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Under the auspices of the Jones County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority, Leadership Jones County and its junior version, Future Leaders of Jones County, have given more than 1,000 adults and high school juniors the opportunity to learn more about city and county governments, area schools, the health care industry and the local economy.

In return, those participants have worked on more than 100 community service projects throughout the county. Some of those projects involved construction or renovations at the Laurel Train Depot, walking tracks and the water feature at the Sportsplex. LJC and Future Leaders have also completed numerous beautification projects, developed promotional videos, and helped secure a video projection sys-

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Future Leaders Team Peace raised funds to paint a mural on a blank concrete divider wall along Spec Wilson Boulevard in Laurel. The group secured the services of local artist Josh Nowell to paint "The City Beautiful" sign. Photo by Rebecca Patrick





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JCJC will hold three summer graduation ceremonies

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Jones County Junior College will hold three summer commencement exercises during the first week of August. The main commencement ceremony will be held on Friday, August 4 at 6 p.m. in the Whitehead Advanced Technology Center's Auditorium. About 178 students are eligible for graduation with 71 students expected to participate in the commencement exercises. These students will leave Jones with either an Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Applied Science degree, or Vocational Certificate.

Graduates of the Practical Nursing program will hold their pinning and commencement ceremony on Wednesday, August 2 at 10 a.m. in the M.P. Bush Fine Arts Auditorium. Thirty-one students will participate in this ceremony. The Emergency Medical Technology/Paramedic program's pinning ceremony and commencement ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 3 in the auditorium of the Whitehead Advanced Technology Center. Fourteen students will participate in this ceremony.

The keynote speaker will be Jones County Junior College President, Dr. Jesse Smith. After 12 years in various faculty and administrative roles at Jones County Junior College, Dr. Jesse Smith became the college's fifth president in July 2006. An alumnus of Jones, Smith earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration at the University of Mississippi and his Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi. Following a brief stint working in the public sector, Smith joined the JCJC faculty in 1994. Throughout his career, Smith has received numerous honors, including the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction and Mississippi's Top 40 under 40 Award. Additionally, he is the co-chair of the Education Achievement Council and the chair of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Association.

Smith and his wife, Jennifer, live on campus with their two children, Mary Kate, 20, and Conner, 16. Attending their children's activities, as well as the numerous events associated with the college, keeps the Smith family quite busy. The Smiths are also active members of First Baptist Church of Ellisville.

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of Jones County

Charles Ashley recognized for 25 years as JCJC Board of Trustees member

By Teresa McCreery

For 25 years, Charles Ashley never missed a Jones County Junior College Board of Trustees meeting. He was recognized at the statewide meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community & Junior College's Board of Trustees and at a recent JCJC Board of Trustees meeting. Even while Ashley was recovering in the hospital from a heart attack, JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith was prepared to ensure Ashley was able to be a part of the meeting because he was very impressed with Ashley's perfect record.

"We were going to set up a conference call of the board meeting in his hospital room. However, he left the hospital and came to the meeting! That is dedication," said Dr.

Despite a heart attack, knee replacement surgery and his battle with esophageal cancer, the Calhoun community native has not allowed anything to prevent him from attending every monthly board meeting over the 25 years. He was first appointed to the board by Beat 2 Jones County supervisor John Sumrall and later Beat 2 Jones County Supervisor Danny Ray Spradley who continued to approve of Ashley's appointment. The former Crumbly Paper manager of 47 years shared, "My proudest accomplishment as a Jones County Junior College Board of Trustees member has to include seeing the campus improvements and the new buildings. Together as a board, we've accomplished a lot."

Despite being unable to attend the two-year college, two of his three siblings and both children all attended or graduated from JCJC. He explained, "I registered for classes, then my dad died at the age of 43. I had to work



JCJC President, Dr. Jesse Smith (left) presents a plaque to Charles Ray Ashley (right) for serving on the JCJC Board of Trustees for 25 years. Photo/submitted

and care for my siblings, Bobby, and Larry, who attended JCJC, and my sister, Marcella, who graduated from Jones. My wife Diane and I are both proud of our son Charles Renee and daughter Delinda who graduated from Jones Also, Diane and I are both Lifetime Members of the JCJC Alumni Association."

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Laurel celebrates Mississippi Bicentennial with community photo stories

Submitted

Blue Magnolia Films in partnership with the city of Laurel, Laurel Main Street, The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Chisholm Foundation and local organizers, will host a free public screening on Saturday, July 29 from 7- 9 p.m. at Lauren Rogers Museum of Art to premiere a series of photo stories produced by local community leaders to commemorate the Mississippi Bicentennial.

During the week, ten residents of Laurel participated in a documentary photography workshop, giving them a new way

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of "seeing" and connecting with their hometown and with one another. The photo stories they produced, each three minutes in length, celebrates the theme "Home Is Our Heritage" and highlights the importance of Laurel's unique heritage from diverse perspectives. Resulting photo stories will be posted online using social media and will be integrated into downtown revitalization projects, including a "walkable" gallery, community events and a book project highlighting Bicentennial stories around the state. Laurel is one of ten cities elected to participate in

"Celebrating Storytelling," the Bicentennial project that will culminate with 100 community voices by the end of the year.

