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## SCRMC conference features Rick Burgess

By Linda Cranford

South Central Regional Medical Center held its annual Health Conference Saturday, April 29, and for the first time the conference included men. The JCJC auditorium was filled with laughter as the attendees were first entertained by the comedic trio of the Southern Fried Chics. A panel of relationship experts provided valuable information during a question-and-answer session prior to featured speaker Rick Burgess, co-host of the "Rick and Bubba Show," a nationally-syndicated radio show, took the stage. The panel of relationship experts consisted of Dr. Stuart Samson, Brett Cutrer (LPC) Rhonda Smith (LCSW), and Stacey Pickering, state auditor, family and marriage counselor, and Airforce Chaplain with the Mississippi Air National Guard.

In a very entertaining way, Burgess addressed the topic of faith and marriage, destroying many myths associated with Christian marriage by describing what a true Christian based family and life really is. It was true faith in Jesus Christ that guided Burgess and

his wife through the death of their youngest son in 2008. Bronner was only 2.5 years old when he drowned in their backyard pool. Burgess' wife, Sherri, spent the next five years writing a book about their challenge to deal with his death entitled "Bronner: A Journey to Understand."

Burgess repeated the phrase, "Men and women are equal, but they are not the same," throughout his talk. "A man and a woman are not interchangeable," said Burgess. "We've tried that and it didn't work. It's been a horrible failure."

In talking directly to the men about being the spiritual leader in the home, Burgess repeated what a friend told him. "This rocked my world," exclaimed Burgess. "If you and I are not the spiritual leader for our wives and our children, and we hand that off to some pastor or Sunday school leader, then that pastor and that Sunday school leader become a better husband and father than we are."

"The greatest thing you can do for your marriage is to submit it to the Lordship of Jesus Christ," said Burgess. "And, then when you come upon his authority and his Lordship, you do what he says."

In speaking about the death of his son, Burgess said, "When this happened and we

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# Local JA Chapter attends annual Education Conference

*Submitted*

Three members of the Junior Auxiliary of Laurel attended the nonprofit association's annual Education Conference on May 5-6 at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis. They took part in seminars that focus on service to children and families to fulfill the organization's mission and exemplify

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From left to right: Brook Gatlin, Rebekah Simpson and Christy Drennan. *Photo/submitted*

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started searching the Scriptures in a way we had never done before, you know what we found, what my wife documented over five years, that God had never been silent on this. So the question is, are you ready to accept God for who He really is or who you want Him to be? God will allow you to be tested if He feels it's necessary. Who here believes that God could not stop my son from drowning? So, if He could stop it, then He allowed it. Why did He allow it? Because He had set up a platform and had an opportunity for the world to see whether a man and a woman who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ really meant it. Was it about health, wealth and prosperity, or was it about being available to glorify God and bring lost people to Jesus no



Rick Burgess of the "Rick and Bubba Show."  
Photo/Linda Cranford

matter what it took. He found it necessary. My son's life was not incomplete. It was 2.5 years on earth."

In an interview prior to Burgess taking the stage, he addressed the issue of the Rick and Bubba Show no longer having an affiliation here in the Laurel-Hattiesburg market. Blakeney Communications, who owns KZ 94.3 that use to air the Rick and Bubba Show, decided not to renew the contract. "They didn't do anything immoral or underhand-

ed," said Burgess. "It was their decision. I was saddened that our relationship with the Blakeney's ended."

He said there were rumors going around that said the Rick and Bubba Show was dropping out of smaller markets to push that market to other platforms being established by the show. "That's just hogwash," exclaimed Burgess. He added that he hoped the show will return to the Laurel-Hattiesburg market in the near future.

## A miracle from the waters of a swimming pool

By Caleb Worrell

Oftentimes in the fire service, we experience tragedy. From severe injuries to fatalities, the exposure to scenes of immense sadness envelop the lives of first responders. It's a rare occasion that what is initially perceived to be a tragedy turns out to be a moment that we can all be thankful for, but one such occasion blessed not only our volunteers, but a local Jones County family as well.

