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Master woodworker Bob Willis showcases art at MC

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Art lovers are invited to see the creations of master woodworker Bob Willis at Mississippi College this fall.

Works of the longtime Pelahatchie artist can be seen at the university's Samuel Marshall Gore Art Galleries on the Clinton campus. The art show runs through Nov. 25.

"His work is exceptional," says Gore Galleries Director Randy Jolly. "He has moved the craft of turning wood to an art form. His works are unique sculptural statements."

Willis uses a combination of exotic woods, texture and form with his immense skills to "make his wood vessels and wall-hangings shine," Jolly added. "These works are museum quality."

An artist for more than three decades, Willis became one of the founding members of the Mississippi Craftsmen's Guild in 1977. Today, the group consists of over 400 professional artisans who promote, market, ed-

ucate and encourage excellence in regional arts. About eighty-five percent of the artists are from Mississippi, and the remainder come from seventeen other states.

With the Craftsman's Guild, Willis holds the designation of Fellow or the equivalent of Master Craftsman. A craftsman must pass the juroring requirements three times once every three years to achieve this status. Earlier this fall, Willis put on a forty-five minute demonstration for Mississippi nurses and healthcare workers in Jackson. At the mid-September event, he carved a broken heart out of a lump of clay.

"Each new piece is studied, much as a child studies clouds for forms," Willis says. "My approach, while intuitive, takes advantages of imperfections and defects. I like to think of the work as archaeological artifacts; inspiring thoughts of cultures long past."

He and his wife, Belinda, are residents of Pelahatchie in Rankin County. The couple lived in Colorado for



A wood piece created by Bob Willis that will be featured in the showcase at MC. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News.)

many years, where they ran an art gallery. They moved back home to Pelahatchie a few years ago, but continue to spend their summers in Colorado.

Hours at the MC art gallery are from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call (601) 925-7770 or contact Randy Jolly at rjolly@mc.edu.

Senator Wicker visits East Rankin Academy

By: Katie White

On Monday, Oct. 20, U.S. Senator Roger Wicker spoke to students at East Rankin Academy (ERA) about U.S. government, past and present.

Sen. Wicker spoke to and asked questions of several sophomores, juniors and seniors at ERA. He started off by asking, "What are some of the things that make America great?" Among some of the student's answers were "freedom," "religious tolerance," "elect who we want to be in office," and "capitalism."

He also talked about how many Senators there are in America. Wicker asked, "How many Senators are there? How many members in the House of Representatives? How many votes are there in the electoral college?" ERA students were quick to answer all of the Senator's questions.

Sen. Wicker quoted the Declara-



Roger Wicker, U.S. Senator for Miss., visited East Rankin Academy and spoke to a crowd of sophomores, juniors and seniors. Zachary Nettles (left) answers a question Sen. Wicker asked. (Photo by Katie White)

tion of Independence, along with several students who helped quote it, as well, "All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. That among

these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Sen. Wicker was making a point about where our rights originated, and he said, "God gave us our rights, and you can't take them away."

Sen. Wicker went on to discuss events and dates from when George Washington was elected unanimously as President in 1787. He explained how Thomas Jefferson was asking about Congress, and Thomas asked Washington, "Now you've got a house of representatives and I understand that it's like the house of congress, but why did the constitution include a senate?" Sen. Wicker said, "George Washington said for the reason you drink coffee the way that you drink it. Back then you had a coffee cup and a saucer and you tipped over the coffee cup to spill the coffee into the saucer, and then poured the coffee in the saucer back into the cup, and Washington

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NBA star Clarence Weatherspoon visits Pelahatchie

By: Katie White

Clarence Weatherspoon, former professional National Basketball Association (NBA) basketball player and native of Crawford, Miss., visited Pelahatchie Elementary students on Thursday, Oct. 30.

Weatherspoon attended college at the University of Southern Miss. In 1992, he was selected by the Philadelphia 76ers as the ninth pick in the NBA Draft. He went on to play for the Golden State Warriors, the Miami Heat, the Cleveland Cavaliers, the New York Knicks and the Houston Rockets.

Weatherspoon was named Metro Conference Player of the Year for three straight years. He is the only three-time recipient of the award, and he remains the all-time leading rebounder in the conference's history.

As this is only a condensed recap of all of Weatherspoon's accomplishments, he continues to be a success in all aspects of his life. Today, Weatherspoon has been enjoying retirement and is also currently running a digital service through Warner Brothers - creating digital downloads and ringtones. He lives in the Madison-Ridgeland area with his wife, two sons and a

daughter.

