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# HANDBAGS *and* HIGH HEELS

I am not a huge fan of summer. It's hot and muggy, and there is no football. This year, I have my Bulldog baseball to entertain me, but even that will be over soon. I used to enjoy spending time by the pool, but to keep myself from looking like a leather handbag before I turn 50, I have slacked off on that. I guess you could say I am more of an indoor girl. Being outside in 100 degree heat just doesn't appeal to me. Neither does being outside in 30 degree cold, but I digress.

Another reason I don't love summer is the difficulties I have dressing for this kind of weather.

I have never been a big shorts wearer. This is probably because of my lack of shorts-appropriate footwear. I don't like flats. And I definitely don't like the way I look in flats. I am not short by any means, but flats automatically make me feel stumpy. Yes, I realize this is probably all in my head and, more than likely, no one looks twice at my feet when

I wear flats. No, that realization does not change my perspective. I would rather wear a pair of skinny jeans and heels any day of the week. But one cannot exactly make it through a Mississippi summer in jeans. And so, I force myself to break out my shorts for a few months each year. Thank goodness for wedges, the shorts-acceptable midway point between stilettos and sandals.

My other issue with dressing for summer is the extreme difference between indoor and outdoor temperatures. It is so hard to dress for 90 degrees outside and 65 degrees inside. I am extremely cold natured. I keep heavy blankets on every seating area in my den at home, and I use them year-round. Every desk I occupied in the past year had a space heater underneath it. Because I share a pretty small space with another co-worker in this office, I can't bring myself to subject her to my heater. So there is a heating pad in my chair. Seriously. I have it on right now.

I would love to wear shorts all summer, but the second I walk indoors, I turn into

a popsicle. The same goes for work. I have lots of cute dresses I could wear, but I would freeze. And so, I go off to work each day dressed for the cooler temperatures of my office. I am more than comfortable at my desk. But then I walk outside and promptly melt from the heat. There is no happy medium.

I have learned that the secret to dressing for work in the summer is layers. Honestly, layers are the best option for any season. Look at the denim jacket, for example. That is a year-round wardrobe staple and extremely versatile. It adds warmth in the winter, and you can pair it with a cute sundress in the summer. When you get hot, you just take it off.

I also love a good blazer. In my opinion, there is no better outfit than skinny jeans paired with a cute top and a stylish blazer. I am sitting at my desk today in black jeggings, a hot pink tank, and a white boyfriend blazer paired with black Jessica Simpson heels. It's one of my favorite outfits. Not only is it office-appropriate, I can shed the blazer when I go outside in the heat.

My other go-to layer is a kimono. Since they are mostly made of light, gauzy material, they don't offer as much warmth in the air conditioning as a blazer, but any cover is better than no cover. Plus, kimonos are just plain fun! With their bright colors and bold patterns, a kimono can jazz up any outfit. I am a sucker for a large floral print and have seen several around town that I need to add to my closet.

I have yet to solve the "how to wear a dress to work and not freeze" dilemma, though. Most layers are made for the upper half of the body and do nothing to keep my legs warm. For now, I may have to grab one of those blankets from my den to keep at my desk.

*Emily Hall is the Media Manager and Fashion Columnist for the Impact. Any suggestions to help her stay warm while the A/C blasts are welcome!*



**Emily Hall**  
Fashion Columnist

# Homeschooling surges as popular, effective alternative

By Brad Crowe

Recent statistics show that an increasing number of families across the nation are making the decision to homeschool their children as an alternative to enrolling them in public or charter school systems. Research by Dr. Brian D. Ray, President of the National Home Education Research Institute (NHRI), indicates that the U.S. homeschooling population is growing annually at a rate of up to eight percent. The population is comprised of an incredibly diverse group, including families of various races, religions and income classes (Brian D. Ray, Ph.D.). Statistics also show that — on average — students who are homeschooled perform better on standardized tests, scoring an average of 72 points higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and one point higher on the American College Test (ACT). These trends can be seen first-hand in Jones County and the surrounding area, with more and more local residents showing interest in taking a different approach to their children's education.

"As a mother of two," shared Mrs. Heather Roberts of the Beat Four community, "I feel that the most important benefits from homeschooling have been the amount of time I have been able to spend with my children and flexibility of our schedule. The amount of time I've had to instruct, discipline, influence and bond with my children has increased greatly."

Jonah Roberts (17), the oldest child of Mike and Heather Roberts, excelled academically while studying as a homeschool student. He placed third in the state at Skills USA in the Information Technology Services category two years in a row, and he received an ACT scholarship for achieving a score of 27 on the exam. Jonah believes being homeschooled allowed him the opportunity to thrive by learning in a personalized manner.

"I feel that the biggest benefit is that homeschooling allows you to learn at a pace which you feel comfortable with," said Jonah. "Other than that, I'd have to say the freedom that it gives you to travel and experience the world around you, rather than being in the same place for most of your life, is important. I feel that I've been able to learn more practical things that I can apply in everyday life than I would've had I been cooped up in a classroom, separated from the world." Jonah plans to attend Jones County Junior College in the fall, and in two years he hopes to study at the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering at Mississippi State to pursue his dream of becoming a robotics engineer.

"I've been able to see [my children] learn and understand their strengths and weaknesses first hand," said Heather Roberts. "As a Christian parent, I feel it is my responsibility to teach them according to biblical principles, and homeschooling has allowed me the ability to do that."

As more people become properly informed about the facts and the benefits included for both parents and students, the popularity of homeschooling is expected to continue rising among younger parents, both locally and nationally.

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## Benefit set for June 30 for Brian Barnes

On June 30 Ward 6 will host a Community Day at the Sandy T. Gavin Park in Laurel. There will be special guest speakers, a voter's registration drive, prizes, space jumps, food and more. This year Councilman Comegys and citizens in the community have incorporated a benefit for Brian Barnes. Brian and his family are residents of Ward 6. Brian was injured in 2013, which left him a quadriplegic. Since then, Brian strives to live a normal life. He continues to attend church, his children's extra-curricular activities and spend time with his family. In order for Brian and his family to travel he has a special designed van with a wheel chair lift. At this time, the wheel chair lift on the van is not working due to wiring and other mechanical issues.

Together we as a community can help Brian and his family be able to travel together once again. We are asking clubs, organizations, churches and anyone interested to please give a donation. Donations can be brought to the Community Day event or contact Travares Comegys (601)498-3620 or Chataura Sanders (601)319-6533. We know that Brian and his family will be forever grateful for your donations and thoughts.

