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# Opioid crisis town hall meeting

By Linda Cranford  
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The impact of opioids in our community as well as throughout the state of Mississippi was discussed recently during a town hall meeting held at the Ronald E. Whitehead Advanced Technology Center in Ellisville. Representatives from different agencies and organizations including the Department of Mental Health, MS Board of Pharmacy, MS Bureau of Narcotics, and Clearview Recovery Center, who make up the Governor's Opioid and Heroin Abuse Task Force, spoke on the opioid crisis providing information and possible solutions.

Steve Parker, deputy director of the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy, began the meeting by introducing Jones County Sheriff Alex Hodge,

who welcomed everyone to Jones County. Parker then introduced Representative Donnie Scoggins who spoke briefly saying, "You are concerned, just as I am, about the opioid epidemic and the problem that's going on. Here in Jones County we have had 8-10 opioid deaths just this year. That's 10 opioid deaths that were unnecessary."

A video message from Governor Phil Bryant was played and the governor said, "Eighty



**Steve Parker Deputy Director of the MS Board of Pharmacy.**  
 Photo/Linda Cranford

percent of those we find are addicted to and have died from heroin overdose began with a prescription drug." He went on to say that from 2013 to 2016 heroin overdose deaths rose 2,000 percent. "This is a crisis that the President of the United States, the United State Congress and other leaders in the nation has realized," noted Bryant. "Governors are banding together to make sure our task forces will help solve this problem."

Lt. John Harless with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics gave an overview of the problem with opioids and illicit drugs. "Opioids are a class of drugs designed to reduce pain. They include Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Lortab, and Percocet." All of these have led many people to addiction and to the next step, which is Hero-

in. "Heroin has come out of the shadows and it has moved to our college campuses, neighborhoods and everywhere we are," exclaimed Harless. He also added Fentanyl to the list, which is a powerful pain medication.

"Lately we have been seeing counterfeit pharmaceuticals because that is where the money is," said Harless. He added that many of the regular pain relievers are being laced with Fentanyl. He also said, "The first counterfeit pharmaceutical, that I am aware of, that was found in Mississippi came from Jones County."

He said statistics from the CDC showed that in 2015 there were 52,404 deaths that occurred nationwide from accidental drug overdose.

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## OPIOID CRISIS, continued from page 1

Over 33,000 of those were in the opioid drug class of drugs. This equates to 91 deaths per day or one death every 16 minutes.

Harless compared these numbers to the number of people who fly on a 747 jet, which seats approximately 400 people. "In four or five days, opioid addiction kills the same number of people that would be killed if that 747 crashed. That's eighty-one 747 crashes a year." He pointed out that if this were to occur the FFA would be investigating and would ground all 747s in the country.

Opioid addiction is an epidemic and steps must be taken to deal with it, which is why the governor developed the Opioid and Heroin Abuse Task Force. In talking about Fentanyl and the dangers of it, Harless said because it is cheaper the Mexican Cartel is mixing Heroin with it. "Because of that, what we're seeing across the country is first responders, police officers, EMTs, emergency room personnel and firemen are coming into incidental contact with Fentanyl. Fentanyl is designed to be a very potent drug and they are going into overdose, just by coming into contact with it."

This is why local law enforcement, emergency responders, and firefighters are being issued Narcan, which reverses the effects of opioids. Ann Rodio, who is with the Department of Mental Health and is the State Targeted Response Opioid Grant project director spoke about two Bills that have recently passed that address Narcan. One of those Bills is House Bill 996. "What we want you to understand about this Good Samaritan Law is that no one who chooses to

or who chooses not to administer Narcan will be held liable when acting in a professional or personal capacity." The other Bill allows pharmacies across the state to dispense Narcan without a prescription.

Rodio asked the question, "Do you think substance abuse disorder is a mental disease?" She pointed out that when someone crosses the line into addiction many can no longer make rational decisions. "When someone says 'no one in their right mind would do something like that,' that is the issue. They are not in their right minds. They've lost their ability to choose," stated Rodio.

Rodio talked about the importance of breaking the silence when it comes to opioid addictions and addictions in general. "Silence is costing lives," exclaimed Rodio. "People who fall into addiction of any sort, especially opioid disorder and the stigma society attaches to it, is keeping people afraid, ashamed, and embarrassed. And it kills! People would rather die than ask for help because of the way society treats them. No matter how bad things are we want people to understand there is hope."

During the question-and-answer period, local physician Dr. Mark Horne said that 20 years ago physicians were urged to prescribe these opioids to relieve pain. He said, "Now, we have got to rein this in and put that genie back in the bottle." He asked about the new substitute drugs now available.

Dr. Randy Easterling, an addictionologist from Vicksburg and a member of the task force, was invited to address the question. Easterling said in his 30 years of practice in addiction medicine he has never seen the situation so bad. "Ninety percent of admissions to my chemical dependence unit are opioid addicts," exclaimed Easterling. "Five or six years ago, I

hardly ever saw a Heroin addict. I see 10 to 15 a day now. It's an epidemic of giant proportions." Easterling reiterated the highly addictive characteristics of opioids.

"If there's anything good that has come out of this crisis, a lot of research has been cranked out in the last decade on pain," said Easterling. "What we've learned is acute pain and chronic pain is two different animals." He said for years physicians have prescribed opioids for pain with broken arms, legs, or hips without question. "Research has shown if you write over a three-day supply the addiction rate goes up six to seven percent," said Easterling. "If you write a seven to ten-day supply it goes up to 15 percent. If you give a 30-day supply of hydrocodone for acute pain, 33 to 35 percent of those people will be taking it a year later." He said all providers must rethinking the way they treat acute pain which includes giving physician orders for Tylenol, Motrin, and other pain medicines with non-opioid components.

