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## "Home Town" fans get a tour of the Rice House

By Linda Cranford

Episode 5 of HGTV's "Home Town" featuring Laurel's favorite couple Ben and Erin Napier, aired Tuesday night, April 18, and included the renovation of the "Hill House" purchased by Coy and Kenya Rice. The next day, Community Bank of Laurel sponsored an open house of the Rice's newly renovated home allowing local folks to tour the charming cottage style home, located on 7th Avenue, in the historic district of Laurel. Refreshments were catered by Laura Matthews and The Gables.

Coy Rice welcomed the guests and walked them through the house pointing out several things that were not seen in the episode such as several items he and Kenya have collected on their many mission trips including a beautiful wooden horse that is actually a puzzle and a pottery piece from Indonesia. Rice is a pastor and proudly explained the story behind one painting hanging near the study. It was given to him and painted by a lady member of the first church he pastored. She painted



The Rice House from Episode 5 of Season 1 of HGTV's "Home Town." Photo/Linda Cranford

the picture that was on the church bulletin of that first sermon.

Perhaps the most popular item to see was Ben's butcher block countertops made out of old scrap wood found in his shop which included several different types of

During the renovation process, Erin found a shoebox full of letters and pictures that had been left behind by the previous owner, Mrs. Hill. Erin had replicas made of a letter, photo of Mrs. Hill, and a photo of her sister, Charlotte Payne, and framed

them in a shadow box. This was another popular item for visitors to see. Rice explained that Mrs. Hill's sister, Charlotte Payne, was a native of Laurel and a popular model in the late 1930s and early 40s. She was seen on the cover of several popular magazines including Vogue, Life and Glamour. The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art held an exhibition in 2011 which included a photographic collection of Payne. Rice said the letter was from Charlotte talking about the snow in New York City keeping them from doing a shoot.

"In the letter she talked about how she couldn't believe they were paying her one thousand dollars just for a head shot," said Rice. He added that back in that time, a thousand dollars was a lot of money. He also said she had a fairly long career because of her baby face and youthful look.

According to Rice, Mrs. Hill is still alive and lives in Georgia with her son. She is believed to be around 93 years old.

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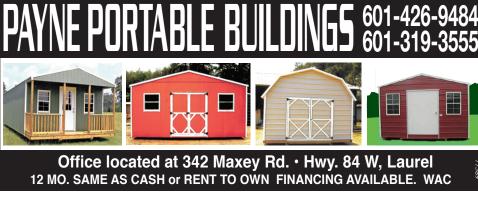
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#### Hidden Treasures holds ribbon cutting

Hidden Treasures in Ellisville recently held their ribbon cutting for their 107 W. Ivy Street location. Their business hours will be from 10a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

From left to right: Patricia Salter, Reverend James Salter, Brynn Woodward, Steven Woodward, owners Hilda & D.W. Woodward, Deborah Hinton, Ellisville Mayor Tim Waldrop, and Ellisville Aldermen Frank Williams, Aaron Heidelberg, Lynn Buckhaults and Tommie Shows. Photo/submitted



## **Movies for Memories**

#### A Donation of Movies by Junior Auxiliary's Crown Club to SCRMC

Submitted

South Central Regional Medical Center's Women's and Children's Place was honored to receive a donation for pediatric patients from Junior Auxiliary of Laurel. A division of Junior Auxiliary is Crown Club, a group of female, high school students that volunteer and serve in Laurel and Jones County. As a service project for the 2016-17 year, Junior Auxiliary's Crown Club raised donations to supply 93 DVDs to the pediatric patients at South Central Regional Medical Center.

The 37 Crown Club members were involved in carrying out the project entitled, "Movies for Memories". After discussing the need with Connie Landrum, RN, Women's and Children's Services Director at SCRMC, members had an understanding as to what types of movies were needed for patients. Each newly sealed movie was donated, with a total of 93 movies given.

"When the project was presented to SCRMC, Junior Auxiliary's Crown Club automatically knew "Movies for Memories" was the best way to provide service to our community and reach children in need," said Amy Jordan, Crown Club Chair and Junior Auxiliary Active Member. "This service project touched Crown Club as much as it did those receiving."