He also speaks to students about how to be successful. When he visited the fourth- and fifth-grade students at Pelahatchie Elementary, Weatherspoon had this to say, "I grew up in a very small town a lot like Pelahatchie, you know, a little small community, a little town...Crawford, Miss. One thing I always enjoyed was going to school and being a student. I tried my best in every class. I participated in sports, I paid attention to my teachers, I paid attention to what my parents said, and I went to church.

"Making good grades is so important. Education is so important, because everybody's not going to become six-foot six-inches. Somebody's going to end up being a teacher, somebody's going to become a lawyer, somebody's going to become a doctor, and somebody's going to become an engineer. There are so many opportunities out there to become something special."

Weatherspoon was pointing out that sports was not the only way to do something important. When he was done speaking to the kids, he signed shirts, hats, pieces of paper, basketballs, and he also handed out autographed photos.



Pelahatchie Elementary students gathered in the auditorium to hear Clarence Weatherspoon, former NBA basketball player, speak. He also autographed several items. (Photo by Katie White)



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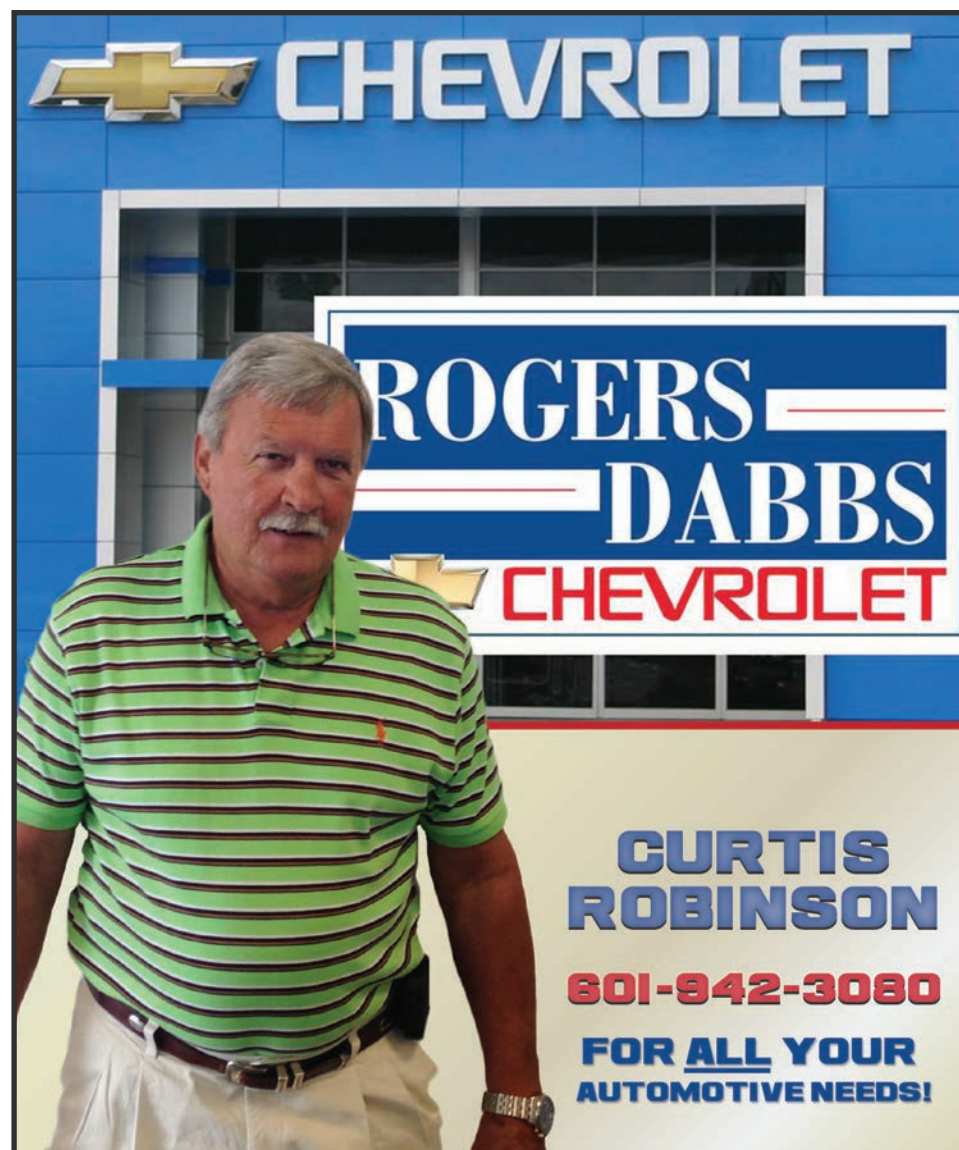
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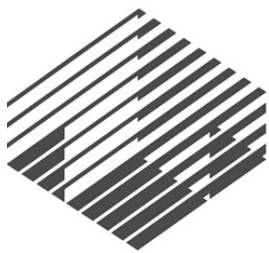
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Race packets can be picked up two days in advance on Nov. 18 and 19, at Rankin County Chamber of Commerce, 101 Service Dr. in Brandon or on the day of the race, Nov. 20, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., at the concession stand at Shiloh Park in Brandon.