For more information on Opioid related issues including prevention, assessment, treatment, diversion, disposal, etc. call any of the following: MS Department of Mental Health - 24-hour outline (1-877-210-8513), Michael Jordan (601-359-6515), Ann Rodio (601-359-6252), Angela Mallette (601-398-4406), or Marissa Farquhar (601-398-4406); MS Bureau of Narcotics - 24-hour switchboard (1-800-844-6272), John Dowdy (601-371-3600), John Harless (601-261-6111), or Tammy Reynolds (601-348-5000); MS Board of Pharmacy - Steve Parker or Dana Crenshaw (601-899-8880); Federal Bureau of Investigations - Christopher Freeze (601-948-5000); Region XII Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources, Clearview Recovery Center - Carol Brown (601-544-1499).

# Big 3 fares well in college football

By Dale McKee

Looking back at the weekend's college games was what we expected: three big wins for USM, MSU and Ole Miss. Ole Miss struggled in the opening half, and as all SEC teams are expected to win at home against an FCS opponent, they did, 45-23. After trailing 16-7 in the second period, they went on a 31-point explosion to go 2-0 on the season.

UT Martin head coach Jason Simpson thought his team played hard and showed toughness. "You have to pick your poison against Ole Miss on what you want to focus on stopping. They have an outstanding quarterback," said Simpson. "We would have had to play a perfect game, and we didn't," added the Ellisville native. Ole Miss coach Matt Luke knows his defense is not playing well. The Rebels' defense allowed over five yards per rush as Ladarius Galloway rushed for 188 yards.

A couple of bright spots were Bay Springs native Javien Hamilton and Wayne County's Benito Jones. Hamilton, who played at JCJC last fall, got the Rebels' first turnover of the season - a fourth-period interception. Jones, who plays nose guard on defense, says the overall effort was good. "Our play was iffy. We've got to get better. We started off slow, and

we have to pick it up next week," stated Jones. Laurel's Octavius Cooley snared his first pass reception as a Rebel.

Rebel quarterback Shea Patterson is pretty special. He set a single game passing record for 489 yards and fired five touchdown passes. Four of the TDs took less than two minutes to drive the field. He has some of the best receivers in the SEC to throw to in A.J. Brown, Demarkus Lodge and D.K. Metcalf.

A lot of questions about the Rebel will be answered this Saturday night when they travel to play the University of California for a 9:30 kickoff on ESPN. This game could define the Rebels' season.

### Bulldog defense really good

MSU played great defense last Saturday night in their 57-21 win over La. Tech in Ruston. MSU nose guard Jeffery Simmons scored two touchdowns and blocked an extra point in the game. Former JCJC defensive back Jonathan Abram teamed with Leo Lewis to sack Tech quarterback J'Mar Smith. Collins native Mark McLaurin led the defense with ten tackles and also had a pick. MSU kicker Logan Cook was a silent killer. He kicked off nine times into the end zone for touchdowns and also punted three times for a 47.7 yard average with no return yards for the former Columbia Academy senior. Quarterback Nick Fitzgerald was steady, accounting for 235 yards of offense as he ran for two long scores and passed

for three touchdowns. State (2-0) will host LSU (2-0) this Saturday night in Starkville. The SEC Nation will be at the Junction on Saturday morning (9-11 a.m.). The show features Tim Tebow. The Paul Finebaum show will also be live from the Junction from 2- 6 p.m on Friday. The LSU kickoff is at 6 p.m. on ESPN.

### Bring back the Nasty Bunch

USM's (1-1) defense forced three turnovers in nailing Southern University 45-0 last Saturday night at M.M. Roberts Stadium. Kwadra Griggs threw for two touchdowns and passed for over 200 yards in the win. Laurel's Keon Howard played most of the second half and was 5-of-9 for 71 yards. One of the fastest players in college football is T'Rod Daniels. The former Bassfield and Gulf Coast Community College product gained 83 yards, while Ito Smith added 77 yards for the Golden Eagles. A trio of local players in West Jones's Xavier Thigpen, Bassfield's Cornell Armstrong and Quitman's Tarvarius Moore led the defense. Thigpen recovered a fumble for a TD, Armstrong returned an interception back 46 yards for a TD, and Moore intercepted a pass. Former Wayne County standout Devin Farris also played a superb game at center in the contest. USM will travel to La. Monroe this Saturday at 6 p.m., but no TV telecast is scheduled.

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If you have chronic aches and pains, are too young to have pain in a specific joint especially if you are an athlete, or noticed this article applies to you based off the above information and want to know more, please don't hesitate to call us! Call Wendy Allen OT or Erin Pacific PT, at Reconnect Therapy and Wellness at (601) 342-5948 in Laurel. Please call us anytime Monday through Friday between 8:00-5:00, or just drop by at the Sawmill Square Mall in Laurel. We have a front entrance sign and outside entrance on the same side as Classic Cookie.



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# Shepherd's Heart: It is well with my soul

By Dr. Timothy Hubbard

As we have witnessed the results of Hurricane Harvey over the past few days, I am reminded of the words of the Psalmist as recorded in Psalm 62:1-2. "My soul waits in silence for God only; From Him is my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken." (NASB)

These words come to mind because we as individuals can so easily be shaken when tragedy comes into our lives. Many of you, like me, were here when Katrina came through our area and left her path of destruction. As we looked around and saw the things that we considered lost to us because of the storm, we all felt devastated. Could we ever truly recover?

Would things ever be back to normal? One thing that I remember throughout that time period is a phrase I heard mentioned over and over again, "At least we are all okay; things can be replaced but they are just that, things."

That is very true, and we certainly were thankful that lives had been spared and that we were able to be together as family. One of my favorite hymns is the hymn entitled "It Is Well With My Soul." This hymn, by Horatio P. Spafford, was penned at a time in his life that was filled with great loss and grief. His wife and four daughters were aboard a ship headed from the U.S. to Europe and the ship collided with another vessel and went down. All four daughters were drowned, but his wife was found floating on a piece of wreckage and was rescued. When she arrived safely to port, she sent a message to Horatio saying, "Saved alone, what shall I do?" Horatio

framed this telegraph message and hung it on the wall in his office. Spafford then booked passage on the next available ship going to Europe to be with his grieving wife. While en route, the captain of the ship called for Horatio to come to

his cabin, and he told him that they were over the place where his children had gone down. It was while on this journey that he penned the following words. "When peace like a river attendeth my way, and sorrow like sea billows roll. What-

ever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul!" When we know that things are well with our soul, no matter the storm that comes our way, we can rejoice in our God who is our strength and our salvation.