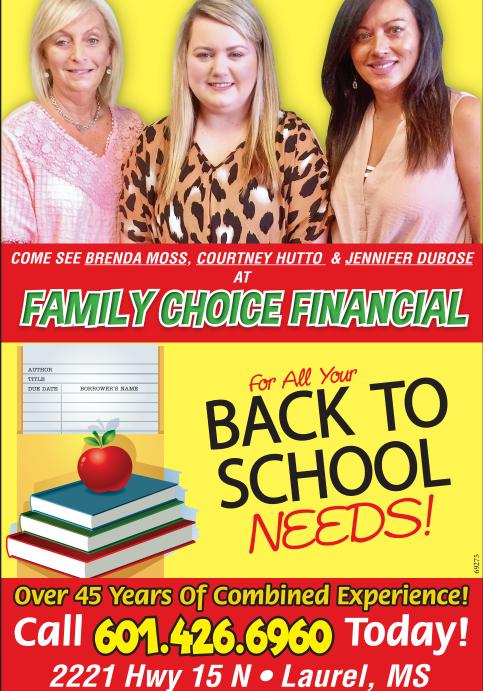
Alison Fast, founder of Blue Magnolia Films, says, "Stories are a powerful means to pay homage to the themes that have carried Laurel from its beginnings, and that will continue to guide the success of young people who are still building on that legacy today. This series is a unique time capsule produced by people who live here and call Laurel home."













A Shepherd's Heart: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Dr. Timothy L. Hubbard

The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. - Lamentations 3:22-23(NASB)

I recall hearing a program personality at a worship conference years ago as he was speaking to a group of us younger guys in ministry state the following: "When you enter into your secret place for your time of private worship, be sure to take along with you a copy of God's Word and a copy of the Baptist hymnal."



I don't recall who he was, but

I have remembered what he said. It has also become a practice that I have attempted to hold to through the years. Although I must confess, I have used more than just the Baptist hymnal along the journey. One of my favorite hymns to reflect upon in private worship is one written by Thomas Chisholm, based on Lamentations 3:22-23, entitled "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

In 1923, Chisholm sent several of his poems to a friend, William Runyan, who was working for Hope Publishing Company at the time. He was so moved by the text of this hymn that he set out to compose a tune that would adequately reflect the wonder and thankfulness for God's faithfulness conveyed therein. The tune is named "Faithfulness," and the lyrics are such that one can hardly think of one without the other. After being published in 1923, the song quickly became a favorite at Moody Bible Institute, and later George Beverly Shea sang it at Billy Graham crusades. Now it's known all over the world and has been used to encourage millions of Christians to trust in a faithful God.

When Chisholm was 75, he wrote in a letter: "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."

Let us be encouraged today by this great reminder of the faithfulness of our God. "Great is Thy Faithfulness," Verse 1: "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Verse 2: Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars on their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Verse 3: Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!" © 1923. Renewal 1951 Hope Publishing Company

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United Blood Services blood drive – Visit WWW.bloodhero.com or call 877-827-4376 to schedule an appointment to donate on Thursday, July 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Waynesboro-Wayne County Library, Betty Cain Hurt Meeting Room (1103 A Mississippi Dr.). All successful donors will receive a "Blood Bowl" T-shirt and a free pass for a car load to any Pat Harrison Waterway Parks, while supplies last.

The Houston Road Boys are coming to Gitano United Methodist Church on Saturday July 29. We will have a light meal at 6:00 p.m. and music will begin at 7:00 p.m. This event is free to the community, so bring your friends and neighbors and come worship and fellowship with us. The church is located on Highway 28 about 3 miles west of Soso. If you need more in formation feel free to call 601-785-9585.

Free clothes give-away at New Life In Christ, 226 Ellisville Blvd., Laurel, on Saturday, July 29 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Pleasant Grove MB Church, Ellisville, invites you to our Back to School Bash on July 29 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Let's kick off the school year with some food, fun and prizes for our children. Students will receive free backpacks filled with school supplies. This event is sponsored by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee of the Pine Belt Mississippi. For more information please contact project director Chameshia Rogers at 313-753-4827.

Sweet Hope Baptist Church invites you and your friends to the "100 Men in Any Color Bow Tie of Your Choice" event. This will be on Sunday, July 30 at 3:00 p.m. The speaker for the occasion is our own Pastor Bobby Ray Bolton. Ladies are invited too.

East Galilee MB Church invites you and your youth choir, praise team and stepper to our first annual youth extravaganza on July 30 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sister Evans or Sister Sanders at 601-938-2554 or 601-323-8095

July 31

The Laurel Housing Authority will participate in its 12th year of the Summer Food Service program partnered through the MS Department of Education – Office of Child Nutrition. Meals will be provided to all children ages 18 and under without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Meals will be provided at the following sites from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.: James A. Townley, 516 S. 13th Avenue.; Brown Circle, 50 Brown Circle; Windsor Court, 20 Windsor Court; St. Paul Methodist Church, 517 Jefferson Street; L.T. Ellis Center, 610 Munson Street. Program is held through July 31. The program will be closed July 4. For more information concerning the program, please contact Felicia Jackson or Barbara Gavin at 601-425-4651.

