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## Junior Auxiliary to host 2nd annual Color Fun Run

From staff reports

For the second year in a row, the Junior Auxiliary of Louisville will host a "Color Fun Run".

The event will consist of a one-mile color fun run August 27, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Ivy Park. There will be a \$50 cash prize awarded in each 1st place category.

"The Color Run allows Junior Auxiliary to engage with the community especially because it is a weekend event," Jennifer Busby said.

The race will be held in Ivy Park. Runners are encouraged to get to the starting line with plenty of time to enjoy a pre-race party with music, dancing, warm-up stretching, and much more.

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## LMSD to offer engineering classes through PLTW

From staff reports

The Louisville Municipal School District continues to increase the learning experience of its students with the incorporation of technology education provided by an educational nonprofit organization this school year.

The school district recently added an engineering course titled "Introduction to Engineering and Design" to its curriculum following approval by the LMSD Board of Trustees in its June meeting to partner with Winston Plywood and Veneer to provide the curriculum of Project Lead The Way (PLTW).

Project Lead The Way is a nonprofit organization that provides transformative learning experiences for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. Through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science, students learn problem-solving strategies, critical and creative thinking, and how to communicate and collaborate. The organization is shaping the innovators, creators, and designers of today and tomorrow.

The idea is to get students interested in the STEM subjects early so that more of them will want to pursue careers as engineers, doctors, scientists, computer programmers and the like.

Project Lead The Way provides a comprehensive approach to STEM Education. Through activity-, project-, and problem-based curriculum, PLTW gives students in kindergarten through high school a chance to apply what they know, identify problems, find unique solutions, and lead



their own learning. For educators, our engaging, rigorous teacher professional development model provides tools to empower students and transform the classroom into a collaboration space where content comes to life.

"We are pleased to help provide the course to the high school students in Winston County. This is another step for the youth to acquire the jobs skills to succeed in the future," David Morel of Winston Plywood said. "We very much appreciate the partnership we have with Superintendent Ken McMullan, Kyle Hammond, and LHS Principal Hilute Hudson."

With engineering labs set up at Louisville High School, Nanih Waiya Attendance Center and Noxapater

Attendance Center, Ken McMullan expects the Intro to Engineering class to serve over 150 students per year.

Winston Plywood provided the school district with a \$35,000 grant over three years to assist with training teachers of the PLWT curriculum over the summer months. Training for this year's engineering teachers took place at the Mississippi State University campus in Starkville for two weeks.

"We appreciate Winston Plywood and Veneer reaching out to help setup this program. We are excited about what his can bring to our students across the district," McMullan said.

He added one of the great parts of the program is that the teachers update their skills

and new training each year. "There is a lot of ongoing development in the program for the teachers," McMullan said.

"The students really enjoy the hands on learning and work in the program," LHS teacher Kristy Jernigan stated.

The Louisville Municipal school district took the wraps off Project Lead The Way, the acclaimed curriculum for engaging students in science, technology, engineering and math.

With the school district looking to lead the direction of the high schools towards a Career Academy type setting, incorporating Project Lead The Way into the school system will assist with the district heading in this direction.

## Former exchange student visits Winston County

From staff reports

An exchange of cultures can be a beautiful thing.

That was the case of a former exchange student who recently returned to visit her former "house parents" in Winston County. Eight years ago Jihyeon Oh came to Winston County to attend Grace Christian as an exchange student hosted by Joel and Marilyn O'Briant.

"Mr. and Mrs. O'Briant took really good care of me," Oh said. "And the overall kindness of those in the southern U.S. is something that I will always remember."

During her time at Grace Christian, Oh enjoyed being in the small school that allowed for teachers to work closely with students. She also developed an interest in science and competed in Math and Science Competitions during her time at the school.

"The year in the United States changed my life," Oh

said. "I became more independent and stronger. I became more focused. My experience here taught me a lot and showed me what kind of person I am."

Oh was also introduced to Christianity during her time at Grace Christian.

"The church here feels like a family," Oh said. "Associating with others in the church really helped me grow as a Christian and a person."

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Jihyeon Oh, Billy Pearson, Ester Taylor, (standing) Joel O'Briant at Winston Furniture.

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