The deadline to register is at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the race at Shiloh Park. Online registration will close Friday, Nov. 14.

The Glow Run has adopted a 'rain



Fundraiser benefitting the Rankin County Chamber's Youth Leadership Program. (Image special to The Pelahatchie News.)

or shine' policy. Runners are advised to check the weather before the event to make sure they are prepared (i.e., umbrellas, warm gear, cold gear, wet gear, etc.).

For more information, contact the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce at (601) 825-2268, or email at info@rankinchamber.com.



East Rankin Academy
Sports Calendar
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High School & Junior High Basketball

November 11	Hillcrest	JH HS	Home	4:00
November 13	Hartfield	JH HS	Away	4:00
November 15	Leake	7th JH HS	Away	4:00
November 18	Tri-County	JH HS	Home	4:00
November 20	Central Hinds	JH HS	Home	4:00
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ERA wins Old Capitol Quiz Bowl



Representing East Rankin Academy in the Old Capitol bowl competition (l to r) are, Ward Winstead, Austin Davis, Chance Gaddis, Jimmie Webb and Katie Beth Simmons. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

On Oct. 2, the East Rankin Academy Government Quiz Bowl team competed in the Old Capitol Bowl hosted by the Miss. Department of Archives and History.

The quiz bowl is a day-long competition which tests the students' knowledge of government and Mississippi

history, and they meet key figures who helped shape the history of the Old Capitol.

East Rankin Academy competed successfully against Brookhaven Academy, Heritage Academy, Velma Jackson, Oxford High School, Madison Ridgeland Academy and Jackson Prep to win first place in the competition.

Country Boy's opens its doors



On Oct. 18, Country Boy's Farm and Construction opened its doors with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Visitors were also treated to musical entertainment and prizes. (Photo by Katie White)

ERA Homecoming Court



East Rankin Academy's 2014 Homecoming Court, front row, (l to r) are Senior maids, Carrie Thompson, Isabella Vining, Kaitlyn Evans, and Taylor McMurtrey; back row, (l to r) are Sophomore maids, McKenzie Thompson and Corban Nutt; and Junior maids, Catherine Teh, and Peyton Rhodes. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Senator Wicker visits East Rankin Academy