The 47th meeting of the descendants of J. David Jefcoat will be held on Saturday, August 5 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Big Creek Community Center on Hwy. 84 W, 10 miles from Laurel. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with a noon time covered dish meal and 1:00 p.m. program/business meeting. Please bring family history and photos to share and collect. For more information, contact Stanley Jefcoat at 601-729-8212.

August 5

August 6

East Pleasant Grove Baptist Church invites you to our annual revival on August 6-11. On Sunday, August 6, the morning worship service will begin at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Sidney L. Tucker Sr. bringing the message. Pastor Charles Jefferson, pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church, will bring the afternoon message. The evangelist for the week will be Rev. Arthur Logan, pastor of Union Baptist Church with services beginning at 7:00 nightly.





Mt. Pleasant MB Church, Soso, invites you to our annual revival services beginning Sunday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. and continuing, August 7-11, with services beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will have different ministers each night.

Mt. Olive UM Church, located on Hwy 29 South of Ellisville in the Whitfield Community of Ovett, will be holding our annual Homecoming on Sunday, August 6 beginning with an 11:00 a.m. worship service. Rev. Rodney Smith will be bringing the message. There will be a covered dish luncheon afterwards.

Join us at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Mize on Sunday, August 6 for our revival services. Rev. David Felker will bring the morning message at 11:00 a.m. and Rev. Brister Ware will bring the afternoon message at 1:30 pm. A noon meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

_August 10

The Jones County Office of Pearl River Valley Opportunity, Inc. will have a public hearing on August 10 at 4:30 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the Cameron Center, 711 North 10th Avenue, in Laurel, MS. The purpose of this hearing is to inform citizens of PRVO's intent to apply for the 2018 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) and the 2018 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). PRVO will discuss the agency's proposal which will include goals, objectives, budget information and income guidelines. PRVO will submit the proposal to the Mississippi Department of Human Services on September 8. All citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

_August 12

Gospel Sing Saturday, August 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Sanford Community Center, located at 663 Old Hwy 49, Sanford. The featured guests are "Shallow Creek," "Paula Brewer," and "Faithway Singers." Admission is free; a love offering will be received. For more information, call 601-765-6485.

_August 14

Ward 4 Councilman George Carmichael will hold a Ward 4 meeting at Faith Sanctuary of Praise Church, 111 E. 13th Street, Laurel, on August 14 at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mayor Johnny Magee. Harold Russell, the Inspection Department superintendent, will also be present at the meeting. Councilman Carmichael urges all citizens of Ward 4 to attend this important meeting. Keep our city growing for the betterment! For more information, call Councilman George Carmichael at 601-319-2449 or the Neighborhood Association President, Evelyn Evans, at 601-649-6692.

_September 30

This notice is an effort to contact everyone who attended Roosevelt School. The reunion is scheduled for May 24-26, 2018. You did not have to graduate to participate. Please contact one of the following committee members is you are interested in attending the reunion by September 30, 2017: Hoy/Mt. Moriah, Lillian McDonald, 601-426-2902; Mount Olive, Willa B. "Priester" Harris, 601-283-9501; Soso, Mary Jo McCullum, 601-580-9702; Hebron, Thomas Clark, 601-498-2781; Shiloh, Luther Burks, 601-520-2248; Jenkins, Annie J. "Keyes" Campbell, 601-323-4098; Ellisville, Linda Heidelberg, 601-477-9220.

_Miscellaneous

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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.

Al-Anon meetings are held each Monday night at 7:00 at the 24-hour Society Club House at 626 N. Magnolia Street (corner of 7th Street, Laurel). Al-Anon is for families and friends for those who have addiction problems. Al-Anon hotline is 601-426-4688.

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

New Creation Apostolic Church, 204 Ford Street, Taylorsville, invites everyone to join us for Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. and morning worship at 11:30 a.m. We also have a prayer service on Tuesdays and Bible study on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The pastor is Rev. Elder Bolton.

Brenda Cassman's Ladies Night Out Ministry will be held on the second Thursday of every month from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. with food and fellowship beginning at 6:30 p.m. The location is 7 Orange Drive, Tuckers Crossing Community Center, Laurel. Information: 601-344-8110 or 601-580-1302.



Southern Miss student travels distant lands to teach English

By Arlicia Jordan

There are three things I love: traveling, teaching and getting a chance to tell people about Jesus," said University of Southern Mississippi student Michael Coats after returning from his second mission trip to Bangkok, Thailand.

Offering all three of his favorite things in one package, this summer marks the second consecutive year the senior English major has served as a certified ESL instructor with the City English Project, a nonprofit organization that connects the citizens of Thailand with native-English speakers.

Last year, Coats embarked on his first trip to Thailand, spending two months in the capital city teaching native Thai speakers the English language while also offering them the opportunity to learn more about the Bible and teachings of Jesus.