# Shady Grove firefighters charged with starting fires

The chief and officers of the Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department noticed some inconsistencies regarding several brush fires and the actions of two of their members during the last month. Chief David Houston brought the incidents to the Jones County fire coordinator's attention, and we began looking into the incidents. With the assistance of the Jones County Emergency Operations Center, and in particular Deputy Director Rodney Parker, the 9-1-1 calls reporting the fires were determined to have been made from the suspected

firefighters telephones. At that time Deputy State Fire Marshal Kevin Butler was asked to investigate the cause of the fires and the circumstances behind them.

Through the diligent work of the officers of Shady Grove Fire & Rescue, the two firefighters were identified and have been each charged with four counts of arson by Deputy State Fire Marshal Kevin Butler.

While this is an embarrassment to the fire service, it should be recognized that these two insubordinate individuals have been removed from the elite remaining 35

firefighters that Shady Grove has in their department. There are over 300 volunteer firefighters in Jones County who each day answer the call that the citizens of the county make and perform their duties without question and to the best of their ability. Shady Grove Fire & Rescue along with all of the fire departments in the county will not tolerate this behavior and will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law anyone who participates in this type of behavior.

*This press release was released through the office of Dan McKenna, Jones County Fire Coordinator*

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# 4th Annual AD47 Football Leadership Academy set for this Saturday

By James Pugh

Year three provided every opportunity for Akeem Davis' dream to fade out, namely Tropical Storm Cindy. Formed in the Yucatán Peninsula on June 20, 2017, the third named storm of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season formed out of a broad area of low pressure that developed in the northwestern Caribbean Sea. Cindy not only threatened the Gulf Coast to the shores of Louisiana with up to 10 inches of rain and gale-force winds, she tried to dampen the 3rd annual AD47 Football Leadership Academy . . . and she did assault George Blair Field at R.H. Watkins Stadium.

Cindy failed in her attempt to disrupt the third year of the camp. AD47 not only remained on schedule but nearly all its camp signees showed up on time, and the soggy practice field at Laurel High School merely heightened the experience as the sun showed itself for the first time in days. This Saturday AD47 Football Leadership Academy kicks off for its fourth year at Laurel High School.

"It's the fourth year, and it still feels new every year," said Davis. "I'm excited about the new crop of kids that's coming. This year the eight-year-olds we had [in year one] will be 12-year-olds now. To get out there and see how they've developed as young men will be an encouragement. And to see how they've developed as athletes will be encouraging as well."

The camp will be open to 100 kids, ages 8-12, and last from 7 a.m. to noon.

"I'm just excited, and our coaches are excited," Davis added. "I feel the buzz from around the community, and I'm anxious to get out there."

Davis, who played football at Laurel High School, University of Memphis and later in the NFL (after going undrafted out of college), began AD47 in 2015. The inaugural camp featured 53 kids. It was expanded to 100 kids a year later.



Akeem Davis helps a young camper. Photo/James Pugh

"We've been fortunate enough to have built a great foundation," Davis noted. "The management has been good, the community support has been great, and the kids who have attended the camp every year are phenomenal."

A lot has factored into the success of AD47, much of it has to do with how Davis has exemplified what he preaches. "The thing we built the camp on -- character, leadership,

discipline, follow-through, finish, and grit -- we've had to exercise every year," said Davis. "We could have easily folded the tent and canceled out, but that's not what we are trying to instill in these kids. When things get tough, it's easy to stop. But we want to exemplify the kind of commitment that we want these kids to have."

"Even in my own life I've [had to exemplify the same kind of commitment]. Two out of the three years I've had this camp I've been a free agent going through the same principles that I'm trying to teach these kids," the added.

Other factors for the camp's success has been the support of DLE Agency, an integrated media, marketing, and management firm which serves a global portfolio of athletes, personalities, and brands, as well as local Jones County businesses who financially supports the camp among other things.

"It takes a village to support a child, and the support has been phenomenal," said Davis. "Without our sponsors investing into this, we would not be where we are. It's one thing to give, but when you invest, you expect to reap a harvest. This community invested so much into me that I can never pay it back, but I can always pay it forward."

Davis is currently is a defensive graduate assistant at Southern Miss under head football coach Jay Hopson. Hopson coached Davis during his two-year stint at Memphis as a defensive coordinator. The AD47 Football Leadership Academy is a free, one-day, football skills camp dedicated to promoting leadership, citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. AD47 is sanctioned and insured by the NFL Foundation and facilitated in partnership with USA Football through the FUNdamentals program.

## Reduce exposure to harmful VOCs at home

Volatile organic compounds are emitted by a vast array of products. The Environmental Protection Agency warns that VOCs consist of gases discharged from solids or liquids that produce short- and long-term health effects.

VOCs are particularly troubling because their concentrations are consistently up to 10 times higher indoors than outdoors. Those who spend time inside of homes and businesses may be at risk from concentrated exposure to VOCs.

Notable items that produce VOCs include treated woods, carpeting, building materials, paints, waxes, fabrics, and varnishes. Since people are constantly breathing in air, and whatever is circulating within it, it's important for individuals to be conscious of these common offenders.

VOCs can be dangerous because they may cause everything from minor symptoms of headaches, nausea and stuffy noses to more serious conditions like nervous system problems and kidney and liver damage. Some VOCs are known to cause cancer in humans, warns the EPA.

To reduce exposure to VOCs, home-

owners are advised to take the following steps.

- Read product labels carefully for warnings against VOCs. Whenever possible, select products that do not emit VOCs.
- Invest in alternative products, such as all-natural cleaning solutions. Many people find that common and safe items like vinegar, citrus oils and baking soda are as effective as chemical cleaners without the same harmful side effects.
- Use an air purifier in conjunction with HVAC systems. Purchase an air purifier that specifically filters out odors and VOCs, which can help people with chemical sensitivities.
- Rely on natural ventilation when using products that have strong odors or are suspected of emitting VOCs. This can be as easy as opening windows and doors or doing work outside.
- Use a shed rather than an attached garage to store gas cans, pesticides, paint thinners, and other odoriferous materials away from the home. Contact the municipal waste department to learn how to properly dispose of leftover chemical products.
- Rethink flooring materials to in-

clude carpeting that is low VOC or alternatives such as washable rugs or hard flooring.

• Don't forget to fill a home with plenty of live plants. A study from researchers at NASA found that certain indoor plants are effective at naturally purifying air.

• Exercise caution with dry-cleaned clothes. Perchloroethylene is a chemical most widely used in dry cleaning. Air out dry-cleaned clothes before wearing them, particularly if they have strong chemical odors.

