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Ovett Fall Festival 2017

By Linda Cranford lindaimpact@gmail.com

A pie baking contest, cake walk, bingo, country store, and all kinds of fun games for the kiddies was seen at the annual Ovett Fall Festival Saturday evening, September 30. The event is hosted by the Order of the Eastern Star Ovett Chapter

#177 and is an annual fundraising event for the chapter.

The judges for the pie baking contest included Ellisville Mayor Lynn Buckhaults and two East Jones Elementary School teachers, Sherri Bryant and Jessica Smith. After sampling a total of 17 pies, (three pies in the Chocolate Pie category, three pies in the Pecan Pie category, and 11 pies in the Fruit Pie category) the judges agreed on two winners in each category and one overall winner. Brittany Mitchell's Butterfinger pie was chosen as the first place winner in the Chocolate Pie category as well as the Overall Winner. The second place winner in the Chocolate Pie category was Beth Anderson. In the Pecan Pie category, first place went to Jerry Pippen and second place to Kammy White. In the Fruit Pie category, the first place winner was Gwen Mitchell, and the second place winner was Cynthia Shows.

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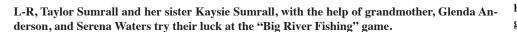






At the Duck Pond, four-year old Skylar Kuchinski picks a

duck for a prize. Photos/Linda Cranford





On the lawn in the background, kids of all ages were trying their luck at winning a prize at several games while others were waiting for more people to join in at the Cake Walk on the street.



Kyia Gandy holds up the purple Halloween cupcakes she baked as a prize for the cake walk. Standing in the background is Ovett Chapter #177 member Brittany Mitchell.

Leaders continue to gain momentum in JCJC's **Bobcat Math League**

By Teresa McCreery

Despite the fact most of the 16-teams in the Jones County Junior College Bobcat Math League had to basically rebuild this season, the perennial leaders are gaining momentum and winning matches in a big way. The top teams in each division are dominating their opponents in an effort to secure a spot in the post-season. The only major changes in the second week of competition are the new faces among Most Outstanding Players. Sacred Heart's Ben Dunn and Peter Liang of Oak Grove have tied for the top spot with a 65 percent average accuracy, and the next seven mathletes have tied with a 60 percent average accuracy rate.

All four division leaders, which include Sacred Heart-Galileo Division, Presbyterian Christian-Gates Division, West Jones-Archimedes Division, and Oak Grove-Pythagoras Division, keep their top positions with each serving up huge wins. The Crusaders of Sacred Heart are the overall top scorers in the BML. The teams' crushing 86-to-37 victory over the Wayne County War Eagles allows the Crusaders to remain as top contenders in the BML. The Collins Tigers could not stop the Northeast Jones Tigers from a bruising their pride with a heartbreaking home loss. Collins lost the catfight, 13 to

Presbyterian Christian showed no mercy on the Heidelberg Oilers, crushing them by almost 50 points with a 64 to 17 pounding. With the Wayne Academy Jaguars winning its match with the Laurel Tornadoes, 31 to 26, the Jaguars move up to second place in the Gates Division. Quitman's Panthers are in third place in

the division with Perry Central's loss to West Jones. The Mustangs managed to outwit the Perry Central Bulldogs, defeating them, 61 to 16.

The Oak Grove Warriors slaughtered the Sylva Bay Saints in a 66 to 17 thrashing. South Jones won its first match of the season on the Reservation against the Raleigh Lions in a close contest, a 37 to 31 battle. However, because Raleigh earned more points in their matches overall, the Lions will remain in second place in the division with 77 points over South Jones'

This week, as the League begins crossdivisional competition, we will see the two top division teams clash. Presbyterian Christian will be hosting Sacred Heart, and West Jones will have to fight off the Lions of Raleigh, who are coming off of a tough loss to South Jones. Wayne County teams will be facing off, while the Jones County teams of Laurel and Northeast Jones will be meeting to decide division standings. South Jones will be hosting the Bulldogs of Perry Central, who are looking for their first win of the season, and Collins will be hosting Heidelberg in an evenly matched contest with both teams in the hunt for points to climb up the division ranks.

Results are posted on the JCJC Bobcat Math League webpage under "Division Standings/Schedules at: www.jcjc. edu/bobcatmathleague/ and on the Bobcat Math League Facebook page: Bobcat Math League - Facebook. For more information about the Bobcat Math League contact Dr. Jessica Bunch (JCJC Bobcat Math League Commissioner) at 601-477-5422 or email at jessica.bunch@jcjc.edu.



Pie Baking Contest overall winner Brittany Mitchell, back, is pictured with contest judges L-R, Sherri Bryant, Mayor Lynn Buckhaults, and Jessica Smith. Photos/Linda Cranford



Cooking up the burgers is L-R Kennedy Brooks, Ricky Mitchell, and Howard Graham.

Area students named to William Carey summer honor lists

William Carey University has announced the President's and Dean's List Scholars for the summer 2017 trimester. President's List Scholars have a perfect 4.0 grade point average and Dean's List Scholars must have at least a 3.5 grade point average. Students from the IMPACT area earning recognition are:

Bay Springs - Dean's List: Raffinee Sade Page

Buckatunna - President's List: Christina Shauneice West

Collins - Dean's List: Heather Nichole Sanford

Ellisville - President's List: Haley Renee Biglane. Dean's List: Earica Faye Young Hart-

