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Harper named Pelahatchie Deputy Clerk



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Barbara Harper is the new Town Deputy Clerk. She started May 22. Pictured (l to r) are: Harper, Mayor Ryshonda Beechem, and Alderman Pro Temp Margie Warren.

The State Auditor's demand is not going away

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On May 21 of this year, the one-year mark from when State Auditor Stacey Pickering issued the \$500K demand for misspent drug forfeiture funds, the Mississippi Attorney General (AG)'s Office filed a suit against Pelahatchie town officials, past and present, in Hinds County Circuit Court to recover more than \$1,175,934.70 in restricted money missing from the Pelahatchie Police Department Drug Seizure Fund.

In January, town officials, including former Mayor Knox Ross, Jr. and current board members Margie Warren, Michael Adams, Frank Boyd and others, filed a claim in Rankin County



Circuit Court asking for relief from the State Auditor's (OSA) demands. The town officials' case said that the AG and OSA "are using their government might to bring financial ruin on a small town, part-time servants who used windfall drug seizure money to improve the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of the Town of Pelahatchie."

The suit that Frank Trapp and Phelps Dunbar filed on behalf of the town officials against the State Auditor and Attorney General was officially dismissed May 15, 2019. Frank Trapp and Phelps Dunbar are no longer counsel of record for these individuals.

Quotes from the State Auditor's continued on page 3

White, Renfroe lead PHS Class of 2019

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As part of the Pelahatchie High School (PHS) graduation on May 21, Jordan Victoria White was named the 2019 senior class valedictorian with a GPA of 100.39. White was a member of the tennis team, Beta Club and Student Tech Team and President of the Student Council and the Book Club. She was recognized for having ACT High Honors and is being inducted into the Pelahatchie High School Hall of Fame. The daughter of Jay and Katie White, she has been accepted into the Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program and the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College at the University of Mississippi.

Brenna Claire Renfroe was named the 2019 senior class salutatorian. She holds a GPA of 99.17. Renfroe was recognized for having ACT High Honors and is being inducted into the Pelahatchie High School Hall of Fame.

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Jordan White (above) is the 2019 PHS Valedictorian, and Brenna Renfroe (below) is the PHS Salutatorian.

Harper, Macon receive ERA's top honors

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Jackson Harper and Mollie Macon were named East Rankin Academy (ERA)'s Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively.

In addition to being named valedictorian, Harper also received the honor of being named East Rankin's STAR Student with an ACT score of 35. Harper served this year as Student Body Secretary and as vice-president of the ERA Chapter of the National Honor Society. He was a member of Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, ACT Academic Team, and served as captain of East Rankin's award-winning quiz bowl team. Harper was selected to the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program and he is also a member of the varsity tennis team and school's robotics team. He was named a Blitz16/BankPlus Scholar Athlete and an Alfa Insurance Scholar Athlete. Harper plans to continue his education

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Jackson Harper (above) is ERA's 2019 Valedictorian, and Mollie Macon (below) is ERA's Salutatorian.

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Pierce receives Hinds CC degree

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Ruby Pierce has had a challenging year, but, on May 15, it all paid off.

Pierce, 51, who lives near Pelahatchie in Rankin County, graduated from Hinds Community College with a degree in Health Information Technology.

She decided to get a degree after her daughter Jessica, who has degrees from Hinds in 2016 and 2017, enrolled at Hinds.

While Pierce was in classes at Hinds, her husband, Randy, who is in the Army, was deployed stateside. Then his mother's home in Florida was destroyed in a hurricane. "Her home was declared a total loss," Pierce said.

But Pierce did well in the program, earning a spot in Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She hopes to use her skills to work in data collection for research in cancer, which killed both her parents.

"It's been a challenge, but I've really enjoyed all of my classes," she said of the Hinds program. "It's been something for me to focus on that was interesting. We all seemed like a little family of our own."

She was among 153 nursing and allied health graduates on May 15.



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Rankin County resident Ruby Pierce received a degree in Health Information Technology from Hinds Community College on May 15.

Throughout five different ceremonies spanning three days, Hinds is awarding a total of 1,706 credentials to 1,254 graduates, with some graduates receiving more than one credential.

Of the spring graduates, 260 achieved cum laude, 3.2 to 3.59 grade point average; 197 achieved magna cum laude, 3.6 to 3.99 GPA and 126 achieved summa cum laude, 4.0 grade point average.

Nobles inducted into DKG women educator's society



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On May 4, Pelahatchie High School teacher Kelsey Nobles was inducted into the Pi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International. The society's mission is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Pictured (l to r) are: Nobles, Donna Harris and LaVonda White, both members of DKG and fellow employees of the Rankin County School District.



