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Laurel/Jones County Veterans Memorial Museum Celebrates Veterans' Day

By Linda Cranford

Folks from Jones County and surrounding areas gathered in front of the Veterans Memorial Museum (VMM) on Hillcrest Drive in Laurel Friday morning, November 10, for the museum's annual Veterans Day Event.

The raising of the flag was performed by members of the Disabled American Veterans followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Landon Bryant. Lee led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation given by Pastor Kevin West.

Addressing the assembly, Lee stated, "It takes the precious blood of patriots, to keep this nation free and the very least we can do is pay homage to those who have fought and died on the battlefield for that freedom." He recognized any Gold Star Mothers present as well as Gold Star Families. These are mothers and family members who have had a love one killed in action.

Also on hand for the event was Mac Haynes signing the book he finally got published that written by his best friend, Basil D. Red, former owner of Ward's Pharmacy

in Ellisville. Red was a fighter pilot turned Staff Sergeant for the Army Air Corps. Prior to his death in 1980, Red gave his best friend Haynes, two manuscripts he had written with the hope that Haynes could get it published someday. The book is entitled Crew No. 8434, and is Red's memoir of his crew's near death experiences in WWII. It took Haynes 20 years to find someone to help him get the book published. The story has been revised and brought back to life by the first all-female Public Relations firm in Ellisville, KD-PR, LLC. Katherine Parker, owner of the PR firm, said all proceeds of the sale of the book Friday, went to the Veterans Museum a total of \$240. She also said the book was purchased recently by the Jones County School Board and will be distributed to the county school's libraries. For more information, contact KD-PR, LLC at 601-433-6720.

Prior to the keynote speaking stepping to the podium, Bryant sang Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A."

"He had a tugging at his heart to come to a small southern town, Laurel, Mississippi,

and to a gem, Southeastern Baptist College," said Lee in introducing keynote speaker Col. Scott Carson, U.S. Army Chaplain, retired, who is presently the president of Southeast Baptist College in Laurel.

Carson said those who served repeated four words at the end of their enlistment or commission oath, the words, "so help me God." "While in uniform you were serving both God and country and it was a high and lofty endeavor," said Carson. "I would say it was your sacred duty. Thank God you did your duty. Thank God you served your

country. Our nation remains free today, because you answered the call. You fulfilled your obligations. You stood ready. You stood in the gap between good and evil. You preserved the precious liberties of our beloved constitution. For God and Country, you served both."

Carson relayed the story of Gary "Mike" Rhodes, who just last month received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military honor, for his selfish efforts as a medic

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Grand Opening of Southern Eye Center in Laurel

By Linda Cranford

The Doctors and staff of Southern Eye Center were joined by local government officials, present and former patients, family and friends Thursday afternoon, November 9, for the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony of the clinic's new Laurel location.

Mayor Johnny Magee said "It's great to have Southern Eye Center in Laurel, Mississippi. We are so glad that they're here. This has come a long way from the day we broke ground. The ground breaking was put off a couple of times because of the weather, but they are here, now and we're glad they're here."

Dr. Joseph Childs gave the invocation and remarks were given by Dr. Kiper Nelson and Dr. Jaime Jiménez.

"We welcome you to our Laurel facility. We are so excited to be here," said Nelson. "We've already started seeing patients here. The patients that we've seen from Laurel and the surrounding area have been so grateful to come and receive their care here close to home and not having to



Dr. Kiper Nelson



Photos/Linda Cranford

drive to Jackson, or Birmingham, or even Hattiesburg. We thank all the people here that helped make that happen."

He said the thing that makes Southern Eye Center different is that all their surgeons are fellowship trained. "We have all not only done a residency in ophthalmology and trained to be eye doctors; we went on to train for years beyond that to learn specifics of certain areas of the eye. For instance, Dr. Jaimeñez and Dr. Akinwale spent years learning about the retina and how to

fix retina problems. Dr. Childs - glaucoma, Dr. Griffith - cornea, myself - cataracts and implants, Dr. Saulny and Dr. Phillips - eyelids and how to fix droopy eyelids. We're thankful to offer those services to the people of this area and do what we love to do, and be convenient to the patients here."

