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## Taylorsville wins 2A South crown with 2nd half defense

By James Pugh

On November's last day in 2007, Chuck Robertson stood on Taylorsville's field as an assistant coach while he and the program celebrated it's MHSAA Class 2A South State championship win over Enterprise-Clarke, 49-7.

Almost ten years later to the day, Robertson, now in his second season as Taylorsville's head coach, tried his best to avoid the ice bath that followed his team's 48-32 win over Collins Friday night in the second most populated town in Smith County. The win gives Taylorsville the Class 2A South State title. The Tartars (14-1) will play Winona (11-3) next Friday afternoon at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford. Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.

"The craziest thing of the night is we're playing defense and running the football," said Robertson in the midst of an overcrowded field as Taylorsville fans celebrated the win. "Those are things that we have not done well until the last three weeks. Everybody says defense wins championships and ours came through tonight."

Taylorsville and Collins combined for

47 points in the first half. The visitors from 16.9 miles away led at the break, 26-21. In the second half, Taylorsville held Collins to just eight points as its offensive continued to pile on points.

"Our adjustments at halftime were amazing," said Robertson. "I have a great coaching staff, and they do an amazing job. We came out in the second half and held them [Collins] to one score on a bad call. That is just a compliment to my coaches."

If senior running back Tycarius Roberts' 52-yard touchdown run with 4:21 left in the game didn't ice the win for Taylorsville, then his interception of a Collins pass less than two minutes later did.

"In the last two or three weeks, Roberts' play has been outstanding," said Robertson. "I challenged him three or four weeks ago, and he has stepped up."

"He's carried the load for us by taking some of the pressure off our quarterback. We know the better teams you play, the better you have to run the football. Collins made it tough on us to run the football, yet

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Taylorsville head coach Chuck Robertson gets a Gatorade bath after the Tartars big win Friday over Collins. Photo/James Pugh

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*Photos/Linda Cranford*

# JCJC holds Grand Opening of the first Haas Tech Center in Mississippi

By Linda Cranford

A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house was held on the campus of Jones County Junior College Wednesday, November 15, to officially announce a public-private partnership with JCJC and Haas Factory Outlet – A Division of Machine Tools, LLC (HFO/Louisiana-Mississippi). HFO has been serving the manufacturing community of Louisiana and Mississippi for over 20 years as the exclusive source for Haas CNC machine tools and rotary products. The event was held at the college’s Industrial Services Building in the Precision Machining and Manufacturing lab. The partnership turns the machining lab into a Haas Factory Outlet Showroom in addition to a technical educational center for JCJC students to have an opportunity to learn on the latest and greatest machining and manufacturing equipment available.

“This is an enormous and a significant moment for us here at the college, because this is the first of its kind in Mississippi,” exclaimed JCJC president Dr. Jesse Smith. “We think this is a partnership that is

going to yield great benefits for both Jones and Haas Factory Outlet.”

“We’re extremely excited to have a bigger presence here in south Mississippi,” said Patrick Kane, general manager of Haas Factory Outlet for Mississippi and Louisiana. “We’re looking forward to a partnership with Jones County to support manufacturing in Mississippi.”

“I do believe something great is happening here,” said Chase Elmore, JCJC’s Precision Machining and Manufacturing Technology instructor. “It’s sad that 80 percent of your high school students can’t even give you any kind of answer when asked what a machinist is, or what is manufacturing, or what does it take to produce these products that we put our hands on every day? Not a single person here today goes a single day in their life without putting their hands on something that was made by a machinist. Spread the word of what’s going on here. If you know anybody that needs a skill, it doesn’t matter what age, and it doesn’t matter what gender. If you need a skill that can lead to a good career and a good life, I think we can provide that here.”

“When I started calling schools in Mississippi to find out what we could do and how we could work together to help grow programs and support the machining programs in the state of Mississippi, Chase (Elmore) was the first to call me back,” explained Toni Neary, HFO-Morris Group, director of education. “I don’t think he knew what he was getting in for.”

See HAAS TECH CENTER on page 9

## Hometown Heroes Holiday Toy Drive 2017 set for Dec. 21

Submitted

Two years ago, The Nobles Foundation began an annual effort to give back to the community of Waynesboro in the spirit of holiday cheer. Each year, more and more children have been able to receive toys, books, candy and more. Additionally, the event has been an admirable way to connect the first responders (nurses, police officers, fire fighters, physicians and military personnel) with the people they serve and with the elected officials of the city.