Hattiesburg - President's List: Carrie Jo Aultman, Jennette Barnes, Benjamin Edison Brockway, Teri Ann Brown, Regan Elizabeth Davis, Taylor Bennett Dowdy, Alexa Kaitlyn Fisher, Caitlin Nicole Forrest, Kaitlyn Freeman, Meghan Marie Gagliano, Shulanda Batina Gray, Connor Michael Mc-Williams, Stacey Michelle Michaels, Maggie Mills, Eric Orlando Moore, Quinia Monet Morgan, Phuong Thao Thi Nguyen, Samuel Nohea Richard, Melissia Michelle Rouse, Virginia Lee Secrest, Chelsea Anne Sullivan, Erin Tanelle Sumrall, Maurice Guy Thornton, Jennifer Chinwendu Ugwu-Dike. Shannon Sherell Wallace, Kristian Aleese Wilson. Dean's List: Veronica Davis Edmonson, Tyjah Shantise Ezell, Grady Madison Kuykendall, John William Lindsey, Abbie McMahon, Allison Adreanna Nelson, Peter Addison Rupert, Sarah Betsy Saidman, Debbie Ann Shel-

Laurel - President's List: Wyndolyn Shea Ladner, Jamisha Nashea Oliver, Alexander Heath Pippen. Dean's

List: John Reynolds Clark

Moselle - President's List: Abbey Caroline Johnson, Ashtyne Leal Reid Singletary. Dean's List: Ryan Kelly Schrader

Mount Olive - President's List: Aubreanna Chante Moffett

Ovett - President's List: Allyson Leigh Walker. Dean's List: Rita Diann West

Petal - President's List: Rebecca Jayne Burge, Shanna Kay Green, Ashlee Rechelle Smith, Allyson Kathleen Trussell, Eskaletha Wood. Dean's List: Amy LeAnn Hamm, Katilyn Nicole Jones, Rebecca Ann Mullis, Malorie Michelle Townsend

Purvis - President's List: Katelyn Lenise Courtney, Kyle Wesley Dykes, Toni Christina Harper, Madison Katie Mault, Judy Melinda Sanderson. Dean's List: Andrew Warren Hladun, Amelia Lee Landers, Sheena Michelle Rancifer

Richton - President's List: Armendia Allison Cochran, Kalon Michelle Hillman, Darion Lananne Matthews

Seminary - President's List: DeAnna Lynne Ellis. Dean's List: Leah Noelle Graves, Sara Cerise Anderson Smith

Sumrall - President's List: Lisa Montia Brock, Dean's List: Garrett Alan Clement, Amber Danielle Long, Mark Laverne Monton

Taylorsville - President's List: Ashleigh Marie Blakeney. Dean's List: Kandace Marie Balthazor, Shalanda Renee Barnes, Jeannene Pearson Musgrove

Vossburg - Dean's List: Courtney Lasha Darby

Waynesboro - Dean's List: Savannah Leeann Sharkey

Millry, AL - Dean's List: Kara Ann Dyess Dearman



Northeast Jones junior Lane Chancellor was recently named NEJ's Sertoma Student of the Month for September. He is the son of Carol Smith of the Strengthford community and Greg Chancellor of Laurel. Lane selected NEJ Economics and World History Instructor Charles Burks to accompany him to the luncheon! Photo/submitted



The JCJC 2017 Homecoming Court is pictured standing, left to right by the bronze Bobcat in the pedestrian plaza, Queen, August Parker of Laurel; Sophomore Maid, Chelsea Newell of Laurel; Freshman Maid, Lakelyn Bohannon of Hattiesburg; Student Body Maid, Kaylee McLaurin of Laurel; Laken Freeman of Clara and Freshman Maid, Haley Smith of Ellisville. Photo/Teresa McCreery

Kneeling? Should the NFL even be playing on Sunday?

By Kevin Williamson

Sometimes it's startling what we focus on. Two huge hurricanes have ripped through parts of our country, the economy continues to sputter along, ques-

tax reform is looming on the Congressional agenda, and a rogue nation (North Korea) is staunchly defending its right to develop devastating nucle-

tions about our

healthcare sys-

tem still linger,

ar weapons . . . to fire at us! But perhaps the most riveting story, among all the headlines, is the national divide developing over professional football players kneeling or standing for the national anthem. It's reached such a fervor that the president of the United States, right or wrong, has jumped right in the middle of the fray.

Why is President Trump doing that? Is it to deflect attention from other national issues, or is it because he recognizes how much this matters to many Americans? I'm not sure, but for whatever reason, attendance at and viewership of National Football League games last season dropped considerably. This season that trend has continued for the most part, with an exception here and there. Some restaurants have guit airing NFL games, and select businesses have begun pulling ad dollars. It matters enough to some to influence where they dispense their dollars.

Pro, college and high school football has een a great enjoyment of mine for a long time. Growing up I was a Pittsburgh Steelers fan. That was back in the day when Terry Bradshaw, Lynn Swann, Franco Harris, Rocky Bleir, John Stallworth, Mean Joe Green and Jack Lambert roamed through Three Rivers Stadium. Those teams won several Super Bowls, so it was hard for a little fellow to not pull for the Black & Gold. My friends and I at Sharon Elementary enjoyed lots of football during recess when we were kids, and some of the only unfriendly discourses I had with a friend or two back then was about my Steelers and their Dallas Cowboys. We could agree to just about anything else, but not about Pittsburgh and Dallas . . . it was that important to young fans!

It's still important to millions of Americans; in

fact, it's so important that many of those Americans will skip Sunday church to attend the game of their favorite team or to watch the game on TV. And, get this: many of us church-attendees talk more about the Saturday college game or the upcoming Sunday afternoon NFL game than we do about God . . . while we are at church! And that gives some insight into the real issue. I have an opinion on whether one should be allowed to kneel or not when the national anthem is played, but kneeling or standing or lying prostrate during the anthem is not the most important issue in this national discussion. The question we should all be asking ourselves is this: "Why are we even playing games on Sunday?"

Well, you counter, if the NFL didn't play on Sunday, they would play on another day and the issue of kneeling or standing would still confront us. Maybe. Maybe not. But if the hearts and minds of most Americans were God-oriented (meaning God first in all the affairs of our lives), not pleasure-oriented, then almost certainly our thinking about this national anthem topic would be different; in fact, our thinking about everything would be different.