Alicia Walker, chair of the Jones County Chamber of Commerce, presented the doctors with their first clear dollar of profit, and a commemorative poster of Jones County with a print of downtown Ellisville by artist Dwelina Haas.

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to care and safe guard his fellow officers wounded in the four day battle known as "Operation Tailwind."

"Rhodes never gave up," exclaimed Carson. "Facing insurmountable odds he refused to quit. His actions reflect the unique American fighting spirit. That refusal to back down is something I have seen, day in and day out, in my fellow veterans. That fighting spirit on the battlefield carries over

as they embark on the road to recovery." He encouraged veterans to continue to help their fellow veterans and mentioned the several organizations that are available to help including the VFW and American Legion. He also mentioned the Jones County Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, which he is a member of, which meets at the Veterans Memorial Museum every first Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

"The service taught us to never leave a comrade behind," continued Carson. "This

also means that after we take off our uniforms for the last time, our service to other members of the armed forces continues. A veteran's service has no expiration date."

He encouraged veterans to join organizations and get involved, and to seek out their fellow brothers and sisters in arms. "Get to know them, and ensure they know you've got their six."

"For God and Country, our veterans have served both, and they continue to do so in our communities, today," concluded Carson. "To you our veterans, the citizens of our great nation are with you! Bless all ya'll for your continued support. Bless our veterans. Bless our Gold Star families. And, God Bless the United States of America."

The event ended with a twenty-one gun salute by the Rosin Heels Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans followed by the playing of taps on trumpet by John Rhoden, Jr.



Mac Haynes signs the book of his best friend's memoir, "Crew No. 8434," for Bill DeWitt of Ellisville. Photos/Linda Cranford



Col. Scott Carson, Chaplain U.S. Army, retired, was the keynote speaker.

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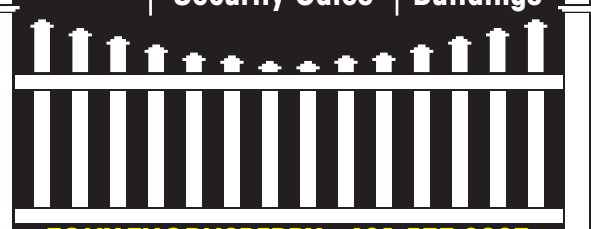
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November 16
First Baptist Church of Laurel will host a Precept Upon Precept Bible Study of the New Testament Epistle to the Galatians. This seven-week study will begin Thursday, November 16 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and will be led by Margie Hauenstein and Kay Arthur lecturing on video. An identical study will begin Monday, November 20 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., led by Danny West. For more information, please call Mr. or Mrs. Carey Hauenstein, Administrators at 601-428-4393.

November 17
Kingston UMC will host a spaghetti lunch fundraiser on Fri-

day, November 17 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each - dine-in, carry-out, or delivery. For more information call Dianne at 601-433-6620.

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.

The Magnolia Boys will be at Old Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 1284 SCR 18-5 in Bay Springs, on November 18 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. A love offering will be taken.

Wildwood Chapel, Ovett, will be hosting the first Beyond Blessed Thanksgiving sing on Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. A love offering will be received. Refreshments will be served after the sing. For more information, call 601-344-7595.

November 19
Sweet Pilgrim UM Church, Shubuta, cordially invites you to join us in our annual Harvest/pre-Thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker for the afternoon will be our very own Elder Kevin A. Carter and the Canton UM Church Family of Canton, MS.

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Church invites you to come help us celebrate during our 112th year church anniversary on Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bishop Brian Ewing, senior pastor of United Fellowship International Ministries, Maricopa, Arizona. For more information call 601-283-0163.