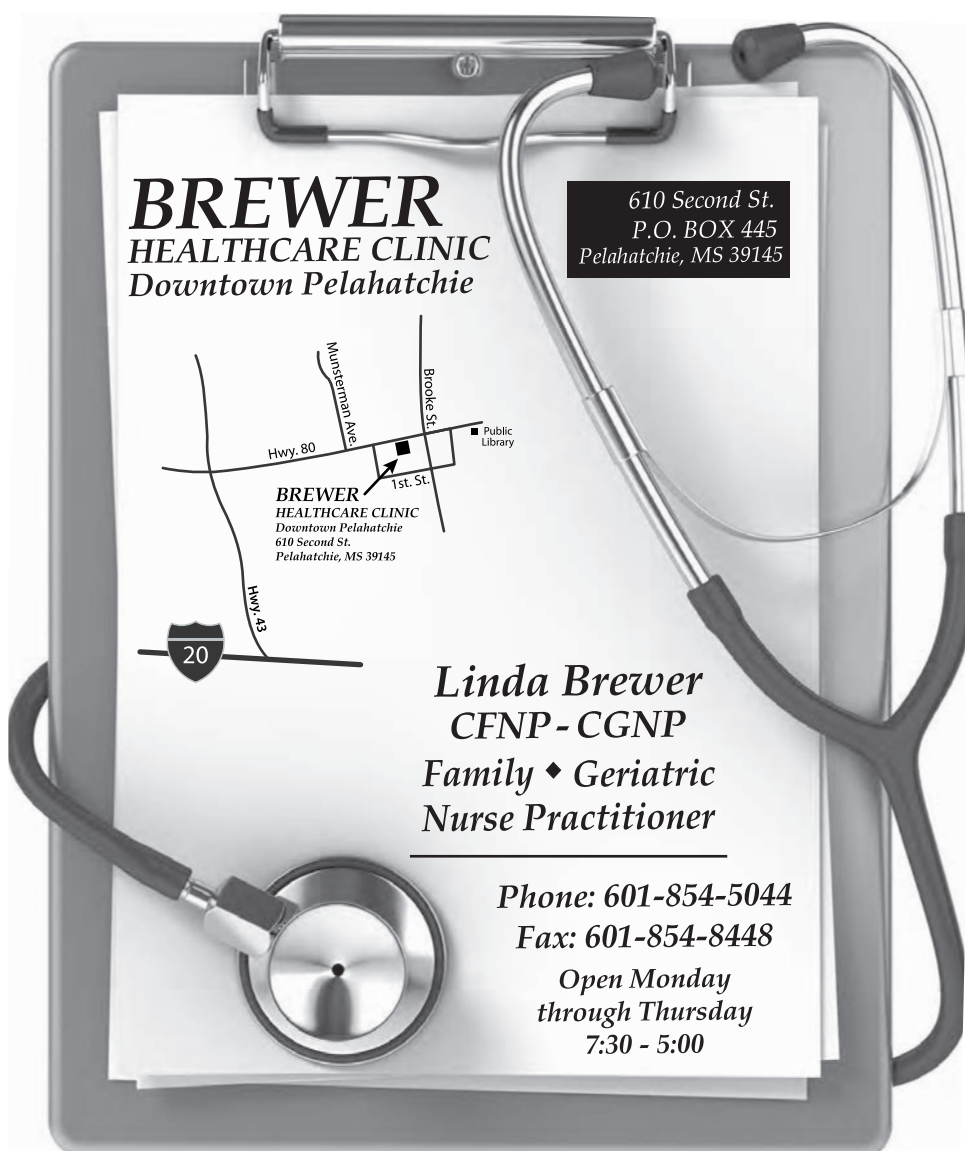
asked, 'Thomas, why did you do that?' And Thomas said, 'To cool the coffee.' George Washington said we invented the Senate for that very reason, to cool the popular passions of the day."

Sen. Wicker went on to talk about the "Star Spangled Banner," which was written in 1812 by Francis Scott Key. He then asked students Jared Vardaman and Lily Herring to sing the National Anthem while everyone else stood and acknowledged the American

flag.

"Francis Scott Key is writing about a battle, and he is actually asking a question. Can you see the flag?" said Sen. Wicker. "The reason I like this song so much is that it reminds us that we have to fight for our freedom."

Sen. Wicker invited the students to visit his office in Jackson Miss. anytime and to see how things are done. He also thanked ERA for asking him to speak.



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Hot Chocolate Classic registration open

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Registration for the sixth annual Hot Chocolate Classic is now open. The Hot Chocolate Classic 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at 8 a.m. A one mile kids fun run will follow for children 12 and under.

Packet pick-up will be available on Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, at the Rankin County School District (RCSD) Office located at 1220 Apple Park Place in Brandon, from 3 to 6 p.m.

On the day of the 5K, the starting line is located at the Rankin Landing parking lot located off Spillway Rd. at the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

The entry fee is \$20 for adults who pre-register by Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015, and \$25 for adults after Jan. 8. For children, the cost is \$15 prior to Thursday, Jan. 8, and \$20 for registration after Jan. 8.

Winners of the 5K run will be announced afterwards. Participants may place in overall male and female winners, masters male and female, grand masters male and female, and the top three in each age group will be awarded prizes: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over.

Winners of the 5K walk will also be announced afterwards. Participants



Registration for the Sixth Annual Hot Chocolate Classic is now open. Upon pre-registration, Hot Chocolate Classic t-shirts will be available. (Image special to The Pelahatchie News.)

in the walk may place in masters male and female, grand masters male and female, and the top three in each age group will be awarded prizes: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over.

Participants in the one-mile fun run for children may place as one of the top three male and female finishers.

For more information, contact the RCSD at (601) 825-5590. To register on-line, visit <https://www.raceit.com/Register/default.aspx?event=29790>.

A Southern Christmas parade

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The town of Pelahatchie is thinking of Christmas ahead of schedule to prepare for the annual Christmas parade.

The 2014 Christmas parade will be held on Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. The theme this year is *A Southern Christmas*. Mr. John Edwards and Mrs. Docie Edwards are the Grand Marshalls. The deadline to enter is Nov. 28, at 3 p.m.

All participants will line at the Pelahatchie High School gym at 9 a.m. Participants may find out their line-up number by calling Pelahatchie City Hall on Friday, Dec. 5, at (601) 854-5224. Only parade vehicles will be allowed to enter Pennington St. All others may park at the baseball field.