Connie Landrum, states, "SCRMC's Women's and Chil-



Junior Auxiliary of Laurel's Crown Club presents Movies for Memories to the Women's and Children's Place at SCRMC. Photo/submitted

dren's Place is grateful for the donation made by Junior Auxiliary's Crown Club. It is very rewarding to see youth in our community touching the lives of other children. The patients in the Pediatric Unit at SCRMC have benefited from the DVDs. It allows children to find enjoyment while they are receiving treatment. We sincerely thank Crown Club for their donation to South Central Regional Medical Center."

For more information on SCRMC's Women' and Children's Place, please contact Connie Landrum at clandrum@scrmc.com. For more information on Junior Auxiliary of Laurel, please contact Bryn Nasajpour at bnasajpour01@gmail.com.



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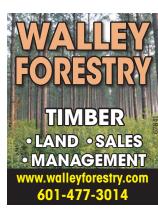
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Word of Life Church of God In Christ, 708 McManus St., Ellisville, invites you to worship with us at our annual Women's Day program at 2:00 p.m. The speaker will be aspiring missionary Dorcas Griffin.

Springhill MB Church, 1403 Dubose Street, Ellisville do cordially invite you to attend our Revival of Refreshing services to take place Monday through Wednesday, May 1-3, at 7:00 nightly with the revivalist being pastor Milton Branch of New Testament Church in Ellisville. We will also have a Saturday morning worship Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m.

The Jasper County Genealogical and Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Mary Weems Parker Library in Heidelberg. Mr. George Wilson of Louin, a retired history teacher, will be the guest speaker. Wilson will present a program on his family and how they originally came to

Mississippi. We would like to invite anyone interested to attend and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served following the Pleasant Ridge School Reunion will be held Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until at West Jones Elementary School gymnasium. All who attended or taught at Pleasant Ridge School at any time are encouraged to attend. We want to see you. Bring food and drinks to share. Paper products and ice will be furnished. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring your old pictures and those made at the past reunions to share. For more information call Rebecca

Corinth FWB Church, Camp Eight Road, Waynesboro, will be having Homecoming services at 10:00 a.m. The speaker for this occasion will be Rev. Norman Rowell. Singers will be Samuel & LaBreeska Atkinson.

(601-763-6252) or Jamie (601-763-6005).

The Old Man Is Back Open!

First Baptist Church of Laurel will host a Precept upon Precept Bible Study of Psalm 119 beginning Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This 6-week summer study will be led by Barbara Holt. An identical study will begin Monday, May 1, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. with Danny West teaching. For more information, please call Mr. or Mrs. Carey Hauenstein, Administrators at 601-428-4393.

The public in invited to attend the 32nd annual meeting of the Christian Food Mission, Inc., to be held on at the Laurel Train Depot at 6:00 p.m. An important announcement will be made concerning the steps recently taken to relocate our operations. The meeting will include singing, ceremony and recognition of volunteers. Members will be nominated to serve on our Board of Directors. A detailed financial report will be given. There will be a reception and refreshments to follow.

April 29

You are invited to a father-daughter dance from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Grace Covenant Family Center, 100 Grace Lane, Ellisville. Tickets are \$20 per father and one child, \$5 each additional child (not excluding grandfathers, uncle, or any father figure). Semi-formal dress, dinner, pictures, dancing, and lasting memories. Contact LaShawna Peppers for ticket inquiry at 601their upkeep fees of \$5 per unoccupied plot. All other donations New Life in Christ Church's Outreach Ministry will be giving away free clothes on April 29 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We are located at 226 Ellisville Blvd., Laurel. Enter the third door on the side of the church.

The annual meeting of the Matthews Cemetery Association will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Matthews Community Center.

Families with unoccupied plots are encouraged to come and bring

FBC Ovett children and youth will be sponsoring a fish plate dinner. Plates will include two sides, dessert and drink for \$10 (chicken strips alternate). This event will be held at the church from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Contact any member or call 601-344-0508 for more details.