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## June 21

A hands-on workshop, "Finding a Job 101," is scheduled Thursday, June 21 at noon at the JCJC Wayne County Center. At this program you will learn tips for a top-notch resume and cover letter as well as who you should include as references. Bring a copy of your current resume on a jump drive if possible so that you can use the tips you learn to polish it while you are there. Andy Collins, Extension instructor, will teach the workshop. Seating is limited, so call 601-735-2243 to reserve your spot.

A Precept Summer Bible Study – "Understanding Spiritual Gifts" – will be hosted by First Baptist Church of Laurel, beginning Thursday, June 21 at 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. This six-week study will be led by Becky Wells. An identical study will begin Monday, June 25 at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. led by Danny West. For more information, please call Carey or Margie Hauenstein at 601-428-4393.

On June 21, leaders and supporters of The Arc of the Pine Belt Region will gather for golf and good times. The Arc's Fifth Annual Golf Tournament will feature teams playing 18 holes at the Laurel Country Club with tee-off time at 9:00 a.m. Players have the chance to win \$15,000 with a hole in one shot! The Arc provides services to people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as their caregivers, in Jones, Covington, Jasper, Smith, and Wayne counties. Services include information, advocacy, social activities, and special events. Potential sponsors and participants should contact Abigail Willis at 601-433-3842 or email at abigailsandswillis@gmail.com.

## June 22

Pink & Diamonds Ladies Empowerment will be held on Friday, June 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Sweet Hope Baptist Church, Laurel. This is a free event, wear your pink and diamonds. The host will be Stephanie Bolton and the speaker will be Yvonne Capehart.

## June 23

Are you in need of a miracle? Join us for our Day of Heal-

ing sponsored by Sandra Hancock Ministries on Saturday, June 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at "The Gathering Place," 3227 Audubon Dr. in Laurel. For more information, call 1-800-579-7350 or see our webpage at www.sandrahancock.org.

The Magnolia Boys will be at Antioch Baptist Church on June 23 starting at 6:30 p.m. The church is located on Hwy. 18 East of Bay Springs. Everyone is invited to attend.

The first annual SBC 3-on-3 Tournament will be held in the Chargers gym on June 23. Tip-off is at 8:00 a.m. with 16 teams per division. Teams will consist of three players with an optional fourth man sub. \$15 per player entry fee. Divisions are as follows: High School Boys 7-12th grades, High School Girls 7-12th grades, Adult Men 18+, and Adult Women 18+. Register your team or get more information at athleticsatscb@gmail.com

The annual Chandler reunion will be held Saturday, June 23 at Mineral Springs Baptist Church in Smith County. Please come and bring a dish and enjoy good family fellowship. We encourage all family members to please try and attend.

The descendants of Michael Fannie and Arizona Smith will hold their annual reunion on Saturday, June 23 at the Johnson Community Center, Highway 29 South beginning at 10:00 AM. Family and friends are invited to bring a covered dish and join us for lunch and fellowship.

The Jones County Genealogical and Historical Organization will meet Saturday morning June 23 at 10 a.m. at the Laurel Jones County Library, 530 Commerce Street, Laurel. Tim Dudley, chairman of the Marriage Records Committee, will be speaking on this committee's work being done with the help of the Circuit Clerk's office and the progress made in indexing the marriage license records for the past 100 plus years. Members are urged to attend, and guests are always welcome.

## June 24

Blue Mt. MB Church of Bay Springs invites everyone to worship with them during their Family and Friends Day on Sunday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m. and the opening of Annual Revival at 1:00 p.m. The weekly services will begin at 7:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 25-28. Dr. Billy McSwain, pastor of Second Baptist Missionary Church in Laurel, will be the evangelist for the week.

Friendship MB Church, 116 Custom Avenue, Laurel, invites you to our Annual Rainbow Tea on Sunday, June 24 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please wear any color of the rainbow.

Vacation Bible School at Moselle Memorial Baptist Church will be held June 24-29 from 5 to 8 p.m. Game On! God has given us the ultimate playbook and He wants us to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation and encourage one another. Registration will be Wednesday, June 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will include hamburgers, chips and drinks. For more information, call (601) 584-9905.

St. Elmo Church Family will celebrate our Annual Usher's Day on Sunday, June 24 at 3:00 p.m. The speaker for this occasion will be minister Billy Evans Jr. of The Church of

Christian Unity of Laurel.

The public is invited to a special program on Sunday, June 24 at First Baptist Church, Soso. Andrew Ishee will be in concert beginning at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge. A love offering will be taken. The church is located at the intersection of Hwy 28 & 29 in Soso.

Edon Baptist Church, Stringer, invites you to Vacation Bible School, June 24-29, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. for children (K5-6th Grade). For more information, call 601-729-2693.

Pastor John Buxton and the Mt. Olive Baptist Church cordially invited you to our Annual Youth and Young Adult Day on Sunday June 24 @ 2:30 p.m. The speaker for this occasion will be the Rev. Willis Hales, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church Ellisville.

## June 25

Southeastern Baptist College Chargers basketball camp kicks off on June 25. Come join the Chargers players and coaches for next level skill prep. K-6th grades, 9:00-Noon; 7-12th grades, 1:00p-4:00 p.m. Camp cost is \$60 per person to register or for more information email athleticsatsbc@gmail.com

## June 26

United Blood Services will be holding their Laurel community blood drive on Tuesday, June 26 from 12:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. at the Cameron Center, 711 North 10th Avenue, Laurel. All blood donors 21 years or older are entered for a chance to win a dream vacation! Donors 16-20 years old are entered for a chance to win a \$500 Amazon.com gift card! Schedule your appointment to donate at www.bloodhero.com or call 877-827-4376. Walk-ins are welcome.

## June 29

Gospel Fest 2018 will be held on Friday, June 29 at 6:45 p.m. in the Oak Park auditorium. Appearing on program this year will be: "The Laurel High School Gospel Choir," "J.J. and the Sons of God," "W.H.I.P. Worship Him in Praise," "Rev. Jaymar Jackson and Friends," "William Chapel Male Chorus" and "Brothers." Don't miss this night of singing and dancing. There will be a \$5 donation at the door with the proceeds going towards the scholarship fund.

## June 30

The Annual JJ Musgrove family reunion will be held on June 30 at Union Line club house. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Please come and join us for lunch and a time of sharing memories. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite dishes to share at mealtime.

White Oak Baptist Church will have a gospel sing on June 30 starting at 6:30 p.m. The Magnolia Boy's Quartet will be the featured group. The church is located on Ira-G-Odom Road below Ellisville. Everyone is invited to attend.

## July 1

Antioch MB Church, Waynesboro, invites you to our installation service for our new pastor, the Reverend Eddie Trotter, on July 1 at 2:30 p.m. We rejoice that the Lord has led our new pastor to lead our congregation, and we are looking forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God.