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## September 16

Pleasant Grove MB Church will be taking time out to remember and honor the men and women of the Armed Forces on September 16. Family and friends of the honorees are invited to attend the ceremony and state their loved ones' name. At the ceremony, they will receive a tribute, a 9x12 framed certificate and one medal in memory of their loved one. For more information call 601-498-9621.

Brackman's Stepping Stone, 2 Pioneer Road East in Hattiesburg, will hold a rock painting party at their fall open house on September 16 from 10:30-11:30 with the proceeds going to Purposeful Refuge, a non-profit organization for equestrian therapy for adults and children. A \$2 or more donation will be accepted to participate. For more information, call 601-264-2886.

## September 23

Mars Hill Baptist Church, 66 Mars Hill Road in Petal, invites you to shop our free Community Clothes Closet, which is open to the public at the Fellowship Hall on September 23 from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Summer & winter clothing will be offered for all sizes. Chicken dinner plates will also be available from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for \$10.00 each (includes 3-piece fried chicken or half smoked chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll, dessert). Proceeds will benefit the "Adopt A Child Christmas Ministry." This is a project of the Mars Hill Ladies Ministry Missions & Outreach. For additional information contact Annette Wiley, coordinator, 601-381-0092, or Maxine Patterson, 769-223-3239.

West Jones Class of 1977 reunion, September 23 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Laurel Country Club. For more information contact Johnny Pryor at 339-223-0595.

## September 24

William Chapel United Methodist Church will hold its annual homecoming revival on September 24. This one-day worship service will begin at 11:15 a.m. with Pastor A. L. Johnson. Rev. Johnell Lee Henry Jr. and members of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Laurel will be the guest speaker.

## September 26

The Mississippi Well Owner Network, a program of the Mississippi State University Extension Service, will be held 6-8 p.m. September 26 at the MSU Extension office in Wayne County on 810-A Chickasawhay Street in Waynesboro. MSU Extension along with partners, The Private Well Class and the Illinois Water Survey, invites South Mississippi homeowners who use household wells for their water needs to attend the free workshop. Participants will learn the best management, operational and protection practices for their private wells and improving the functionality of their drinking water sources. Well owners can pick up a sample bottle and sampling collection instructions September 18-22 and September 25 at the MSU Extension office in Wayne County. The private well water screenings will cost \$25 per sample analysis. Screening results will be mailed to the well owner along with a publication explaining how to interpret the results. Preregister for the workshop by visiting <http://gcd.msstate.edu/register> or by calling 662-325-1788. At the registration page, look for the event titled Mississippi Well Owner Network Program. Workshop participants may bring their water sample when they arrive for the workshop. Attendance is not required to have water screened. A water screening is not required to attend. Each participant will receive free MSU Extension publications with additional information on private wells and septic systems. These publications are also available online at <http://extension.msstate.edu/natural-resources/water/mswon>.

## September 28

Community Mission, 198 SCR 105, Louin, invites you to our healing revival on Thursday & Friday, September 28-29, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 30 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The guest speaker is evangelist Sandra Hancock of Laurel. For more info call Pastor Hannah Ellis Cowling at 601-789-5472 or 601-283-5607.

## September 30

You are invited to the upcoming reunion of the 1950's classes of Soso High School. Saturday, September 30 at the Legion Hut (community center) in Soso. The fellowship will begin at 4 p.m. until. We ask that you bring your favorite finger food dish and join us in an evening of reminiscing. For more information please contact Ada Merle Jefcoat at 601-433-4097.

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 if 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.

## October 1

Mt. Zion UM Church, Graves Road in Ellisville, invites you to our homecoming on October 1st at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Dal Halthorn will be the guest speaker. A covered dish dinner will follow.

Memorial Baptist Church, 6 Beeson Road in Moselle, will be observing their homecoming on October 1 at 10 a.m. Former pastor Sam Jones will be bringing the message and former song director RV Smith will lead the song service. A covered dish lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Pastor Keith Thompson and the congregation invite everyone to come. For more information call 601-584-9905.

## October 6

On Oct. 6, the Desk and Derrick Club of Laurel is hosting the 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Dixie Golf on Hillcrest Drive in Laurel. The tournament is a 4-person scramble with shotgun start for 10:00 a.m. sharp. Entry fee is \$400 per team or \$100 per golfer and includes green fees only. Golf carts rental is \$60 per cart. The deadline for registration is Sept. 25. There are also sponsorships available for holes refreshments, and on course vendors. Deadline for sponsorships is Sept. 18. For more information, or to register as a player, team or sponsor, contact Tiama Smith or Melissa Uldrick at 601-778-6113 or send email to [deskandderrickcluboflaurel@yahoo.com](mailto:deskandderrickcluboflaurel@yahoo.com). The event is for 21 years of age or older

## October 7

The Annual South Mississippi Charity Hospital Nurses Alumni meeting will be Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 a.m. till 1:15 p.m. with a Dutch treat luncheon at South Central Regional Medical Center conference rooms A and B. Also, the alumni members and spouses (or guest) are invited to a Dutch treat meal at Bosun Joe's Restaurant in downtown Ellisville on Friday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m. If you plan to come to the Friday meal, please call or text 662-721-7217.

Annual reunion and cemetery cleaning at Mt. Pisgah Church will be held Saturday, October 7. The pot luck style luncheon will be held at the Mt. Pisgah Church and Cemetery in Montrose just of Highway 15 outside the Laurel/Bay Springs area. Family and Friends alike are asked to attend this unique gathering. Be sure to bring your photos and memories of past gathering. The luncheon begins at approximately 11:00 a.m., and everyone is asked to bring your favorite covered dish and lawn chairs for the event. For any questions call 601-456-0599.