This year is proving to be even more successful and reaching more kids than before. The Nobles Foundation thrive from the help of partnerships and funding from generous individuals who believe in the importance of philanthropy and humanitarianism in our communities. Below you will find options to participate this year. Whether large or small, we welcome your support and are exceedingly grateful to have your assistance in making this holiday an unforgettable one for the children involved. This year the toy drive will be held at the Waynesboro Library on December 21 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be food, music, photography, Disney characters, raffles for children and adults, awards ceremony, and cash prizes! Platinum Sponsor: \$500; Diamond Sponsor: \$200; Gold Sponsor: \$100; Silver Sponsor: \$25. Please reply to The Nobles Foundation President, Jules Nobles at thenoblesfoundation@gmail.com or at 646-535-1231 for more information.



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Folks of all ages came to feed and pet the Alpacas, who gathered at the fence to greet the guests. Photos/Linda Cranford



Little five-year old Emily Stroka, right, had her face painted with a beautiful butterfly by Suzanne Anderson, left, with Anderson Square in Laurel.



Wells Lazy Acres Pure Honey was among the 35 vendors on hand for the Festival. Owner Judy Wells, left, is pictured with her best friend Lana Myers, and five-year old grandson Anderson Pickering. For more information contact Wells at 601-580-6996.



Eight-year old Aubrey Thompson and her three-year old brother, Aiden Thompson, enjoyed riding the big horse led by Connie McAlpin owner of RC Equine Adventures (601-580-2251).

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## NOVEMBER 29

Calvary Baptist Church will have a Pre-Anniversary Revival November 29 through December 1 with services starting at 7:15 nightly. The speaker for Wednesday night will be Rev. Michael Graves, Thursday night, and Rev. George Dawson and Rev. R. Hamilton on Friday night. For more info, call Donald at 601-498-8972.

## NOVEMBER 30

Pajama party and showing of "The Polar Express" at the Arabian hosted by the Laurel Little Theatre after the downtown Christmas Tree lighting in Pinehurst Park at 5:30 p.m. Free to the public (no reservations needed, but donations will be taken). Wear your comfy PJs, bring the kids, and enjoy a visit from Santa at the end of the movie.

## 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.

Christmas Parade in downtown Shubuta on December 2 at 11:00 a.m. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Baptist Church (505 West Eucutta Street) and will end at Town of Shubuta Multi-Purpose Building, where there will be refreshments and music. For more information, contact City Hall at 601-687-1536.

Calvary Baptist Church will have a gospel musical on Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. Please come on out and join us. For more info, call Donald at 601-498-8972.

## DECEMBER 3

Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate our pastor's 15th anniversary (Rev. V. Graves) on December 3 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Terry L. Davis, pastor of First Hyde Park Baptist Church in Jackson, will be the guest speaker. For more info, call Donald at 601-498-8972.

## DECEMBER 4

December 4 and 5 – auditions at 7 p.m. for LLT's next production, "Noises Off," a delicious door-slamming comedy directed by Sam Buchanan. Cast consists of nine adults (high school and college age may be cast). Production is in March, rehearsals three nights per week in January and February. No preparation, read from script. For more information drop a line to LLTLaurelMS@aol.com.

## DECEMBER 6

Jones County Junior College will host a blood drive on campus Wednesday, December 6 in the Home and Health Building from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. This building, which is different from the drive's usual location, is located behind the cafeteria. The Jones County Cattlemen's Association will grill hamburgers for all donors. Donors will also receive a free long sleeve t-shirt while supplies last. There is also a free cholesterol testing with every donation. Make an appointment online at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) (sponsor code: JCJC) or call Judy Prine at 601-477-4000.

## DECEMBER 7

Gospel Sing Saturday, December 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Sanford Community Center, located at 663 Old Hwy 49, Sanford. Featured guest will be "Gospel Grass Revival," "Touch of Faith," and "Faithway Singers." Admission is free; a love offering will be received. For information, call 601-765-6485.

The YWCO will have our Victorian Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 7 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. This is an annual holiday favorite event! Ladies are invited to come enjoy high tea served in three courses in the tea room. The cost is \$20 per person.

## DECEMBER 9

The 20th Annual Christmas in Overt will be held at the Overt baseball field on Saturday, December 9 from noon until. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy. You may contact Katie Morgan at 601-788-4073 for more information. Our Christmas parade will line up in front of the Overt Eastern Star Building on Lower Overt Road at 10:00 a.m. for floats, with the parade starting at 11:00 a.m. For more information of the parade, contact Elaine Williford at 601-498-0017 or Patricia King at 601-433-3189.

"A Very Merry Christmas Celebration" will be held on December 9 in downtown Waynesboro. Events will start in the morning and go into the evening and will include: shopping in downtown Waynesboro, a Christmas parade, downtown Christmas celebration, and Movie Night.