## JCJC to host Bobcat Soccer Academy, Cheer Team Camp

Jones County Junior College will host its annual Bobcat Soccer Academy June 26-29 and then host a Cheer Team Camp in July.

The soccer camp is for Mini-Bobcats (boys and girls ages 4-7), Full Bobcats (boys and girls ages 8-14) and Overnight Bobcats (must be 10-14-years-old boys and girls).

Camp cost is \$80 per player for Mini-Bobcats (late registration after June 18 \$100), \$160 per player for Full Bobcats (late registration after June 18 \$180) and \$300 per player for Overnight Bobcats (late registration after June 18 \$320).

Soccer ball and t-shirt are guaranteed for pre-registered campers. Camp time for Mini-Bobcats is 9-11 a.m. and for Full/Overnight Bobcats is 9 a.m.-3

p.m. Lunch is provided for Full Bobcats and dorms and meals are provided for Overnight Bobcats. To sign up for the camp, go to www.jcjsoccercamps.com.

For more information, contact JCJC women's head coach Dolores Deasley at 601-447-4552 or dolores.deasley@jcjc.edu.

### Cheer Camp

The annual Jones Cheer Team Camp July 11-13 at the D.O. Thoms Physical Education Building on campus. Teams must register by June 25. Check in begins at 9 a.m. on July 11 and the opening session starts at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Kayla Hankins at kayla.hankins@jcjc.edu or call 601-477-4026.

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# Williams, Bunch, Hammonds graduate from the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy

By Teresa McCreery

Three Jones County Junior College administration and faculty members were part of the ninth class of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy. JCJC's Director of Human Resources Luke Hammonds of Laurel, Assistant Director and instructor of Emergency Medical Services Eric Williams, MS, NR-P, of Bay Springs, JCJC Bobcat Math League Commissioner and math instructor Dr. Jessica Bunch, of Wayne County, and their 34 additional classmates bring the total number of graduates of the MCCLA since its inception to 312. These MCCLA graduates are the state's answer to preparing and filling the community college's leadership needs. JCJC's newest three and previous 16 MCCLA graduates, who were recommended by JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith to participate in this program, are poised to assume leadership roles in higher education.

"These graduates possess leadership qualities that have already helped Jones and now, they are better equipped to handle the future needs of education. We're equipping them with the tools they'll need to be better instructors with the possibility of growing into future leadership roles," said Dr. Smith.

According to the MCCLA organization's researchers, a leadership crisis within the nation's community colleges is inevitable. Its professional development training for leadership roles helps to ensure the continuity of solid leadership for higher education in Mississippi. All 15 of Mississippi's community colleges and several universities send at least two candidates to the year-long program where leaders meet for three, two day-long sessions. Participants are also required to read seven

books and work with a group on a research project. Hammonds said he is thankful Dr. Smith gave him the opportunity to attend MCCLA.

"The MCCLA program provides the participant an inside look at how the community college system in Mississippi has developed into a world-class educational system. We were given access to an open-forum with today's presidents in which they shared their views, advice, and experiences. The training offered in leadership, communication, and synergistic teamwork was invaluable! I've grown tremendously through this experience personally and professionally. I will use everything I learned to add value to our campus."

Williams acknowledged the lessons learned from past and present college leaders, Dr. Smith especially, were truly a "once in a lifetime experience."

"The MCCLA was a great experience and I am so appreciative of Jones' involvement. The leadership and administrative skills that we learned can be applied to our individual divisions as well as the institution and community as a whole. There can be no doubt that Jones has invested heavily in seeing their faculty, educational programs, and reputation of excellence, grow not just for today, but for many years to come."

Dr. Bunch has been in a leadership role as the JCJC Bobcat Math League Commissioner for 10 years but said training for an administrative role in education presents more challenges and opportunities.

"Along with my JCJC colleagues, Luke Hammonds and Eric Williams, we became a part of something that I believe will continue to mold us into individuals that will be effective at every level of our positions



Jones County Junior College's Eric Williams (left), Dr. Jessica Bunch (middle) and Luke Hammonds (right) recently graduated from the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy. Photo/ Teresa McCreery

at JCJC. At each meeting of the Academy, we learned from our colleagues from across the state, from the experiences of our leader (Dr. Howell Garner), and from our special guests -- distinguished community college leaders from across the state. My participation in this year's MCCLA has been a venture unparalleled by any other I have been a part of, and I will value and treasure the knowledge and experience of being a part of the Academy. I feel as though my participation in the MCCLA will afford me the ability to grow as a community college instructor, colleague, and

leader," said Dr. Bunch.

Besides professional and leadership development, graduates can earn up to nine-college graduate credits in the Education Leadership program at Mississippi State University, which is also a sponsor of the MCCLA. Other colleges and universities also accept these credits in their doctoral programs. The Academy was designed and implemented by the Mississippi Community College Foundation with support from the Stennis Institute of Government at MSU as a method of addressing the need for a leadership succession plan.

## Five simple towing tips for novices

Drivers may haul trailers for a variety of reasons. Some may haul trailers on vacation, while others may do so when moving to a new home. Regardless of why drivers tow, it's important to keep certain things in mind before hitching up, especially for those drivers with little or no experience towing.

**1. Use the right hitch.** Novices may not immediately recognize if they have purchased an incorrectly sized hitch, but that might become apparent when the trailer is detached during a ride. Your vehicle owner's manual may suggest which size hitch to use. If not, consult with a representative at your local auto parts retailer to determine the correct size.

**2. Make sure the trailer is level.** When attached to a vehicle, trailers should be level. Trailers that do not appear level or those that seem to be rising up and down on otherwise flat roadways should be inspected if not brought to the attention of a mechanic.

**3. Drive more carefully.** Discomfort or inexperience may propel many drivers to be extra careful when towing a trailer, but even drivers with significant experience towing trailers should keep greater distance between their vehicles and other cars and trucks sharing the road. That's because braking takes longer for heavier vehicles, such as those towing trailers.

**4. Practice turns.** Turning is complicated when

towing a trailer. Beginning a turn later can help drivers avoid having their trailers clip curbs, a potentially sticky situation that can cause trailers to flip over.

**5. Avoid reversing when possible.** Many people towing trailers for the first time and even some drivers with significant experience towing have difficulty going in reverse. Avoiding situations that require putting vehicles in reverse is ideal for novices. Those who think they cannot avoid going in reverse should practice their technique in empty parking lots before hitting the road, even hiring an instructor to help them, if necessary.