Robby and Heather White and their two daughters, Kimberly and Nevaeh, were given what could possibly be the greatest gift any father, mother or sibling could ask for: the life of one of their own. Kimberly White, a 4-year-old blonde-headed and energetic child died. She drowned in the family swimming pool on that fateful day in April of this year. But something miraculous happened, something no one would have expected from a typical death by drowning.

I met with her parents, Robby and Heather, as well as the volunteer emergency medical responder, Jamie Graham, who is credited with saving this child's life. During our interview, the parents divulged in detail the sequence of events that sunny afternoon. Although I retain the knowledge of what led up to their daughter's drowning, I feel that such information is irrelevant to the outcome of the story. So, let's skip ahead a bit.

Robby found Kimberly face-down in the pool, not breathing and turning blue. He pulled her lifeless body from the water. Although he stated he has no training in CPR, he did what any father would do to save his child and began giving her mouth-to-mouth in an attempt to revive her, but it was no use; his daughter was dead. Heather, in tears and praying that God would save her baby, called 911.

Graham, a Sandersville volunteer emergency medical responder, quickly responded to the scene. I asked Jamie where she was when the call came through.

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She said that she was near her fire station, which was less than two miles from the White family home. When she arrived, she found Robby hovering over his daughter's lifeless body, trying hard to revive her. Jamie had to pull Robby away so that she could begin life saving measures. Jamie stated that Kimberly was blue and cold. Kimberly was to the point that most people would consider a lost cause. Nonetheless, Jamie did her job and she did it well. After performing CPR and chest compressions, Kimberly took a breath. She was alive! Against all possible odds, Kimberly came back. But the fear didn't end there. Oftentimes, when someone has been dead for so long, especially a young child, recovery is almost certain to be far from perfect. Brain damage, physical damage or perhaps a comatose state for the rest of her life were certainly possible outcomes.

Kimberly was transported by an ambulance to the Laurel airport, where an air ambulance was waiting to airlift her to Jackson for emergency treatment. Her parents and her older sister immediately traveled to Jackson. Robby remembers the anxiousness he experienced as he waited for a diagnoses of her present and future condition from the doctors. The doctors, however, were uncertain and said only time will tell. A few days passed. Kimberly was under induced anesthesia

to help her body and mind repair itself. Finally, she woke up. Her words were slurred, her eyes flickered around the room, and her body twitched as it began its recovery. Then, something amazing happened. She began communicating with her parents and the doctors. She was eating and drinking. She wasn't just alive but seemed as if nothing had happened. Doctors performed tests and scans but found nothing mentally or physically wrong with her. It's as if she had never drowned, never died. She was alive and perfectly well. After a short few days in the hospital, she was released to go home.

During my interview with the White family, I had the awesome pleasure of meeting this young lady, who now has an amazing story to tell as she gets older. She was vibrant and full of life. I couldn't help but notice how often she smiled at me and laughed with her sister. She was like any normal 4-year-old in her behavior, except for one unique feature -- she had died and come back to life, a representation of a true miracle.

In closing our interview, her mother stated, "It shows that God works miracles. I was praying the whole time that she would be okay. And I believe that God answered that prayer. He worked through Jamie and the other medics to save her life. I don't know why He let this happen, but there is a reason for it."

**May 13**  
**The first Northeast Jones High School Tiger Pride Band Poker Fun Run** will be held May 13. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Starting and ending location is Northeast Jones High School, 68 Northeast Drive, Laurel. During the ride, one stopover will be Chunky River Harley Davidson Motorcycle Shop in Meridian, MS. "Early Bird" registration is \$25 per motorcycle operator and \$15 for extra rider. After April 15, the entry fee is \$30 per motorcycle operator and \$20 for extra rider. For more information please contact D.L. Gieger JR., talk/text, 601-577-0739 or email ldgiatg@att.net.