The Perry County Vocational Technical Center, in partnership with the Southeast MS Resource Conservation and Development Council, is sponsoring the Benefits and Construction of an Affordable Tunnel House Field Day. The event will be held at the Perry County Vocational Technical Center, 9899A Hwy 98, New Augusta, on Saturday, December 9. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

## DECEMBER 15

Evergreen Baptist Church presents a Smoky Mountain Christmas Story, "A Change of Heart," December 15 & 16 at 7:00 p.m. "A Change of Heart" is a musical drama that offers a moving and joyful look at how the timeless

Christmas story still changes lives! There will be a time of fellowship to follow!

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

Al-Anon meetings are held

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

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

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

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



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# JCJC’s “A Jingle Jazz Christmas” partners with Salvation Army’s Angel Tree & Santa

The Jones County Junior College Fine Arts Department is pleased to partner with the Salvation Army again this year in providing a bit of Christmas cheer for “angels” in the Pine Belt. The public is invited to begin the holiday season by attending “A Jingle Jazz Christmas,” featuring the JC Jazz, JC Voices and a new group, The Bridge, for an evening of traditional and jazzy

receive scholarships and they look forward to performances like this where they can give back to the community and highlight their talent.”

The Jingle Jazz concert will feature an evening of beautiful holiday favorites like, “O Holy Night,” “Sleigh Ride,” and “Big Band Holiday,” along with other Christmas favorites performed by the JC Jazz Band under the direction of Dr. Mackenzie Edgley.

The select vocal ensembles, JC Voices and The Bridge, under the direction of Dr. Susan Smith and accompanied by Dr. David Goldblatt, will sing several selections including “Gettin’ in the Mood for Christmas” and the familiar and beloved “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.”

JC Voices and The Bridge will also share popular tunes like the Pentatonix arrangements of “That’s Christmas to Me,” “Mary Did You Know,” and “White Winter Hymnal.”

Student soloists and duets from both groups will be featured throughout the evening. Come early and get your family picture taken with our special guest from the North Pole with your gift donation to the Angel Tree program. All toys should be unwrapped and age appropriate. Necessities and Christmas gifts are provided for disadvantaged children from infants to age 12, through the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program in Jones, Jasper, Wayne, Clarke, Smith and Simpson counties.

For more information, call the Fine Arts office at 601-477-4094 or follow JCJC Fine Arts on Facebook and Twitter.

For more information about the Angel Tree project, go to <http://salvationarmyalm.org/angel-tree/>

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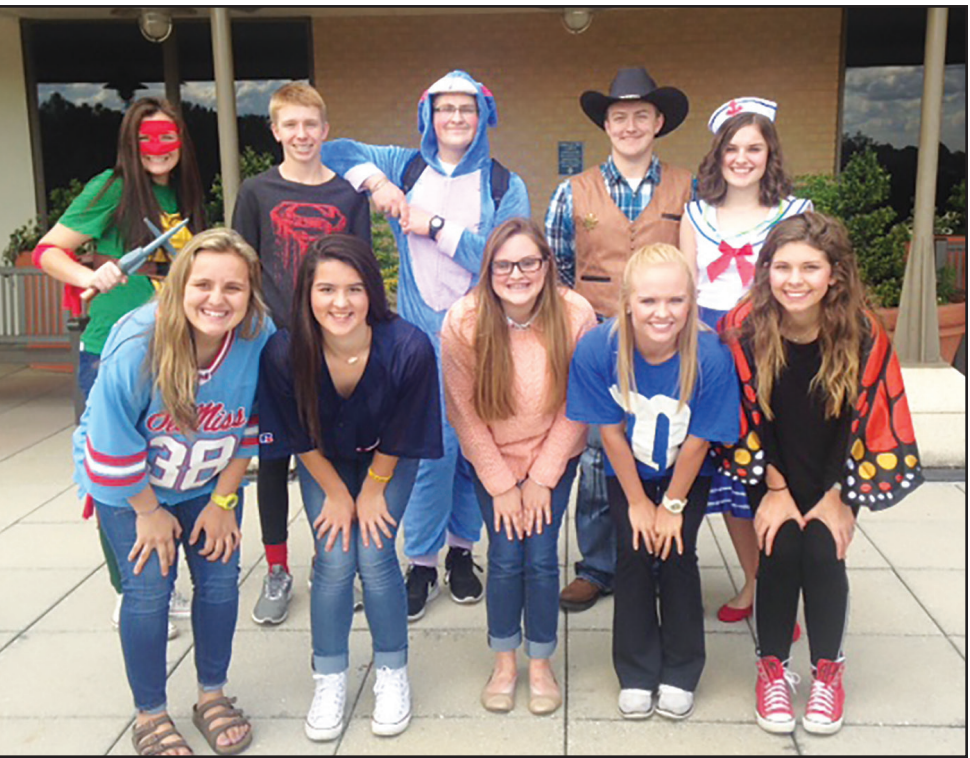
Christmas tunes on Thursday, November 30 at 7 p.m. in the M.P. Bush Fine Arts Auditorium on the JCJC campus in Ellisville.