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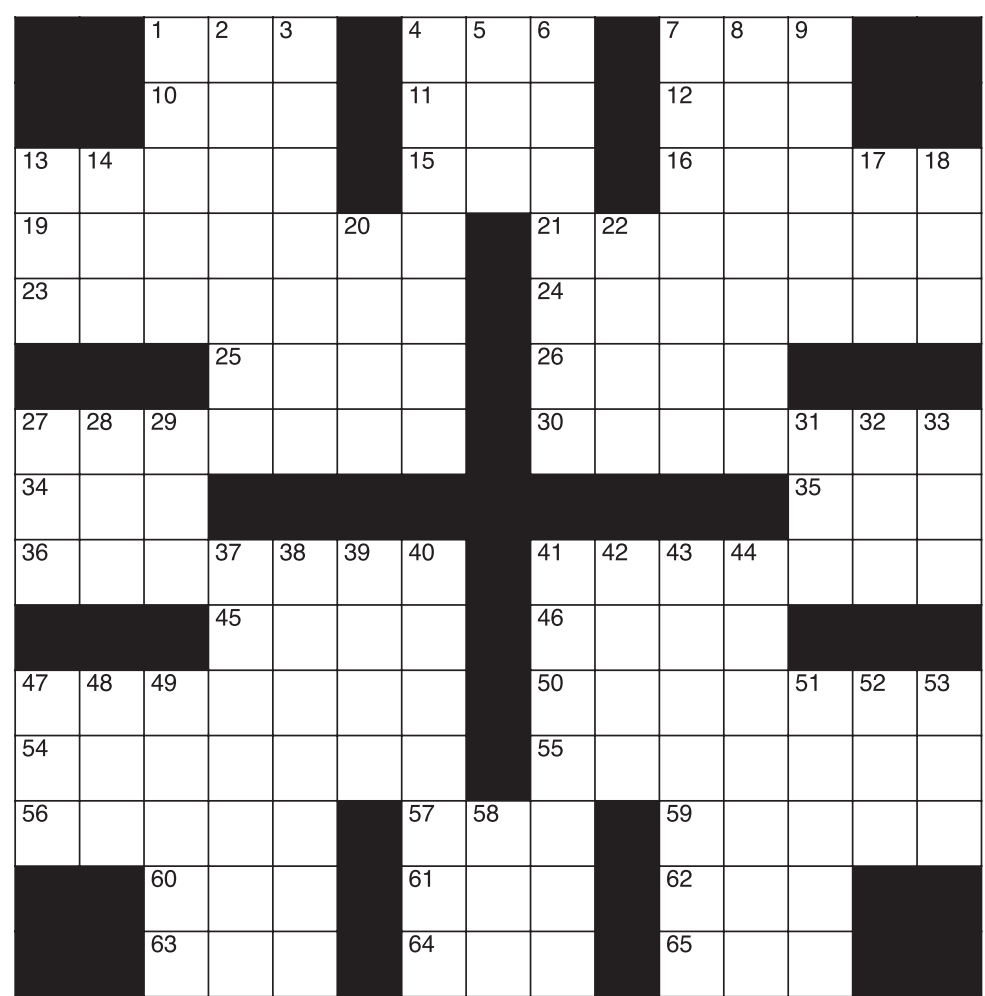
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  15. Musician \_\_\_ Lo
  16. Arrange again
  19. A binary compound of carbon with a metal
  21. Brazilian futbol great
  23. Feared
  24. Annoy
  25. Unit of heredity
  26. Small freshwater fish
  27. Muscular weaknesses
  30. Fined
  34. One-time EU currency
  35. Egyptian unit of weight
  36. Winged horse
  41. Increments
  45. Abnormal rattling sound
  46. Middle Eastern country
  47. A type of greeter
  50. \_\_\_ inning stretch

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  56. Football term
  57. Swiss river
  59. Ninth day before the ides
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  62. College hoops tournament
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- CLUES DOWN**
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  6. \_\_\_ Hess Corp.
  7. Ornamental molding
  8. Garment
  9. Electric car company
  13. Decimal digits in binary (abbr.)
  14. Gibbon
  17. Sun up in New York

18. \_\_\_ the line
20. A vale
22. Old Irish alphabet
27. A type of band
28. A team's best pitcher
29. Floor covering
31. A \_\_\_ in the machine
32. Supplement with difficulty
33. Prosecutors
37. Place in order
38. Japanese lute
39. Mongolian city \_\_\_ Bator
40. Perceived
41. A cloth for washing dishes
42. Chocolate cookie with white cream filling
43. Grassy plain
44. Barometer
47. Father
48. Of the ear
49. Thomas \_\_\_, British dramatist 1652-85
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## GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in New York on June 17, 1943. I went to the Julliard School and worked on jingles early in my career. I've written and performed many famous songs, and used to play the piano for Bette Midler during her performances.

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# JCJC student earns Mississippi's 1st New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship

By Teresa McCreery

ELLISVILLE – As the top Mississippi student in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's New Century Workforce Pathway competition, Wayne County's Dakota Shoemaker earned a scholarship and will be nationally recognized in New York. More than 2,000 applications from 1,600 college campuses across the country were received and evaluated on academic achievement, leadership, service and significant endeavors. Shoemaker received the highest score in Mississippi in the inaugural 2018 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship program.

"It's a huge accomplishment to me," said the ecstatic Shoemaker. "I'm so thankful for everyone who helped me through the application process and for the opportunity to partake in the competition. It's an amazing feeling to know that the things I have done stood out to people."

The Jones County Junior College computer programming and web design graduate's determination to reach her goals allowed her to graduate early from Wayne County High School in December 2015. Despite the odds, she also persevered to finish JCJC's two-year program early.

"The courses I needed to complete my major weren't offered my first semester so I had to take all my basics the spring semester (2016). Also, to keep from going to school five semesters, I took all my last semester courses during my third semester (Jan 2018)," said Shoemaker.

Even with her heavy class-load during her four semesters at Jones, Shoemaker found time to compete in Phi Beta Lambda, the college division of Future Business Leaders of America. She earned first-place honors in Programming Concepts and Website Design at the state competition in 2017, and she brought home sixth-place honors in Website Design at the national competition. These competitions along with her experience working at Howard Power Solutions as a computer programmer/analyst since February have modified Shoemaker's long-term goals of being a website designer.

"I hope to broaden my goal and start a software development company, not just website design. At Howard's, I get



JCJC's Dakota Shoemaker (middle) earned top honors in the inaugural Coca-Cola/Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's New Century Workforce Pathway competition. She is pictured with her PTK advisor at JCJC, Julie Atwood (left), and JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith (right) at the PTK Academic Recognition Luncheon in Jackson. Photo/submitted

to design websites but I also get to work with other types of software and I've come to realize that I love all of them," Shoemaker shared.