**Sertoma T-Ball Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Laurel Fair Grounds, Ag Building, Laurel.** Boys and girls ages 3 to 6 with no prior coach pitch or farm league experience. Registration is \$40 per child. Season begins May 100 and ends June 24. For more information contact any Sertoma member or call Steve Thrash at 601-319-9633.

**There will be a gospel sing featuring "The Pilgrim Family" (Bluegrass gospel), "Flatland Bluegrass Gospel" and "Faithway Singers" on May 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Sanford Community Center.** The center is located at 663 Old Hwy. 49. Admission is free; a love offering will be received. For more information call 601-765-6485.

**A gospel sing will be held at White Oak Church, starting at 6:30 p.m. on May 13.** The church is located just off Pecan Grove Road below Ellisville. The featured group will be the Magnolia Boys Quartet of Laurel. Everyone is invited to attend.

**May 16**  
**DJ Transit will be hosting a public meeting in Sandersville** on May 16th at 4:00 PM. The meeting will host community members and provide more information on DJ Transit and its efforts to enhance quality of life for residents of Sandersville. DJ Transit currently offers transportation in Jones County, but would like to implement a route that transports residents of Sandersville to the City of Laurel.

**May 17**  
**You are cordially invited to our spring revival at Providence Missionary Baptist Church, 1908 N. Joe Wheeler Avenue in Laurel.** Dates: Monday, May 15 - Wednesday, May 17 at 7:15 nightly. Guest evangelist will be Rev. Cornelius McDonald of John the Baptist Pachuta

**May 18**  
**The annual Hunting Heritage Event for the Tallahala Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation** will be held on Thursday, May 18, in Bay Springs. The event site will be the Jasper County Extension Building. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the reviewing of an auction and raffle items. The evening meal will be served at 6:45 p.m. Other activities will follow. For more information or for tickets, contact Jim Sims at 601-764-7293.

**May 20**  
**The S.T.A.R.S. of Laurel presents a "Denim & Pearls Affair"** May 20 at The American Legion Hut Post 210, 1038 East Elmo St., Laurel. 9:00 p.m. - until. \$10 a person. Must be 21 to enter. Free food, drinks and DJ spinning top on the 1's & 2's.

**Jones County March for Jesus will be held Saturday, May 20 in Laurel.** The March begins at 10:00 a.m. at Daphne Park. Bring your family & friends! Bring your banners and signs! Let's demonstrate our love for Jesus together! For more information call 601-580-8446.

**There will be a Masonite Neighborhood Reunion on May 20 at the Glade Community Center** from 10:00 a.m. until. If you lived near Masonite in the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s or attended South Laurel Baptist Church, bring a covered dish. Lunch will be at noon. For more info call 601-319-7087 or 601-649-1625.

**The annual reunion for the descendants of Edward F. Parish and Lillie Dyess Parish** will be Saturday at a family residence (65 Frosty Hinton Road, Soso). Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for lots of fun.

**May 21**  
**The Lindsey McCullum Chapter 5A HRAM will host their Annual Zerubbabel program** at William Chapel United Methodist Church (1345 Highway 503, Vossburg) The speaker will be Rev. Stanley Talbert from Philadelphia, Miss. Come enjoy the program with us. For more information, contact Tony McCullum at (601) 433-7647 or Joey Tribble at (601) 286-0303.

**New Prospect MB Church, Rose Hill, invites you to our annual Family and Friends Day cookout.** This event will begin at 12:00 p.m. with plenty of food, fun, games and entertainment for the entire family. On May 21, everyone is invited to conclude our Family and Friends Day worship during worship service at 11:00 a.m.