November 21
Wayne General Hospital diabetes awareness meeting will be held in the Wayne General Hospital Staff Development Classroom on Tuesday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m. The speaker will be Fay Goines, FNP-BC. Open to community individuals and/or family members concerned about diabe-

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December 2
The Kiwanis Club of Laurel is pleased to announce that the club's annual Pancake Day will be held on Saturday, December 2 from 6:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The highly anticipated event will be held at two locations this year - at the YWCO, located at 428 West Oak Street, and at First Baptist Church of Laurel, located at 607 West 5th Street, both in beautiful downtown Laurel. Kiwanis Club of Laurel Pancake Day 2017 will feature all you can eat pancakes and sausage, butter, syrup, chocolate milk, white milk and Coca Cola soft drinks. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Children age three and under eat for free. Tickets are available from any member of the Kiwanis Club of Laurel and from Laurel and Jones County area high school Key Club members. Come enjoy hot pancakes and sausage either before or after the awesome Sertoma Club of Laurel Christmas Parade that starts at 10:00 a.m. and winds through the streets of downtown Laurel. Proceeds from the Kiwanis Club of Laurel Pancake Day benefit school children in Laurel and Jones County through a number of education initiatives. The Kiwanis Club of Laurel meets most Wednesdays at noon at the Laurel Country Club. We are always seeking new members to join our dynamic and community involved civic club. Please contact Club President Ryan Griffin at 601-258-0330 with any questions that you may have about joining.

Laurel downs Picayune 42-35

By Carey Meitzler

Picayune—The Laurel Golden Tornadoes scored the last fourteen points of the game to beat Picayune 42-35 at Lee-Triplett Stadium in the 1st round of the Class 5A South State Playoffs.

Picayune scored on their first possession on a 1 yard run

by senior quarterback Tyler Penton, but Laurel answered with 21-yard run by Zias Perryman with 4:17 left in the quarter, but missed the extra point making it 7-6.

The Maroon Tide took the lead on a 2 yard run by Shaun Anderson with 5:24 left in the half to lead 14-7 after Sami Nagi's point after.

Laurel scored on its next possession on 1 yard by Perryman with the Juan Lechuga extra point trailed 14-13. The Maroon Tide scored on their next possession on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Penton to Anderson to take a 21-13 lead with 47 seconds left.

The Golden Tornadoes came right back with junior quarterback Sinclair Ulmer connecting on three consecutive passes of 45, 10 and 10 yards, with the last one a touchdown pass to Brandon Gordon with 13 seconds left. Laurel converted the two-point conversion on a pass from Ulmer to Gordon to tie the game at 21-21.

Picayune took the second half kickoff and went 64 yards on 10 plays with senior fullback Brian Taylor scoring on a 6-yard run to put the Maroon Tide up 28-21.

After an exchange of punts, Laurel scored another quick touchdown in just two plays with a touchdown coming on a 40-yard run with 53 seconds left in the third quarter to tie it up 28-28.



Sinclair Ulmer (4) of Laurel finds running room in the first round of the playoffs. Photo/James Pugh.

After another exchange of punts, Picayune took the lead on a 49 yard run by Anderson with 7:22 left, but Laurel rally again to tie the game on a 13-yard pass from Ulmer to Gordon with 6:13 left.

Picayune's next possession was halted at the Laurel 39 on Levi Walker's interception. Laurel then drove for the winning score using seven plays to cover the 61 yards with the touchdown coming on a 7 yard run by Perryman with 1:45 left to give the Golden Tornadoes a 42-35 lead.

The Maroon Tide moved the ball across midfield but fumbled the ball after a pass reception. Laurel got the ball with :58 left. Picayune was able to hold Laurel, use its timeouts, and get the ball back with :12 left at their own 20. An incomplete pass and an interception ended the game.

For Laurel (8-4), Ulmer completed 13 of 22 passes for 208 yards and ran five times for 106 yards. Perryman had 14 rushes for 87 yards.