The Clara native was nominated by JCJC computer information systems instructor, Jennifer Powell because of Shoemaker's dedication. Not only was she working at a restaurant in Waynesboro with more than a full load of classes, Shoemaker was also volunteering at a local nursing home and at an animal shelter. Despite all the challenges, she kept a 3.8 GPA and finished the Information Systems Technology program early.

"She is undeniably one of the strongest students we have

had to go through our program. She is a strong young woman who is very determined to be successful in anything she attempts," said Powell.

The New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship program annually recognizes 100 scholars. Each scholar will receive special recognition at the Association of Community College Trustees Congress in New York in October. Shoemaker hopes to attend depending on work and school schedules. However, JCJC Career and Technical Dean, Rod Tolbert said even without the national recognition, Shoemaker's accomplishments as the first recipient of this new scholarship program have set the bar high for future Mississippi students.

"I am excited that Career and Technical Education students are now a part of the New Century Scholars program. We have exceptional students in all of our CTE programs, and I can't think of a better candidate than Dakota! She is a highly motivated individual that will achieve any goal she sets her mind to. There is no doubt in my mind that Dakota has set the bar high for future New Century Workforce Pathway Scholars," said Tolbert.

Co-sponsors of the NCWP Scholarship program, Phi Theta Kappa, and The Coca-Cola Foundation said they are honored to recognize the outstanding achievements of students like Shoemaker's and to be able to assist them. Scholarship programs like this are integral for creating opportunities for students to succeed as they prepare to enter the workforce and for putting college completion within reach. Executive Director of Coca-Cola, Helen Price said the Foundation is fully aware of the opportunities scholarships can afford students.

"Education can change lives and help ensure that young people can realize their full potential. The Coca-Cola Foundation places a high priority on supporting education to help build strong communities," said Price.

Shoemaker plans to start the Information Technology (Developer) program at the University of Southern Mississippi this fall with her \$1,250 scholarship.



# Strategies that can help build strong immune systems

A strong immune system can go a long way toward ensuring one's overall health. But bolstering one's immune system is no small task, as even medical researchers admit there is still much to learn about the links between lifestyle and immune function.

The Harvard Medical School notes that a strongly functioning immune system requires balance and harmony. So it stands to reason that a highly unhealthy lifestyle will compromise the immune system, but it's also worth noting that pushing the body too hard in the other direction also can adversely affect immune function.

Researchers continue to study the potential links between immune response and variables such as diet, exercise, age, and psychological stress. Though studies are ongoing, the Harvard Medical School notes that the immune system is bolstered by various strategies associated with healthy living.

- **Don't smoke.** Smoking is linked to a host of diseases and ailments, so it's no surprise that it also compromises the immune system. The National Cancer Institute notes that cigarette smoke contains high levels of tar and other chemicals, which compromise the immune system's ability to effectively combat infections. The effects of smoking on the immune system are both immediate and long-term.

Smokers' immune systems may not be able to fend off common infections like the common cold as effectively as the immune systems of nonsmokers. And over time, as smokers keep smoking, their immune systems will continue to weaken, which the NCI says makes them more vulnerable to autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

- **Eat a healthy diet.** There is no magical food or foods that can strengthen the immune system to a point where infection is impossible. However, the Cleveland Clinic notes that a balanced, healthy diet that includes a mix of vitamins and minerals plays a role in strengthening the immune system. Fresh fruits and vegetables contain a bevy of vitamins and antioxidants that help the immune system fight off potential infections. Many people bemoan the absence of fresh fruits and vegetables at their local grocery stores during certain times of the year. But the Cleveland Clinic notes that manufacturers typically freeze fruits and vegetables at peak ripeness. That means frozen fruits and vegetables provide similar nutrition to fresh fruits and vegetables during those times of year when foods are not in-season.

- **Exercise regularly.** Like a healthy diet, routine exercise provides a host of benefits, and one such benefit is its

impact on the immune systems. The U.S. National Library of Medicine notes that the precise relationship between exercise and immune system function remains a mystery. Some researchers suspect that physical activity may flush bacteria out of the lungs and airways, reducing one's risk of getting a cold, flu or other illness. Another theory suggests that exercise causes changes in white blood cells, which the immune system uses to fight disease. These exercise-related changes may make it possible for the cells to detect illnesses earlier than they would if the body was not exercised regularly. While it's important to note that these are just theories, the Harvard Medical School suggests that it's reasonable to consider moderate regular exercise an important component of a healthy, immune-boosting lifestyle.

- **Don't buy the hype.** Men and women interested in boosting their immune systems will no doubt find many products claiming to do just that. The Harvard Medical School urges consumers to be skeptical of such products, many of which make dubious claims that are not rooted in recognized scientific research.

The immune system remains a mystery in many ways. But several healthy strategies may help people bolster their immune systems and potentially reduce their risk of infection.

## The growing threat of vaping

Cigarette smoking continues to decline among pre-teens and teenagers according to a survey from Monitoring the Future. But the number of young people who are vaping or smoking e-cigarettes has increased. This underscores the importance of greater education for youngsters and their parents about the potential hazards of vaping.

The popularity of vaping is troubling. A study from researchers at the Department of Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine that was published in the journal *Pediatrics* found the rising frequency of e-cigarette use was a significant risk factor for future conventional cigarette use. In the study, researchers surveyed 1,408 Connecticut high school students three times, in autumn 2013, spring 2014 and autumn 2015, on their use of e-cigarettes and traditional tobacco cigarettes. Teens who used an e-cigarette within a month of participating in the survey in 2013 had seven times greater odds of smoking tobacco cigarettes in 2014. A year later, e-cigarette users were more than three times more likely to smoke tobacco cigarettes.

Perceptions that vaping is less harmful than conventional cigarettes may be a contributing factor to their rising popularity. Also, the widespread availability of these products and their assorted flavors may be appealing to youth.

Vaping ads may be enticing kids, too. Cigarette ads glamorizing smoking have all but vanished. However, vaping ads are becoming more noticeable. According to a National Youth Tobacco Survey, about seven in

10 middle and high school students were exposed to e-cigarette advertisements in 2014, when the vaping trend began to explode.

Even though e-cigarettes are marketed to be safer than traditional cigarettes because they purportedly contain fewer chemicals and harmless water vapor, some experts say this isn't the case. No federal agency oversaw initial development of the e-cigarette industry, so no standards exist — although this may be changing soon. One Food and Drug Administration review of 18 different e-cigarette cartridges found toxic and carcinogenic chemicals in some but not others. Also, some products that were labeled to be nicotine-free actually did have nicotine.

