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LPD adds three new veteran officers

By Linda Cranford

Three veteran law enforcement officers have joined the Laurel Police Department. On Friday, December 18, Mayor Johnny Magee swore in, Abraham McKenzie, 36, Robert Wright, 31, and Patrick Dickerson, 37.

"We are so happy to add these three veteran officers who will help protect and serve the citizens of our city," said Magee. "You can really never have enough police officers. These three will help to bring our force up to near full speed."

McKenzie comes to the LPD from Jasper County Sheriff's Department with approximately 12 years of law enforcement experience. McKenzie worked with the Jones County Sheriff's Department for seven years before joining Jasper County. He has also worked with JCJC Campus Police and Jones County Drug Court.

"I am very excited, and look forward to serving the people of Laurel," said McKenzie. He added that the camaraderie of family and brother and sisterhood attracted him to the department.

"I've had to adjust to him being in law enforcement," said Krista. "I finally began to just trust in the Lord. We're glad to be back in Laurel, and as long as he is happy, we're happy. He's very passionate about his work, and is very good at what he does."

Dickerson joins the LPD with approximately three years' experience in law enforcement having worked with the Columbia Police Department and Pearl River Community College Campus Police.

Wright also comes to the LPD from the Columbia Police Department with a little over one year experience.

"We are glad to have these veteran officers join us, who are relocating from other agencies," said Chief Tyrone Stewart. "We now have 51 officers on our force and hope to be hiring four or five more after the first of the year."

In the past few months, there have been several officers from the LPD who have moved on to other careers or left the department to work with other agencies. Stewart said, "I like to say that we are not rebuilding our force, we're just reloading!"



L-R, Mayor Johnny Magee, Robert Wright, Abraham McKenzie, Patrick Dickerson, and Chief Tyrone Stewart. Photo/Linda Cranford

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Lisa Bond, M.D. heads South Central Cancer Center



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With over 100 types of known cancer, it takes a team effort to provide care to patients. The healthcare professionals in Laurel work together to diagnose and treat cancer patients. South Central Cancer Center serves as the hub of the comprehensive cancer care program which provides chemotherapy, radiation oncology, general surgery, cosmetic and plastic surgery, and other medical specialties to patients in this region. Lisa Bond, M.D., Hematologist and Medical Oncologist, now serves as Medical Director of South Central Cancer Center.



Dr. Lisa Bond

Dr. Bond said, "It is never easy to receive the diagnosis of cancer. Patients who have cancer have one of the hardest burdens of all patients. These patients need a quarterback to make the plays for the specialties to work together to achieve the ultimate goal – a cure."

"The people in this community are incredible. I truly believe it is the best kept secret in the state," says Dr. Bond. "The services offered in Laurel and the resources we have available provide the best care possible for our patients. We care about each patient, because we see them as friends, members of our community, in our Sunday School Classes and encounter them in our daily lives. We are personally involved."

Dr. Bond was born and raised in Mississippi and a graduate of the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Medicine. "After medical school, I went into practice for 11 years providing care for medical oncology and hematology patients in Hattiesburg. During that time, I worked part-time as medical director for hospice agencies. I then went to Nashville for two years and served full time as a hospice physician to hone my skills on expert symptom management and communication with patients," she said.

Dr. Bond has returned to Mississippi to provide expert care to patients with cancer in Laurel. "I try to know my patients, not only medically, but personally. My patients tell me their goals and we work together on them. There are many aspects outside the medical diagnosis – financial, psychological and emotional," she said.

Patient care in the cancer field involves multiple levels of treatment. It is not just about treating the physical cancer. Unfortunately, cancer is a very emotional and distressing disease. By working with many medical professionals, patients can receive quality healthcare without leaving their hometown.

Dr. Bond is board certified in four specialties – Internal Medicine, Hematology, Oncology, and Hospice and Palliative Care. Her knowledge and expertise in the field of cancer care is extensive and the team at South Central Cancer Center is pleased to welcome her as medical director.

To find out more about the comprehensive cancer care program in Laurel, please call South Central Cancer Center at 601-518-7054. The center is located at 1203 Jefferson Street in Laurel, directly across from South Central Regional Medical Center.