## General David H. Petraeus to deliver 2017 Lt. Col. John H. Dale Distinguished Lecture at USM

The Dale Center for the Study of War & Society at The University of Southern Mississippi is pleased to announce that Gen. David H. Petraeus (U.S. Army, Retired) will deliver the 2017 Lt. Col. John H. Dale Distinguished Lecture in International Security and Global Policy on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

The event will be held at the historic Saenger Theatre in downtown Hattiesburg and is open to the public. Petraeus will reflect on:

- \*His strategy of the troop surge in Iraq;
- \*His analysis of its ultimate accomplishments in light of the current situation in the Middle East;
- \*His thoughts on the region's future.

The Lt. Col. John H. Dale Sr. Distinguished Lecture Series in International Security and Global Policy honors the late Lt. Col. John H. Dale, Sr., a career U.S. Army Officer who served in World War II and the Korean War and earned the Bronze Star. Lt. Col. Dale held a graduate degree from Southern Miss and later served as professor of military studies for the University's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

The lecture series is made possible through a generous donation by Southern Miss alumna Dr. Beverly Dale, in honor of her late father. Previous speakers in the series include: Dr. Robert M. Gates, Former Secretary of Defense, CIA Director (2015); Dr. Madeleine Albright, Former Secretary of State (2010); and Wyche Fowler, former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia (2008).

### Additional Information on General David H. Petraeus:

In the decade that followed the September 11, 2001, attacks, Gen. Petraeus commanded U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the greater Middle East and Central Asia. After his retirement from the Army, Petraeus served as director of the CIA from 2011 to 2012.

He is now a partner in a global investment firm and chairman of the firm's Global Institute.

Petraeus remains engaged in U.S. foreign policy and international security issues as a visiting professor at several universities and a frequent media contributor on security topics. In several recent Washington Post op-eds, Petraeus argued for the importance of continued U.S. leadership in the Middle East, criticized anti-Muslim rhetoric and described five lessons that the U.S. should take from the past 15 years of involvement in the Middle East.

Taking place less than a year into the Trump administration, Petraeus' lecture, especially his remarks on the future of Iraq and its neighbors, will provide a timely complement to the president's international security strategy.

To learn more about the Dale Center for the Study of War & Society, visit: <https://www.usm.edu/war-society>



## Entrance to SCRMC Emergency Department changed until construction is completed

South Central Regional Medical Center officials have

### Former MSU pitcher Gentry named to JCJC baseball staff

Former Mississippi State University pitcher Myles Gentry has been named an assistant coach at Jones County Junior College.



Gentry, a 2012 Gulfport High School graduate, originally signed with JCJC before taking an opportunity to play at Mississippi State.

He was selected to participate in the Crossroads Diamond Club All-Star Game at Trustmark Mark in Pearl. He pitched at Mississippi State from 2012-15. He made 23 appearances, pitched 31 2/3 innings as a freshman and was a part of MSU's 2013 College World Series runnerup team.

He graduated from MSU with a degree in Kinesiology, Sports Studies and will pursue a Master's degree in Sports Management.

announced that the driveway to the hospital Emergency Department, which is currently located on the west side of the medical facility at 13th Avenue directly across from South Central Orthopaedic, will be relocating to Leontine Price Blvd. The change became effective on September 6.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, chief quality officer and vice president at South Central Regional Medical Center said, Minutes count when there is a life threatening condition so it is important that the commu-

nity is aware about the new driveway to our Emergency Department. We will have signage placed at all entry points to the South Central parking lot directing those going to the Emergency Department to the new driveway.

"We have placed signs along the thoroughfare directing the public to the temporary emergency department entrance," Dr. Dobbs said. "Until construction is completed, the Emergency Department entrance will be located at Leontine Price Blvd."

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# JCJC's Hurricane Harvey collection center a big success

By Teresa McCreery

More than \$12,000 worth of donated items filled 24 pallets to send off to those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas. The efforts of volunteers from Jones County Junior College along with the donated resources from Endom Trailer, Parish Transport LLC. and Howard Industries made the essential needs drive for the Houston area a big success.

"I think it says that we're a bunch of people who really care about others and we take care of our neighbors. We are paying it forward and taking care of neighbors in Texas. We know what it's like to hurt, and to be thirsty and to be hot," JCJC Vice President of Marketing Finee' Ruffin said.

Donations of bottled water, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and non-perishable food items were accepted over the Labor Day holiday weekend by hundreds of JCJC students, faculty and staff. Generous Pine Belt residents also gave monetary donations through the JCJC Foundation Inc. to purchase items for Hurricane Harvey victims via the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters group. The donations were scheduled to arrive in the Houston area Tuesday afternoon.

At left: JCJC freshmen from Ellisville, Emily Youngblood, signs up to volunteer to help collect and sort donated items for Hurricane Harvey victims.

Below, JCJC student volunteers, (pictured left to right): Sophnia Smith of Laurel, Dakota Bazor of Perry County, Maggie Smith of Richton, and Chrissi Millwood of Rankin County work together to sort donated items to pack and send off to residents in the Houston, Texas, area over the Labor Day Holiday weekend.

## Historic Deason home receives special projects grant from NSDAR program

The Deason Home in Ellisville recently received a Special Projects Grant from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to complete the exterior restoration of the southern side of the home. Funding for this project was made possible through the sponsorship of the Tallahala Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. NSDAR Special Projects Grants Program provides local community grant funding to support projects exemplifying the organization's mission areas of Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism.

The Deason Home was presented to the Tallahala Chapter NSDAR in 1991 by Welton and Frances Anderson Smith. Since that time, the chapter has worked diligently to restore the home to its original glory. With the interior complete, their efforts have been focused on the exterior for the last few years. The restoration of the southern exposure completes the majority of the work needed on the outside of the home. Windows were reworked, rotten wood replaced and it now sports a bright new coat of white paint. Over the last two years, similar work has been done on the rest of the exterior. The home is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Mississippi Landmark. All work was done under the guidance and approval of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Future projects will include a handicapped access ramp and foundation repairs.