Do you know what the Bible says about going to church? Check out this passage from Hebrews: "Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

According to the Bible, believers should meet together - that weekly meeting day in this country typically has been the first day of the week for a very long time . . . long before the NFL was invented. And what does that phrase "all the more as you see the Day approaching" mean? We don't have time to expound on that now, but discovering the answer to that question is a good reason for you to go to church. The answer just might be important to you.

Now, don't mistake my stance here as one geared to outlaw football or any other sport or hobby. It's not. I still enjoy watching sports, and it's great that kids get to participate in sports as they grow up. But first things first. If we, individually and as a nation, will bow our hearts and actions to the Heavenly Father and submit to the guidance of His Word found on the pages of our Bibles, then our perspective about all things personal, professional, pleasurable and even patriotic will be viewed through a correct lens. To kneel or not to kneel before God is the question each of us should answer first.

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Laurel Christian School preschool students hosted emergency responders from EMServ recently. The students want all of the area's emergency responders to know that they really appreciate them. Photo/submitted.

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October 5

The Jones County Alcorn Alumni Chapter will meet Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pendorf Community Center. I am encouraging all Alcornites to please attend. For further information, call Ann Martin at 601-729-2334.

October 6

You are cordially invited to the 11th year singing anniversary for Renewed Spirit beginning on Friday, October 6 thru Saturday, October 7 at Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God in Christ. Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sherry Bridges at 601-935-0518.

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. The event is for 21 years of age or older.

Collins High School Class of 1987, 30 Year Reunion—2.0. Collins High School Class of 1987 is planning to meet at CHS Homecoming Tailgating event on Friday, October 6. We're making plans to have many events that entire day, Please RSVP by October 1 to, Facebook only: Jaylyn Miller McDonald or by text message only to: LeShun Jones Wilson at: 601-408-0556 or Shelia Beasley Barnes at 601-466-1279.

October 7

Descendants of James & Cornelius (McDaniel) Cook will hold their annual reunion at Archusa Lake, Quitman, on October 7 at pavilion #3. Please food and enjoy a day of fellow-

A benefit auction for Michael Courtney will be held on Saturday, October 7 at Triple C Auction, 202 Pumping Station Road in Petal. \$8 chicken plates will start being sold at 11:00 a.m. An auction with all sorts of items & cakes for sale will begin at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to donate any items for auction, please call Timmy Stephens at 601-588-0014; Laurel area may call 601-422-8259 & leave a message.

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.

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 question call 601-456-0599.

This is the time to get your Hunter Education certification before hunting season starts. It is offered locally free of charge through classes offered jointly with MDWFP and Wayne County 4-H. Classes scheduled for this fall are Saturday, October 7, and Saturday, November 11. These classes are held at the Wayne County Extension Office from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. You must go online to mdwfp. com to register for Hunter Education classes.

You can call the Mississippi State University-Extension Service Wayne County Office for more information 601-735-

October 8

Mt. Olive MB Church will celcome and bring your favorite First Lady Elnora Buxton's 7th year anniversary on Sunday, October 8 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Spencer Richardson will be the guest speaker for this occasion.

Oak Grove Baptist Church invites you to come and worship with us Sunday, October 8 thru Thursday, October 12 in our annual fall revival. Sunday service will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the nightly service at 7:00 p.m. There will be a different guest speaker each night.

October 9

Providence MB Church invites you to our annual fall revival starting Monday, October 9 through Thursday, October 12 at nightly. Rev. Percy Moore of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Soso, will be the revivalist.

Rev. Terry Moffett Sr., pastor of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church of Lake Como, Bay Springs, and its membership invite your church to their fall revival October 9-10. The evangelist will be Rev. Marvin Chapman, pastor of Old Palestine, Taylorsville. Service begins each night at 7:00. Everyone is invited to come and worship.

October 10

Laurel Community blood drive will be Tuesday, October 10 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cameron Center, 711 North 10th Avenue. Donors will be entered to win a 55-inch 4 K Ultra HD Roku Smart LED TV. Donors will also receive a free movie ticket through bonus points in the online rewards store! The rewards store can be accessed at www.bloodhero.com. Those who wish to donate may call 877-UBS-HERO (877-827-4376) or visit www. bloodhero.com to make an appointment to give.

October 13

Wayne County High School will be hosting Senior Night and Pink Out Night when the War Eagles host top-ranked Hattiesburg on Friday, October 13 at War Eagle Stadium. Senior Night will begin at 6:25 p.m. A Breast Cancer Survivors Celebration will be held before the game from 5:00-6:30 in the Star Academy building. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Breast cancer survivors will be recognized on the field about 6:40. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

October 14

Sandra Hancock Ministries is hosting a Voice of Hope Conference October 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at "The Gathering Place," 3227 Audubon Dr. in Laurel. God has given Sandra a word just for you! Bring your friends and come expecting your miracle! There are no admission costs! For

more information, call 1-800-579-7350 or see our webpage at www.sandrahancock.org

William Chapel Church Family cordially invites you to their 9th Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m. The speaker for the event will be Pastor Cynthia Cross, Hattiesburg District superintendent.

There will be a community health fair and blood drive at the City Hall in Bay Springs on October 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have various vendors there to discuss services that they provide to the community. Flu shots will also be available that day. This event is sponsored by Salem Baptist Church, Paulding. For more information contact Gloria Alridge at (601) 498-4454 or Melissa Thompson at (601)670-

October 21

Pine Belt Lions Club Leader dog walk/run will be held on October 21 at Longleaf Trace (Jackson Road Station) pavilion next to the Dog Park. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 8:00 a.m. The 1-mile fun walk is \$25, 5K run \$35. Pre-register by calling Wayne Hardy at 601-268-6822. You can also register day of walk/run (Credit card use available day of walk/run).

