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### **KLEK receives large donation from First National Bank**

Jonesboro nonprofit radio station KLEK-FM received a donation of almost \$26,000 Wednesday from First National Bank that will allow the station to erect a 100-foot tower and widen its listening audience.

Mayor Harold Perrin helped connect the bank with KLEK, knowing the station was holding a fund-raising drive to strengthen its presence in Jonesboro.

“This is touching to me, and I can’t express how grateful I am to First National Bank,” said LaGanzie Kale, KLEK’s manager/owner, who called the event “emotional.”

Perrin told Kale that his work in building the station from scratch, using volunteers and serving not just the minority community but all of Jonesboro, has proven his commitment. KLEK’s current tower is only 40 feet and the signal weakens in some parts of the city.

“You have been an asset to our community, and when you told me about your capital fund drive, I wanted to help you find a donor,” Perrin said. “Will Brewer said, ‘Hey, we’ll do that.’ And it touches my heart.”

Brewer, vice chairman of First Paragould Bank Shares that owns First National, said KLEK was an ideal and deserving recipient.

“We are just proud to be a part of what KLEK is doing for Jonesboro,” Brewer said.

Matt Rankin, community bank president of First National Bank in Jonesboro, signed and presented the check worth \$25,738.

“Anytime we can be a good community partner, we’re proud to give,” Rankin said. “And KLEK fits the bill perfectly.”

**Add cutline:** KLEK ex-board member Dr. Wilbert Gaines, Mayor Harold Perrin, KLEK President LaGanzie Kale, First Paragould Bank Shares Vice President Will Brewer, and First National Community Bank of Jonesboro President Matt Rankin announce the bank's donation of \$25,738 for KLEK to erect a 100-foot tower at its Franklin Street location.

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