If you would like to visit Jones County's oldest home, private tours can be arranged through the Deason Home website [www.deasonhome.org](http://www.deasonhome.org). The chapter is also making plans for its annual Open House and Reenactment which is scheduled for October 28, 2017.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 177,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit [www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org) or connect with DAR on social media at [facebook.com/TodaysDAR](https://www.facebook.com/TodaysDAR), [twitter.com/TodaysDAR](https://www.twitter.com/TodaysDAR) and [youtube.com/TodaysDAR](https://www.youtube.com/TodaysDAR).



## Laurel School Board partners with MSBA in superintendent search

By Linda Cranford  
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The process of searching for a new Superintendent of Education for the Laurel School District is underway by the Laurel School Board. Wednesday morning, August 30, President Miranda Beard, Vice President Ann Barrow, and Board Attorney Dick Yoder announced that during their Tuesday night meeting, the board unanimously approved to contract with the Mississippi School Boards Association to assist with the search for a new superintendent.

Present Superintendent Dr. Chuck Benigno announced three weeks ago his plans to resign in order to take a position as a member of the faculty at William Carey University in Hattiesburg. His last day in the Laurel School District is set for

December 31.

"We have been proactive, behind the scenes, for the past three weeks," stated Beard. "As of last night, the board did decide to partner in an agreement with the Mississippi School Board Association using their superintendent search services to help us vet and find the best candidate for the Laurel School District. Many people realize and understand that the Mississippi School Board Association has great experience, national ties, great data base, and a Superintendent Academy that they conduct annually. They also have an understanding of a new law that the Mississippi Legislature put into effect July 1. We want to make sure we abide by those laws."

She said that the MSBA's superintendent search services

has a 10-year history of successfully matching the right candidates for a district. The new law pertaining to the hiring of a superintendent was explained by Yoder.

"The Legislature adopted (a law), and it went into effect July 1 of this year, that adds specific requirements as to who can be a superintendent. One of those requirements is that an individual have not less than six years of experience, which includes at least three years of administrative experience as a school building principal. It requires that they have served in a school with an A or B rating or in a school where they have shown advancement of that school from one grade to at least the next higher grade. There is also a saving part for current superintendents and

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# Southern Miss to host annual cheer clinic prior to Oct. 14 football game

The fall tradition continues for Southern Miss Athletics with its hosting of the 2017 cheer clinic that will take place on Oct. 14, prior to that night's 6 p.m. homecoming football game against UTEP. The clinic is open to children ages 4 to eighth grade and will go from 1-3 p.m. inside the Payne Center on campus. The price is \$30 to attend when registering before the Oct. 4 deadline, but just \$40 when purchasing a game ticket as well. If the participant already has a single-game/season ticket, he/she will not have to purchase that particular package. Prices for each of these deals will increase \$5 when purchased after Oct. 4, including when the registration table opens at noon. Cheer clinic perks include the following:

- Pregame clinic with the Southern Miss cheerleaders

- Pregame on-field performance with the cheerleaders (must have a game ticket in order to do so)
- Walk with the cheerleaders for Eagle Walk two hours prior to kickoff
- 2017 Cheer Clinic t-shirt
- Water provided
- Reduced group ticket pricing for family and friends of the participant
- 2017 Southern Miss Cheer poster

For questions or registration, contact Eric Beatty at 601-266-6629, eric.beatty@usm.edu, or mail to Southern Miss Athletics, Attn: Eric Beatty, 118 College Drive #5017, Hattiesburg, MS 39406.



# "Embracing Dyslexia" symposium for educators and parents, Sept. 22

Embracing Dyslexia is the theme of a symposium for educators and parents on September 22 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg. Sponsors include William Carey University, Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Association, and PREPS (Program of Research and Evaluation of Public Schools).

The keynote speaker, Dr. Suzanne Carreker, will present "Best Practices for Classroom Teachers of Reading and Dyslexia Therapists." Carreker is principal educational content lead at Lexia Learning Systems in Concord, Massachusetts. She serves on the board of the International Dyslexia Association and is the author of William Carey University's Dyslexia Therapy Program curriculum, Basic Language Skills. Carreker was the former senior vice president of innovative solutions at Neuhaus Education Center in Houston, Texas. She frequently speaks at national and international conferences and is the author of systematic literacy curricula, journal articles, and textbook chapters on reading and spelling. She is also the co-author of "Multisensory Instruction of Basic Language Skills Activity Book" and a contributing author to "Multisensory Instruction of Basic Language Skills Text Book (Birsh)" and "IDA Best Practices for Teachers of Reading."

### Symposium Schedule

Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and Dr. Carreker will speak from 8 to 10:15 a.m. Session 1 will begin at 10:30, followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. During lunch State Rep. Larry Byrd will speak about Mississippi dyslexia law. There will be two more sessions held after lunch; Session 2 starting at 1 p.m. and Session 3 beginning at 2:15 p.m. Session topics include:

- \*ADHD and Dyslexia
- \*Literacy Instruction for the Classroom Teacher
- \*Interpreting Psycho-educational Evaluations: Is This Child Dyslexic?
- \*Auditory Processing Disorder
- \*An Overview of WCU Dyslexia Therapy Program: A Comprehensive Literacy Approach
- \*Anxiety and Learning Disabilities

### Registration

Registration for the symposium is \$25 (\$10 for WCU students). Checks should be made payable to Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Association and sent to MSDTA, 120 South George Street, Petal MS 39465. For more information, please call (601) 297-2362.

# Over 50 runners compete in Bobcat Hall of Fame 5K run

By Shawn Wansley  
A beautiful, crisp morning greeted over 50 participants in the 11th annual Bobcat Hall of Fame 5K Run here Saturday morning at Bobcat Stadium/Sim Cooley Field.

Jones County Junior College cheerleader Dakota Finerman, a freshman from D'Iberville, was the Male Overall Winner with a time of 20:26.