In lieu of a ticket, the students and faculty of the JCJC Fine Arts Department request that you bring one new unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army’s “Angel Tree” program as your admission to the concert. Gift suggestions include toys, sports equipment, board games and plush animals. All the donations will be given to children in our area this Christmas.

“We are also proud Santa will be joining us before the concert at 6 p.m. to take pictures with those who bring a gift for the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program. The pictures with Santa are an additional gift from JCJC and Santa, in appreciation for donating to a worthy cause as we kick off this holiday season of gift-giving and music,” said JCJC Fine Arts Division Chair and JC Voices director Dr. Susan Smith. “Many of our students



2017 JCJC Voices. Photo/Teresa McCreery



Members of West Jones High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes lead team were recently invited to Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital to help with the annual Fall Festival! Dressed in costumes, the FCA members helped the children create Pumpkin Pals, played games, and spent time visiting with them in the court yard! Pictured are (front): Caden Shows, Madison Stinson, Sarah Hancock, Ashley Sumrall, and Alexis Parker; (back): Cassie Winship, Kagen Welch, Blake Todd, Matt Boykin, and Bailey Smith. FCA sponsors for this trip were Suzanne Manning, Coach Craig Winship, and Denise Graves. Photo/submitted

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West Jones High School Peer Council recently taught Scrubby Bears to the kindergarten and first grade students at West Jones Elementary and North Jones Elementary. Games, songs, and activities were used to promote good health and hygiene! Scrubby Bear encourages everyone to "Don't get sick! Wash up quick!" Peer Council is taught by Denise Graves with assistance from Angie Bynum, Jones County School District nurse. Pictured are, front row: Victoria Nguyen, Madalyn Stringer, Allie Rainer, Kolbi Holifield, Tanner Anderson, Hunter Green; back row: Conner Coleman, Shelby Bean, Maria Terry, Chelsey Dry, Melanie McLaurin, Isabella Brashier, Marley Mixon, Rhannon Williams, Haylee Walters, Abby Segrest, Lindsay Parker. Photo/submitted



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# Lady Braves' Holliday inks with JCJC women's basketball

By James Pugh

One of Ellisville's own is staying in Ellisville. South Jones standout Endia Holliday signed her letter of intent with JCJC women's basketball Friday morning on the campus of South Jones High School. Holliday held various offers both in state and out of state as far as Ohio and New York. "I chose to stay close to home," said Holliday about her decision to sign with the Lady Bobcats. "I wanted to be in a friendly and family environment, and Jones was the best to me."

South Jones head coach Sherri Cooley said the occasion is a bitter-sweet one. "Endia has been very important to our team," Cooley said. "She's been one of our top scorers every season she's played. She has always led in rebounding. She is a strong force and so athletic."

"I feel that her potential has not yet been met. She is going to get better at the next level. She had a lot of offers, all of the junior colleges [in the state] wanted her, but she decided to stay closer to home."

JCJC women's basketball saw two of its players sign D1 scholarships earlier this week. Sophomore forward Nique Cherry signed with East Carolina and sophomore guard Alexis Tolefree signed with Ole Miss.

"JCJC is one of the top programs in the state," Cooley added. "They have a very good coach in coach Missy Bilderback. So I know they are going to take good care of Holliday. She will step in and help that program. She is a joy to coach and a great kid."

Along with offers from junior colleges across the state, Holliday also held offers from out of state programs.

"Southern Miss offered me," Holliday mentioned. "I had others from New York and Ohio, but I wanted to stay closer to home."

Holliday has a total of 280 rebounds in 30 games played in her career at South Jones. The senior averages 12.1 points per game.

Cooley says Holliday has grown in maturity during her time on the Reservation.

"I don't think she quite realized how much she could do," Cooley said. "I think she thought I was hard on her early on. Once she started to realize her potential, she started producing. I think that is what's getting her ready for the next level. She is coming into her own. Now she knows that she can do this."

Cooley, Holliday and the rest of the South Jones Lady Braves are 3-1 on the season thus far.



Endia Holliday, center, is surrounded by family and school officials at South Jones.

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# Learning to forgive and be free



By Dr. Bill Myers  
Let's give thanks for all God has, is, and will do for us!

What about the "junk" that keeps hovering over our heads, keeping us from enjoying our Christian lives?

Let it go.....