A boating safety class starts at 8:00 a.m. at the MSU Extension Service Wayne Co. Office. Any person born after June 30, 1980, must complete a boating safety course to operate a boat. Persons under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a person 21 years or older on board the boat in order to operate the boat. For persons who wish to learn more about MS Boating Basics and the legal and safe practices for boat operators, this six-hour instructor taught course will be offered at our office. Pre-registration is required and can be completed at https://education.mdwfp.com/Web/Event/ CountySelection. Select Wayne County from the drop-down list box. You will find information on ow to register on the next page.

Christian Valley MB Prayer Breakfast Ministry will be hosting our annual Prayer Breakfast. The guest speaker for this spiritfilled occasion will be Pastor A.G. McSwain of the Morning Star MB Church, Laurel, along with his church family.

Soso Seventh Day Adventist Church invites you to our Praise and Worship Services on Saturday. Sabbath school study starts at 9:15 a.m. and Divine worship starts at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Kennan West of Belzoni, Miss., will be our guest speaker. Anointed Body of Christ of South MS will be our musical guest. Lunch will be served.

## Friday, April 28, 2017 • 6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. South MS Fairgrounds • Laurel, MS

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+/- 49 Acres Located on County Road 6 Just off MS Hwy 11, Heidelberg, MS. This tract consists of 23 year old merchantable pine timber with scattered hardwoods.Tract has small creek that runs on the NE Corner and several great camp/home sites. Great hunting tract and close to amenities. Power/Water available. \$125,000. Call Woods & Waters Realty at 800-526-3961. See more at mfmland.com

Jones County +/- 40 Acres. Great Location! South Jones School District. This property is located on Monroe road in the Rainey Community just south of HWY 590 and North of Moselle Seminary Rd. The property offers mature pine plantation and beautiful hardwoods. Snows Creek flows through the south end of the property and has a 1.5 acre pond on the North end of the property. Would be a great place to build a home and has great hunting and fishing opportunities. \$140,000. For more information on this listing, contact Bennett 601-913-0340 at Walley

Properties, LLC. or visit our website walleyproperties.com

Reduced! +/- 37 Acres Located on Augusta Road 5 miles South of Ellisville, MS. This tract is made up of merchantable timber with both pine and hardwood. Has two large food plots in place. Great hunting and recreation. Has a house sites with power and water available. 1/4 mile black top frontage on Augusta Road. \$96,200. Call Woods & Waters Realty at 800-526-3961. See more at mfmland.com

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+/- 46 Acres Located on Lower Myrick Road and Mollie Boutwell Rd, this property is made up of Pasture and has 4 Ponds. Perfect place to raise cattle or horses or to build your dream home.Call Rob McCraw at 601-498-9143 for more information or to set up an appointment to view this beautiful piece of land! \$161,000. See more at mfmland. com

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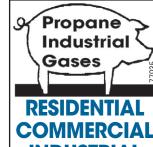
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#### RICE HOUSE, continued from page 1

Ben and Erin also stopped by during the open house, just in time to participate in the presentation of a framed painting of the tree-lined avenues in Laurel's historic district from the Adam Trest Home in downtown Laurel. The painting was presented to the Rices as a house warming gift from the staff of Community Bank.

Justin Martin, Community Bank CEO, noted that the bank plans to hold several more open houses during Season 1 of "Home Town."

"It's another way for us to give back to the community," ended Martin.



The small study off of the dining room area is where Erin found the box of pictures and letters left behind by the previous owner, Mrs. Hill.



There were several conversations going on among this group. Front - Coy Rice, left, talks to Erin Napier and her mom Karen Raspberry, right. Ben Napier, center, is talking with Justin Martin, left, and Ross Tucker, right. Back – Lydia Walters is talking with Regina Hales. *Photos/Linda Cranford* 



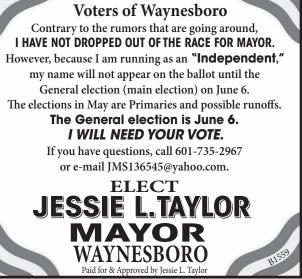
Community Bank presented the Rices with a "house warming" gift. L-R are Scott Pickering, Chris Ishee, Justin Martin, Coy Rice, Erin Napier and Ben Napier. Not pictured: Kenya Rice.