October 27

The Wayne County High School Homecoming game is set for Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m. when the War Eagles host West Harrison. The Homecoming parade will be held on Thursday, October 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a pep rally at the school on Friday, October 27. The Homecoming festivities will begin Friday night at 6:20 p.m. at the football field. The Wayne County Band is also hosting the second annual War Eagle band reunion as former students will be able to perform at halftime. Also, this year all former dance team members will perform at halftime. All former classes will be able to tailgate in the area next to the tennis courts. Each class may bring grills, food and soft drinks into the area. Tailgating will be 4-7 p.m. Former classes may park in the Old Gym parking lot, or they may purchase a \$5 parking pass in advance to park in front of the stadium.

October 28

Ellisville First Assembly of God's 11th Annual Car Show will be held on October 28. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The awards ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. For more information please contact Keven Hunnell at 601-319-3634 or email kevin.hunnell@gmail.com.

November 18

Stringer Alpaca Festival will be held on November 18 from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. at 383 County Road 155, Stringer. Admission is free. Pet the animals, fiber demonstrations, bounce houses, vendors, food and more.

Te Invito A Mi Iglesia to Iglesia El Faro, 544 East Street, Laurel, MS. Servicios, Sabados: 6:00 p.m., Domingos: 10:00 a.m. Pastores Rafael Y Cecilia Anderson. 601-335-1453.

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

Laurel First United Methodist Church offers "Umbrellas on the Green"

There is not a park with green space in the downtown "city center" of Laurel for people to enjoy God's creation.

During the month of October, the Laurel First United Methodist Church is offering an opportunity for local residents and employees of local businesses, the city government and the county government to enjoy Umbrellas on the Green.

Umbrellas on the Green is an outreach program that will give people the opportunity to join together on the front lawn of the church in front of the bell tower.

"Laurel First United Methodist Church is offering a space for you to come during your lunch hour to join with others to enjoy the outdoors, to visit, to feel God's presence in nature," stated Mark Anderson, minister at Laurel First United Methodist Church. "You may choose to come before work, after work, or any time to enjoy the Umbrellas on the Green. You can even pick your favorite color umbrella!!"

The church is across from the Jones County Court House.





Reconnect Therapy & Wellness, located at the main entrance to the Sawmill Square Mall in Laurel, joined thousands across the country Wednesday, September 27, in promoting National Women's Health & Fitness Day. To honor the day Reconnect Therapy & Wellness offered free Fitness Assessments to women of all ages including height and weight measurements, resting heart rate, blood pressure test, body composition, muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, and joint stability test. Photo/Linda Cranford

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Jones County Chamber hosts symposium to introduce SCORE

By Linda Cranford lindaimpact@gmail.com

Entrepreneurs and community leaders in Jones County gathered at the Whitehead Advanced Technology Center in Ellisville for a Symposium introducing SCORE of Mississippi to the business community.

Alicia Walker, Chamber of Commerce chair, introduced Jennifer Griffith, Jones County Junior College assistant vice president of Instructional Affairs for Workforce College, who

"We want to help you impact your community right here in Jones County."

Sherrod provided a handout with a number of thought-provoking questions aimed toward basic business ideas. The first question is, "Why do I own, or want to own, my own business?" The second question asks, "What is my exit plan." These two questions alone, for some, may take a lot of thought and cannot be answered quickly.

The final speaker of the evening, Marlin

Williams, was introduced by Lydia Walters, Chamber vice chair and Dixie Electric Power Association communication and human resource manager. Williams and Walters became friends after having met through the Power Association industry. Williams works with Northeast Electric Power Association and talks to people all over the United States about communicating with one another in a positive manner.

"Marlin has a belief that there is too much negativity in the world, and we need to build up each other both in business Lydia Walter, left, vice chair, and Alicia Walker, right, chair.

"Marlin has a belief that there is too much negativity in the world, and we need to build up each other both in business and in our family," said Walters.

Williams gave an entertaining

presentation on working together in the community and in business. In talking about "The Puzzling Geese," Williams pointed out how the geese work together to fly South each year by using a "V" formation and taking turns flying as the lead goose.

"With the goose lesson, we learn that we need to take care of all the geese in our gaggle, which is everybody in our community. Let's all work together to be the best community," said Williams. "We cannot forget empathy for one another."

With "It's All a Puzzle," Williams told a story of his twin girls working on a Winnie-the-Pooh puzzle and how one twin got very upset



Lydia Walter, left, vice chair, and Alicia Walker, right, chair.

spoke about the many things that are offered present

at the Tech Center through the Workforce College.

Michael Harris, associate manager with the Entrepreneur Center at Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), spoke briefly and described SCORE saying, "SCORE is a business, education, and training program affiliated with the Small Business Administration (SBA). It's been around since 1964. Up until a couple of years ago we had a very little presence in Mississippi." Harris said since that time, partly due to his own efforts but, mostly due to the efforts of the state director at the time, Mary Harris, that there are now around 100

around the state. He introduced two of those volunteers as speakers for the evening: Lynda Molaison of Hattiesburg and Doug Sherrod of Ellisville.

volunteers in several chapters

Harris said the purpose of the evening was to introduce SCORE to the community in hopes that additional people in the area would see the need and have a heart for the community so that they would be willing to volunteer and go through the SCORE training program to be able to help other business owners in the community.

"SCORE has tons of resources," said Molaison, who said her

expertise was in financial matters. "We work with clients and can help in doing the research they need."

She said SCORE offers workshops and webinars that will help in developing a business plan, marketing and financial matters.

Sherrod said SCORE has a network of volunteer mentors from across 62 different industries. They can offer counseling either in person or electronically. He said they provide helpful resource opportunities for all stages of business.

"SCORE is about community," said Sherrod.



symmunity. SCORE speakers included L-R, Lynda Molaison, Michael Harris, "SCORE has tons of resourc- and Doug Sherrod. Photos/Linda Cranford

when she realized something was wrong with Pooh. "Part of his ear was missing," said Williams. He explained that they had mixed that one piece of the puzzle that completed Pooh's ear with the Hello Kitty puzzle pieces. "Fifty pieces to that one puzzle, yet forty-nine was not enough," said Williams. He went on to talk about the "Community Puzzle" saying, "You're all a piece of the puzzle."