**Miscellaneous**  
**You are invited to join Wayne County 4-H. This is one of the only youth organizations** that you can join where there is no enrollment fee. There are educational meetings, workshops, and more. 4-H is for youth ages 5-18. Call 601-735-2243 or drop by the Wayne County Extension Office at 810-A Chickasawhay Street to find out more. If you have FaceBook, you can also like our Wayne County Extension Office page to see some of the things we have going on.

**On the last Tuesday of each month, Covington County Hospital hosts a cancer support group** at 5:30 p.m. in the hospital's classroom. For more information, or call 601-765-6711.

# The Carson House Open House

By Linda Cranford

Scott and Linda Carson were all smiles as members of the local community toured their home Wednesday, May 3, after it was featured on the Tuesday, May 2 episode of HGTV's "Home Town." The open house was sponsored by Community Bank and catered by Laura Mathews with The Gables.

Scott's military service as an Army chaplain has taken the Carsons throughout Europe. "We have lived in Germany three times, Italy, Belgium and France," said Linda. They have also lived in several states across the U.S. including Texas, Alabama, South Carolina and Virginia.

Scott retired from the Army after 30 years of service, and he and Linda were living in Huntsville, Alabama, when he accepted the position of academic dean at Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel last year. This past week, Scott was promoted to president of the college.

Linda said she fell in love with the home

and the neighborhood when she first saw it, especially the little park lining Euclid Avenue. "I love the trees and the sense of history they reveal," exclaimed Linda. "Every room seemed to have a promise."

Looking to drastically downsize from their 4,000 square-foot home in Huntsville with full attic and 4-car garage, the Carsons chose "The Cater House" with its cottagey feel, small kitchen, plain exterior and 2,150 square feet. Although Scott had his doubts, Ben and Erin Napier, the hosts of Home Town, were able to make Scott and Linda's desires for their new home come true. The changes included turning the painfully small plain kitchen into a warm French country chef's kitchen, updating the living room and dining room, creating a European atmosphere throughout the home, and "putting a smile," as Erin put it, on the front of the home by adding an arched portico on the front entrance, shutters and window flower boxes.

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The Carson House located on Euclid Avenue. Photo/Linda Cranford



Linda Carson loves her French Country Kitchen. Photo/Linda Cranford



Front L-R: Josh Nowell, Justin Martin – Community Bank, First Lady Deborah Bryant, Linda and Scott Carson, and Angie Smith – Community Bank. Back – Ben Napier and Jim Rasberry. Photo courtesy Community Bank

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Ben's beautifully crafted white oak Baker's Table. Photo/Linda Cranford

Linda described how her time in France included having two French doctors, Guy and Catherine, as neighbors. Guy (pronounced Gee) would bring Linda and Scott into his world by inviting them to different events and cooking special French dishes for them. Linda said her new French country kitchen takes her back to those special times with Guy and Catherine.

The beams that were added in the living room and kitchen came from an old lumber mill, Sweet Water Mill, located just outside the Carsons' previous hometown of Huntsville. "The beams are out of this world," said Linda. "I love to be surrounded by the patina

of by-gone years."

During the episode the mill owner said the wood used to make the beams was anywhere from 250 to 300 years old.

"Froogle Franny," as Erin described herself in the episode, created a custom made basket-light for the kitchen from a basket she found at an antique shop. Ben's best craftsmanship can be found in the white oak baker's table he made for Linda's French country kitchen.

"Ben's table is truly an heirloom," said Linda. "Our daughter has already called dibs on it."

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its slogan of "Care Today - Character Tomorrow."