Glade VFD holds Food Drive

Submitted

On Saturday November 21, and December 5, Glade Fire and Rescue, with the help of Sparky the Fire Dog and Dollar General on Highway 15 South, collected canned food goods that will be distributed to needy families in the Glade community by Tucker's Crossing Baptist Church. In addition to canned goods, firefighters also collected one hundred and forty dollars in cash, which was used to purchase additional canned goods from Dollar General.

"We would like to express a very special 'Thank You' to Dollar General for allowing us to do the drive in their parking lot," said Michelle Rowell, Assistant Fire Chief. "We would also like to thank Stewart Transport for transporting the goods to the church, and members of Glade Fire and Rescue - Dan McKenna, Jakob Martinez, Jenson Weekly, Laken Jones, Jordan Chamberlin, Doug Stewart, Tony Welch, Tyler Stokes, and Michael Guy who took the time to participate. Of course I'm not gonna forget to say thank you to the wonderful members of our community. Without your generous donations this would not be possible!"



Members of the Glade VFD, front, Michael Guy, left, and Doug Stewart, right, back, Jordan Chamberlin, left, and Tyler Stokes, right. Photos/Submitted



Sparky the Fire Dog helped with the food drive.

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December 23

Mill Creek Church of God is conducting a shoe collection drive until 1/15/16 to raise funds for International Youth Convention. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes at Mill Creek Church of God. For more information on how you can help please look us up on Facebook at Facebook.com/MillCreekchog, call 601-428-4934 or email tabithadwalls@gmail.com. Contact us to schedule a drop off or stop by our Free youth Christmas Karaoke Party for youth in our community on January 1 from 6pm to 8pm to drop off any shoes you would like to donate.

December 27

The public is invited to Keys Memorial Church of God in Christ, Laurel, Annual New Year's Revival beginning December 27th at 11:30 a.m. Services continue Monday, December 28th thru Friday, January 1, 2016. All nightly services will begin at 7:30p.m with the exception of Thursday night, New Years Eve, which will begin at 9:30p.m.

December 28

The only change for Jones County Garbage Service will be Christmas Day, (Friday 25th), will be picked up on Monday, December 28th. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday will run normal routes. The billing office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, December 24th and 25th. The office will reopen on Monday, December 28th.

Gear up for "The 116th Christmas Bird Count Citizen in Action." This 16th annual Audubon tradition will be Monday, December 28th in Hattiesburg and Petal. For those who are new to the Christmas Bird Count and want to get involved, please call 601-544-1784 to see if your home is within the boundaries of the 15-mile circle of Hattiesburg/Petal, then you can stay home and report the birds that visit your feeder or you can join a group of birdwatchers in the field.

December 31

2nd Annual New Year's Eve Gospel Sing December 31st at Pine Ridge Baptist Church 220 Service Road Laurel, Ms. Groups will be Spoken 4 Quartet (from Branson,Mo) and Bros 4 Quartet. Singing will start at 6:00p.m. till about 9:00p.m., will be serving soups and sandwich during intermission. For more info ph 601-319-8466.

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January 1

Mill Creek Church of God will be hosting a Free Christmas and Christian Karaoke Party for any community youth who would like to participate. It will be held on January 1st from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Mill Creek Church of God Family Life Center located 2245 Mill Creek Rd, Laurel, MS 39443. We will provide snacks, music, and games. Please feel free to bring your instrument to play and/or your own Karaoke track. We will also be taking up donations of new or used shoes of all sizes and kinds for a fund raiser for our youth to attend international youth convention. For directions or more information call: 601-428-4934.

January 5

Monique's Place first sickle cell support group meeting for 2016 will be Tuesday January 5, 2016 @ Hattiesburg Public Library on Hardy Street on the second floor at 6:00-7:00 pm. Contact number 601-818-0003.