Brooklyn Brown, a South Jones student, was the Female Overall Winner with a time of 21:41. She was second overall in the race.

Eric Weill of Hattiesburg was the Male Masters Winner with a time of 23:58 and Kathy Byrd was the Female Masters Winner with a time of 27:04.

Phillip Wedgeworth of Laurel was the Male Grand Masters Winner with a time of 24:06 and Melissa Hanberry was the Female Grand Masters Winner with a time of 31:42.

The race benefitted the Jones County Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Jones County FCA Director Scott Pittman welcomed runners to the event and also awarded door prizes, trophies and medals after the race.

Former Jones County Junior College women's basketball coach Sandra Sumrall, who was inducted into the JCJC Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday, delivered the invocation prior to the race. Other Hall of Fame inductees were Bill Barry, Misty M. Moore and Dr. Gene Lasley.

Saturday's run began and ended at the stadium. The race route went through the JCJC campus and downtown Ellisville.

Here are the top finishers from Saturday's 11th annual Bobcat Hall of Fame 5K Run:

- Male Overall Winner**  
Dakota Finerman, 20:26
- Female Overall Winner**  
Brooklyn Brown, 21:41
- Male Masters Winner**  
Eric Weill, 23:58
- Female Masters Winner**  
Kathy Byrd, 27:04
- Male Grand Masters Winner**  
Phillip Wedgeworth, 24:06
- Female Grand Masters Winner**  
Melissa Hanberry, 31:42

**Male, age 13-19**  
1 - Nate Jones, 22:20; 2 - Cody Courtney, 23:42; 3 - Noel



Brooklyn Brown

Monsalve, 24:25  
**Female, age 13-19**  
1 - Mireia Marcos, 24:44; 2- Ariadna Marcos, 24:48; 3 - Abby Bullock, 29:52

**Male, age 20-29**  
1 - Mitar Milosauljevic, 27:40; 2 - Clayton Rush, 27:47  
**Female, age 20-29**  
1 - Didi Ellis, 32:25; 2 - Wendy Coker, 33:22

**Male, age 30-39**  
1 - Brooks Buffington, 25:32; 2 - Daniel Holifield, 28:18; 3. Derrick Conliff, 36:21

**Female, age 30-39**  
1 - Margaret James, 23:12; 2 - Stephanie Conliff, 21:01; 3 - Serina Williamson, 31:07

**Male, age 40-49**  
1 - Harold Jones, 24:49; 2 - Kevin Ray, 29:22; 3 - Scott Hanberry, 31:50

**Female, age 40-49**  
1 - Lora Davis, 28:54; 2 - Sunshine Smith, 30:28; 3 - Serina Williamson, 31:07

**Male, age 50-59**  
1 - Nester Anzola, 26:10; 2 - Jeff Priegnitz, 27:22; 3 - Joe Holifield, 28:55

**Male, age 60 and over**  
1 - Dennis Wargel, 50:59

**Female, age 60 and over**  
1 - Peggy Wedgeworth, 35:49  
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# Bay Springs coming to visit NEJ Tigers Friday

By James Pugh

Week five of high school football season is here. Region play is just around the corner, so each game becomes more important as teams refine their offenses and defenses in preparation for the region games that count the most.

## Bay Springs at NEJ

Injuries continue to be a factor for Northeast Jones. Last Friday night in a loss to South Jones, the Tigers lost running back Keagan Ward to a leg in-

jury that will likely be season ending.

Bay Springs lost to West Jones in Week 4 in the worst imaginable way — a last minute field. Expect the 2A Bulldogs to come out hungry for a win after almost tasting victory against a 5A school last week.

*Prediction: Bay Springs +10*

## Bay High at South Jones

South Jones used both its passing game and running game to beat Northeast Jones 41-14 in Week 4. The Braves

are becoming more and more balanced as the year progresses. This will help them tremendously in Region 3-5A as they look to make the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

But this week South Jones will host Bay High for homecoming on the Reservation. Bay High has yet to win a game this season, and after Friday night's game they will still be in the same boat.

*Prediction: South Jones +21*

Note: Laurel and West Jones

have off weeks in Week 5. Below are some predictions for other games in the area by Zac Chamblee and Kevin Williamson.

## Raleigh at Seminary (2-2):

After giving up just 6 and 0 points in their first two games against Collins and Franklin County — both wins — the Bulldogs have lost their defensive tenacity . . . or maybe it's just that they ran across two very explosive offensive squads in Poplarville and Taylorsville. Seminary gave up 47 and 46 points on back-to-back Friday nights and lost both games. Raleigh has lost three in a row after winning their opener, so this is a matchup of two teams needing a win in a desperate way. Raleigh gets back on the winning track . . . barely.

*Raleigh 21, Seminary 20*

## Morton (2-2) at Collins (2-2):

Their records are the same, but Collins seems to be trending better at the moment. The Tigers lost their first couple of games by a combined five points, before rebounding with impressive wins over Northeast Jones and Magee . . . they won those two games by a combined 72-11 score! Morton has sandwiched a couple of losses to Scott Central and Bay Springs in between wins over Lanier and Raymond. The Panthers' offense really showed out against Raymond last week, lighting up the scoreboard with 40 points in a 40-8 romp. Collins won't give up 40 this week, and the Panthers will have to add another loss to their sandwich.

*Collins 33, Morton 21*

## PCS (4-0) at Lamar (2-3):

The Bobcats continue to impress. Their running game looks unstoppable, while the defense is stopping everybody. The latter has allowed fewer than 10 points in each of their last two games, which is really

astounding considering one of them, ACCS, was coming off a 40-point performance and the other, Simpson Academy, scored 70 points in one game earlier this season.

You know Lamar will be hungry to avenge last season's loss to the Bobcats. That probably won't matter. Much like last season, I'm not inclined to pick against PCS, especially with the roll they're on.