Anderson had 27 rushes for 240 yards. Penton completed 6 of 12 for 127 yards. Picayune finishes the season at 9-3. Laurel will host Brookhaven next week.



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Photo/Linda Cranford



Leontyne Price says "Thank You"

By Linda Cranford

At the Laurel City Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 7, Ward 3 Councilman Tony Thaxton was given the privilege of reading a letter from "one of Laurel's favorite daughters," Leontyne Price. Since Thaxton was the acting president at the time the letter was written, it was addressed to him. The letter thanked the City of Laurel for renaming Beacon Street the Leontyne Price Boulevard after the famous opera singer. Below is the letter in its entirety:

Dear President Thaxton,

The purpose of this letter is to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to you and the city council for your support of the initiative to rename Beacon Street Leontyne Price Boulevard in my honor. Never in my wildest

dreams did I ever expect such an enduring tribute. My feelings for my hometown are well documented and have never changed. I am and always have been a proud Laurelite.

My thanks and appreciations also go to the members of the city council, as well as members of agencies that participated in the process of passing this initiative. It still seems like a marvelous dream. Laurel and its citizens have always been a source of great inspiration to me.

I hope that this recognition will serve as an inspiration to all the young citizens of Laurel that they can fulfill their dreams and aspirations the same as I did. Thank you again for this tremendous honor.

Sincerely,
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Collins' defense holds back Heidelberg

By James Pugh

Collins looked well in control early. Two offensive plays, two scores and a 15-0 lead.

Then things slowed down, and Heidelberg, who lost once to Collins back on Oct. 29, refused to go away.

In a game that remained contested all the way to the end, Collins relied on its defense Friday night at home to hand Heidelberg a second loss this season 25-20 as the Tigers advanced in the MHSAA Class 2A playoffs.

They'll face Bay Springs next Friday night in the third round. Kickoff at Bay Springs is slated for 7 p.m.

"The first half we came out fast and scored on our first two offensive plays," said Collins head football coach Eric Booth. "In the second quarter, my line fell asleep on me. [Heidelberg] threw some stuff on us that we haven't seen from them before. But we kept on fighting. I told our kids that they would have to fight to the end.

"Our defense made some big plays. They know how to find a way. Our defense has stepped up for us from Week 1 to now Week 13."



Silas Carter (10) of Collins leaps a Heidelberg defense. The Tigers beat the Oilers and will now tangle with Bay Springs Friday. Photo/James Pugh.

A quick start

Collins forced Heidelberg to punt on its first possession Friday night. That's when its offense went to work.

With the ball resting on Heidelberg's 46-yard line, Collins sophomore quarterback Hershey McLaurin hit junior receiver Markel McLaurin on a vertical route downfield for a touchdown. The one-play drive was followed by a successful two-point conversion.

On its following offensive possession - that followed a big sack by its defense, forcing Heidelberg to turn-

over the ball on downs, Booth called the same play that resulted in a touchdown the series before. This time McLaurin found junior wide receiver Zyrion Thompson on a vertical route for a 48-yard touchdown pass.

A successful PAT later, Collins extended its lead over Heidelberg 15-0 midway through the first quarter.

Keeping the game close

Heidelberg slowed Collins down for the remaining first half, even outscoring the Tigers 12-2 for a quarter

and a half.

By halftime, Collins, who once led by 15, held tightly to a 17-12 lead.

Late in the final quarter, and out in front 25-12, Collins gave up a 45-yard touchdown pass as Heidelberg inched within one score of taking the lead.

Booth then called on his "heavy personal" to try and run out the clock.

"I called on my heavy personal to run out the clock," said Booth. "We wanted to milk the clock out."

Facing fourth and one at Heidelberg's 33-yard line and a little over a minute left to play, Collins gambled with its heavy package and prevailed. Collins gained the first down and filed into a victory formation for the win.

