just bite or cut off the end, and enjoy. Many athletes like the straws for a quick energy boost."

In addition to tasting good, honey has many natural health benefits including boosting our immune system by improving liver function, stabilizing glucose levels and decreasing metabolic stress, and help us sleep better, exercise better and think better. The medicinal world is rediscovering its medicinal benefits, as well, especially in the area of wound care. Recent research has shown that Manuka Honey, made from the nectar of the Manuka bush found in New Zealand, significantly helps the body in the healing process, and has been proven extremely efficient in treating wound infections and burns.

Not all honey is created equal. The quality of honey is dependent upon not only the flowers nectar, but the way it is processed.

Most commercial brand honey found in grocery stores is processed using high heat temperatures and a stringent filtration process, which drastically reduces the benefits of honey. Raw, unfiltered honey, produced by local farmers, and found at festivals, produce stands, and farmers markets, retains all the benefits of honey, including pollen from local plants.

"There are several honey farmers in the Pine Belt area," said Charles, "and each of our honey will have a different taste."

The honeybees' world is a fascinating one. The honeybee is a social insect and lives together in a large well-organized family group called a colony. In each colony there is one queen, several hundred drones (male bees with no stingers), and thousands of worker bees (unfertilized female bees). A National Honey Board report describes facts about the honeybees as follows: "The queen is the only sexually developed female in the hive. She is the largest bee in the colony. A two-day-old larva is selected by the workers to be reared as the queen. She will emerge from her cell 11 days later to mate in flight with approximately 18 drone bees. During this mating, she receives several million sperm cells, which last her entire life span of nearly two years. The queen

### Honey Trivia (National Honey Board)

• How far does a hive of bees fly to bring you one pound of honey? Over 55,000 miles.

• How much honey does the average worker honeybee make in her lifetime? 1/12 teaspoon.

How fast does a honeybee fly?
 About 15 miles per hour.

• How much honey would it take to fuel a bee's flight around the world? About one ounce.

 How many flowers must honeybees tap to make one pound of honey?
 Two million

 What is mead? Honey wine.

• How many flowers does a honeybee visit during one collection trip? 50 – 100

starts to lay eggs about ten days after mating. A productive queen can lay 3,000 eggs in a single day.

Drones are stout male bees which have no stingers. Drones do not collect food or pollen from flowers. Their sole purpose is to mate with the queen. If the colony is short on food, drones are often kicked out of the hive.

Workers, the smallest bees in the colony, are sexually undeveloped females. A colony can have 50,000 to 60,000 workers. The life span of a worker bee varies according to the time of year. Her life expectancy is approximately 28 to 35 days. Workers that are reared in September and October, however, can live through the winter. Workers feed the queen and larvae, collect nectar, guard the hive entrance, and help to keep the hive cool by fanning their wings. In addition, workers produce the wax comb. The comb is composed of hexagonal cells which have walls that are only 2/1000 inch thick, but support 25 times their own weight.

Honeybees' wings stroke 11,400 times per minute, thus making their distinctive buzz."

According to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Mississippi produces about 2.25 million pounds of honey each year. There are between 20 and 30 thousand honeybee colonies in the state of Mississippi during the summer and 80 -120 thousand during the winter. There are 12 full-time commercial beekeepers, 30-40 part-time honey producers and 800 hobbyists. Some 15-20 non-resident beekeepers bring about 20,000 colonies to Mississippi each winter, divide them into 50,000 to 80,000 bee colonies and transport them back to the northern states each May/June. Honeybees contribute a value to pollination of fruits berries, vegetables, cotton, soybeans, vegetables, peanuts and wild plants in Mississippi exceeding \$200 million annually.

around June in the Pine Belt area.

Wilson said he over-winters approximately 100 colonies and that in March he starts splitting his colonies to build his farm back up to 250 to 300 colonies.

The increase in food production, and the decrease in the honeybee population, has made the role of a beekeeper more important than ever before in the continued existence of the honeybees, and sustainability of a third of our food supply.

But, honeybees and beekeepers have been dealing with a variety of pressures in keeping a colony healthy, including the ducing a variety of honey products including candles, creamed honey spread, honeycombs, beeswax, and flavored honey, such as Kahlúa, Irish cream, toffee, butter pecan, and strawberry.

"I use oil and water based flavorings, rather than the alcohol base. It's been a trial and error process all around," exclaimed Terri. "I've just started making the candles. There's a lot more to it than just melting wax in a form."

"One of our most popular products is the flavored honey in a straw," said Terri. "It's about a third of our business. Each straw Next time you see a honeybee flitting from plant to plant, thank her for the work she does!!!



# It's a bird, it's a plane, nooooo ... it's Super Heroes

#### By Linda Cranford

Tuesday afternoon, June 2, kids, and adults alike, surrounded the parking lot next to the Laurel-Jones County Library System in downtown Laurel with eyes combing the skies above as the library kicked off its summer reading program, "Every Hero Has a Story," with Super Heroes Spiderman, Batman, and Ironman parachuting into the parking lot.

After the Super Heroes made their way to the stage area, Jones County Sheriff's Department Deputy Doug Shepherd and his K-9 partner, Shadow, with the help of Cpl. John Stringer with the Laurel Police Department put on a K-9 demonstration for the kids. Beverly Clark and Ubie, with United Blood Services, were also present to talk to the kids.

The summer reading program runs from June 2 through June 25 in Laurel and Ellisville. Each week participants will have an opportunity to visit the library and enjoy different events - at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in Laurel, and at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays in Ellisville.

