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WELCOME to LAUREL & JONES COUNTY

Jones County is a place like no other. Historically, a refuge for those who think a little differently. To us, it's home—and a beautiful one at that.

We'd love to welcome you and yours and to invite you to stay a while. Explore all Jones County has to offer, support our local businesses and immerse yourself in the experiences that make her worth calling home.

- ERIN AND BEN NAPIER
STARS OF HGTV'S HOME TOWN



ABOUT
HOME TOWN
HGTV

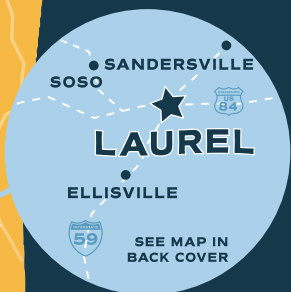
The HGTV hit series Home Town follows Erin and Ben Napier as they welcome new Laurel residents by helping them find and restore historic homes in their charming hometown. Together, they have shown millions of viewers what Southern hospitality, hard work and a love for history can do for their already charming hometown.



**Visit MS Responsibly • Masks are encouraged • Keep Social Distance
Wash Hands • Local hospital and medical services available at South
Central Regional Medical Center, 1220 Jefferson St., Laurel or
www.scrmc.com**

For more information on safe travel and local updates regarding COVID-19,
view www.visitjones.com or www.visitmississippi.org/covid-19-travel-alert

The Mississippi State Department of Health is operating a hotline for answers
to questions about COVID-19. Mississippi Coronavirus Hotline: 877.978.6453



DISCOVER THE NEW STATE OF JONES

The New State of Jones rests upon the notion that there exists an “old” State of Jones. However, you do not have to lose one to embrace the other. A restless—some may say rebellious—spirit stirs from the first generations who settled in Jones County near Ellisville and seceded from the Confederacy to create the Free State of Jones.

As the turn-of-the-century brought the next generation of progressive entrepreneurs leaving their homes in the Midwest to carve out a new home, the population centered on Laurel where the sawmills saw all races working side-by-side, a growing middle class of merchants arise, Mississippi’s first museum built and the first public school for African-American children established.

Today, this subtle, rebellious spirit of her residents still lies under the surface as young families forsake the ubiquitous surroundings of large, suburban cities for a slower pace of life.

Discover the “New State of Jones” at VISITJONES.COM.



EAT

IT'S TIME FOR SOME GOOD SOUTHERN COOKIN'.

Joining us for lunch? Try a little soul food at Pearl Diner or Estelle's, or check out Bosun Joe's or Charlie's Catfish House for some famous Southern fried catfish. Follow your nose to one of our many BBQ or burger stands, or browse VisitJones.com for more traditional fare and cafes throughout the county.

Going out for a night under the downtown lights? Head to Mimmo's Ristorante for an authentic Italian dining experiences, or try The Loft for fine dining in an old-world atmosphere.

From the hand-poured artisan coffee at Lee's Coffee and Tea to the in-house made jerky from the Knight Butcher, or indulging in a fresh treat from one of the many local sweet shops, you just can't go wrong with the great eats here in Jones County.





PLAY

LOOKING FOR AN ADVENTURE?

Visit Mississippi's first art museum, The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, or one of the state's best veterans museums, the historical Arabian Theatre, a Mississippi Blues Trail marker and more. Try your luck at the Bok Homa Casino in Sandersville or step back in time to the Free State of Jones by visiting the Deason Home in Ellisville. Then, take a walk under the towering live oaks as you explore our most beautiful historic neighborhoods.

Find your outdoor adventure at one of our stunning lakes, campgrounds or parks, including the county's largest playground at Mason Park. A perfect spot for the kids to stretch their legs! Or, visit the Susan B. Vincent sportsplex for baseball, softball, soccer, swimming and a splash pad!

COME PLAY WITH US IN JONES COUNTY!

ATTEND

SPRING

- Day in the Park
- Touch a Truck

- Downtown Crawfish Boil
- Home Town Finale Block Party

SUMMER

- Downtown Farmer's Markets
- Downtown Movie Night

- LRMA Blues Bash
- Fireworks Shows

FALL

- The Loblolly Festival
- Choctaw Days
- Deason Home Ghost Tours

- Laurelpalooza
- South Mississippi Fair

WINTER

- Christmas Parade & Pancake Day
- Christmas in the Park

- Landrum's Christmas
- Chili Cook Off
- Mardi Gras Parade

View additional events and information on safely attending events at www.visitjones.com.



SHOP

FROM OUR HOME TOWN TO YOURS.

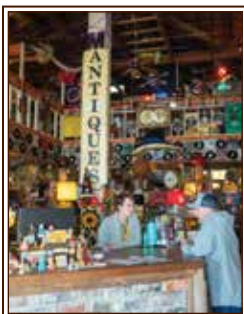
Jones County is know for the very best in home décor, antiques and vintage markets, but our local shops offer all of that and so much more! Visit any of our Historic Downtowns and shopping districts where you'll find an array of treasures and hidden gems.

From one-of-a-kind art and handmade items, to toy shops, custom men's and women's fashions, and more, you're sure to return home with some fantastic finds!

Seeking "as seen on TV" shops and items? Visit the Laurel Mercantile and Scotsman General Store in Downtown Laurel, the shops featuring American made items owned by *Home Town* stars Ben & Erin Napier. There are even more merchants in Jones County to discover that offer items featured on the hit HGTV show too!

Then, explore throughout the county for a large variety of local boutiques and establishments!

Go to VISITJONES.COM today for details and a listing of our local businesses.





STAY

TRUE SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY AWAITS!

Mama taught us how to treat a guest right-with a soft bed, warm towels, and a big Southern breakfast. Stay at one of our beautiful bed & breakfasts for the full local experience, or choose one of our many national hotel chains for a great night's rest before you head out to discover all Jones County has to offer.

Visit [Airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com) to search 20+ unique properties that offer a variety of amenities, including pet friendly and extended stay options. You can even get a little taste of *Home Town* by staying in one of the homes featured on the hit HGTV show.

Whether you are here for one night or more, you will find the perfect accommodation for a relaxing stay in Jones County. Explore the many options at www.visitjones.com.





PLANNING THE PERFECT DAY IN JONES COUNTY JUST GOT MUCH EASIER!

Planning the perfect day in Jones County just got much easier! We're excited to unveil the Jones County Guide on our site with integrated mobile apps, an interactive way to map out everything you don't want to miss in Laurel & Jones County. Designed with our partners at Visit Widget, this tool provides a new way to explore what the county has to offer, including hotels, popular restaurants, activities, shopping, and more. View it all at once or search by categories like Burgers, Hotel/B&B, or Attractions.

SEE AN EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS?

Click **"JOIN"** and the event will be added to your plan.

THAT RESTAURANT EVERYONE KEEPS TELLING YOU ABOUT?

Click **"ADD TO PLAN"** and you won't forget to try it.

WANT TO INVITE SOME FRIENDS?

Share your plan with them directly or via social media, email or SMS.

No need to waste another sheet of paper - planning is now digital. With this planner, Visit Laurel & Jones County can help you get organized and maximize your time!

Already on your way to Jones County or live here? Download the app for your iPhone or Android and take your plan with you!



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