Karen Rasberry, Erin Napier's mom, is looking at family photos with Coy Rice.



Coy Rice and Laurel Mayor Johnny Magee discuss Ben's butcher block countertops.



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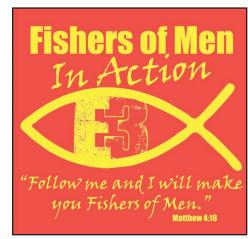
## Jones County Fishers Of Men in Action needs donations

Submitted

The volunteer organization, Fishers Of Men in Action (FOMA), supports both the Volunteer Fire Departments and the Jones County Sheriff's Department by providing beverages and snacks at incidents around the county when requested. FOMA is a Magnolia Baptist Church ministry and established themselves as a means to provide food and hydration to our volunteers, deputies and other assisting agencies on scenes such as extended structural or woodland fires, search and rescue operations, and others. In addition to providing snacks, they have also brought hard-working volunteers and police officers breakfast, lunch and dinner during long-winded operations.

Most recently, FOMA provided hydration and snacks to several Jones County Volunteer Fire Departments and Laurel Fire Departments at a structure fire at Morgan Brothers in Laurel. The strenuous effort put forth by our emergency personnel requires sustenance and hydration to adequately perform duties required during such incidents, and without the continued support from FOMA, these much needed supplies wouldn't be available.

Unfortunately, though, the funding to keep FOMA afloat has been exhausted, and we are reaching out to our communities to help support this awesome group of men and women that assist our volunteer fire departments and deputies. We are currently seeking monetary



donations, as well as snacks and beverages, such as snack crackers, chips (individual snack size bags), energy and granola bars, water, Gatorade, Powerade, and any other snack-type foods and hydrating beverages. Donations can be dropped off at the Jones County **Emergency Operations Center (address** found below) to the Jones County Fire Coordinator, Dan McKenna.

Please help support FOMA so that they can continue to support the men and women that serve and protect our communities. You can leave supplies at: Jones County Emergency Operations Center, 22 Mason Street, Laurel. Dropoff hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Monetary donations can be made to: Jones County Fire Council, 22 Mason Street, Laurel, MS 39440 (please note on your check FOMA Donation). For more information, please contact Dan McKenna at 601-428-3187.





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## Blue Star Memorial Marker unveiled in Ellisville

By Linda Cranford

Friday morning a large crowd gathered at the gate-way entrance to Ellisville location off Hill Street near the intersection of Interstate 59, for the unveiling and dedication of a National Garden Clubs, Inc. Blue Star Memorial Marker sponsored by Laurel Iris Society Garden Club and Ellisville Garden Club.

The JCJC Jazz Band provided music for the ceremony. Geni Looney, president of Laurel Iris Society Garden Club, served as the Mistress of Ceremony. The invocation was given by Rev. Gregg Ducker and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kent Miller followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Brad Griffin.

Ellisville Mayor Tim Waldrup welcomed everyone and recognized several state and local governmental officials in attendance. The unveiling of the Blue Star Memorial was performed by Ellisville Fire Chief Ronnie McGilberry and Jacob Williams.

Nancy Moore, president of the Blue Star Memorial Program of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, dedicated the memorial and presented the history of the Blue Star. The memorial marker honors all

men and women that have served, are serving, or will serve in the United State Armed Forces. The program began in 1944 with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs as a living memorial to veterans of WWII. The National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the US, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker is placed at appropriate locations throughout country.

In WWII, the Blue Star became an icon and was seen on flags and banners in homes, churches and businesses throughout the country for the sons and daughters away at war.



Laurel Iris Society Garden Club.

Nancy Moore, president of

the Blue Star Memorial Pro-

gram of the Garden Clubs of

Mississippi.



Accepting the Blue Star Memorial Marker are Geni Looney, Laurel Iris Society Garden Club, and Kent Miller, Ellisville Garden Club.

Kent Miller, representing Ellisville Garden Club, and Geni Looney, representing Laurel Iris Society Garden Club, accepted the memorial, and Jack Martineau placed a spray of flowers next to the memorial.