Many vaping juices contain nicotine, propylene glycol, glycerine, and flavorings. No long-term evidence regarding the safety of these chemicals when inhaled exists. The American Lung Association says some e-cigarettes use diacetyl, a buttery-flavored chemical once used in food production like popcorn. When inhaled, diacetyl causes bronchiolitis obliterans — more commonly referred to as "popcorn lung." This is a scarring of the tiny air sacs in the lungs that results in the thickening and narrowing of the airways.

Some teens also replace the e-juice with marijuana and hash oils. These vaporized oils produce little smell, which makes them hard to detect.

Vaping may seem like a harmless trend. But parents and children should be cognizant of the threats that vaping poses to one's overall health.

## Minimize dark circles under the eyes

Raccoon eyes may be a side effect of forgetting to remove mascara and other eye makeup before retiring for bed. In such instances, dark eye circles are easily remedied with cleaning pads. For those whose dark circles can't be swept away with soap and water, dark, puffy eyes can be a cause for embarrassment or concern. Dark circles under the eyes may be a byproduct of various circumstances. Getting to the root of the problem can help women (and men) look more awake and fresh.

### Accept genetics

Genetics may be the biggest culprit in undereye circles. Some people simply inherit fair or thin skin around the eyes. This can make blood that pools in these areas (from stretched or broken capillaries) more visible. While a person cannot change his or her skin tone, gently washing one's face - paying careful attention to the sensitive eye area - can help reduce damage. Also, getting more sleep can increase circulation to this area and prevent blood pooling.

### Treat allergies and sinus issues

According to Allergy & Asthma Care of New York, allergies and other sinus issues can cause puffiness and dark eye circles. Histamines, which are released when an allergen is present, can cause blood vessels to swell and inflame. Getting tested for seasonal allergies can help people identify some possible triggers. Alleviating allergy symptoms can reduce the appearance of dark circles in some cases.

### Reduce swelling

Undereye bags can cause shadows to form and increase the appearance of dark circles. To remedy this, try to reduce fluid pooling in the face. Sleep elevated on a few pillows so that fluid flows away from the eyes. Reduce consumption of alcohol and salty foods, which can exacerbate fluid retention. Cool compresses can be used to massage fluid gently away from the eyes as well.

### Apply sunscreen

Dark circles may result from pigmentation changes that occur after exposure to the sun or some other type of UV light. Individuals who apply sunscreen on their faces, including around their eyes, may be able to reduce or prevent pigment changes.

### Rely on concealer

Makeup can help counter the look of dark shadows and pigmentation around the eyes. Use a shade that is opposite the color of the circles to camouflage them. For example, use orange-yellow tones to combat blue-purple shading under the eyes. Makeup artists also advise applying concealer in the shape of a triangle. That way a person is creating a light arrow that draws attention to the bright part of her eyes. Undereye circles and swelling can be alleviated when people get to the source of the problem. A combination of treating the sources and masking the issue can help. In severe cases, individuals should visit their dermatologists.

# How to manage relocating for a new job

Moving can be a considerable undertaking. While working professionals who are single or married with no children may find it easier to move than men and women with families, it's fair to say that anyone who is moving in the near future has some significant work ahead of them. In its Job Relocation Survey, the moving company Allied Van Lines found that people move for a variety of reasons. Fifty percent of the 3,500 respondents indicated they relocated for career advancement or money, and many more indicated they relocated because of a job transfer (12 percent), their companies moved (9 percent) and to be closer to family/relationships (8 percent).

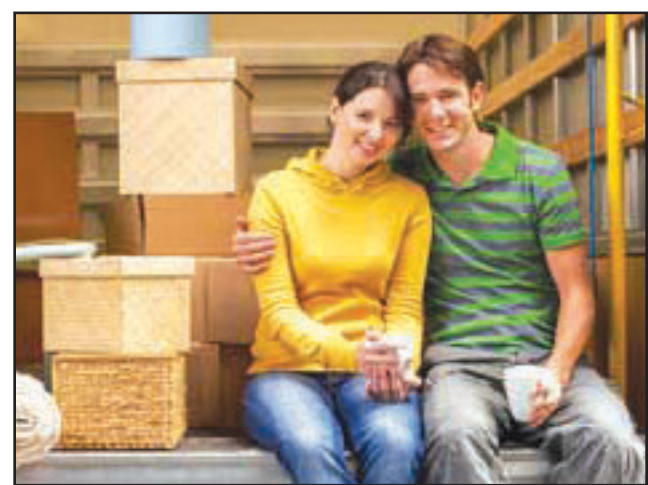
Regardless of what's motivating men and women to relocate, and whether or not they're relocating on their own or uprooting their families, various strategies can make a forthcoming move go more smoothly.

- \***Inquire about relocation assistance.** The Allied survey found that 63 percent of companies offered relocation packages. That's a considerable perk, as moving can be expensive, especially for adults moving to different parts of the country. Asking about relocation expenses before being offered a job can be tricky, but some companies may mention such packages in their job ads or in their initial meetings with out-of-town candidates.
- \***Ask what relocation packages cover.** Relocation pack-

ages vary from company to company. The Allied Survey found that 54 percent of companies that offered such packages covered moving expenses, while 21 percent gave new hires a lump sum of money to use as they deemed necessary. One in five companies even sponsored trips to search for homes. Adults who are offered relocation packages should get the specifics so they can start creating moving budgets.

- \***Emphasize organization.** Much of the stress associated with relocating can be traced to the logistics of uprooting oneself and one's family. Men and women who are unaccustomed to making lists may want to start, as doing so can help keep track of all the tasks that need to be completed before hitting the road. Various unique tasks, from canceling utilities to changing insurance policies, must be completed before moving, and it's easy to lose track of what's been done and what hasn't. Maintaining a to-do list and checking off tasks as they're completed can simplify the relocation process.

- \***Rent your first home.** The Allied survey found that 31 percent of respondents indicated the most challenging part of relocating for a job was finding a home, while 29 percent felt acclimating to their new community was the most challenging aspect of their relocation. Adults who rent their first homes upon relocating can remove some of



the pressure to find the perfect home, knowing full well their first home in their new community will be temporary. If possible, rent in a location that makes it easy to immerse yourself in your new community, which should make the adjustment easier. In addition, place items that are unnecessary for day-to-day life in storage. Having some of your possessions already packed should make your next move less stressful.

Relocating for a job can be exciting and stressful. But there are ways to make moving go smoothly.



# Sertoma Awards and T-Ball game



Eric Byrd is presented with a plaque for Sertoma Board's Member of the Year. Photos/Brad Crowe



The Sertoman of the Year award is presented to Bob Hobbs during a lunch meeting at the Laurel Country Club.



Ariel Thomas (3) runs excitedly to first base after hitting the ball for the first time.



