

## Raymond Christmas Parade & the Lighting of the Tree



Our local Raymond Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to attend the annual Raymond Christmas Parade and Lighting of the Tree on the Square Tuesday, December 6th beginning at 5:30pm.

Among the parade participants will be the Hinds Community College Marching Band and the Hinds Community College High Steppers. It's sure to be a real treat!

The parade route will start on Main Street at Raymond Elementary, turn on Port Gibson Street and end at Raymond Elementary on Palestine Street. The chamber welcomes our local businesses, schools, bands, and organizations to participate.

If you would like an application and more information, please visit [www.RaymondChamber.org](http://www.RaymondChamber.org), contact the chamber at 601-906-3006, or email [RaymondChamberofCommerce@gmail.com](mailto:RaymondChamberofCommerce@gmail.com) with questions.

## Greg McNeely recognized as industry leader for 2016

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Greg McNeely, CEO and president of McNeely Plastics, is the Mississippi Poultry Association's Allied Industry leader of the Year for 2016.

The award annually recognizes one of the association's allied industry members who works closely with the association and recognizes the leader's contribution to the industry. McNeely Plastics of Clinton makes plastic bags and films for poultry products sold in grocery stores across the nation. They also serve the catfish, seafood and other



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food industries.

Poultry is Mississippi's largest agricultural commodity, with a \$20 billion impact, including \$3.5 billion paid to farmers. The MPA membership includes five broiler companies, one egg company, 850 growers and 123 allied industries. The allied members supply goods and services to either the broiler and egg companies or growers or both.

In 2003, Mega Plastics was selected to the *MS Business Journal's* "Fast 40." McNeely merged Mega Plastics in 2005 into what is today known as McNeely Plastics.

## UM hosts STEM camp for girls



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The University of Mississippi Division of Outreach hosted a week-long camp on its Oxford campus to provide girls in the sixth through eighth grades an opportunity to explore the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Students heard from women working in these fields, and they also had the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities related to each day's topic. Participants included (l to r), front row: Sloane Clark of Oxford, Alexis Smith of Oakland, Caylon Bland of Hernando, Maddy Burgess of Clinton and Jessica Cartwright of Hernando; and back row: Kamyra Shaw of Olive Branch, December Banks of Shaw, Audrey Foster of Hernando, Caroline Hiers of Clinton and Zoe Baker of Mandeville, Louisiana.

## Pierce receives scholarship

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Clinton Attaché junior singer/dancer Mattie Grace Pierce received a \$10,000 scholarship to Millikin University. Pierce was one of twenty-two students who made the student talent show at Showchoir Camps of America after auditioning with her performance of "Home" by Gabriel Aplin. She was one of six students to receive a scholarship to attend Millikin University.



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