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Opportunity to purchase Vets banners offered

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Banners honoring Clinton's veterans and active duty military personnel have been receiving rave reviews from residents and visitors to the city.

Due to the popularity of the banners, the City of Clinton is making sixteen spots available along the Clinton Parkway for more families to enjoy the banner program, entitled "Honoring Our Heroes."

Created for the community to recognize and honor all Clinton active duty personnel and veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces - Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, National Guard, and Reserve units - with courage and compassion, the remaining sixteen banner locations are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The patriotic-design banners are heavy vinyl, 24" wide x 54" long, printed on both sides, and will display the veterans' photograph in uniform. The banners will include full name, branch of the military, and the era or the years of service. The banners will be displayed on the light poles that line the Clinton Parkway from

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Annual 4th of July event offers music, fun and food for families

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The 29th annual Fourth of July Family Fireworks Extravaganza will again highlight America's annual summer holiday on Wednesday, July 4, at Clinton's Traceway Park. This year's event promises to be an exciting one for people of all ages, with two powerfully entertaining and talented acts set to perform.

Headlining the event will be Troy Laz and the 2 Hipnotic Band from New Orleans. Opening the event will be Jackson-area and Malaco Records artist Chad Wesley.

Laz is known for being a stellar performer who modernizes R&B,

funk, hip-hop and rock. He formed a band on New Orleans' "world-famous" Canal Street and toured as lead singer for a number of years across the United States and over-

seas. The band's popularity skyrocketed and has a large following in the Crescent City and surrounding areas.

Troy "Lazerus" Powell was determined to make it. Plagued by living the "hard knock life" while growing up in the Lafitte Housing Projects of New Orleans, he made a decision to be successful by choosing not to succumb to a life of crime on

the city streets. As a result, Lazerus used those same streets as a means for gathering with his neighborhood friends to showcase their talents to generate income. He banded with some talented musicians from the areas and formed

"High Quality Band." While performing an event in New Orleans, a promoter presented an offer to Lazerus for "High Quality Band" to be an opening act for a number of major recording artists the likes of Toni Braxton, Run DMC,

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Troy Laz (left) and the 2 Hipnotic Band (below) from New Orleans will be the headline act for the 4th of July Family Fireworks Extravaganza.

Chad Wesley (right) of Jackson's Malaco Records will be the opening act for this year's 4th of July Family Fireworks Extravaganza. The program starts at 5 p.m.



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Summer renovations move forward at MC

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From late May through late August, Mississippi College facilities will undergo renovations, simple cleanup and other improvements.

The price tag will be a little over \$660,000 for the growing list of projects, says Steve Stanford, vice president for administration.

At the 5,200-student university, the biggest projects from a cost standpoint include the new roof on the Aven Fine Arts Building along College Street. Jennings annex water proofing work and the resurfacing of restrooms and

showers in Chrestman Hall are other major projects. The university's entire to-do list is much longer. "Several items will be addressed that have utility savings or pay-back benefits," Stanford said. "We want to address these, since they offer long-term savings due to conserving energy."

One project, he said, will be to replace outside lighting in some parking areas with LED lights. "This work also qualified us for a special rebate from Entergy," Stanford said.

Other summer energy con-

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Work to improve MC residence halls and other facilities will continue during the summer months. In late May, Joshua Zerby scrubs away mildew near the front entrance at Latimer-Webb Hall (left). He works for MC's physical plant office. Summer construction includes a new roof at Aven Fine Arts Building (below), work to upgrade Nelson Hall, and improvements to residence halls.



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