Defense

Collins' defense thawed Heidelberg's attempts to swing momentum its way.

One play, in particular, did the trick. With Heidelberg driving, and on the heels of a would-be score, Collins forced an Oilers' fumble at its 5-yard line. Collins recovered to stop a Heidelberg touchdown.

"I tell you what; we made a lot of big plays on defense," Booth said. "We had two interceptions and a fumble recovery. Our guys just play hard all the time. I have some great coaches that help us out a lot [and they put us in good situations]."

Junior cornerback Cyril Graves and sophomore free safety Dada Magee each had an interception in the contest for Collins.

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Stone County.

Brian – Hattiesburg.
Buzz – Hattiesburg.
James – Hattiesburg.
Jordan – Stone County.

Game 2: Bay Springs at Collins.

Brian – Collins.
Buzz – Collins.
James – Bay Springs.
Jordan – Bay Springs.

Game 3: Stringer at East Marion.

Brian – Stringer.
Buzz – Stringer.
James – Stringer.
Jordan – Stringer.

Game 4: Laurel at

Brookhaven.

Brian – Laurel.
Buzz – Brookhaven.
James – Laurel.
Jordan – Laurel.

Game 5: Taylorsville at North Forrest.

Brian – Taylorsville.
Buzz – Taylorsville.
James – Taylorsville.
Jordan – Taylorsville.

Game 6: Houston at Tulane.

Brian – Houston.
Buzz – Tulane.
James – Houston.
Jordan – Tulane.

Game 7: Charlotte at

USM.

Brian – USM.
Buzz – USM.
James – USM.
Jordan – USM.

Game 8: Miss. State at Arkansas

Brian – Miss. State.
Buzz – Miss. State.
James – Miss. State.
Jordan – Miss. State.

Game 9: Kentucky at Georgia.

Brian – Georgia.
Buzz – Georgia.
James – Georgia.
Jordan – Georgia.

Game 10: Texas A&M at Ole Miss.

Brian – Texas A&M.
Buzz – Ole Miss.
James – Texas A&M.
Jordan – Ole Miss.

Game 11: LSU at Tennessee.

Brian – LSU.
Buzz – LSU.
James – LSU.
Jordan – LSU.

Games 12: Missouri at Vanderbilt.

Brian – Missouri.
Buzz – Vandy.
James – Missouri.
Jordan – Vandy.

Game 13: TCU at Texas Tech.

Brian – TCU.
Buzz – TCU.
James – TCU.
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Game 14: UCLA at USC.

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Local pastor collecting supplies to send to Puerto Rico

By Linda Cranford

It's been almost two months since Maria, a near Category 5 Hurricane, slammed head-on into the island of Puerto Rico, reeking devastating havoc on the island like has rarely, if ever, been seen before in the history of America. Pastor Roberto Velez with Peniel Christian Church in Ellisville is collecting non-perishable goods and other needed supplies, including generators and water, to send to the people of Puerto Rico. A large cargo container has been donated and thus far Velez and his church have been able to collect enough supplies to fill approximately one-fourth of it.

"We want the people of Puerto Rico to hear from Jones County and know that we care," exclaimed Velez. Originally from Puerto Rico, Velez said he has been in contact with his family who still live on the island and understands the desperate need of the people. Velez said 70 percent of the island is still without electricity and only 40 percent have water, which means millions of people are living with no lights, no power, no bathing water, and no drinking water. From the beginning, the local government has described conditions on the island as being a humanitarian crisis. With the fact that Puerto Rico is an island and only accessible by water or air, and that the entire infrastructure was severely damaged or destroyed, humanitarian help has been slow in arriving.