Laurel events: June 9 – Animal Avengers with Animal Tales, Inc. from Florida presenting "Heroes from the Wild." June 16 – Rescue 7 will fly in and the pilots will give a presentation to the kids. June 23, the National Guard/ Halo Jumper will give a presentation.

On June 16, in Laurel, United Blood Services will be set up in the parking lot of the Library from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. for their "Find the Hero in You" blood drive.

Ellisville events: June 11 – SCAR, Southern Cross Animal Rescue will talk to the children about what they do at the shelter, June 18 - "Super Twinz." Local





author Annette Sikes will read her book "Super Twinz" and talk about bullying Kids are encouraged to bring a large Tshirt to make their own Super Cape, June 25 – Zoomobile, the Hattiesburg Zoo's Jeremy Crompton will present "Heroes





Photos/Linda Cranford

The Summer Reading Program will conclude with a Funday at the Sportsplex

joy lunch, Splash Pad, Mr. Silly Socks, face painting, and more. The Summer Reading Program closing ceremony will begin at 1:15 p.m. with certificates and prizes being awarded, and participants must be present to win.



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in Laurel on June 30, from 11:30 a.m. un-

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# Jones graduates state fire academy

#### Submitted

Firefighter Nicholas T. Jones of the Laurel Fire Department graduated May 21, 2015 from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 Firefighter I-II course held at the Mississippi State Fire Academy in Jackson, MS.

This intense seven week course included classroom and hands-on instruction in the areas of fire behavior, fire suppression, rescue, incident command, hazardous materials and other fire related topics. This course meets and exceeds the National Fire Protection Association for Firefighter Qualifications and the uniform minimum training standards stated in the Mississippi Code section 45-11-7.

The Mississippi State Fire Academy is a division of the Mississippi Insurance Department. Commissioner Mike Chaney and Academy Executive Director Reggie Bell conclude that firefighters, through their newly acquired skills and knowledge, will be an asset to the fire departments they represent in im-



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# Laurel IMPACT, June 3, 2015 • www.impact360.ms • Page 19 June 7-13 is Garden Club Week in Laurel

#### By Linda Cranford

Members of the Park Place Garden Club in Laurel gathered in the office of Laurel Mayor Johnny Magee Monday, June 1, for the signing of a proclamation by the mayor proclaiming June 7 through 13 as Garden Club Week in the City of Laurel, in recognition of National Garden Club Week throughout America.

Park Place Garden Club is a member of the Laurel and Jones County Garden Council, Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs.

The proclamation describes the role of garden clubs in our communities stating that "gardeners enrich not only their own lives, but the lives of those in their community as well, by nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds and the care of all plants. Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage, and flowers. Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work, advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, and encourage appreciation of their roles in a balanced and productive ecology. Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens: for those just learning as well as for those who have years of experience. Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our lives, and teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts. The City of Laurel is indebted to our local Gardeners who have combined their efforts through work in Garden Clubs to make our community a much more beautiful and desirable place, thereby enhancing the quality of life for our citizens."

For many years the garden clubs in Laurel have contributed to keeping Laurel truly "The City Beautiful" with their many projects that go back to our city's beginning.

According to Mary Anne Sumrall, Park Place Garden Club publicity chair, an ongoing project of the garden club is the Gardner Park arboretum and walking trail. Gardner Park, one of 12 parks in Laurel, was designed back in the late 1800's by Fredrick Law Olmstead, Sr., who co-designed Central Park and Prospect Park in New York City. The trees in Gardner Park are a sampling of the different types of trees found in our area. The garden club's project has been to label the trees with plaques identify-



Pictured left to right with Mayor Johnny Magee are the officers of Park Place Garden Club, Susan Pounds-2nd Vice President, Deane Sintley-President, Sydney Swartzfager-1st Vice President, and Pam Ogglesby-Secretary. Not pictured is Nan Abernathy-Treasurer. Photo by Linda Cranford

ing the name of the tree, but when Katrina hit Laurel, many of the plaques were either damaged or destroyed. This year the club plans to finish replacing the plaques on the trees in the park.

Mayor Magee said the city of Laurel relies on the volunteerism and work of the members of the garden clubs in Laurel and Jones County for the continued beautification of Laurel and Jones County.



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# **JCJC sophomores earn Gold Key Awards**

#### By Teresa McCreery,

JCJC Media-Public Relations Director

Twelve Jones County Junior College sophomores are eligible to receive the Academic Gold Key honor because of their 4.0 GPA prior to final exams. Six other graduating students were awarded Leadership, Athletic and Merit Gold Key Awards during graduation practice.

The Merit Gold Key recipients are Jacob Ivy of Taylorsville and Brooke Miley of Sumrall. Leadership Gold Key recipients are Jonathan Nelson of Petal and Lindsay Miller of Ellisville. Baseball player, Chris Morgan of Madison and softball player and NJCAA Player of the Year, Tori Dew of Stonewall were selected for the Athletic Gold Key Award. These students were voted on by the sophomore class for this special recognition.

The twelve JCJC students expected to receive the Academic Gold Key honor include: Brandon Atwood of Seminary; Trent Black of Ellisville; Lauren Halase of Jayess; Emily Hill of Columbia; Anna Houston of Laurel; Kensey Jordan of Buckatunna; Lauren Lott of Hattiesburg; Lauren Sanders of Morton; Jordan Simmons of Laurel; Chandler Hardin of Raleigh; Lakin Thornton of Raleigh and Breanna Williams of Laurel.





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