*PCS 41, Lamar 17*

## Sumrall (3-1) at Richton (1-3):

Don't look now, but Sumrall is rolling. After opening the season with a loss to South Jones, the Bobcats have rattled off three straight wins. The offense is looking better each passing week, which is bad news for Richton. The Rebels have struggled mightily on the defensive side, giving up at least 41 points in each of their three losses. Richton gave up 51 to the Bobcats in 2015. Expect to see something similar come Friday night.

*Sumrall 45, Richton 27*

## Weekend Forecast: Football & Fun

Here we are at week five of the Mississippi high school football season, so it's time for our Weekend Forecast: Football & Fun. Each week in this column, Buzz Jack, Brian Jack, James Pugh and a guest picker will make their selections of which teams they think will be victorious the following Friday night. The guest picker for this week is Kevin Williamson. Be sure to enjoy other sports stories and videos at [www.Sports601.com](http://www.Sports601.com).

Here are the picks for the slate of games set for this weekend of games:

\*Game 1 (Bay Springs at NEJ): Brian — Bay Springs; Buzz — Bay Springs; James — Bay Springs; Kevin — Bay Springs.

\*Game 2 (Bay High at South Jones): Brian — South Jones; Buzz — South Jones; James — South Jones; Kevin — South Jones.

\*Game 3 (Wayne Academy at Sylva Bay): Brian — Sylva Bay; Buzz — Wayne Academy; James — Sylva Bay; Kevin — Sylva Bay.

\*Game 4 (Poplarville at Heidelberg): Brian — Poplarville; Buzz — Poplarville; James — Poplarville; Kevin — Poplarville.

\*Game 5 (JCJC at Coahoma): Brian — JCJC; Buzz — JCJC; James — JCJC; Kevin — JCJC.

\*Game 6 (LSU at Miss. St.): Brian — MSU; Buzz — LSU; James — LSU; Kevin — LSU.

\*Game 7 (Ole Miss at Cal): Brian — Ole Miss; Buzz — Ole Miss; James — Ole Miss; Kevin — Ole Miss.

\*Game 8 (USM at ULM): Brian — USM; Buzz — USM; James — USM; Kevin — USM.

\*Game 9 (Colorado St. at Alabama): Brian — Bama; Buzz — Bama; James — Bama; Kevin — Bama.

\*Game 10 (Clemson at Louisville): Brian — Clemson; Buzz — Louisville; James — Clemson; Kevin — Clemson.

\*Game 11 (Tennessee at Florida): Brian — UT; Buzz — UT; James — UT; Kevin — Florida.

\*Game 12 (Kentucky at South Carolina): Brian — South Carolina; Buzz — South Carolina; James — South Carolina; Kevin — South Carolina.

\*Game 13 (Miami at Florida St.): Brian — FSU; Buzz — Miami; James — Miami; Kevin — Miami.

\*Game 14 (Kansas St. at Vanderbilt): Brian — Kansas St.; Buzz — Vandy; James — Kansas St.; Kevin — Vanderbilt.

\*Game 15 (Purdue at Missouri): Brian — Missouri; Buzz — Missouri; James — Missouri; Kevin — Purdue.

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assistant superintendents that have already been serving for six years. All of them are eligible to apply."

"As everyone in the public knows, we conducted, with the help of our legal counsel, Mr. Yoder, a successful superintendent search eight years ago," stated Burrows. "We are blessed to have had Dr. Benigno leading us all these years." Burrows added that they are taking some of the methods, ideas, and successes of their search for Benigno and applying it to this search. She feels strongly that with their partnership with the MSBA they will again be successful again in locating a new superintendent.

"This is a nationwide search," said Beard. "It is not

just in Mississippi that we are looking for candidates. We are opening it up nationwide to find the best superintendent for our district to move our students to another level of academic success and achievement. We are one board, one voice, looking for the same thing. That same thing is looking for the best superintendent we can possibly find to do what is right and best for the children of this district."

The board's next step is to establish the requirements they will be seeking in a candidate and prepare an appropriate application.

Yoder will be serving as the liaison between the Laurel School Board and the MSBA during the process.



L-R, Dick Yoder - Board Attorney, Miranda Beard - President, and Ann Barrow - Vice President.



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# Better watch out for these Tornadoes

By Kevin Williamson

Over the past three years, the Laurel Tornadoes have compiled a 36-8 mark on the gridiron and have made winning region titles and trips deep into the postseason a common trek. The Tornadoes even outdueled Oxford in 2014 to win their third state title, and they made it back to the title game a year ago. Many of the young men who helped propel Laurel to the Promise Land of Football have finished their high school careers; in fact, quite a few of them are now exercising their talents on Saturdays at the college level.

So, with the absence of those difference-makers and the current dependence on quite a few young or inexperienced guys at wide receiver and in the backfield, Laurel fans likely would understand if the Tornadoes performed at a slightly lower level in 2017. But that's not what LHS head coach Todd Breland and his staff understand or accept. The Tornadoes coaching crew is pushing this group of young men to excel just as their predecessors have. "We have a great coaching staff here that just coaches their hearts out, and they deserve a lot of credit," Breland stated Friday night after his Tornadoes had just downed powerful Petal, 25-23.

Laurel opened the season with a convincing victory over Callaway, 24-12, before dropping a 20-14 decision to a strong Hattiesburg squad and then getting shellacked by 6A giant Oak Grove, 42-12. After that outing against the Warriors, it might have been tempting for this group of Tornadoes to start folding their tents and look ahead to 2018. But that's not the culture Breland and his staff have built at LHS. This team regrouped on Monday, went back to work and came out Friday night expecting to do what

they do . . . win! And don't forget this: their expectation to win Friday night would have to be proven against a Panthers' team that a week earlier had crushed Brother Martin High School, a 5A team from Louisiana. Mississippi high school coaching legend Marcus Boyles paces the Petal sideline, so no Laurel coach or player expected it to be easy Friday, and it wasn't.

"A lot of the things I do on the sidelines I learned from him (Boyles) working at Wayne County," Breland noted. "I think the

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world of him. No doubt in my mind that he's the best coach in Mississippi."