A son of missionary workers, this adventure came as nothing new to Coats thanks to the example set by his parents, whom he watched travel around the world teaching countless of people the Christian doctrine.

Captivated by the bustling city and his time spent as a teacher, Coats arrived home to Gitano, Miss., thinking of a way to return to Bangkok for summer 2017, even if it meant only staying for a few days.

"I loved it so much that after I got back, I immediately started saving up for the next year," he said. "I contacted the teachers over there and said, 'Hey, is it alright if I come back next year for about a week to teach a class or two?' It was really good."

Luckily, this summer Coats was given the



Southern Miss student Michael Coats is spending his second summer teaching English in Thailand. Photo/submitted

opportunity to teach beginner-level English for five days to students, ages 20 and above. About one to three hours a day, Coats said he would teach students conversational English, a practice that allows the teacher to integrate basic elements of culture and worldview into the lessons.

As part of his lesson plan, Coats said he would include a game of charades, in

which students would act out a given action to make the classes more comprehensible. Over time, he said that the process of creating these plans became a little easier with practice, ultimately realizing the effort his own teachers put forth in making classes engaging.

"I have been a student for almost four years and being a student is one thing, but being a teacher, you sort of have to change the way you do things," he said. "They [the students] really helped me to appreciate my teachers more because of all they have to go through to teach me, and I'm not the easiest student."

Since his time with the City English Project, Coats said he has had a chance to teach all the available English courses offered under the program, such as beginner, intermediate and advanced, as well as some Bible courses.

Wanrada Raknui, a translator for the City English Project, commended Coats for his teaching skills and praised him for having a "genuine heart of teacher." Witnessing him intermingling with the students firsthand, Raknui said that the students looked forward to his return each year because they enjoy his classes so much.

"Michael is a really nice and fun teacher. The way that he teaches make everything easy to understand," she said. "He has the most important thing of the instructor, which is a genuine heart, meaning he teaches people not only because of duty but because he really wants to help them to understand more and more."

Although he's unable to volunteer as an ESL instructor for a longer period of time, Coats remains in contact with his students and offers them help when needed. With the use of a local, popular social media app called Line, he communicates with his friends regularly and assists them with their English classes while he is away.

"I told all my students that if they have any English questions or want me to look over something, I'll answer them," he said. "So occasionally, they'll send me something and ask if a phrase is worded right or what a word means."

After his graduation next spring, Coats said he will probably consider a career as an ESL instructor and hopes to work with a Spanish-speaking population, locally or nearby – perhaps a career in Peru may be a probability. Until then, he will continue to make as many new adventures as he can and do the things he loves the most.

"I had a wonderful educational experience that allowed me to make new friends and learn more about other cultures," he said. "It's hard to put a price tag on a lifechanging experience, but it is so worth it."

Ex-Bobcat football player, Elvis bodyguard, actor Red West dies at 81

By Shawn Wansley

One of the most well-known former Jones County Junior College students has passed

away. Bobby Gene "Red" West, who was a friend of and bodyguard for Elvis Presley, died July 18 at Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, after suffering an aortic aneurysm. He was 81. West was born in Bolivar, Tennessee, and became friends with Presley at



Humes High School in Memphis. West came to JCJC in 1955 and played football for the Bobcats.

Years later, he told the story of his time at JCJC when Elvis came to visit him and was kicked out of the dorm by Coach A.B. Howard. The 1955 Bobcats won the Mississippi Junior College championship and were invited to the Junior Rose Bowl to play Compton Junior College (California) in Pasadena. That was an historic game because it was the first time a segregated Mississippi team played against an integrated squad.

In 1977, JCJC returned to the Junior Rose Bowl to face Pasadena City College. West met with the Bobcats and rode the team bus from the hotel to the Rose Bowl for the game. In October of 1995, West returned to the Jones' campus for the 40year reunion of the 1955 Junior Rose Bowl. Players from JCJC and Compton were in attendance and were recognized at the game.

West would gain fame as an actor, songwriter and stuntman.

He starred in the late 1970s television series "Black Sheep Squadron" (originally known as "Baa Baa Black Sheep") and appeared in other TV shows, such as "The Six Million Dollar Man," "Magnum P.I.," "The A-Team," and "Nashville." West was in numerous movies, with his role in "Road House" in 1989 being his most famous appearance. He was also in movies, such as "The Rainmaker," "Forty Shades of Blue," "Natural Born Killers," "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," and

West and his wife, Patricia West, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on July 1. He is also survived by two sons, John Boyd West of Tampa, Florida, and Brent West of Memphis; a brother, Harold West, of Olive Branch; and six grandchildren. Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis was in charge of arrangements.





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LEADERSHIP JC GROUPS, continued from page 1

tem at the Laurel Little Theater.

In 2015-16, a Leadership Jones County Team partnered with the Hattiesburg area Habitat for Humanity to complete the first Habitat house in Jones County. One LJC's most ambitious undertakings to date, the Habitat group had to raise \$60,000 in cash and another \$20,000 in in-kind

"That was a whirlwind," said Patty Todd, director of physician outreach at South Central Regional Medical Center. "Once we got through the application process and had a family chosen, it became so real. We wanted to get it done in record time for them to have a home."