January 8

New Home Baptist Church, Bay Springs, MS is proud to announce the return performance of The Harper Family. The Harper Family is one of the most popular bluegrass gospel groups performing in America today, and stay in demand from churches across the USA. The concert at New Home will be Friday, January 8th, 2016 beginning at 7:00pm, and a love offering will be taken. Look for the NHBC signs on Hwy 15 and 531 for directions - the church is located between Taylorsville and Bay Springs on SCR 11A. For more information, please contact Bob Barger at 601 422 5064 or 601 426 3390 after 6PM. For more information on the Harper's, go to www.harperfamilymusic.com.

January 10

Trinity Baptist Church, Highway 15 North, invites everyone to celebrate Homecoming and Note Burning Services with dinner on the ground, Sunday, January 10 from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

January 12

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The DMA (Don't Mention Age) group will meet Tuesday, January 12th at the YWCO, at 11:00 am. This will be our member's quarterly bingo game. Be sure to bring a gift. Lunch will be served at 12:00. If you have any questions, please call the "t" at 601-428-5694.

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February 9

The YWCO will be having a Social Security Seminar on Tuesday, February 9th at 10:00a.m. Shuff Mauldin will present information on making the best use of your Social Security benefit in retirement planning. No sales pitch will be made. This is information you can really use. The event is free and there is no registration required. Luncheon is available afterward for \$6.50; \$6 if 60 or older and you dine in.

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Miscellaneous

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The YWCO has a luncheon weekly on Tuesday that is open to the public. Lunch is served from 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. No time to come inside? Call ahead and we'll come running when you honk your horn: 601-428-5694. The meal includes drink and dessert for \$6.50. Special dine-in only prices for seniors and children. Menu is posted on FB under Events tab: <https://www.facebook.com/YWCOLaurelMS>.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every week on Thursday, 9:15 a.m., at Magnolia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1040 Wansley Road in Laurel. For more information, call or text 601-323-0830 or 601-319-6931.

Chris McDaniel's 10th annual "Just Say Merry Christmas Turkey Giveaway"

By Linda Cranford

For the tenth year in a row, Senator Chris McDaniel held his "Just Say Merry Christmas" turkey give away at West Ellisville First Baptist Church parking lot in Ellisville, Saturday, December 19.

The only requirement to receive a turkey was that each person must say "Merry Christmas" as they drove up, and only one turkey was given per vehicle.

McDaniel began the turkey giveaway in 2005 as a way of making a statement against the war that was raging on Christmas when companies were forbidding their employees to say "Merry Christmas" and instead, instructing them to say "Happy Holidays." Sadly, the war on Christmas continues today, ten years later.

According to McDaniel over 350 turkeys in total were given away Saturday.



Chris McDaniel with his two sons, Chamberlain and Cambridge, in Walmart, on their way to pick up the turkeys. Photo/Linda Cranford



Picking up the turkeys at Walmart with Chris McDaniel, center, are his two best friends, John Chandler, left, and Tommy Barrett, right, who have been helping Chris with the "Just say Merry Christmas Turkey Giveaway" since the beginning, ten years ago. Photo/Linda Cranford

Right, Chris McDaniel's son, Cambridge, has been helping his father handout the turkeys ever since he was big enough to handle them. Photo submitted



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A lifetime of collecting Hallmark Ornaments

By Linda Cranford

Gail Graham of Ellisville usually starts around the first of November unpacking 14 large plastic tubs of Hallmark Christmas Ornaments containing well over one thousand ornaments including animated figures and stuffed animals, to display in her house for Christmas. Each ornament is stored in its original box, and is unpacked and hung on either a large green Christmas tree, a medium green Christmas tree (the Family Tree), a small silver tree (the Angel Tree), another small silver tree (Coca Cola Tree), two wire trees (Beauty of Birds series), or placed on shelves in a large curio cabinet.

Graham's Hallmark ornament collection started when she bought her home. Her first ornament, appropriately entitled "New Home," is a shiny round disc ornament that reads, "A New Home is a wonderful beginning to wonderful memories, Christmas 1987." That same year she bought her first daughter ornament, as well, and today has approximately 34.