As a courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce, a free workshop was offered by SCORE the following evening for anyone attending the symposium.





Artistically gifted 6th graders from Laurel Middle School visited Anderson Square as part of their tour of the North Laurel Shopping Center. Their teacher is Stephani Joiner. The theme was "Tour of Main Street." Photo/submitted

Local students earn degrees from William Carey University

William Carey University awarded degrees to 393 students during August Commencement. To receive graduation distinctions, a student must earn grades on at least 60 hours from the university. Those who have earned 3.6 grade point average graduate cum laude, 3.8 grade point average graduate magna cum laude, and students who have earned a 3.9 grade point average, with no grade below B, graduate summa cum laude. Mississippi students earning degrees include:

Bay Springs - Stacy Kirby, Master of Education; Raffinee Page, Bachelor of Science

Collins - James Cole, Master of Education; D'Angela McInnis, Bachelor of Science; Pheneisha Winford, Bachelor of Science

Ellisville - Khadejah Buxton, Bachelor of Science; Tiffany Culpepper, Specialist in Education; Kendra Flowers, Bachelor of Science; Kellie Jefcoat, Master of Education; Emily Poole, Master of Education; Kourtney Wade, Bachelor of Science

Heidelberg - Tammy Windham, Master of Education

Laurel - Hope Brooks, Master of Education; Angela Brown, Specialist in Education; Amber Cochran, Specialist in Education; Alyson Davis, Bachelor of Science in Business; Mallory Giovengo, Bachelor of Science; Emily Harvell, Bachelor of Science, summa cum laude; Rachel Hinton, Bachelor of Fine Arts; Kourtney Hollingsworth, Doctor of Philosophy; Russell Jones, Master of Education; Linda Kelly, Bachelor of Science; Stephanie McDonald, Specialist in Education; Demetris Ramsey, Bachelor of Science; K'La Robine, Bachelor of Science, cum laude; Julie Shows, Master of Science; Kari Stewart, Master of Education; Anna Sullivan, Master of Education; Shakenya Townsend, Bachelor of Science; Janie Williams, Specialist in Education; LeighAnna Zugg, Bachelor of Science

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State Line - Tonetta McBride, Bachelor of Science; Tammie Washington, Master of Science
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Sylva Bay sophomore powers through diabetes

By James Pugh

In addition to wearing a jersey embroidered with the number 66 on Friday nights, Campbell Graves wears an Insulin pump clipped to his left

Diagnosed with childhood diabetes - a chronic condition in which the pancreas produces little to no insult – the Svlva Bay sophomore defensive end pushes his obstacle to the back of his mind and pours his heart into a game he loves.

"It's not that big of a deal [for me]," said Graves. "People sometimes see it as a big deal, but I try to act like I'm a normal kid like everyone else. I just do my thing."

Like last Friday night against Clinton Christian Academy.

Facing a possible sixth straight loss on the season early in the fourth quarter, Graves found an opening in the opposing offensive line, raised his hand and blocked a Warriors' punt near midfield. Teammate Logan Blackwell scooped up the blocked punt and returned it to Clinton Christian's 13-yard

"It was huge, and we didn't even have a block on," noted SBA head coach Terry Underwood. "His job was to box, but he individually saw that he could get there and did. It was a huge play in the game."

The play led to Sylva Bay's

game-winning touchdown and first win of the year.

"Me and our other defensive end [Logan Blackwell] got close on a previous punt," added the sophomore. "I told him this time I was going to get it. He told me to go do it, so I

He also recorded three tackles for a loss in Sylva Bay's 12-7

"We had a good week of practice, and we were confident that we could pull out a win," Graves added. "It's been a long time since we've pulled one out, so were ready to go to work and get a win."

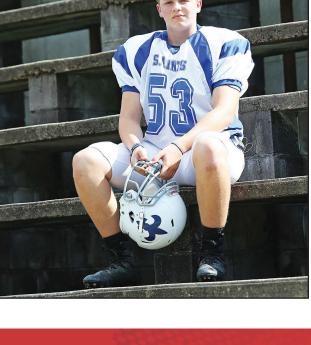
Like most kids his age, Graves has played football since he was old enough to join a league. It began in Seminary where he grew up and now continues at Sylva Bay as a resident of Taylorsville.

"It's a blessing from God that I'm able to play like everyone else, despite my condition," said Graves. "But honestly, to me, it's not that big of a struggle."

So what happens when his blood sugar drops? The answer comes from the Coca-Cola product whose slogan reads, "power through."

"If my sugar drops in practice or during a game, I just drink some Powerade," Graves answered, "and in about 15 minutes I'm ready to go."

Graves is this week's Sports601 County Jasper Player of the Week. See more





Mid-season report card: How are area teams grading out

By James Pugh

We're hitting the home stretch of the 2017 south Mississippi football season, and the playoffs are within sight. With that in mind, let's take a look at how our local teams have fared so far. Now keep in mind that the season is not over. Win a few games in a row, and the report card changes quickly. Lose a few in a row and . . . well, you know what happens. This report is for games played through September 29.

Considering Laurel's change in offensive M.O., which is currently favoring yards gained on the ground to yards gained through the air as as compared to years past, the season thus far has gone quite well.

Laurel finished 2-2 in its non-district schedule – a better finish than two years ago when they went 1-3 and not as good as last years 3-1 finish.

Currently, head coach Todd Breland is working under a two-quarterback system. Junior Sinclair Ulmer and sophomore Xaxier Evans have yet to separate themselves from each other to establish a clear-cut starter. Neither has played particularly bad nor particularly good. Exceptional play from that position would bring more stability to the squad and would be an added plus.