Everyone is looking for miracles, breakthroughs, answers to prayers, etc. God is giving new levels of authority and anointing. But there is a key to this new promotion this year: we must get rid of accusations against others. God is releasing new anointing and authority to those who are humble and able to love others. A key verse for this time is Matthew 7:12, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

"God's Word instructs us that if you have anything against someone else, it is time

to put it behind you. Especially if you are holding evidence saved to prove you are right. Let it go. It's time to trust God to fight your battles and let go of any grievances because they will disqualify you from promotions this year." - Doug Addison

Friends, it's so easy to get offended at someone and hold unforgiveness. Our emotions demand that we "get them back" for the hurt they have caused us. But, instead, we must listen to the voice of God who lovingly tells us to forgive and move forward. The accusations, anger, and unforgiveness that tries to consume us will hold us back from receiving all that God has for us.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19.

Yes, let go of the negative feelings of yesterday and choose to move forward. It's a new day! Unforgiveness is like a very heavy backpack that we are wearing. It not only weighs us down, but it hurts

our physical body as well. God is saying, "Let go of it."

Many times when we get hurt, we put on the coat of "victim." We feel hurt and crave sympathy from others.

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We desire for those around us to feel sorry for us and get on our "band wagon" of unforgiveness. Sympathy is only a temporary feeling. It solves nothing. We must get rid of these feelings and remind ourselves who we are - children of God! As you forgive, the negative, unforgiving feelings might try to resurface. If they do, speak forgiveness again in Jesus' Name. The Word of God promises as you speak power and life, your faith will make you whole and God will remove it from you and allow you to be free! This is your day to be free and move forward without that unforgiveness backpack weighing you down!

Let's give Him thanks and let the "junk" go . . . Forgive and be free! Amen!



**West Jones High School National Art Honor Society students recently competed in the 2017 South MS Fair's art competitions. These students worked really hard and entered right at 370 pieces of artwork into the various divisions. They won 171 blue ribbons and 93 red ribbons for having good craftsmanship and design. They also had 13 entries that placed in the Visual Arts Competition. Pictured left to right front: Abby Williams, 1st place; Kylie Williamson, 1st place; Sam Waldrop, 1st place; Makayla Pollard, 2nd place. Back row: Emily Graves, 6th place; Aastha Banga, 3rd place; Mackenzie Masters, 2nd place; J.P. Person, Best-in-Show and 1st place; Juliana Gomez, 3rd place; Haley Andrews, 2nd place. Not pictured: Bailey Smith, two 3rd places; Sarah Ables, 3rd place. Photo/submitted**

## Carrie Powell to hold book signing for "Image of Poverty" on December 8

By Linda Cranford

On Friday, December 8, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., local author Carrie Powell will hold a book signing of her first book, "Image of Poverty," at the Baptist Bible and Book House, 605 Commerce Street in Laurel.

A long awaited dream finally became a reality, when in June of this year at age 87 Powell's first book was published. "After my friend got the book, she told me she was mad at me," said Powell with a smile. "She was mad because once she started reading it she said she couldn't put it down. Then she said she was mad at the end, because there wasn't anymore."

"I've worked a total of 60 years and raised five kids," said Powell. She added, "This book has been on my mind the whole time. I didn't finish high school; I went through the ninth grade. When my kids got grown, I went back to school at night. I took different classes like creative writing, spelling, English, and computer because I wanted to be a writer. I've always wrote poems. They seem to come easy for me. I started this book five different times in a period of 25 years. Ten years before I finally wrote it, I said, 'okay Lord, when I retire I'm going to write that book.'"

Powell said she married her first husband at age 16. Following a pattern of life set forth by her mother, she had one child after another - a total of five children. At age 23, she went to work as a seamstress at the Reliance Manufac-

turing plant and worked there 47 years, before retiring due to health issues. But, she did not retire from work. For the next 14 years Powell continued to work at various jobs and in 2014 at age 84, she finally re-

an angel that I saw, it was the voice of God that I heard. This is what the voice said, 'The sun was coming up on the red clay hills of Neshoba County...that's the first line of your book.'"

She said she immediately



tired from working.

The inspiration for Powell to finally start writing her book again came unexpected one day, shortly after retiring. She explained, "I was standing at my kitchen sink and I saw something go across my yard. I went out, but I didn't find anything. So, I came back and I started putting my dishes in the dishwasher and this voice came to me. Now if it wasn't

went to the computer and wrote those words down. She said the five times before when she had attempted to write the book, the reason that what she wrote never seemed to be right is that she was writing from a state of anger.

"I was angry about living in poverty most of my life," remembered Powell, "being made fun of all the time, marrying the wrong man, having

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he still did an outstanding job."

Roberts said he just wanted to come out and give his team the win.

"I just wanted to come through for my team," said the senior running back and cornerback. "I know they have needed me to do so in the past two years, so I have tried [to do so] in my senior year."

Roberts also had a 9-yard scramble for a touchdown. It gave Taylorsville a 35-26 lead in the final seconds of the third quarter.

