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Arrows football radio broadcast to switch station

By Danny C. Davis

For over forty years, Clinton Arrows football broadcasts were a staple item on Clinton's WHJT 93.5. Except for one year, STAR 93.5 FM carried the Arrows football broadcast every year since the station's inception in 1974 until 2016. For one year only, 2000, the broadcast was on WSLI 930 AM.

When the defending Class 6A Champion Clinton Arrows host South Panola to open Class 6A football for 2017, the broadcast will be on a different radio station, WJNT 96.9 FM/ 1180 AM. The change on the dial is a result of the recent sale of WHJT 93.5 by the original owner, Mississippi College.

Arrows fans will also be able to download WJNT's app to listen to the games on mobile devices if they are out of the local listening area.

Long-time Arrows broadcasters Lewis Oswalt and Kevin Griffin will continue to announce the games. Oswalt has done play-by-play since 2003, while Griffin has been on the broadcast team since 2007. The two will split up play-by-play and

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President Lee Royce announces retirement from Mississippi College

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President Lee Royce will retire in May 2018 after sixteen extraordinary years serving as Mississippi College's leader. Dramatic gains in enrollment, financial successes, a facilities renaissance and strengthening of the institution's Christ-centered mission were major cornerstones of his administration.

Royce shared his retirement plans with the university's Board of Trustees executive committee last Monday morning. The Vanderbilt University alumnus said he appreciates the board's "great and continuing support and encouragement to remain in service." But he and his wife, Rhoda, decided a move to re-

tirement was best.

The 65-year-old Miami, Florida, native remains passionate about America's second oldest Baptist college. It's been evident since day one of his service in 2002.

"We love MC and its people and have given our full devotion," he stated in a message on August 7 to the university's community.

Leading the 191-year-old university based in Clinton has proven to be the greatest honor of his life, Dr. Royce said. But "the time has come for new, younger, more energetic leadership to guide the institution towards its bicentennial in 2026."

He expressed his profound thanks to the faculty and staff for their amaz-

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Dr. Lee Royce recently announced his retirement from Mississippi College.

Red Brick Roads Music and Arts Fest hits the streets August 25-26

By Sherry Lucas

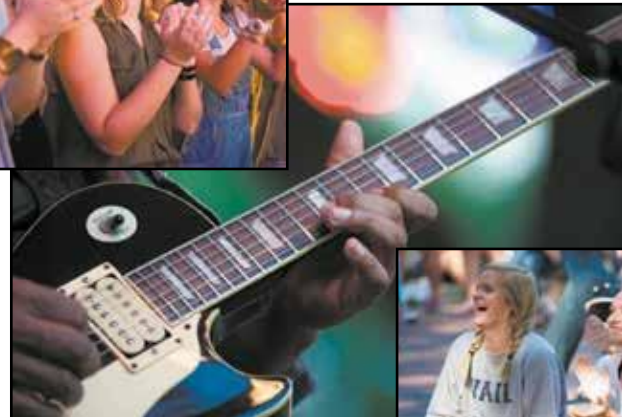
Better, together. When Clinton Main Street and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce combined forces and festivals into the Red Brick Roads Music and Arts Fest last year, everything about it amped up for the premier outing.

This year's second annual edition, August 25-26, promises more of the same, plus an additional evening of entertainment, a larger festival site, expanded film fest component, bigger stages and, in a first, beer sales and sipping on the streets within the festival perimeters. Organizers anticipate the crowd count will climb, too.

The best of each — Clinton Main Street's Firefly Market with music and

Olde Towne ambiance and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce's Moonvine

Festival with its local craft beers and bigger band schedule — came together for best



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fest practices on the brick streets.

Main Street executive director Tara Lytal said it had been challenging to grow the Firefly Market with a staff of just two. Clinton Chamber of Commerce executive director T.J. McSparin had always wanted a downtown fest, but beer sales had been an issue in the past, hence Moonvine's Live Oaks Golf Club locale. Still, the events had much in common.

"They were very similar in that we wanted to focus on singer/songwriters and regional bands that told the story of the

South," McSparin said. "It was all about trying to be as local or as regional as possible," with entertainment, food, art and handmade

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