To complete the parade, the town of Pelahatchie will make sure Santa is there.



Santa waves during the 2013 Christmas parade. (Photo by Rachael Boyer)

New GI medical clinic opens in Rankin County

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

GI Specialists of Mississippi has opened its doors to patients on the campus of Crossgates River Oaks Hospital in Brandon. Dr. Shuja Yousuf, a gastroenterologist, has already started seeing new patients at the clinic.

"I am excited to return to this growing community," said Dr. Yousuf. "I practiced medicine for many years in Brandon, and I'm looking forward to providing the people that live and work here access to quality medical care."

Dr. Yousuf specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal conditions such as diverticulosis, GERD and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). Dr. Yousuf also performs colonoscopies, EGD's and many other procedures – right here in Brandon.

"We are committed to bringing the best and brightest to our community, and Dr. Yousuf was the right choice. His expertise helps us achieve our goal



Dr. Shuja Yousuf (Image special to The Pelahatchie News.)

of providing the best quality care for our patients in the Brandon area," said Jon-Paul Croom, Chief Executive Officer of Crossgates River Oaks Hospital.

GI Specialists of Mississippi is now accepting new patients. For more information, call (601) 825-5000.



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Fifth-graders collect donations



Fifth-grade language arts students at Pelahatchie Elementary collected food and clothing for the school's pantry for those in need. Left row (l to r) are, Anyah Lloyd, Kaitlyn White, Daniel Shaw and Morgen Dawson; right row (l to r) are, Justin Wiltcher, Ben Barlow (elementary principal), Tammy Fletcher (5th grade teacher), Kiara Gary, Christina Flores, Callie Weems, Jinodja Holifield, McKinley Goodin, Avery DeMuth and Adlyn Till. (Photo by Katie White)

By: Katie White

During the month of October, Mrs. Tammy Fletcher's fifth-grade language arts class learned about helping others when they are in need.

Students were asked to gather food and clothing for the school's pantry, which is utilized when children at school have a need.

The class also read books about helping others, and learned about famous people who have found ways to use their fame and fortune to help others.

"I think it's wonderful that you're connecting with the community, and I'm most proud that you're connecting

what you're doing with what you're learning. That's the most important thing. And then your learning is giving back to the community. So, in the end it's just a fabulous project," said Ben Barlow, Principal at Pelahatchie Elementary.

"Our thematic unit established for the first nine weeks focused on 'building community.' My goal was to make each student feel confident and an influential part of our community/society. As we embarked on the concept of building content knowledge, students were introduced to the many ways of building community," said Tammy Fletcher, Language Arts teacher at Pelahatchie Elementary.



Pelahatchie Attendance Center Sports Calendar

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2014- 2015 High School Basketball

November 11	Lake	HS	Away	TBA
November 18	Pisgah	HS	Home	TBA
November 20	Puckett	HS	Home	TBA

2014- 2015 Junior High Basketball

November 11	Lake	JH	Away	4:00
November 18	Pisgah	JH	Home	4:00
November 20	Puckett	JH	Home	4:00

2014- 2015 Lady Chiefs High School Basketball

November 8	Puckett Classic	HS	Away	TBD
November 11	Lake	HS	Away	6:00
November 18	Pisgah	HS	Home	6:00
November 20	Puckett	HS	Home	6:00

2014- 2015 Lady Chiefs Junior High Basketball

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Fall for Pelahatchie decorating contest winners

By: Katie White

Some weather experts said the fall foliage would not be as colorful this year, but the town of Pelahatchie put the color back in autumn.

Every year *The Pelahatchie News* holds a Fall for Pelahatchie decorating contest where businesses are invited to decorate their business entrance, facade, door or lawn area.

Streets corners and parks were already decorated with pumpkins, ribbon, hay bails, scarecrows and fall flowers before the contest began, which makes for a pleasant drive through Pelahatchie. However, it's fair to say that the decorations in the town of Pelahatchie were not complete until other businesses threw their hat into the ring.

The competition was tough, and the judges had their work cut out for

them.

This year there was a first, second and third place prize, and the prize was a fall-decorated yard sign to acknowledge the business's win.

First place went to Duke's Steakhouse and Restaurant, second place went to Candy's Florist and Gifts/ Nu-Way Drycleaning, and third place went to Ross & Betts, PLLC. All three of these businesses also receive public recognition in *The Pelahatchie News* newspaper. Pelahatchie City Hall and Trustmark are also rewarded with public recognition for their part in bringing in the colorful autumn season during the Fall for Pelahatchie decorating contest.