Todd said that Alex Hodge and B-Clean provided the group's first donation.

"It really put the wind in our sails," she said of securing that first donation. "We were off and running. People and industries really got behind us and supported the project."

Because of that LJC partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Ryan Griffin of Ellisville now sits on the Habitat board and they plan to build a house in Jones County every two years.

"I believe that we all have a responsibility to give back to the community where we live and work," said Linda Gavin, vice president of marketing and business development at SCRMC and graduate of the first LJC class. "The greatest thing that has come from Leadership Jones County is many of those who have graduated from the program have taken leadership roles in our community. Others have gotten involved in community organizations and have proven to be extremely valuable to our community."

For 25 years, Gavin has remained active in the leadership program, serving as a mentor and helping to conduct the annual retreats for both groups. She also sees the value in sponsoring LJC participants. SCRMC has had employees in nearly all of

"I think it is important for our leaders to step outside of the organization and meet others in area businesses and industries," she said. "They learn from each other and they also give back to the community through their community projects."

The 2016-17 LJC class had 16 participants while the Future Leaders had 30 to complete the

service organizations in the area.

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"In the early years, we had as many as 25 or more in the Leadership Jones County classes," Gavin said. "Even though the number of participants is smaller now, the program is still very beneficial to those who participate.'

Starting July 5, the Community Development Foundation will be taking applications for the 2017-18 Class of Leadership Jones County. The application process for Future Leaders, made up of high school juniors throughout Jones County, begins in late October.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the 2018 leadership classes can find information at www.jonescounty.com under the "Foundation"

Individuals or organizations who have ideas for possible leadership projects may submit a short description, time frame and cost estimate via email to info@edajones.com. For more information, people can also call the EDA/Chamber office at 601-649-3031.

Projects tackled by the two leadership classes this year ranged in scope from good old fashioned sweat and muscles to utilizing the latest technology. The 2017 classes have completed, or will complete, eight community service projects, which are listed and described below.

LJC Team Direction:

Members: Jason Hoffman, Jordan Graves, Jennifer Ishee, Sheree Ishee, Jody Thornton and

Project: Enhance green space, The Randall (Randy) Meador Memorial Park at the Susan B. Vincent Sportsplex

A project that involves creating signage and beautifying the entrance to the Susan B. Vincent Sportsplex on Highway 84 west of Laurel seemed like a pretty simple undertaking. However, Team Direction soon learned that when dealing with several governmental entities, nothing is simple.

Although team was able to place directional signage, the group had to change the focus of its beautification efforts. Team Direction created a picnic area at the Sportsplex that has been named The Randall (Randy) Meador Memorial Park.

Team member Sheree Ishee, assistant vice president/lender/branch manager of Citizens Bank, explained some of the group's challenges.

"First of all, raising funds and properly budgeting for the team project was an early challenge," she said. "Second, dealing with multiple vendors to execute was a challenge because of the short time given to complete our project. Finally, it

Jones County to receive \$30,019 grant

Jones County has been chosen to receive \$30,019.00 to

The selection was made by the National Board that is chaired

by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA), and consists of representatives

from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, The Jewish

Federations of North America, Catholic Charities USA, National

Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and United Way

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by Congress to help support the capacity of food and shelter

programs in high need areas around the country. The Local

Board made up of representatives of local services agencies,

government and interested citizens, who will determine how

the funds awarded to Jones County will be distributed among

the emergency food and shelter programs operated by local

The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies

to receive funds and any additional funds available under this

phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from a

National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2)

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system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated

the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter

programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization,

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Jones County has

distributed Emergency Food and Shelter Funds previously with

The Salvation Army, The Good Samaritan, American Red Cross,

These agencies will be responsible for providing with this

funding, food, rent or mortgage payments, and utility payments

and the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter, Inc., participating.

supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the

always seemed as if we were fighting inclement weather in order to get concrete poured for the picnic table pads as well as poles set for our signage."

LJC Team Hometown Strong!

Members: Lee Bolling, Christy Hilbun, Peggy Padilla, Craig Sumrall and Weston Wallace

Project: Adding fitness stations to the Howard Technology Park walking trail

Members of Team Hometown Strong! wanted to provide Jones County residents with an exercise alternative to traditional gyms. They chose to develop and install fitness stations at the walking trail at Howard Technology Park adjacent to Interstate 59 in Ellisville. They selected this site because it is easily accessible and centrally located "We felt like Jones County has a lot to offer

the folks who live here and our project adds even more," said team member Christy Hilbun, office manager at Brian Ginn State Farm. "We have a great recreation here in Jones County and we wanted to accent that with the fitness stations. We were able to take an existing walking trail and make it better."

Through its fundraising efforts, Team Hometown Strong! raised \$9,950, enough to purchase and place the equipment. While some equipment has already been installed, inclement weather delayed finishing the project. Completion should occur by the end of July.