Last week Laurel dominated South Jones, 47-8, in both teams' Region 3-5A opener, proof enough that the Tornadoes are right was they need to be midway through the

Grade: A-

South Jones

The program has come a long way from its consecutive 1-10 seasons in 2013 and 2014. South Jones entered Region 3-5A with a 4-1 record in non-district competition – higher than any team in Jones County. Some of that could be due to the competition, which, as of then, combined for an 8-13 record.

The Braves are more balanced on offense as they've ever been, thanks in part to junior quarterback John Mitchell. He leads the county in passing and rushing yards as a quarterback. Last Friday night South Jones started energized against Laurel, scoring a touchdown on its first possession, then crumbled from there with multiple turnovers.

For a program looking for its first playoff berth since 2008, the Braves need to remain balanced and correct silly mistakes.

Grade: B+

West Jones

The problems that have kept West Jones below .500 the last two seasons still currently exist. In 2014 and 2015, the Mustangs offense averaged nearly 20 points a game, down 10 points from its offensive production average in 2012 and 2013, when the Mustangs finished above .500.

As of now, five games into the season, West Jones averages 15 points a game offensively.

But there is some good news: quarterback Peyton Brown, who has been injured since Week 1 of his junior season last year, is now healthy enough to play. It may take a few games, but Brown will likely get the Mustangs offense rolling again.

West Jones remains solid on defense, and that has helped some; it's largely the reason they're currently 3-2 and 1-0 in Region 3-5A. The Mustangs blanked Forest Hill last week, 26-0. The offense must get better if West Jones intends on avoiding a third straight season out of the playoff picture.

Grade: C+

Northeast Jones

A 1-4 record, if we just look at those numbers, deserves a D-minus. But that is not fair to a program that has suffered so much that is out of their hands.

"Injury" is a word that has haunted Northeast Jones head coach Keith Braddock.

Before the season began, the Tigers lost their best defensive player to a freak car accident. In Week 1 of the regular season, the team lost one of their best offensive players to a leg injury. And it the troubles didn't stop there.

Since then Northeast Jones has lost about a half dozen more players to seasonending injuries. There's nothing about that anyone can help nor prevent. As they say,

The good news is Northeast Jones is on a one-game win streak, and all their losses so far have no bearing on whether the Tigers make postseason play or not.

Braddock has done about as well as he can do with all the Tigers have been handed. Grade: B-

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Shug's Opens with Ribbon Cutting and Block Party in downtown

Ever since the word got around that the next business to open in downtown Laurel was going to be a candy store that offers eatable cookie dough, the Laurel/Jones County community has been waitng with mouths watering. Opening day finally arrived Thursday,

September 28, and surrounded by their family, staff, and friends, Alise and Amanda Mathews cut the ribbon to open Shug's Cookie Dough and Candy Bar at 435 N. Magnolia Street, Suite A. The new business is located in one side of the newly renovated old Robinson Tire Building next to Trustmark Bank. In celebration of the Grand Opening, a block party was held in front of the store. Nashville Style Hot Chicken was offered by The Hot Spot and children enjoyed playing on a couple of party jumps.





L-R are Grandparents – Darrell and Barbara Hollingsworth, Mom- Laura Matthews, Owners Alise and Amanda Mathews, Dad - Harlon Matthews and Pastor David Hagan. Photos/Linda Cranford

Natalie Grant to perform at PRAISE 2017

The PRAISE 2017 committee is excited to announce that Natalie Grant along with special guests Austin and Lindsey Adamec will be coming to Richton, Mississippi, on October 7, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Richton City Park. Food will be available from vendors throughout the event.

Grant is known for her powerful and soaring vocals, heartgripping lyrics and passionate performances, and has remained one of the top-selling Christian & Gospel artists since her 2005 breakout RIAA Gold certified album, "Awaken." She has since gone on to have nearly four million in career

sales. The Gospel Music Association has named her Female Vocalist of the Year five times, and she has had multiple number ones on the Billboard

Natalie is the author of several books, including a tween book series titled "Glimmer Girls." Her fashion and jewelry line, NG by Natalie Grant, has

and admission for children 6 and under is free. VIP and VIP Gold Tickets are available online. Tickets are on sale now at www.richtonpraiseinthepark. com. You can also visit Sunkissed and Robin's Nest in Richton, as well as Baptist Bible & Book House in Laurel to purchase hardcopy tickets. Several local churches also have hardcopy tickets available. Tickets on the day of the event will be \$15.00.

Gates will open at 5:00 pm, rain or shine, and lawn chairs are encouraged for seating. In case of inclement weather, the venue will be moved to the Perry County Multi-Purpose

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Weekend Forecast: Football & Fun

The next time our local high school guys tee it up, hopefully we'll be experiencing some cool, October air. October! Hard to believe we have moved from August to October this quickly. Rings are won over the next month, since a team has got to be in the top portion of their region in order to punch a ticket to the playoffs. No playoffs, no chance for a ring.

It's time for our Weekend Forecast, which features pigskin picks (high school, JUCO and senior college) by Buzz Jack, Brian Jack, James Pugh and a guest picker. This week the guest picker is Zac Chamblee.

GAME 1: WEST JONES AT NORTH PIKE.

Brian - West Jones.

Buzz - North Pike.

James - North Pike.

Zac – North Pike.

GAME 2: SOUTH JONES AT NATCHEZ. Brian - South Jones.

Buzz – South Jones.

James - South Jones. Zac - South Jones.

NORTHEAST JONES. Brian - W. Lauderdale.

GAME 3: W. LAUDERDALE AT

Buzz - Northeast. James – W. Lauderdale.

Zac – W. Lauderdale.

GAME 4: WINGFIELD AT LAU-

REL. Brian – Laurel.

Buzz – Laurel.

James - Laurel. Zac – Laurel.

GAME 5: EAST CENTRAL AT JCJC.

Brian - JCJC. Buzz – JCJC.

James - JCJC.

Zac – JCJC.