US Navy veteran Jimmy Bass, who was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Memorial Museum in Laurel, spoke to the crowd and encouraged everyone to remember veterans every day, not just on special occasions, and to thank them for their service. "Even as we speak, men and women are fighting for our country, and many are losing their lives," said Bass. "Let us continue to remember and pray for them."

Bass concluded with a Thomas Jefferson quote. "The tree of liberty must be watered from time to time by the blood of



Ellisville Garden Club. Photos/Linda Cranford



Army Air Force WWII Veteran J.V. Pool with Navy WWII Veteran Jimmy Bass. Bass said Pool flew on a B-24 Bomber and during the war his plane was shot down. Pool gave up his parachute to a wounded comrade, pushed him out of the plane and went back for another parachute. He spent the rest of the war in a concentration camp.

patriots.

The ceremony concluded with the benediction being given by Rev. Jerry East, and the playing of "Taps" by Robert Fen-

## Dr. David Lowery elected to Mississippi Professional Educators Board of Directors

By Teresa McCreery

Jones County Junior College English instructor, Dr. David Lowery was recently elected to serve on the Mississippi Professional Educators (MPE) Board of Directors. The Laurel resident and Heidelberg native was elected to serve on the 2017-2018 officers and board of directors at the association's 2017 Best Practices Symposium held April 8 at the Jackson Hilton. He will serve a three-year term on the board. Others elected as officers of the professional association were: President, Dr. Brad Johns, chair of the Math Department at McLaurin High School; President-elect, Cheryl Howard, 2nd grade inclusion teacher at Quitman County Elementary; Secretary-Treasurer, Lori Brennan, Literacy Curriculum Coordinator for Ocean Springs School District; and Past-President, Dr. Lela Hale, Superintendent of Marshall County Schools.

"I am so excited about the opportunity to serve on the board of an organization that does so much for the teachers in the state of Mississippi. It was an honor to be selected as the community college representative for MPE's Board of Directors," said Dr. Lowery.

Last month, Dr. Lowery was also chosen for the overall JCJC Faculty of the Year

award. The 1991 JCJC alumnus has been teaching for a total of 23 years with 16 years at JCJC. He previously taught at Northeast Jones and Heidelberg High School. At Jones, Dr. Lowery is a co-advisor for both the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society and the English honor society, Sigma Kappa Delta. He has also served on various committees at Jones including Canvas Training, Textbook, Curriculum Alignment, Scholarship, Admissions and OER committees. Lowery also teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in teacher education at Mississippi State University and at William Carey University. Dr. Lowery has served his community by tutoring, judging senior project and FBLA speeches. At Mount Vernon Congregational Methodist Church, he is a deacon and serves as a Pioneer Club teacher.

Founded in 1979, the Mississippi Professional Educators is Mississippi's largest and premier organization for professional educators, serving approximately 13,750 teachers, administrators and support personnel. MPE serves members in pre-K through graduate education in both public and private institutions with the purpose of promoting better education for the children of Mississippi. For additional information regarding MPE, please visit www.mpe.org.

## Lady War Eagles sign with Southwest



Two Wayne County Lady War Eagles signed with Southwest Community College. Point guard Rashondria Rankin and forward Nia Henderson inked with the Lady Bears last week. Pictured (L-R): Coach Danielle Haney, Rankin, Henderson, Head Coach Gina Skelton and coach Anna Ford. Photo/submitted

#### Ellisville State School Employees of the Month



The Direct Support Employee of the Month winners for February, 2017 were recently announced at Ellisville State School. Congratulating the winners are (back row, from left to right): Anthony Waters, Director of 1st Avenue Community Home; Dorcus Griffin, Director of Ellisville Community Homes; Thelma Orange, Assistant Nursing Home Director; and Cindy Cooley, Director of Units. Winners for the month (front row, from left to right) are: Kayla Clark, Taylorsville; Schlee Barnes, Hattiesburg; and Lashunda Byrd, Ellisville. Not pictured are Bobby Hawthorne, Laurel and Brenda McNair, Mt. Olive. *Photo/submitted* 

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## SCRMC volunteer spreads Holiday Cheer

Submitted

Debbie Wilkinson started her volunteer career at South Central Regional Medical Center in October, 2016, in the Outpatient Surgery Holding Area. Twice a week, Debbie assists patients and their families in the surgery area, escorting them to the proper holding room, explaining procedures to family members and escorting the family back to the waiting room when the patient goes to surgery. As the first person the patient and family sees when entering the holding area, Debbie is comforting, reassuring and friendly.