LJC Team Visit Jones County

Team Members: Ryan Griffin, Jennifer Hosey, Jessica Pickerell, Ashley Rea, Keith Ridgeway and Aaron Zumwalt

Project: Develop an app for tourism

Armed with statistical data from the World Tourism Organization showing that 95 percent of tourists use digital tools in search of having the best experience before, during and after a trip, Team Visit Jones County set out to put Jones County on the digital map with a tourist app of

To develop that app, members integrated information found on the Jones County Chamber of Commerce website and digitally compiled information available on various print publications. They researched apps that they felt resembled the group's goals such as the Mississippi Blues Trail, Visit Corinth, Mississippi and Visit Oxford, Mis-

"The primary challenge our team faced during this project was ensuring that we developed a mobile application that was user-friendly, easy to navigate and informative," explained team member Ashley Rea, communication manager at Sanderson Farms. "Condensing all of the county's attractions and amenities into one mobile application was a challenge, but we knew it would be worthwhile to ensure that our visitors have every resource available at the touch of a button while simultaneously promoting all of the local businesses within the county."

The initial cost for the Visit Jones County app, raised through donations and advertisement sales, was \$10,000. The app will self-update each time the Chamber website is updated. All businesses who are members of the Chamber of Commerce will receive a basic listing on the app. Chamber members can purchase upgraded listings as can non-Chamber members

FL Team Prevail

Team members: Heath Dickerson, Araceli Figueroa, Rai-Monica Jones, Rebekah Jones, Raghan Parish and Daniel Shelton

Project: Southern Cross Animal Rescue Open

Getting typical teenagers to clean up and take care of their own pets can often be a chore. However, the teenage members of Team Prevail are not typical teenagers. This group volunteered to help spruce up at Southern Cross Animal Rescue as the organization prepared for its spring open house.

Although SCAR was not the first project proposed by Team Prevail, members learned lessons in how to cope and adjust when things don't go according to plan. "Teamwork and learning to prevail through

hard times were two major things my group and I were able to learn while working on our project," Rebekah Jones, team member and rising senior at Laurel Christian School. "Initially, our problem was finding a project that didn't fall through; however, we did happily find a project, SACR, that we were able to help in the ways they needed.'

Team members washed and organized linens, cleaned cages, put together dog crates and sold raffle tickets for various donated items.

"Future Leaders has helped us in many ways over the years," said SCAR president Savannah Pipkins. "They helped paint when we were first getting our building ready, (this year) with the open house. We love seeing our youth getting involved in animal rescue."

FL Team Peace

Team members: Tyler Byrd, Laken Daniels, Grace Jones, India Jones, Joshua Rushton and

Reagan Todd Project: City Beautiful Mural

Team Peace also learned a lesson in backing up and regrouping after its initial project hit a snag.

"We were approved by the management of Future Leaders and the Mayor of Laurel to do a shrubbery project spelling out LAUREL," said team member Reagan Todd, a rising senior at West Jones. "At the last minute, permission was denied by the city attorney. We decided to do the same project out near the Sportsplex. Again, everyone approved the project and just before we were scheduled to begin, it was denied. It was disheartening, but at the same time, it taught us that when you think everything is okay, there is often another point of view that you never thought of."

Team Peace eventually chose to help beau-

tify one of the entrances to downtown Laurel by

commissioning local artist Josh Nowell to paint

a "City Beautiful" mural on the wall along Spec Wilson Boulevard. Members raised \$2,983 for "Future Leaders taught me how to take a situation that feels impossible and make it work," said Grace Jones, team member and rising senior at Laurel Christian School. "This program pushed me, as well as my team, to work and compromise with each other as we faced the struggles thrown our way. I learned how to start, run and complete a project successfully as a teenager without adults holding my hand and helping me throughout the project. This program teaches students how to be

FL Team Endure

Team members: Bree Fennell, Rylee Gavin, Mason Hennis, Emily Jones, Kierra Jordan and **Timber Prince**

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Project: Lighting Up Jones County

Inspired by the recent addition of string lights throughout downtown Laurel, Team Endure members decided they would like to bring that same ambience to downtown Ellisville. Although the team has raised \$8,795 thus far and has the support of Ellisville's city government, the project has hit a few snags that have put it on hold.

"We knew the scope of this project would be challenging, but we have recently found that there are some utility poles in the way of one of the buildings from which we plan to string lights," said team member Emily Jones, a rising senior at Laurel Christian School. "We plan to talk to the city council about how we can fix this situation so we can finish our project.'

Team member Timber Prince, a rising senior at South Jones, added that working through the team's issues, while tough, has been a positive

"Future Leaders helped me to learn about working together as a group to solve problems and see a project through till the end," she said. "It taught me that giving back to the community is definitely worth the time and effort that it takes for our future and that of the community."

FL Team Laurel Lifeline

Members: Kinison Atkins, Jasmine Bender, Alex Brewer, Jess Cooley, Breunna McCann and

Project: Painting Maker's Alley

Team Laurel Lifeline took on a blank canvas as it chose to begin painting a Maker's Alley mural on one of the large brick walls in downtown Laurel. The mural will celebrate Laurel as "a city made beautiful by craftsmen, tradesmen and makers."