Robertson's second season as head coach has been night and day in difference. A large reason for Taylorsville's success has been due to freshman quarterback Tycarious Keyes. He leads the state in passing and passed the 4,000-yard mark this season with his 73-yard touchdown pass to Latrell Jones early in the third period. The score gave Taylorsville a 28-26 led over Collins. Keyes and Taylorsville never looked back.

"Keyes is going to be a special kid one day," said Robertson. "He never gets flustered. He always seems to be in the right place at the right time.

"Collins did knock down a few of his balls tonight and did a few other things, but Keyes did a good job of adjusting.



Zack Hill (57) leads the Tartars rushing assault here. Photo/James Pugh

He came out in the second half and our offensive coordinator put him in some good situations."

After the game Keyes said the win felt good, but that his team isn't done yet.

"Coach told me never to put my head down and keep pushing," Keyes said. "He said the plays are going to be there, so I just listened to him."

Keyes had three 70-plus yard touchdown passes on the night, including an 8-yard TD strike and a rushing score in the second half.



Taylorsville's Letreal Jones (1) pushes away a Collins defender. Photo/James Pugh



Ty Keyes looks to throw downfield for the Tartars. Photo/James Pugh

## Powell writes first book continued from P. 7

everything go wrong, and being on my knees all the time asking God to just help me make it through the day. There was so much anger in what I had written before. I don't think God

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wanted the book to be like that. I think God wanted me to write about the faith that my mother had raising us nine children and how she passed that faith on to me. It's not what we do ourselves; it's what we do in the will of God according to his plan. See, the first book I was writing was in my plan. When I had this vision, or thought or whatever you want to call it,

it became God's plan."

"Image of Poverty" is Powell's first of four books and is about her parents and the many struggles the family went through during the Great Depression and the challenges of her youngest brother John and his life's struggles.

Powell's second book, which is written but not yet published, is entitled "Katie" and is the story of her life beginning with her marrying at age 16. Her third book, "First Things, First," is a collection of 50 plus years of original Bible lessons she wrote and inspirational speeches she's made. "Some of them were typed using an old timey typewriter," exclaimed Powell. "My fourth book is going to be titled, 'Renaissance Inspirations,' and it is a collection of poems, short stories, and inspirational stories to encourage other people," said Powell.

"Image of Poverty" will be available at Baptist Bible and Book House before and after the book signing December 8. It is also available at major book stores including Barnes and Nobles and online from Amazon in paperback or Kindle editions.

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## HAAS TECH CENTER, continued from page 2

In May JCJC hosted the Haas Technical Education Center's (HTEC) first Mississippi regional conference for educators and industry leaders. "We really wanted to do this educator's conference to showcase what the trade schools in Mississippi are doing and the types of students they're putting out," said Neary.

At the conference, the Gene Haas Foundation donated a total of \$80,000 to nine community/junior colleges and high schools in Mississippi. JCJC's Precision Machining and Manufacturing received \$15,000.

Neary said the first time they walked into the Precision Machining and Manufacturing shop they saw that half of it was empty. "We looked around and the floors and the walls were a little beat up. The lighting was a little dim. And, I asked (Chase) what type of technology would you like to see in here? Chase has worked so hard all summer. Our Haas Factory Outlet folks have stepped up to the plate and epoxied the floors, painted the walls, and worked with a team to get in new lighting. She added that during the open house she heard at least two people comment "this is not what I thought a machine shop would look like." And that's our goal, noted Neary.

HFO-Mississippi spent approximately \$47,000 in remodeling (\$25,000 for painting, \$4,000 to move machines, \$10,000 for labor installation and \$8,000 for rewiring) the almost 6,500 square-foot JCJC machine shop and lab.

"I need to say a special thanks to Trent Mulloy (Laurel Machine & Foundry owner) because he opened our eyes to what can be – could be," said Smith. He explained that Mulloy encouraged him to go with them to visit the factory where the Haas machines were being built in Oxnard, California. "Then the Board allowed me to go to China," said Smith, "and I went to seven different career and technical schools in China and saw where U.S. companies were vesting in those schools and actually building labs in the same nature of what you see here today. We came back with a vision, and we never could have made it happen until Chase Elmore came along. Chase is always chasing excellence. He is a tremendous asset. We believe in him and what he's doing. We think this is a beginning of something extraordinarily unique and very special. This is going to be a model which all community colleges need to follow . . . to make great partnerships with businesses and industries. We plan to add value back to Haas and learn by their expertise. We plan to grow together and give them a solid pipeline



**Chase Elmore, JCJC's Precision Machining and Manufacturing Technology instructor, was credited by all to be the main reason JCJC was chosen to have the first Haas Technical Education Center (HTEC) in Mississippi.** Photo/Linda Cranford

of talent throughout the country coming through Jones County Junior College."