Debbie saw a need to bring cheer to surgery patients and their families during the Christmas season. Wearing a Santa hat, she gave homemade candy to each person entering the surgery holding area, including patients' families, visitors and staff. For Valentine's Day, Debbie again made and shared candy with those who came through surgery holding. She also baked a large tray of Valentine cookies and placed them in the Surgery Waiting Room for visitors to enjoy. During the Easter season, Debbie provided treats to each child who was having surgery.

Debbie states that she feels like she is part of a team and is glad to help in whatever ways possible. She looks forward to volunteering each week and encourages others to become part of the South Central Regional Medical Center Volunteers. South Central Regional Medical Center is truly grateful to Debbie and the entire team of volunteers for comforting and spreading cheer to patients, family members and hospital staff.

For information about becoming a volunteer at South Central Regional Medical Center, contact Bonnie Smith at 601-426-4704 or bsmith@scrmc.com.



Photos/submitted



### Fall QB duel could be brewing at Southern Miss

By Dale McKee

The National Football League will invade Philadelphia this Thursday for the first outdoor NFL draft. The draft takes

place from April 27-29 and will be set up on the front steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Those steps were made famous in the "Rocky" movies of the 1970s. Ole Miss tight end Evan Ingram is expected to be the first Mississippi player taken in this year's draft followed by MSU's wide receiver Fred Ross.



The Saints, who have recorded three straight 7-9 seasons, must address defense again as they have had to do so many times since their first draft in 1967. The NFL announced next year's regular season schedule this past week. The home schedule has the usual three division rivals in Tampa Bay, Carolina and Atlanta. The rest of the home slate is not all that attractive. While they do have the Super Bowl Champs Patriots in week two, after that they play non-marquee teams Chicago, Detroit, NY Jets and Washington. The Saints open on the road three times in the first four weeks. They openon Monday night against Minnesota followed by the Patriots at home, then travel to Carolina before playing Miami in London, England. Hopefully, the Saints can split those first four games and register a winning season for the first time since 2013.

#### USM's QB Duel

The University of Southern Mississippi football finished their spring drills with their annual Black & Gold game. The Golden Eagles are trying to find a replacement for quarterback Nick Mullens. Redshirt junior Kwadra Griggs and Laurel sophomore Keon Howard are battling for Mullens' old job. The battle will continue into the fall practices. Howard's Gold squad won the spring game, 14-7, as he finished with a 12-of-24 passing day for 199 yards and one TD. Griggs hit on 15-of-25 passes for 207 yards in the game.

The Mississippi State base-

and they have had to replace several MLB draftees. But the MSU diamond boys swept Alabama over the weekend for

their fifth consecutive SEC

series win. The Dogs played from 4 p.m. till 1:50 a.m. Saturday morning in a doubleheader sweep of the Crimson Tide. State, with a 13-5 mark in conference play, is now leading the SEC West. Ole Miss evened their SEC mark at 9-9 and improved to 25-

15 overall entering the week.

The Rebels won the final two

games of their series with

Missouri over the weekend.

USM lost their first C-USA

series to Old Dominion, but

the Eagles are still leading the league with a 13-5 mark.

The Miami Marlins sent Tyler Moore to their AAA club in New Orleans. Moore was 4-for-11 in his first ten

games with the Marlins. Rich-

ton's JaCoby Jones was hit in

the mouth Saturday in a game

against the Minnesota Twins.

The Detroit centerfielder is

hitting only .150 and was put on the 10-day disabled list. Jones was hit after two of his teammates had hit home runs earlier in the inning. Tempers flared, and later the benches cleared. Former Tay-

lorsville star Billy Hamilton

of the Cincinnati Reds is hit-

ting only .224 but leads the

National League with seven

stolen bases and needs only

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The Dogs have a new head coach, they have overcome numerous pitching injuries,

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"Ballplayer"

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