"As the years went by, I started collecting them in a big way," exclaimed Graham. "I have several ornament series that are ongoing. Every year, I say I'm not going to start another series, but I usually do." Graham said Hallmark's series ornaments last at least three years, and that some series have been going on for over 40 years. Her daughter, Bobbie Gail, became interested in the Peanuts series, and collects them.

"I buy a lot of ornaments each year for my family and friends," said Graham. "I love picking out that special ornament for each person. It's such a joy to hear them, and see their face when they open them up." Graham said she has an ornament on her "family" tree for the year each member of her family was born.

Over the years Graham has become somewhat of an expert on Hallmark ornaments. For the past 14 years, she has worked part time for Amy's Hallmark in the Turtle Creek Mall in Hattiesburg. "I work at Hallmark part time to support my habit," said Graham chuckling. She said when working at the Hallmark store that throughout the day she is constantly called upon by the other workers to answer a customer's question about an ornament. Graham works full time at Dixie Electric Power Association, and has been there for almost 20 years.

Graham said she joined a local Hallmark ornament collectors club years ago. "We call ourselves The Hub Can't Stop at One Ornament Club, which is sponsored by Amy's Hallmark. She is also a member of the national Keepsake Ornament Club (KOC) in Kansas City, Missouri. "By being a member of both clubs, I have been to several KOC events. At the events you get to meet the artists, and hear the stories of how they decide what to sculpt each year. A lot of the faces are patterned after their own family member or pets. You also get to buy event pieces, which are not offered to the general public." She explained that some of the ornaments are "repainted" ornaments, meaning that some portion of the ornament may be repainted a different color by the time it is offered to the public. She said that some of the ornaments she owns have sold on the internet for several hundred dollars.

At this year's event, she purchased the 2015 Santa's Christmas Train, which is a repainted piece, and had every artist involved in the making of the ornament sign the bottom of the ornament. "There were approximately 15 artists involved in the design of Santa's Christmas Train. One person may have done Santa's face, another, the Teddy Bear, or the dog, but at least 15 artists contributed to this one piece. I believe they are already working on 2017 ornaments."

Graham said it's a lot of hard work each year to unbox the ornaments, arrange them on the trees, then take them all done and box them back up each year, but she enjoys them. She said she has given each member of her family enough ornaments over the years that they too have their own Hallmark tree. She said they have also each claimed debts on the ornaments they like from her collection, if and when she decides to get rid of some of them.



The Beauty of the Birds trees



A Barbie Doll ornament. The Barbie Doll series has returned to Hallmark this year.



An angel ornament from the Angel tree.

Right, There are hundreds of ornaments carefully arranged in this huge curio cabinet.

Below, The large green Christmas tree is filled with hundreds of ornaments.



Gail Graham holds her 2015 Santa's Train ornament which has the signatures of all 15 artist involved in the design of the ornament on the bottom. Photos/Linda Cranford

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Salvation Army's "Day of Distribution" arrives

By Linda Cranford

Friday, December 18, rows and rows of bags of toys lined the floor of the old Crocker's parts and repair building next to the Cotton Mill Park in Laurel, and boxes of food were stacked on top of each other waiting to be picked up as the Salvation Army's Day of Distribution arrived to provide food and gifts for Christmas to those in need. The local Salvation Army services six counties – Jones, Jasper, Wayne, Smith, Clark, and Simpson.

According to Captain Bert Lind with the Salvation Army, over 500 Angels were adopted by the community this year. The children received some of their requested items and the family was given a box full of canned goods, boxes of macaroni and cheese, a 5 lb bag of corn meal, and a turkey donated by Sanderson Farms.

"There are a lot of generous people in the Jones County area," exclaimed Capt. Lind. Lind and his wife, Captain Cristy Lind, were recently reassigned to the Salvation Army in Laurel-Jones County from Alabama, and this is their first Christmas.

Helping the Salvation Army with the distribution Friday morning were volunteers from the Laurel Christian School TARS (Teen Age Republicans), Jones County Republican Women, Mississippi Power Company, Laurel Fire Department, and Centerville Baptist Church.