GAME 6: ALABAMA AT TEXAS

Brian – Alabama.

Buzz – Alabama.

James - Alabama. Zac - Alabama.

Game 7: Arkansas at South

Carolina.

Brian - Arkansas.

Buzz – Arkansas.

James - Arkansas. Zac – South Carolina.

GAME 8: OLE MISS AT AU-

Brian – Auburn.

Buzz – Auburn.

James – Auburn.

Zac - Auburn.

Game 9: LSU at Florida

Brian – Florida.

Buzz - Florida. James - Florida.

Zac – Florida.

GAME 10: GEORGIA AT

VANDERBILT.

Brian - Georgia.

Buzz – Georgia.

James - Georgia. Zac – Georgia.

GAME 11: MISSOURI AT KEN-

Brian - Kentucky.

Buzz - Kentucky.

James - Kentucky. Zac - Kentucky.

GAMES 12: USM AT TEXAS-

SAN ANTONIO.

Brian - USM.

Buzz - USM.

James - USM. Zac - USM.

GAME 13: MICHIGAN ST. AT

Brian - Michigan.

Buzz - Michigan.

James - Michigan.

Zac - Michigan.

GAME 14: WASHINGTON ST. AT OREGON.

Brian - Oregon.

Buzz – Washington St.

James – Washington St. Zac – Washington St.

GAME 15: NOTRE DAME AT

NORTH CAROLINA.

Brian - Notre Dame.

Buzz - Notre Dame.

James - Notre Dame.

Zac - Notre Dame.

Braves outgun Forest Hill, 52-36

By Kevin Williamson

South Jones evened their Region 3-5A record at 1-1 with a 52-36 win over Forest Hill Friday night in Ellisville. The Braves roared to a 31-7 halftime lead, getting started with a pick six from Shiwon Lovett about four minutes deep into

Mark Diers was true with the PAT, as he was all night. With 2:16 left in the opening quarter, quarterback John Mitchell found Cade Locklear with a 5-yard scoring toss to raise the Braves' advantage to

The Patriots tried to counter with just over seven minutes left until intermission, driving from their own 42 to the South Jones 10. On fourth down, a heavy rush from Vekelion Campbell, Andrew Howard and Demarcus Mc-Gilberry forced a feeble pass that fell incomplete. Mitchell immediately made the visitors pay, outracing everyone 83 yards for a score three plays later to give the Braves a 21-0

Forest Hill countered with a long TD pass on the first play after the ensuing kick-off to narrow the deficit to 21-7, but a Diers' field goal from 40

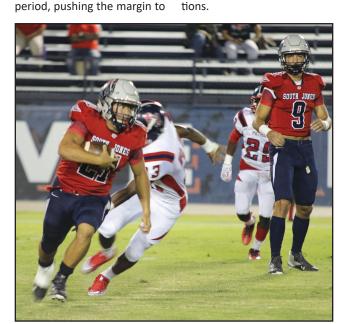
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Mitchell to Locklear hook-up with 53 ticks left before halftime suppressed the Forest Hill momentum.

It took the Braves only 30 seconds of the third quarter to post their fifth touchdown of the evening, as Mitchell did the honors from a yard out. The 51-yard drive took three plays, with Jacob Pigford chomping up 38 of it on the first play of the second half. Pigford added a TD of his own with 3:14 left in the third

45-7 for South Jones.

The hosts seemed almost disinterested at that point of the contest, holding such a commanding lead, and Forest Hill scored three straight times to close the margin to 45-28 with 7:17 left in the game. Their flurry was far too little too late, and the Braves held on for the victory, even as the teams exchanged late scores. South Jones travels to Natchez this week for a contest with big playoff implica-



South Jones running back Ricky Boleware (21) races past a Forest yards at the 4:14 mark of the Hill defender Friday night in Ellisville as quarterback John Mitchsecond quarter and another ell looks on. Photo/Kevin Williamson.



Laurel looks to rebound after razor thin loss to Brookhaven

By James Pugh

Week 8 of the MHSAA football season is here. Here are our predictions of the games this week that involve Jones County teams.

Wingfield at Laurel

Brookhaven handed Laurel its first Region 3-5A loss since October 10, 2014, last Friday night. No worries for Laurel this week though – the probability of a second straight loss is so

minute that I seriously doubt it can be measured. Wingfield, Laurel's Week 8 opponent, is 1-5 on the season and has yet to beat the Torna-

does in Region 3-5A action.

Prediction: Laurel +40

South Jones at Natchez

The trip to Natchez is long, and an even longer ride back following a loss.

Beating Natchez is South Jones' ticket into the playoffs this season, something the Braves haven't celebrated since 2008.

West Jones beat Natchez last Friday night, 46-15. That means that both the Mustangs and South Jones could nail down third and fourth seed spots in Region 3-5A if the Braves can beat Natchez, one of two other viable contenders (North Pike being the other) in the region,

It would also make the South Jones/West Jones' meeting later this season even more meaningful. As South Jones head coach Cory Reynolds says every week, "the most important game of the season is the next one," and oh how right that is this week especially.

Prediction: South Jones +9

West Jones at North Pike

I don't mind being wrong, as long as it's a local team who proved me wrong.

Last week I picked West Jones to lose to Natchez in a close game, and how wrong I was. The Mustangs stomped Natchez in the ground, 46-15. To be fair, my pick was warranted. Week after week West Jones had struggled to find any momentum on offense; they averaged just 15 points a game in the six weeks leading up to last Friday night's important Region 3-5A match-up. Then they scored 46 points. Could the Mustangs be hitting their stride at just the right time?

West Jones needs a similar outing this week against North Pike (5-1).

Prediction: West Jones +7

West Lauderdale at NEJ

I placed Northeast Lauderdale, Northeast Jones' opponent last week, on upset alert. And the Tigers almost pulled it off, falling to the Trojans 39-36.