Volunteer coach Wayne Myrick enjoys talking with one of his players during the game last Thursday evening.



Two players entertain themselves in the dugout by playing in the dirt as they wait for their turn to bat.



Volunteer coach Stacey Robinson helps one of his players get set to hit the ball.

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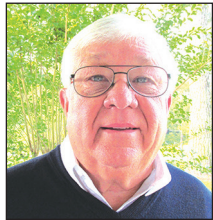
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# MSU pulls out late win . . . again

By Dale McKee

Mississippi State baseball does not play boring games. The Bulldogs had another flair for the dramatics as Luke Alexander's base hit in the bottom of the ninth inning led the Magnolia State nine to a 1-0 win over Washington in the opening game of the College World Series Saturday night. It was the Bulldogs' seventh win in the NCAA Tournament; three have come by the walk-off fashion and a fourth on their final at bat. Alexander had two other walk-off hits this year against Ole Miss. The Bulldogs were to play North Carolina on Monday night.



Meridian native and former USM football player and coach Deke Adams made the headlines recently in North Carolina. Deke was a member of the famous "Nasty Bunch" USM football team between

1991-1994. His son Jordyn was the 17th overall pick in the Major League Baseball Draft. Jordyn, who was an All-American in both high school football (wide receiver) and baseball (outfield) this past year, was taken by the Los Angeles Angels. He signed this past week for about \$3.5 million. His mother was the former Alexis Hall, a member of the 1,000 point club at USM and a four-year letter winner for the USM women's basketball team from 1988-1991. Deke is presently coaching the defensive line at North Carolina.

Richton's JaCoby Jones hit his fifth home run of the year against former Ole Miss pitcher Lance Lynn this past week. Playing for Detroit, Jones led his team over Lynn and the Twins, 3-1. Former USM baseball star Brian Dozier ripped his tenth homer of the year for the Twins also this past week. Trade rumors are heating up, and Lynn (4-5) could be moved by the Twins to a contending team by the July 31 major league trading deadline. Lynn had won his last three starts.

The Cincinnati Reds could also move former Taylorsville native Billy Hamilton before the deadline.

Southern Mississippi football is considered to be in a rebuilding year by most of the national college football media. USM is picked as a wild card team in this year's Conference USA football race. The Golden Eagles are 15-11 in two seasons under Jay Hopson and should be able to land another bowl berth this fall. USM returns only eight starters, and uncertainty at quarterback could stall the Golden Eagles' chances for a championship. Kwadra Griggs missed spring practice due to an injury, but Keon Howard and Jack Abraham will push Griggs for playing time. Replacing Ito Smith, who has gone to the NFL, in the backfield will be another major project. The schedule is favorable for USM to compete for the title, as the Golden Eagles will host Marshall and Louisiana Tech in M.M. Roberts Stadium. The Eagles are not hurting for talent or athletes but will need to re-

place some key stars from the 2017 team. USM opens their season at home against Jackson State.

Florida Atlantic (FAU) and North Texas State, who won the C-USA division titles last year, are expected to compete again in the conference championship game. Middle Tennessee will also be in the hunt for a title spot. Old Dominion, Florida International and Western Kentucky will be vastly improved in 2018.

Bruce Koepka won his second straight U.S. Open with a masterful 68 on the final day. He is the first repeat champion since Curtis Strange in 1988-89.

The Sylva-Bay Saints will play Wayne Academy while Wayne County High School will host Moss Point in the 14th annual Timber Bowl to be played in Waynesboro on September 14. The Wayne County EDA is the official sponsor of the Timber Bowl. The games will be played at War Eagle Stadium in Waynesboro.

Contact Dale at [ddmckee18@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmckee18@yahoo.com)

## NCBWA tabs Henderson Coach Of The Year

OMAHA, Neb. – Prior to Mississippi State baseball's College World Series opener against Washington on Saturday night on ESPN from TD Ameritrade Park, interim head coach Gary Henderson was named the 2018 National College Baseball Writers Association Coach Of The Year Saturday. The award is the second of its kind for the season for Henderson, who was also named the 2018 Perfect Game/Rawlings Coach Of The Year earlier this week.

Henderson was elevated from the role of assistant coach on Feb. 21 and has led the Diamond Dawgs to a 37-24 mark at the helm. State started the season 14-15 overall and 2-7 in Southeastern Conference play, but turned it around at the start of April and since then is 23-12, along with a 10-1 mark against top-five teams.

Henderson now has the Diamond Dawgs in their first College World Series appearance since 2013, and the 10th in program history. State's NCAA Tournament run began with a loss in the Tallahassee Regional opener to Oklahoma, but the Bulldogs rebounded with four-straight wins to advance and become the 23rd team in the current 64-team NCAA Tournament format to win a regional after losing its first game.

In Super Regional play in Nashville, Tenn., State split its first two contests with Vanderbilt, each game ending with a walk-off home run. MSU outlasted the Commodores in 11 innings to clinch its College World Series berth. The Bulldogs defeated Washington, 1-0, Saturday night and were set to play North Carolina Monday night.

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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.  
 If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ezekiel Dease at 601-580-6715. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Old Palestine Gym.  
 Our water source is from wells drawing from the Catahoula Formation Aquifer. The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the Hatten Water Association have received lower susceptibility rankings to contamination.  
 We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2017. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2017, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.  
 In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:  
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Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/AACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
10. Barium	N	2015*	.0212	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2015*	1.1	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2014/16*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride**	N	2015*	.419	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2014/16*	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Chlorine	N	2017	.5	.3 - 1.5	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

\* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2017.  
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 All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.  
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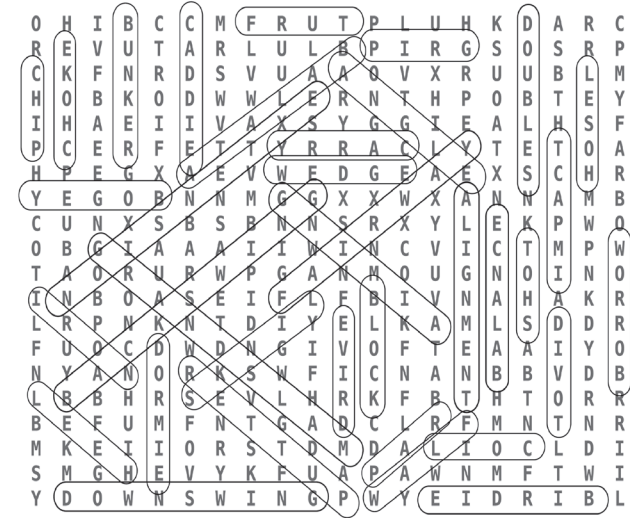
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