Smith also recognized those in attendance who continue to support JCJC, starting with his wife, Jennifer Smith, who is also a teacher at JCJC, and members of the Board of Trustees including Ann Tucker, Executive Board vice chairman; Carolyn Smith from Clarke County; Mike Evans, treasurer from Wayne County; and Robert Sullivan, board attorney. Also present were Representative Gary Staples, Representative Donnie Scoggins, Ellisville Mayor Lynn Buckhaults, Jones County Beat 4 Supervisor David Scruggs, and Jones County EDA President and CEO Ross Tucker.

Haas has consigned approximately \$300,000 in new CNC machines at the JCJC HTEC which includes a DT-1 drill/tap center, a ST-30Y CNC lathe with bar-feeder, and a VF-3YT/50 taper vertical machining center. HFO-Mississippi will supply free Blaser coolant to run all three machines and added an air compressor to run the machines. Any Hass consignment machine sold will be replaced with the newest machinery available. In addition to being a NIMS (National Institute for Metalworking Skills) credentialed program, JCJC is now part of the HTEC Network – an industry and education led initiative that enables manufacturing technology educators and their schools to acquire and share information on the newest technology, software, and educational materials.

## JCJC to hold blood drive on campus Dec. 6

*Submitted*

Jones County Junior College will host a Blood Drive on campus Wednesday, December 6 in the Home and Health Building from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. This building, which is different from the drive's usual location, is located behind the cafeteria. The Jones County

Cattlemen's Association will grill hamburgers for all donors. Donors will also receive a free long sleeve t-shirt while supplies last. There is also a free cholesterol testing with every donation. Make an appointment online at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) (sponsor code: JCJC) or call Judy Prine at 601-477-4000.

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## SCAR to hold December events

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Southern Cross Animal Rescue is having two events in December: Stuff a Truck and Doggie Angel Trees.

The Stuff a Truck event will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at PetSense in Laurel from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This will include a Christmas adoption event with some of SCAR's cats and dogs available on site for adoption. There will also be merchandise for sale, music and face painting. Bryan Dykes with Dirt Road Seasoning will be cooking plates for sale, but anyone who brings a 50 lb bag

of food or more to stuff the truck will get a free lunch.

The Angel tree event begins December 1 and lasts until Christmas. The trees will be set up at PetSense, Tractor Supply and Town and Country Feed Store, all in Laurel. On the back of each ornament are suggestions for gifts, and participants can drop the gifts back off at the store.

For more information on these events, call SCAR at 601-433-5807 or visit their Facebook page at SCAR-Southern Cross Animal Rescue.

## James signs with JCJC Lady Bobcats



**West Jones High School senior Allie James recently signed a letter of intent to play soccer for the JCJC Lady Bobcats. Pictured are, front row: Bobby James, dad; Allie; Felicia James, mom; back row: WJHS Supervising Principal Cooper Pope; Bailey James, sister; WJ Coach Joshua Sullivan; WJ Athletic Director Scott Pierson; WJ Coach Craig Winship; and Rob James, brother.**

*Photo/submitted*

## Deluxe Corporation announces 20 towns in the running for Season 3 of the Small Business Revolution

*Submitted*

After thousands of nominations from small towns all over the country, Deluxe Corporation today announced the 20 communities that are in the running for season 3 of the highly acclaimed Small Business Revolution – Main Street series.

On Sept. 28, Deluxe launched the second season of Small Business Revolution – Main Street, featuring the community of Bristol Borough, Pennsylvania and six businesses selected to receive the \$500,000 makeover. The series, which airs on [www.smallbusinessrevolution.org](http://www.smallbusinessrevolution.org), Hulu and YouTube, features marketing and business expertise for small businesses in one small town. Host Amanda Brinkman, Deluxe's chief brand and communications officer, along with a host of marketing experts from Deluxe, help struggling business owners find their path to success.

Nominations were open from Sept. 28 to Nov. 19, with thousands of communities across the country vying for a chance to be featured in Season 3. Deluxe will gather more information from the top 20 communities before narrowing its list to

10 finalists to visit in the month of January. Eventually, five or six communities will be selected for a national vote to determine the winner.

"There are so many deserving towns that need this boost," Brinkman said. "Our team decided to announce 20 deserving communities so we can do a deeper dive into their structure and their needs before moving on to the next round. No matter what, each of these 20 would make a great winner for our contest."

Deluxe, a leading provider of small business marketing and financial services, launched the Small Business Revolution – Main Street contest in 2016 and shared the inspiring story of Wabash, Indiana, in Season 1. All eight episodes of Season 2 are now available online or on Hulu. Following an announcement on December 12 for the Top 10, representatives from Deluxe will travel to the towns in early 2018 to then narrow them down to five or six, who will compete in a nationwide vote when the winner is announced in late February. All announcements regarding season three can be found on [SmallBusinessRevolution.org](http://SmallBusinessRevolution.org).