West Lauderdale, whom NEJ plays this week in Region 5-4A action, won't be caught off guard. They've learned, based of NEJ's performance in Week 7, not to judge the Tigers based on their record. Northeast Jones must take this into account.

Prediction: West Lauderdale +12



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Brookhaven hands Laurel its first Region 3-5A lost since 2014

By James Pugh

Crown Brookhaven the new king of Region 3-5A football.

Friday night at King Field, Brookhaven held off a second-half comeback attempt by Laurel to win the Region 3-5A thriller, 42-

Laurel had been flawless in the region, boasting a win streak in 3-5A that dated back to October of 2014.

Brookhaven, laden with returning talent from an 8-4 finish a year ago, found its opportunity to dethrone the four-time region champs with a strong running game and sealed the win with a big defensive stand in the red zone late in the fourth quarter.

Laurel trailed 28-7 at the half.

"I'm probably more proud of our guys right now than I have been of them all season," said Laurel head coach Todd Breland. "They played a very good Brookhaven team. They had us by the neck, and we came out in the second half with a lot of energy and fought back. We gave ourselves a chance at the end."

Brookhaven improves to 5-1 on the season and 2-0 in Region 3-5A. Laurel falls to 3-3, 1-1 in the region.

For more on the game story, visit our website at Sports601.com.



Laurel wide receiver, Juan Nelson (2) runs downfield after a catch against Brookhaven last Friday night.



Laurel defender Quendarious Robertson (47) tries to make a tackle against a Brookhaven ball carrier last Friday night.





Zias Perryman (34) Laurel running back runs downfield against Brookhaven last Friday night. Photos/James Pugh





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Last second field goal lifts Taylorsville over Bay Springs, 42-40 in Thursday night game

By Zach Buckley

Ty Keyes had less than a minute to work with

The freshman quarterback's goal was simple: "get the ball close enough and let my kicker make a play."

Junior field goal specialist Kenner Todd didn't let Keyes, nor his other Taylorsville teammates, down. The snap, set-up and contact with the ball came together beautifully for a 36-yard game-winning field goal last Thursday night to lift Taylorsville past Bay Springs, 42-40.

"I was nervous, I'm not going to lie," said Todd. "I had a bad game honestly. I missed two earlier point-after-attempts, and that put us in a hole.

"I just focused on my steps at the end and put it through. I actually slipped on the kick. I knew I had a good hit on it; I just didn't know if it was far enough. Then I saw it cross and I have never felt that much joy in my life."

The stunning game-winner by Todd as the clock drained to zero gives Taylorsville a 1-0 start in Region 5-2A. The Tartars improve to 6-1 on the season.

"We work this (last-minute) drill every day, all the time," said Taylorsville head coach Chuck Robertson. "Our kids never panicked. We knew exactly what to do and how to finish the game. I was really proud of the outcome and the way that it was. Our offensive coordinator did a good job of preparing us for that moment."

Final Quarter

A late touchdown in the final minutes of the third quarter gave Taylorsville a onescore lead, 33-26.

Four minutes later the lead was pushed to 13 points as junior running back Carlton Williams scored from 21 yards out on a designed rushing play to the right side.

But Bay Springs didn't lay down.

Junior running back Jamarious Hosey narrowed Taylorsville's lead to one-score on a three-yard run with 2:34 to go in the game.

After a successful on-side kick and recovery of the ball by Jacorrio Ducksworth, sophomore quarterback Adrian Cole hooked up with Ducksworth on a 50-yard TD strike that gave Bay Springs the lead, 40-39. The two-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

Keyes then lead Taylorsville downfield with under two minutes remaining, even converting on fourth down once, to give Todd a chance to kick the game-winner.

"Our defense, even though we gave up those last few scores, understood what was going on and what needed to be done to-

night," said Robertson. "You always work the two-minute drill, even though you may never use it, you practice it so that when it works out, you feel good about it."

Player of the Game

Keyes came into Thursday night's Region 5-2A opener for Taylorsville as the state's second-leading passer, according to MaxPreps.com, with 1,524 yards and 11 touchdowns. He added 348 yards and four TDs in the win as he inches closer to the 2,000-yard mark on the season.

"Keyes ain't no ninth-grader anymore," Robertson said jokingly. "He's a mature young man now. He never panics, and he is always smiling and so positive. He is fun to be around, and he's a good kid."

He finished the night 23-of-30. Two of his TD strikes fell in the hands of junior wide receiver Raven Arrington, who finished the game with 99 yards on six catches.

"I live for moment's like this," said Keyes. "Coach told us to come over here and get the W, so that is what we did."

Where they go from here?

Taylorsville plays host to Lumberton next Friday night. Bay Springs, who falls to 3-4 on the season, 0-1 in Region 5-2A will travel to Clarkdale in Week 8.

Kickoff for both games is at 7 p.m.



Dominick Myers (5) of Taylorsville zeroes in on Bay Springs' Adrian Cole (2). Photos/James Pugh



Chanson McCray brings down Dallen Jones of Bay Springs



Tycarius Roberts looks for room to run.



Jamarious Hosey (24) of Bay Springs leaps a defender.



Taylorsville kicker Kenner Todd hit the game winner.

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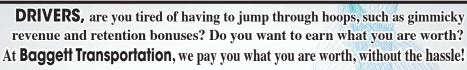
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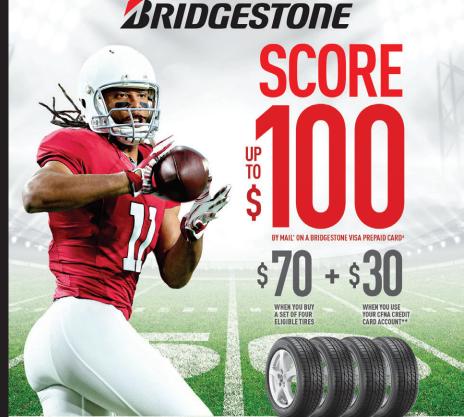
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