The Pelahatchie News thanks all businesses for their involvement in the contest and also encourages even more businesses to participate in the fun in 2015.



Duke's SteakHouse won first place in the Fall for Pelahatchie decorating contest.



Candy's won second place in the Fall for Pelahatchie decorating contest.



Ross and Betts, PLLC won third place in the Fall for Pelahatchie decorating contest.



City Hall participated in the Fall for Pelahatchie decorating contest.



Trustmark participated in the Fall for Pelahatchie decorating contest. (Photos by Katie White)



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Rankin County Chamber hosts a ribbon cutting for Brick House Fitness



The Rankin County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Brick House Fitness Center on Oct. 17. Members of the Rankin Chamber, city officials, family and friends all came out to show their support during the ribbon cutting ceremony. (Photo by Rachael Boyer)

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Student of the Month and Citizenship Awards



September Student of the Month recipients at Pelahatchie Attendance Center included (l to r), front row: Tabitha Phillips, 11th; and Todd Jones, 9th; and (l to r) back row: Brock Wilson, 8th; Kimberly Flores, 7th; August Hall, 12th; and Walter Hamilton, 10th. Not pictured are Voncille Anderson, Teacher of the Month; Bob Robinson and Kelsey Williams, Teacher Team Players of the Month. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



September Citizenship award recipients at Pelahatchie Attendance Center included Cherrel Ficklin (left); and Daniel Sparks (right). (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Beautification at Pelahatchie



Students at Pelahatchie School, under the guidance of Amy Till, Venture and STEM teacher, and Bob Robinson, agriculture science teacher, students collaborated their efforts to accomplish a task that has added beauty to Pelahatchie's campus. They worked with donations raised, and the students were able to create a beautiful flowerbed. The bed currently contains rosemary and pansies, but the students plan to add more perennials in the future. Students learned that when we communicate and work together great things happen. The students and teachers invite everyone to the school to see the results of their hard work. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

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United family walks for those struggling with cancer

By: Stephanie Goss

As crisp, autumn leaves cover the ground, nostalgia consumes us. We remember cold, fall nights filled with football games, state fairs, and campfires. With the onslaught of pink ushered in by October; however, other memories surface - those of loved ones who have won or lost their fight with some type of cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, "In 2014, about 585,720 Americans are expected to die of cancer, almost 1,600 people per day. Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the US, exceeded only by heart disease, accounting for nearly 1 of every 4 deaths."

The Beeman family knows this all too well, having had many loved ones who have fought this dreaded disease. They are also extremely aware that cancer does not discriminate; it does not see race, gender, or age.

For the past six years, the Beemans have held a walk in an attempt to raise money. The walk began when the family lost their loved one, Margaret Beeman McBride, to breast cancer. Before her death, she had encouraged family members to participate in various cancer walks. After her death, the family



The Beeman family dresses up for their walk to raise money for the fight against all types of cancer. The money they raise will be donated to a community member who needs it the most. The family welcomes anyone who would like to participate in the walk to join them, or those who would like to donate money for cancer survivors or victims to please contact them. (Photo by Katie White)

wanted to honor her memory.

None of the hundreds of dollars raised are kept by the Beemans. All of the proceeds from their fundraising go to a deserving community member. In order to find a recipient, they approach churches or use word of mouth to find people who are in need. All of the names are placed in a hat. The recipient is chosen by one of the children in the family.

Billie Beeman Collier, a spokesperson for the family, says they feel strongly about continuing this annual walk to reach out to the community. "We never know what people are going through. We want to raise enough money for it to help someone who is struggling. We have to do it because no one else will. Our focus is to be able to help our community first."

Although most of the people who walk with the Beemans are family, the annual event is open to everyone. The family hopes that the walk will grow in size and funds, allowing them to increase the amount of people to whom they give. Last year, they were able to give to two people in this community. Those interested in giving to this cause can contact Billie Beeman Collier by email at billie.beeman50@gmail.com or by phone at (662) 274-4673.

Community Wide Craft/ Bake Sale & Flea Market at Yogi on the Lake Activity Center

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Adult Book Club	Wednesday, Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m. Discussing The Butterfly's Daughter, by Mary Alice Monroe
Homeschool Mingle	Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2:00 p.m. Activity: Duct Tape Art
MAGN15 Book Club	Thursday, Nov. 20, 4:00 p.m.

House and Senate Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus supports the right to hunt, fish and trap in Mississippi

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

On Oct. 29, the Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus held a press conference at the State Capitol to address its support for the constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap in Mississippi.

