By Chelsea Retherford

Prayer on the Square fundraiser honors Godsey family in Moulton last week

Hundreds gathered on the historic courthouse lawn in downtown Moulton on Friday, Feb. 28, to honor Landen Godsey, who lost his parents in a tornado last December. Landen was severely injured in the tornadic storm and continues his road to recovery at Children's of Alabama in Birmingham.

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Law schools Superintendent Smith wins Republican nomination

Lawrence County Superintendent Jon Bret Smith will seek re-election in November after winning 61 percent of the vote in the Republican primary on Tuesday.

Smith won 3,417 votes with 30 of 31 precincts counted, while challenger Andy Bradford, an American government teacher at Lawrence County High School, received 2,165 votes.

Smith said his plans are to continue the expansion of the school system’s career tech programs and to forge stronger building relationships with the Lawrence County Industrial Development Board and with the county’s existing businesses and industries.

He said the Lawrence County Career Tech and Technical Center most recently added a new advanced manufacturing program for its students, and the center’s administrators are working alongside Lockheed Martin to develop an apprenticeship program with the missile defense authority in Courtland.

Career tech and career development is one of the buzz words we’re hearing most about,” Smith said Thursday night. “We’re also continuing to prioritize student safety and spend money on our facilities.”

Smith added that the school system has received $750,000 in state funds so far this fiscal year for renovating school campus facilities, said projects at schools to combat health issues. 

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LawCo to host all County Day March 28 for 2020 Census

With the 2020 Census fast approaching, Lawrence County officials are aiming for an All County Day on March 28 to help ensure each person living in the county is counted by April.

Tabitha Pace, the presi- dient and CEO of Lawrence County’s Industrial Devel- opment Board, said every person living in Lawrence County is highly encour- aged to participate in the census by the All Count Day.

“We’ll have public spea- kers set up throughout the county for people to take the census online with as- sistance if they need it,” she said. “After that date, we’ll see where we are and what areas we need to tar- get more and make sure we need to continue to push the census.”

Residents should be re- ceiving invitations to respond to the census on March 12. Cruz Stal- ston, the executive director of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, added.

“If residents receive their invitation, they can go online to fill out their census. They have to get their invitation first, which should be mailed between March 12 and March 20,” Johnston said. “Once they get their invitation, they can go to a public library or any place with a public computer or public Wi-Fi, if they have their own com-