Arranging the logistics in getting the supplies to Puerto Rico is also a slow process. Velez said he has been in contact with Apostle Ivan Clemente, who is helping to feed thousands of people in the San Juan area through an organization called Kennedy's Kitchen, and he is prepared to receive the container from Jones County. Velez has been working

with Senator Thad Cochran's office to have the container registered with the Denton Program, a Department of Defense (DOD) program that according to USTranscom's website is a "transportation program that moves humanitarian cargo donated by U.S. based Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to developing nations to ease human suffering. The approved cargo is transported by DOD land, air or sea assets on a space-available basis."

Velez said his goal is to have the container filled to capacity by the first of December. Several local churches have stepped up to help and he is asking all Jones Countians to help.

"Most people don't realize that Puerto Rico is part of the United States," said Velez.

After the Spanish-American War, Puerto Rico became a part of the United States and is classified as an "unincorporated territory," meaning it is controlled by the U.S. Government but is not a state. Puerto Ricans are considered American citizens and can freely move between the island and the U.S. mainland, but because they are not considered a state, they have no voting power in Congress and cannot vote for an American president, but can vote in party primary elections. They are self-governed through a local constitution.

Velez said donations needed include generators, water, canned goods, paper products, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, first-aid supplies, over-the-counter medicines, and any non-perishable goods and supplies. With Christmas right around the corner, Children's toys are also a good item to add to the list. Donations may be dropped off by appointment at Peniel Christian Church, 1676 Highway 29 North, Ellisville. Call Pastor Velez 601-342-1662 or 321-662-6632.

Mize Band claims 2A state championship

Submitted

The Mize Attendance Center Marching Band claimed its first ever 2A state championship during the Mississippi Bandmasters Association/Mississippi High School Activities Association 2A State Marching Championships held Saturday, Nov. 4 at Pearl High School. Patrick Vincent, who is in his fifth year as band director/music instructor at MHS, said, "Winning a 2A State Band championship is something that we will never forget. I'm so thankful that I got to experience first place with my incredible group of students. Just thinking back to Saturday seems unreal. Winning this championship shows us as a band that the long hours, hard work, and attention to detail put into this show provides success, as well as memories that will last a lifetime." In addition to the overall trophy, the Bulldog Band also brought home awards in General Effect (3rd place), Music Performance (1st place), Visual Performance (2nd place) and Percussion (2nd place) categories. The band's 2017 show "Starry Night" was arranged by Randall Standridge and the drill design was by Robert Strunks. According to Vincent, "The concept of the show is designed around life during the time of Vincent Van Gogh when he painted 'Starry Night'."

The MHS Band has earned All-Superior ratings during the MHSAA District Marching

Festival the past two years, which qualified them for state championship competition in 2016 and 2017.

Band members include drum major Lauren Bartran; color guard members Desirae Blackwell, Annaleigh Ragsdale, Erin Carter, Gracie Sullivan, Montanah Middleton, Faith McWilliams and Lauren Sistrunk; flutes Chyanne Middleton, Mickie Warren, Jacie Dickerson, Laney Bruce, Ava Hackler and Abby Doiron; clarinets MaKayla Luper, Caleb McCord and Raelynn Saranthus; bass clarinet Paula Keyes; alto saxophones Brandon Hays and Jacob Blackwell; tenor saxophone Dawson Temple; bari saxophone Christopher Bowen; trumpets Garret Anglin, Bailey Kile, Byron Pemberton, Summer Hughes, Landon Berryhill, Avery Kile, Brayden Davidson, Joanna Dickerson and Tanner Barnett; French horns Zach Hand and Sarah Beavers; trombones Mason Anglin, Darian McCord and Drew Saranthus; euphoniums Seth Runnels and Jordan Kendrick; tubas Daylen Hux and Brady Warren; percussion Sam Holston, Conner Smith, Jacob Dickerson, Drake Sellers, Gamble Sullivan and Macyn Welborn; and front ensemble Curtis Adcox, Abigail Bartran, Emily Bartran, Jackson Ishee, Raelyn Lee, and Lauren Runnels.

Vincent's wife, Emily, serves as color guard instructor and assists with the band.