House Chairman of the Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (WFP) Committee C. Scott Bounds and Co-Chair of the Senate Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Angela Hill were joined in their support by Governor Phil Bryant, Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves, Speaker of the House Philip Gunn, members of the House and Senate Caucuses and stakeholders of conservation efforts from around the state.

"The privilege of sportsmen being able to hunt, fish and trap is being threatened in other states," said House WFP Chairman Bounds. "As members of the Mississippi Legislature, we believe our citizens should have that privilege protected in Mississippi, enabling citizens to continue to practice sound conservation principles in managing, controlling and harvesting wildlife."

During the 2012 Regular Legislative Session, House Concurrent Resolution 30 was adopted. The passage of this measure enables the citizens and sportsmen of Mississippi to vote for Initiative Measure No. 1 on the November 4 ballot. Initiative 1 proposes to insert, into the Mississippi Constitution, language guaranteeing the right for Mississippi citizens to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife by traditional methods.

"If passed, this Initiative protects the rights of our citizens to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, subjecting them only to regulations that promote sound wildlife conservation and management as may be prescribed by general law," continued House WFP Chairman Bounds. "I want to encourage our citizens, especially the sportsmen and sportswomen of Mississippi, to go vote on Nov. 4, and vote 'yes' for Initiative 1."

The Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus is the largest independent, bi-partisan caucus in the Mississippi Legislature. It is comprised of 102 members of the Mississippi Legislature from all areas of the state,

whose beliefs align in protecting and preserving the state's natural resources by implementing, through public poli-

cy, sound pro-sportsmen's legislation. For more information, visit www.sportsmenslink.org.



Speaker of the House Philip Gunn supports the House/Senate Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus and the group's endorsement of the constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap in Mississippi. Governor Phil Bryant and Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves joined members of the House/Senate Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus and stakeholders for the event. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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- 6:00 - Evening Worship

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Don't assume a Wi-Fi hotspot is safe



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An experiment was recently conducted in London by F-Secure to assess how careless people are connecting to Wi-Fi hotspots. An unsecured Wi-Fi hotspot was set up to see how many people would connect and expose their Internet traffic and their personal data.

According to the report, 250 devices connected to the hotspot in a thirty minute period. In all, 33 people sent Internet traffic by performing web searches and sending data. Information that could have easily been captured by connecting to the unsecure Wi-Fi hotspot included email text, personal information, private documents, contacts, family photos, and even login credentials.

For a short period of time, the experiment introduced a terms and conditions (Ts&Cs) page that had to be accepted prior to access being granted to the hotspot. The Ts&Cs included a clause that required the user to give

their firstborn child or their most beloved pet in exchange for Wi-Fi use. A total of 6 people accepted the Ts&Cs before the page was removed from the experiment.

The results from this experiment should help us understand the importance of exercising caution when connecting to Wi-Fi hotspots. You may pay later for using such a "free" service.

We must realize that the protection of our personal information is our responsibility and not the Wi-Fi hotspot provider or the website's responsibility.

The following tips from OnGuardOnline.gov can help you better protect your information when using Wi-Fi:

- When using a hotspot, log in or send personal information only to websites you know are fully encrypted. To be secure, your entire visit to each site should be encrypted – from the time you log in to the site until you log out. If you think you're logged in to an encrypted site but find yourself on an unencrypted page, log out right away.
- Don't stay permanently signed in to accounts. When you've finished us-

ing an account, log out.

- Do not use the same password on different websites. It could give someone who gains access to one of your accounts access to many of your accounts.
- Many web browsers alert users who try to visit fraudulent websites or download malicious programs. Pay attention to these warnings, and keep your browser and security software up-to-date.
- Consider changing the settings on your mobile device so that it doesn't automatically connect to nearby Wi-Fi. That way, you have more control over when and how your device uses public Wi-Fi.
- If you regularly access online accounts through Wi-Fi hotspots, use a virtual private network (VPN). VPNs encrypt traffic between your computer and the Internet, even on unsecured networks. You can get a personal VPN account from a VPN service provider. In addition, some organizations create VPNs to provide secure, remote access for their employees. What's more, VPN options are available for mobile devices; they can encrypt information you send through mobile apps.
- Some Wi-Fi networks use encryp-



Image special to The Pelahatchie News.

tion: WEP and WPA are common, but they might not protect you against all hacking programs. WPA2 is the strongest.

- Installing browser add-ons or plug-ins can help. For example, Force-TLS and HTTPS-Everywhere are free Firefox add-ons that force the browser to use encryption on popular websites that usually aren't encrypted. They don't protect you on all websites — look for https in the URL to know a site is secure.