Team member Dylan Meeks, a rising senior at South Jones, said managing many different schedules and raising money for their project were among his group's challenges.

"We, as young students, had to raise the money ourselves and fundraise to acquire the goal we had established," he explained. "The main dilemma we faced was setting a time and place for us all to meet together as a whole. Due to extra school activities and sports, it was a struggle to set a dates to meet. We did, in the end, meet several times and our project was completed."

FL Team Hometown!

Team members: Claudia Chambliss, Kody Fagan, River Howell, Taylor Reed, Taylor Thompson and Mykia Williams

Project: Sprucing up Leontyne Price Park in downtown Laurel Team Hometown! decided that, for their proj-

ect, there is nothing more valuable than sweat equity. With a budget of less than \$200, the group chose to clean up and groom Leontyne Price Park in downtown Laurel. They painted benches, added planters and removed broken gates, making the park an attractive spot for residents and tourists to sit a spell.

For lifelong Laurel resident Taylor Thompson, a rising senior at Laurel Christian School, the park project was especially special.

"I've always loved being a part of community activities," she said. "I wanted Laurel to continue to improve, and I wanted to be involved in that. Being in Future Leaders gave me the chance to make a mark on my town and make it better for other kids who grow up in Jones County before I go to college."

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact the Local Board Chairperson, Jennifer Pippen at 601-

428-1707. The deadline to apply is July 28, 2017.

Sanderson Farms awarded three public relations awards

Sanderson Farms' Corporate Communication Department recently won three awards, including a Judge's Choice award, during the Public Relations Association of Mississippi's Prism Awards competition held in Hattiesburg, Miss. Since the department's launch in 2015, Sanderson Farms has expanded corporate and employee communication efforts for its more than 14,000 employees, garnering the poultry producer numerous public relations and advertising accolades including a Silver Award from the American Advertising Federation of Jackson, Miss.

The nation's third largest poultry producer received PRAM's Judge's Choice award and a PRism Award for the publication of the Sanderson Farms Corporate Responsibility Report, an annual report detailing the company's corporate respon-





Lorin McAlpin Pugh

sibility efforts and annual sustainability progress. In addition, Sanderson Farms won a second PRism Award for the company's publication of the "Sanderson Farms Newsletter," a monthly magazine reaching more than 600,000 annual readers across 42 different states.

Both of Sanderson Farms' award-winning publications were created by the two founding members of the company's Corporate Communication Department, Ashley Rea, communication manager, and Lorin McAlpin Pugh, graphic designer. Rea served as managing editor and copywriter for both publications, while Pugh served as the graphic designer and contributing photographer.

"These awards are the fruits of the labor of many employees at Sanderson Farms, and I am thankful to have been a part of the creative process," said Rea. "It has been a privilege to have the opportunity to create a platform in which to showcase the effort our employees dedicate each day to making Sanderson Farms successful and promoting our company's inherent sense of corporate responsibility by helping to conserve natural resources and give back to our local communities."

Other contributors from Sanderson Farms included Robin Robinson, Director of Organization Development and Corporate Communication; Hilary Burroughs, Director of Marketing; Pic Billingsley, Director of Development and Engineering; Brenda Flick, former Manager of Environmental Services; Dwayne Holifield, Manager of Environmental Services; and Stephanie Shoemaker, Manager of Environmental Services. PRAM is a statewide organization consisting of nearly 600 of the greatest public relations professionals in Mississippi. Each year, the organization recognizes public relation efforts that rise above the rest with the prestigious PRism Award.

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JCJC's PBL students earn national awards

Nine Jones County Junior College students attended the Phi Beta Lambda National Conference in Anaheim, California, and returned with national honors. Gabrielle Jones of Laurel placed 4th in the nation in Entrepreneurship Concepts, receiving a \$200 cash award and trophy.

"This trip gave me memories with new friends that I will never forget. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that PBL provided," said

Additionally, Dakota Shoemaker of Waynesboro placed 6th in the nation in

Website Design. The network design team of Cayden Hill of Ellisville, Rachel McKean of Picayune and Erica Murphy of Hattiesburg placed 9th in the nation. Kristina Pertuit of Poplarville placed 9th in the nation in Job Interview.

"I was very proud of our student's accomplishments," said JCJC PBL adviser David Ray. "We had four top ten winners, which is quite an accomplishment when you are competing against other first-place state winners from across the country. This is a testament to the hard work put forth by the students and their level of instruction here at Jones. These students worked hard to get to Anaheim and to watch their efforts pay off as they received recognition among about one thousand of their peers is very rewarding."

Also attending the national conference as an adviser was JCJC networking instructor Mitch Dubose. He and Ray



JCJC PBL advisors David Ray (pictured far left) and Mitch Dubose (pictured far right) are pictured with JCJC's national PBL competition winners (pictured left to right between advisors): Dakota Shoemaker, Gabrielle Jones, Kristina Pertuit, Erica Murphy, Rachel McKean and Cayden Hill. Photo/submitted

agree, "This group of students was one of their favorite groups in the eight years they've been taking students to national conferences. They all did a great job representing Jones County Junior College."