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*(Family Features)* It can be difficult for parents to know exactly when to start teaching their children how to identify colors and numbers or when the right time is to start reading to them. However, the earlier parents begin reading to their kids, the better prepared they can be once they reach school age.

In fact, reading to children at home can set them up for success in school and in life, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics. With the right resources, parents can influence their kids' enjoyment of reading. These tips from the Pizza Hut BOOK IT! Program, which aims to motivate kindergarten through sixth-grade students to read by rewarding them with praise and pizza, can help inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Read to your children early and often. Parental involvement is one of the best predictors of future academic achievement, according to research published in the Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community. Getting into a routine of reading to your children at a young age is a habit that can be pivotal to developing a love of reading. As you read, point out words, colors and images and ask questions about the story to help children develop a deeper understanding and relate what they have learned back to other books and activities.

**Regularly visit the library.** Librar-

ies typically have lists available of favorite books for various age groups and can help parents and kids create reading lists of stories that match reading levels and interests. Additionally, attending "story times" and other library activities tailored to age-specific target audiences can expose your child to new books.

**Make books easily accessible.** Having multiple locations in the home where you keep books can inspire children to pick one up any time. Start with a main bookshelf in your child's room that lets him or her easily see the titles, and place additional book storage locations in different rooms where your family typically spends the most time.

**Get comfy.** Creating the perfect spot (or spots) to read has a lot to do with individual children. While some prefer to read with mom and dad in a chair or on a couch, others prefer their own space where they can cuddle up with a good book. If space allows, consider dedicating a corner of your child's bedroom or playroom as a "book nook."

**Take advantage of technology.** The use of technology can aid in creating excitement about reading. To help develop strong reading habits and enhance your child's vocabulary and ability to comprehend, consider supplementing traditional books with devices such as e-readers and tablets or smartphones equipped with age-



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appropriate reading and learning applications.

**Keep reading.** Children often see their parents as role models. If you read often, your children will be more likely to pick up the habit, as well, according to a BOOK IT! survey. It revealed that adults who have gone through the program are more likely to establish regular reading routines with their families, as 54 percent of the survey respondents said they read with their children every day, compared to 32 percent who did not participate in the program.

*For more information and ways to help inspire young readers, visit [book-itprogram.com](http://book-itprogram.com).*



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# Picking perfect holiday presents

(Family Features) Gift-giving season is a time that's special for many families and friends, and it's the perfect opportunity to show the loved ones in your life just how much you appreciate them.

However, it isn't always easy to pick out the perfect present, especially with so many options available. When you're stuck in a gifting rut, turn to the professionals, like those at Macy's, to help you choose just the right gifts for everyone on your list.

"The holidays are a celebratory time when loved ones can come together and show how much they appreciate having each other in their lives," said Cassandra Jones, senior vice president of Macy's Fashion. "I truly believe that the perfect gift can bring people together. To enhance that experience for our customers, we've created an unparalleled assortment of gift-giving items, from tech to beauty, so that each present is the perfect one."

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**New Listing! Greene County +/- 40 Acres.** Located on the Perry/Greene County Line just off hwy 42 between Richton and Sandhill. Excellent hunting opportunity! This property features the Piney Woods Creek which flows throughout the property, mature hardwoods and pines. The property does have a deeded easement and is easily acceptable. This property is great for anyone looking for excellent hunting/recreation property. Priced at \$120,000 Call Bennett Burris 601-913-0340 at Walley Properties, LLC. or visit our website at walleyproperties.com for more info on this property.

**+/- 104 Acres Located on** Chickasawhay River in Wayne County, MS just West of Waynesboro, MS, this tract is perfect for hunting and recreation and even a place to call home. Property is a fresh cut over with hardwood/pine trees remaining on the River. Property has a lake site and a power line running across it with a planted field. Majestic Hills and Abundant Wildlife!!!! Will make a Great Timber Investment, Ask us about Cost Share with the reforestation of the property. \$182,000. Call Woods & Waters Realty at 800-526-3961. See more at mfmland.com.

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**Jones County +/- 47 Acres:** Located in South Jones County on Rainey Road, only 10 miles from Hattiesburg and Laurel right off the Sanford Road Exit on HWY i59. This property would make for a great home-site/mini-farm with plenty of recreational opportunities. Property features gently rolling hills containing a mixture of pine plantation and hardwoods. Price: \$123,375. Call Bennett Burris 601-913-0340 at Walley Properties, LLC. or visit our website at walleyproperties.com for more info on this property

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