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TEC accepts essays for the D. L. Fail Memorial Scholarship

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TEC (Telephone Electronics Company) announces that essay submissions are now being accepted for the annual D. L. Fail Memorial Scholarship. Two scholarships, totaling \$5,000 in tuition monies, will be awarded in conjunction with MACS, the Mississippi Affordable College Savings Program, to two high school students in the telephone company's service area.

The winning submission will receive \$3,000, and the second place submission will receive \$2,000. Both scholarships can be used to pay tuition and related expenses at any college or university of the student's choice. Essays from eligible students will be judged by a panel of scholarship committee members. The essay topic is "First Impressions."

Every high school student 18 years of age or younger, who is a TEC customer in the Bay Springs service area interested in continuing his or her education, is eligible for the scholarship. The Bay Springs service area customers are defined as those persons who have an active account and can be serviced by TEC. This includes customers who have any or all of the follow-

ing services provided by TEC: High Speed Internet, TEC Security, phone, cable and long distance. The scholarship monies may be used for tuition at any four-year or two-year college or university of the student's choice, whether it is an in-state, out-of-state, public, or private institution.

"The scholarship's purpose is to encourage young citizens to pursue higher education, establish life goals, and use their success to serve their community. We also hope to make young adults more aware of the positive attributes of their communities and the benefits of returning to their hometowns after college. We are grateful for our customers and are honored to have the opportunity to give back to the communities we serve. Sponsoring the D. L. Fail Scholarship is just one way we say thank you," said Teresa Odom, accounting manager at TEC.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger at the time the scholarship is awarded. The postmark deadline to submit essays is Monday, Nov. 10, 2014. Winners will be contacted by Dec. 12. Students may pick up information at their high school counselor's office or call TEC for more information at 601-764-2121 or 800-898-2782.

Encouraging music by Roosevelt Mitchell



Roosevelt Mitchell Sr. (right) is currently recording a new song titled "The Last Round" at Brudog Studios in Pelahatchie. The song encourages people to 'get up fighting' for their dreams and goals. On Sept. 10, Mitchell sang "I'm gonna get my education" for students at Pelahatchie Elementary. He has already recorded one CD titled *When the Time is Right*, which is also inspirational music catered to youth or anyone needing encouragement. Mitchell is available to share his music with youth organizations or charitable events. For more information, call (601) 672-8023. (Photo by Katie White) (Image special to The Pelahatchie News)

Lakeland Presbyterian donates books



On Oct. 28, first-graders received three boxes of books from the Lakeland Presbyterian Church. Gail Jussely (pictured in the middle of each photo) and friends, collected books through a Book Project at their church to collect books for the three first-grade classes of Pelahatchie Elementary. (Top) Ashley Sheppard's class; (middle) Kimberly Mittweide's class; (bottom) Belinda Willis's Class. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)



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HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK



On Oct. 30, children of all ages emerged at Muscadine Park for Halloween in the Park. The Halloween costume contest for pets and people proved to be a big hit with the amount of participation, which was evident with the long lines of contestants. There was also a pumpkin carving contest, many games for children to play, two inflatables, hay rides, candy and popcorn. (Photos by the City of Pelahatchie)





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Parade held to celebrate 48 years



Friends of Children of Miss., Inc. and McCall Early Head Start/Head Start Center, celebrate "48 years strong" on Oct. 29 with a parade through downtown Pelahatchie. The children threw out candy, and the float procession was escorted by the Pelahatchie Police and Fire Departments. (Photos by Katie White)

Pelahatchie Baptist Holiday Marketplace



Pelahatchie Baptist Church's Holiday Marketplace always has an abundance of Christmas joy. (Photo by Ruby L. Burns)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Pelahatchie Baptist Church will host the annual Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Those who have lived in Pelahatchie a while have probably been to the Holiday Marketplace a time or two. The sight of Christmas decorations, shopping with friends and family and the smell and taste of spiced cider will definitely remind all who attend of the joy of Christmas.

This year's theme is "Old Fashioned Christmas" and it will be accompanied by a display of a Christmas

tree covered with hand-made handkerchief dollies. The event includes many items for sale, such as Christmas decorations, deer figurines, cakes and pies, Santas, jellies, knitted items, wreaths, affordable gifts for teachers, outdoor decorations and so much more. If 'shop till you drop' is the motto, hamburger lunch plates, and possibly one other choice, will be available for dine-in or carry-out for \$5. The church invites the entire community to experience the wonder of Christmas with Pelahatchie Baptist Church. For directions or more information, contact Pelahatchie Baptist Church at (601) 854-8897.

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