Mississippi Power District Manager Rex Glibert with LCS TARS members Beth Chard and Anna Alexander. Photos/Linda Cranford



L-R, Laurel Fire Department fireman Lt. Charles Newell and Cpt. Dwight Cooper, with Tiffany Parrish with the Jones County Republican Women.



Captain Bert Lind, right, and his wife Captain Cristy Lind, center, discuss the distribution flow with Salvation Army volunteer Helen Nichols.



Jaycee Corley and Jackson Wedgeworth with Centerville Baptist Church.

First Annual Shop with a Firefighter

By Linda Cranford

Sunday afternoon, December 13, a lime green Hummer Limousine pulled up to the north entrance to Walmart and six children with a number of volunteer firefighters from the Calhoun Volunteer Fire Department piled out of the back door of the limo to begin an afternoon of shopping that the children will perhaps remember for the rest of their lives. For the past several months, the volunteer firefighters have been busy raising money for this very moment.

“When people need us, it’s always for a fire or accident,” exclaimed Lee Garick, fire chief of the Calhoun VFD, “and this is a more positive way for us to give back to the community.”

Some of the children new exactly what they wanted, while others were so overwhelmed with the opportunity they just weren’t sure. But, as soon as they were all ready to begin the shopping spree, they headed straight to the toy department.

After shopping, they loaded up in the Hummer Limo and went to Eatza Pizza for food and games.



The kids arrived at Walmart in a lime green Hummer Limousine. Photos/Linda Cranford



Kelly Parker, right, talks with the kids as they patiently (or impatiently) wait for the word to begin shopping.



Allysa Garick and Tyler Anderson shopped with Hayley who wasted no time in choosing a Barbie Doll for her first item.



Kayley headed straight for the Frozen Palace and Princess Anna and Princess Elisa.



Tyler Nelson shopped with Hailey who chose an ice cream maker for one of her items.



Shelby chose an Arrow Revolution Bow Blaster that can fast-fire six whistling arrows. Abbey Garick and Wesley Payne shopped with Shelby.

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Kelly Parker and Brett Nelson shopped with Conner who chose one of the Disney Infinity Characters as one of his items.



Scott Rushing watched as Jessie picked out a Star Wars action figure.

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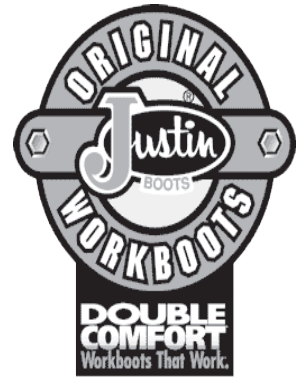
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Welborn selected for 2015 POWER SHOWCASE All American Team

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POWER SHOWCASE continues to provide baseball magic for its participants, and recently it was confirmed that the event will celebrate its tenth anniversary back at Marlins Park. The POWER SHOWCASE in Miami will feature 170 of the world's best players representing 20+ countries. It's a unique opportunity for fans and MLB scouts alike to see the best international talent on domestic turf. Come see Tomorrow's Stars Today! Admission is Free.

The 10th Annual POWER SHOWCASE is being held on December 28 th 2015 through January 2nd , 2016 at the Marlins Ball Park in Miami, FL. The event is streamed live worldwide on the power showcase channel. www.powershowcase.com

The POWER SHOWCASE has announced Catcher/ Right Fielder, Connor Welborn, from Stringer, MS (Stringer Attendance Center) has been named to the 10 th Annual POWER SHOWCASE All American Team. Players were selected by POWER SHOWCASE based on their abilities, power, scout references and high school and showcase tournament performance.

Connor will proudly represent Mississippi during the legendary Home Run Derby that will feature some of the most prolific amateur prospects from around the country and also during the All-American game in an East versus West match-up. Connor is a member of the Stringer Red Devils coached by Wade Weathers and the Mississippi Stars coached by Harry Porter. To learn more about the International High School Power Showcase, Home Run Derby, or dates and the official selection process, visit www.power-showcase.com

Through partnership with the Home Runs That Help Foundation Connor will be dedicating all his home runs to Reece Stringer. Reece was recently diagnosed with

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