Other students competing on the national level include Joseph Hollomon of Hattiesburg, who competed in Sales Presentation; Marcus Ferguson of Prentiss competed in Public Speaking; Dakota Shoemaker competed in Computer Programming; Kristina Pertuit competed in Impromptu Speaking; Erica Murphy and Rachel McKean competed in Business Presentation, and Cayden Hill and Krystina Saul of Sandersville competed in Network Concepts. Each of these nine JCJC students placed first or second in the state PBL conference and competition in March to qualify for the national competition.

STEM Discoveries opens in the mall

By Linda Cranford

A space where kids for many years spent hours having fun and making memories playing arcade games has now been turned into a space for kids to spend hours having fun and making memories exploring, discovering, and experimenting with the sciences.

On Thursday, July 20, Dr. Mary E. Moore, STEM Discoveries executive director/CEO, was joined by her family, friends, Chamber ambassadors, EDA

staff, and state and local government officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the physical location of STEM Discoveries inside the Sawmill Square Mall across from Cinema 5, where the old arcade was located for years.

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. STEM Discoveries focuses on offering opportunities for the children of the Laurel/Jones County community to obtain leadership and technical skills in these areas through educational programs, workshops and mentoring programs. These opportunities include Hands On STEM, Community Robotics Leagues, Mobile STEM,



Mayor Johnny Magee, center, and State Senator Juan Barnett, 2nd from left, along with family, friends, and Chamber ambassadors, joined Dr. Mary E. Moore, center (white coat), for a ribbon cutting ceremony to open STEM Discoveries in the Sawmill Square Mall next to Cinema 5. Photo/Linda Cranford

Discovery Saturdays, Computer Coding Hackathons, Just For Parents, Senior Adult Digital Literacy, and Afterschool Enrichment Programs.

Enrollment is in progress for grades K5-8 for the fall 2017 Afterschool Enrichment Program, which will begin in August and will include programs in science, engineering, computer programming, computer keyboarding skills, and robotics and coding.

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West/South Jones scrimmage brings Volleyball to Jones County

By James Pugh

Volleyball has finally come to Jones County.

West Jones opened its gymnasium late Thursday evening for a friendly girls' volleyball scrimmage against their county rivals South Jones. It was the first of its kind. The Jones County School Board adopted the new sport back in April.

"We were hoping to get all three county schools together, but Northeast Jones could not make it," said West Jones head coach Craig Winship, who also serves as the school's head girls soccer coach. "We want to be friendly rivals, especially since this is the beginning of our programs and this is something that has never been done before.

"It was good to get together and see what it felt like to play someone with a different uniform."

While the sport is new to most of the players in green and gold, a select few have played the sport before.

"We have two players that have played before," Winship noted. "Kylie Williamson and Cathrine Callaway have played club volleyball before. For the rest of our team it's something new and most of them play another sport whether it's soccer or basket-

doesn't have a player with prior experience, but says her team is eager to learn.

ertheless]," said Giles. "It's amazing to me. We've only had three practices so far but I'm proud of the effort our girls have shown here this evening."

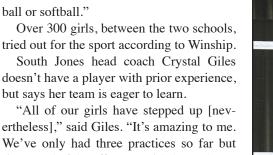
South Jones players attended a volleyball camp at Southern Miss earlier in the month.

Neither team will be participating postseason play this year but Giles is planning a "Dig Pink Rally" event at the end of the regular season.

"Since neither one of us, and including Northeast Jones, has a postseason we will be using that event as our Jones County championship," stated Giles. "It will be like a finale for our seasons."

Jefferson Davis County, Mize, Wayne County and Magee are a few of the teams both West Jones and South Jones will play in each of their respective seasons.

Tuesday, August 4 marks the beginning of the MHSAA volleyball season.



WEST JONES

(26), and Catherine Callaway (2). Photos/James Pugh

West Jones and South Jones met in Soso for a friendly high school volleyball scrimmage on Thursday evening. Pictured for West Jones are Allie James (24) and Darianna Hawkins (1). Pictured for South Jones are Cameron Sanford (28), Breanna Murphy (27), Taylor Robinson





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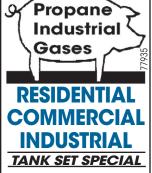
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Open registration at each elementary school for grades K-5 started Tuesday, July 18, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each day through Friday, August 4, 2017

^^^^^ Kindergarten Open House

Kindergarten students can meet their teachers and bring their school supplies Mason Elementary on Thursday, August 3rd - from 5:00-7:00 pm. Mason Open House for 1st. 5^{th} will be on Thursday, August 10

Meet the Teacher Night

Thursday, August 3rd

Nora Davis Magnet - Meet the Teacher Night - 4K - 5th grade from 5:00-7:00 pm Oak Park Elementary - Meet the Teacher Night - 4K - 5th grade from 4:00-7:00 pm Maddox Elementary- Meet the Teacher Night - K - 5th grade 4:00-6:00 pm ^^^^^^^

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