Boyles' team scrapped and fought and did everything they needed to do to win. On most nights with the effort the Panthers displayed, Petal would have won. But something special was brewing in the cool air on this September Friday night between The Bricks. The brewing process couldn't take long though, as the Tornadoes found themselves trailing with less than 60 seconds showing until the final buzzer. The Panthers had just marched 80 yards in five plays to take a 23-22 lead. That drive included a 72-yard toss-and-run from Jordan Wilson to Natorian Watts that moved the ball from the Petal 20 to the Tornadoes 8 on a second-and-10 play. Three plays later Natorian Watts ran up the middle

for the score. Those Watts brothers (Natorian and Nataurean) are a pretty good show all by themselves.

The Tornadoes took over on their own 35 with just 53 ticks left in this Friday night slobber-knocker. No doubt the Laurel coaching staff was already thinking about how to explain to their young men how well they had played . . . in a loss. But these Laurel youngsters have been taught well — they believe it's not over till it's over! Quarterback Sinclair Ulmer, who did a superb job playing in the stead of starter Xavier Evans, promptly found Jontarius Henderson streaking through the Petal defense, and Henderson didn't stop until he arrived at the Panthers' 12. When he parked, there were 43 ticks left on the game clock. Laurel fans were hooting and hollering, but Laurel was unable to cross the goal-line with two incomplete passes and a short run. Breland then drained the game clock down to three seconds before calling time-out and sending Juan Lechuga to the field for a chance to be a hero. Lechuga didn't disappoint. He calmly split the up-rights from 26 yards to give Laurel a dramatic, come-from-behind win, 25-23.

"A great football game against a great team, both well coached, so I guess that's the way they're supposed to go down," said Breland after the game. "I'm glad we're on this side of it. We practice those two-minute drills every day in practice, and it worked out. We threw the last punch tonight."

After watching the Tornadoes' resiliency Friday night, I think those in attendance witnessed some maturation for a group of football players. The 5A region better get ready, because Friday's win over Petal won't be the last punch Laurel High School throws in 2017.



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Laurel's Jeremy Coleman (46) pressures Petal QB Jordan Wilson. Photo/Kevin Williamson



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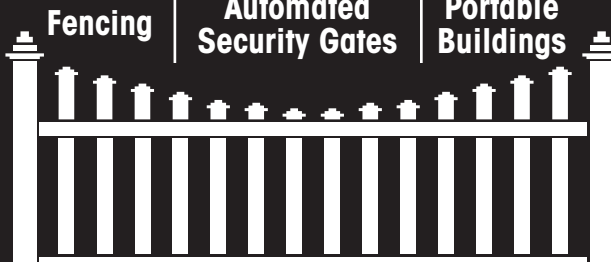
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### Winners of Laurel Housing Authority poster contest



The Laurel Housing Authority held its 3rd Poster Contest August 19, 2017 – “What Home Means To Me” for all residents of the Housing Authority for ages K-12th Grade residing in Beacon Homes, Triangle Homes, Brown Circle Homes and Windsor Court Homes. This contest is a component of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). Each candidate submitted a short essay of “What Home Means To Me”. One Poster was selected 1st place on behalf of the Housing Authority and was forwarded to the Mississippi Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (MAHRO)-for further judging competition. Ganaysia Dean was 1st place winner on behalf of the Laurel Housing Authority. Ganaysia Dean is an 8th grader at Laurel Middle School and a member of the BETA Team. In picture from left to right Audrianna Cooley, Daniyah Haynes and Winner – Ganaysia Dean. Not pictured Jumeka Arrington. All participants received a prize on behalf of the Authority. *Photo/submitted*

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# TEC accepting essays for D. L. Fail Memorial Scholarship

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The winning submission will receive \$3,000, and the 2nd place submission will receive \$2,000. Both scholarships can be used to pay tuition and related expenses at any college or university of the student's choice. Essays from eligible students will be judged by a panel of scholarship committee members. The essay topic is "The Moment My Life Changed Forever." Every high school student 18 years of age or younger, who is a TEC customer in the Bay Springs service area interested in continuing his or her education, is eligible for the scholarship. The Bay Springs service area customers are defined as those persons who have an active account and can be serviced by TEC. This includes customers who have any or all of the following services provided by TEC: High Speed Internet, TEC Security, phone, cable and long distance. The scholarship monies may be used for tuition at any four-year or two-year college or university of the student's choice, whether it is an in-state, out-of-state, public, or private institution.

"The scholarship's purpose is to encourage young citizens to pursue higher education, establish life goals, and use their success to serve their community. We also hope to make young adults more aware of the positive attributes of their communities and the benefits of returning to their hometowns after college. We are grateful for our customers and are honored to have the opportunity to give back to the communities we serve. Sponsoring the D. L. Fail Scholarship is just one way we say thank you," said Teresa Odom, accounting manager at TEC.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger at the time the scholarship is awarded. The postmark deadline to submit essays is Monday, October 23, 2017. Winners will be contacted by December 8. Students may pick up information at their high school counselor's office or call TEC for more information at 601-764-2121 or 800-898-2782.



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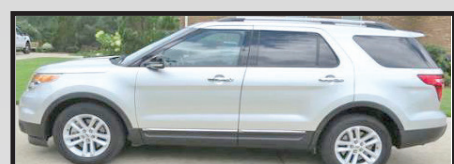
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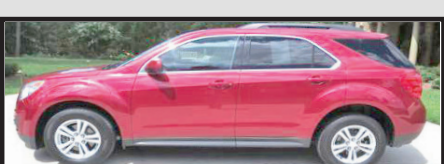
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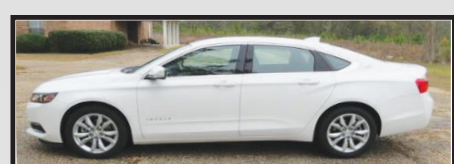
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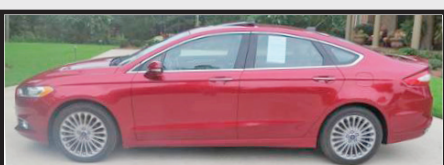
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