"The annual meeting of our association is the time that members from our 93 chapters around the southeast come together for learning, motivation, and a little business", said NAJA Executive Director Merrill Greenlee of Greenville. Among the meeting's featured speakers were:

\*Jimmy Wayne of Nashville, a former foster child turned country music singer/songwriter whose songs, story, and walk halfway across America in 2010 continue to help bring awareness to kids who age out of the foster system and become homeless;

\*Tina Meier of St. Louis, an internationally recognized expert on bullying, cyber bullying, Internet safety, conflict resolution, the roles of parents and educators, sexting, and suicide awareness and prevention. In 2006, Meier's 13-year-old daughter, Megan Taylor Meier, took her own life after being bullied online. Meier is making a difference through spreading Megan's story and educating others on Internet and electronic communication dangers;

\*Jody Urquhart of Calgary, Alberta, Canada,

a former stand-up comic and author of the best selling book "All Work & No SAY." Her mission is to help motivate people to derive more meaning, fun and satisfaction from their work.

"No JA member comes away from our AEC without a new idea or a degree of inspiration for a new project or a better way to manage their Chapter," said Jeanne Hildebrandt of Slidell, La., NAJA's president. "We offer workshops, inspirational speakers and training sessions to help our ladies in their volunteer efforts. Our awards banquet showcases some of our best Chapter projects and serves not only to reward great effort but to provide ideas to our Chapters for expanding their work in their communities. Our organization continues to grow stronger because of the influence of our AEC."

In 2016, the Junior Auxiliary of Laurel logged hundred of volunteer hours impacting the children of Laurel and Jones County. Training provided by the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries will help members of the Junior Auxiliary of Laurel better perform hands-on service in their community.



The updated living room. Photo/Linda Cranford

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# National Day of Prayer in Laurel/Jones County

By Linda Cranford

Pastors and members of the Laurel/Jones County community gathered at the front steps of the Jones County Court House Thursday, May 4 at noon to participate in the National Day of Prayer. This year marks the 66th Annual National Day of Prayer. Most people don't realize the National Day of Prayer is a law: "Public Law 105-225, August 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1258: The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals." It was first designated by the United States Congress in 1952. This year's

theme is "For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us...Forgive Us...Heal Us!"

Pastor Cary Kimbrell from Bethlehem Baptist Church (BBC), National Day of Prayer Laurel/Jones County area coordinator, led the ceremony with music provided by the BBC choir, which was directed by Keith Davis, minister of music. Emily Taylor sang the National Anthem and Ruby Pruitt sang "God Bless America" and other songs. Several local pastors, including John Bryant (Friendship Baptist Church in Ellisville), Josh Wooten (Hebron Baptist Church), Rory Dill (First Baptist Church Myrick), and Corey Vermilyea (Oakland Grove Baptist Church) joined Kimbrell in saying a prayer for our nation.



The front entrance to the Jones County Court House provided the perfect sound board for the Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir, under the direction of Keith Davis, to provide the music for the Day of Prayer event. Photos/Linda Cranford



Jones County Sheriff Alex Hodge led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

# South Central Wound Care recognized with national award

Submitted

South Central Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center at South Central Regional Medical Center has been recognized with a national award for clinical excellence. Leaders, physicians and clinicians from South Central Regional Medical Center gathered recently to celebrate the Center of Distinction award, which was given to South Central Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center by Healogics, the nation's leading and largest wound care management company.

South Central Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center achieved outstanding clinical outcomes for 12 consecutive months, including patient satisfaction higher than 92 percent, and a wound healing rate of at least 91 percent in less than 31 median days. Out of 630 centers eligible for the Center of Distinction award, 334 achieved this honor in 2017. Program director of South Central Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine, Deborah Myrick, stated, "The mission of our facility is to be wound healing experts, driving wound science, healing and prevention forward to help heal wounds and change lives. We are committed to advancing wound healing with our patients and in our community. Being named a Center of Distinction for

Wound Care is an honor and truly shows the dedication of our staff."

The Wound Care Center® is a member of the Healogics network of nearly 800 Centers, with access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating approximately 2.5 million chronic wounds. South Central Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time. Some of the leading-edge treatments offered at the Wound Care Center include negative pressure wound therapy, debridement, application of cellular-based tissue or skin substitutes to the wound, offloading or total contact casts and hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

According to Stacy Street, MD, medical director of South Central Wound Care, "Over 1.4 million people are diagnosed with diabetes each year, which totals approximately 3,800 people a day. Of those diagnosed, 25 percent of those will develop a foot ulcer. Regular inspection and good care of the foot can prevent amputations. It is proven that through comprehensive foot programs, such as wound care, amputation rates can be reduced by 85 percent."



Left to right: SCRMC President & CEO Doug Higginbotham, Clinical Nurse Manager Leeanne Bookout, Program Director Deborah Myrick, Medical Director of Wound Care Dr. Stacy Street, and Area Vice President of Healogics Michael Berry. Photo/submitted

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PERMIT#	VOLUME	RATE	LOCATION
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# 2017 Leadership classes graduate

By Linda Cranford

The members of the 2017 Class of Leadership Jones County and Future Leaders of Jones County were honored with dinner and a graduation ceremony on Thursday night, May 4, at The Gables. Both programs are coordinated through the Community Development Foundation of Jones County, a 501(c) 3 charitable non-profit organization, associated with the Jones County EDA and Chamber of Commerce. George Bassi, incoming Chair of the Community Development Foundation of Jones County, served as emcee for the event. This year marks Leadership Jones County's 27th program year, and Future Leaders of Jones County's 26th program year. Bassi recognized Mrs. Dell Scoper, who was instrumental in getting the programs started in Jones County.

"Each one of these programs has had many successful years helping participants emerge as leaders in Jones County," stated Bassi. "We hope this graduation ceremony is simply a launching point for many good things to come. We're excited for each of these graduates tonight as they join great groups of alumni who care about the future of Jones County."

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Chair Alecia Walker gave the invocation. Ellisville Mayor Tim Waldrup and Representative Donnie Scoggins were recognized along with members of the local school districts, the Community Development Foundation Board, EDA and Chamber Board, EDA staff, and past Leadership program participants. There were 47 participants in this year's programs who broke out into teams to select projects they felt would benefit the community. Speaking for the Future Leaders of Jones County class, Jess Cooley said they were able to visit several local businesses including Morgan Brothers, Laurel Machine and Foundry and GE Aviation, and now have a better understanding of the affect Jones County has on

the world. He added that working as a team the participants had to learn how to overcome adversity and work together with one another to persevere and complete their chosen projects. The teams' projects included helping Southern Cross Animal Rescue (SCAR), painting several murals in the downtown Laurel area, and sprucing up the Leontyne Price Park, all of which required a determined amount of fundraising to complete.

Ryan Griffin, national sales consultant with Buckley Newspapers Inc. (the Impact), was the spokesman for the Leadership Jones County class. Griffin began by quoting Harry Truman saying, "In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better." I think this quote sums up what we've learned through Leadership Jones County." Griffin went on to say how the program helped all involved to understand and see firsthand how local government works and the impact local industry entrepreneurs have had on making our community what it is today.

"Taking time to hear from our civic and volunteer organizations helped us further understand what a caring and giving community we live in and revealed the needs we have in a growing county like ours," noted Griffin. He spoke of the positive things happening in "our Home Town" today being just the "tip of the iceberg" of what's in store for the future of our community. "Each of us graduate with a new sense of purpose and a desire to really see Jones County continue to grow in a positive way," added Griffin. "I think I can speak for our entire class when I say this opportunity was one we will cherish for the remainder of our days."

The 2017 Class of Leadership Jones County included Lee Bolling, Jordan Graves, Ryan Griffin, Christy Hilbun, Jason



2017 Class of Leadership Jones County Photo/Linda Cranford

Hoffman, Jennifer Hosey, Jennifer Ishee, Sheree Ishee, Peggy Padilla, Jessica Pickereell, Ashley Rea, Keith Ridgeway, Craig Sumrall, Jody Thornton, Alicia Walker, Weston Wallace and Aaron Zumwalt.

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