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motion which led to the dismissal of Rankin Circuit Cause No. 19-4; Knox W. Ross, Jr., as Former Mayor of Pelahatchie, Frank Boyd, Megan Hall, Margie Warren, Michael Adams and Jerry Norwood, as former Alderpersons of Pelahatchie during 2015-June 30, 2017 et al. v. Shad White, in His Official Capacity as State Auditor, Office of the State Auditor and the State Department of Audit, include:

"Miss. Code §25-1-47 does not allow the expenditure of public funds in defense of actions taken by the State Auditor pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 7-7-211(g) and other relevant statutes. Under §7-7-211(g) the State Auditor acts for the use and benefit of the wronged government entity and places the net recovered funds in the appropriate treasury."

"§25-1-47 is limited by its terms to 'any state, county, school district, or mu-

nicipal officer, agent, servant, employee, or appointee.' The Complaint shows that the Plaintiffs seek a free lawyer as 'former' municipal officers."

"A declaration by governing authorities cannot be given which is inconsistent with the Mississippi Constitution. A free defense would be an unlawful gift and/or an extra allowance after services have been rendered and the contract would not be authorized by law."

"By its terms §25-1-47 does not apply to claims made by the State. The circular interpretation urged by the Plaintiffs is an attack on the Sovereignty of the State."

"The interpretation sought by the Plaintiffs results in an absurdity where public funds could be stolen, embezzled, misappropriated or other which spend in manners contrary to statute and then public funds could be used for defense and payment to the State Auditor."

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White, Renfroe lead PHS Class of 2019

She served as the High School Beta secretary and was first-chair clarinet and Band Co-President. She was invited to attend the All-South Honors Band Clinic at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). This fall, she

will attend USM as a member of The Pride Marching Band and the Honors College. She plans to major in film production and minor in English. She is the daughter of Daniel and Eles Renfroe.

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Harper, Macon receive ERA's top honors

at the University of Alabama.

Mollie Macon, salutatorian, was a member of the ERA Chapter of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, and ACT Academic Team. She also participated on the Science Quiz Bowl Team and

competed in the Mississippi College Science and Math Tournament. Macon was also honored as an Alfa Insurance Scholar Athlete, served as a varsity cheerleader and was a member of the varsity girls basketball team. Macon plans to attend Mississippi College.

Beemon receives Construction Education Student of the Month



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Greg Beemon with Pelahatchie High School Multicraft Industrial Maintenance Academy was awarded the Mississippi Construction Education Foundation South Central student of the Month for September 2018 and was recognized at the Muse Center during an awards ceremony in May.



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What you need to know about ground nesting bees



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

Ground nesting bees are solitary, not aggressive, and rarely ever sting. They however, nest in groups, usually in a bare spot on the lawn that is suitable for them to build their burrows. There are many different types of ground nesting bees, but their behavior is similar. Some species prefer to nest in bare level areas of soil, other prefer to nest in sides of dirt banks. Most of the time their activity is short lived. Many species are only active for a very short time, usually for a few weeks each year. They pass through the inactive stages in the burrows or nest chambers dug by the females of the previous generation.

It is usually not worth the effort to worry about trying to control the bees, because they usually disappear on their own after completing a generation or two. They usually go away on their own by late spring or early summer. Also, these solitary bees are not aggressive and rarely sting, unless they accidentally fly up your pants leg, etc. Also these bees are important pollinators, so it is good to keep them around or toler-

ate them if at all possible.

The best way to obtain permanent control is to till the soil and amend or manage as necessary to get some grass or other ground cover established. Because these bees prefer to nest in areas



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where the soil is bare, or at least where grass is sparse. These bees usually quit using a site once densely growing grass is established on it. Once they find a spot they like, they return year after year, unless something happens to make the spot unsuitable, such as grass beginning to grow on it.

If someone decides they just have to kill the bees that are there now, they can do so by applying Sevin or bifenthrin (one can use a ready to use product, which comes in its own hose-end sprayer). Just use according to labeled instructions. However, just spraying often provides incomplete control and it does not make the area unattractive to bees in future years.

Cotnam named RCSD Tech Teacher for April



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Luke Cotnam of Pelahatchie High School was selected as Rankin County School District (RCSD) Technology Integration Teacher of the Month for April. Pictured (l to r) are: Cotnam with Brian Gaddy, RCSD, who presented the award.

Legislature recognizes PHS football for historic season



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At the Pelahatchie High School Athletic banquet in May, Tom Miles presented Coach Sam Williams and the Pelahatchie Chiefs football team with a Proclamation from the Mississippi House of Representatives, recognizing them for their record making historical season. Pictured (l to r) are: Representative Miles with Coach Williams.

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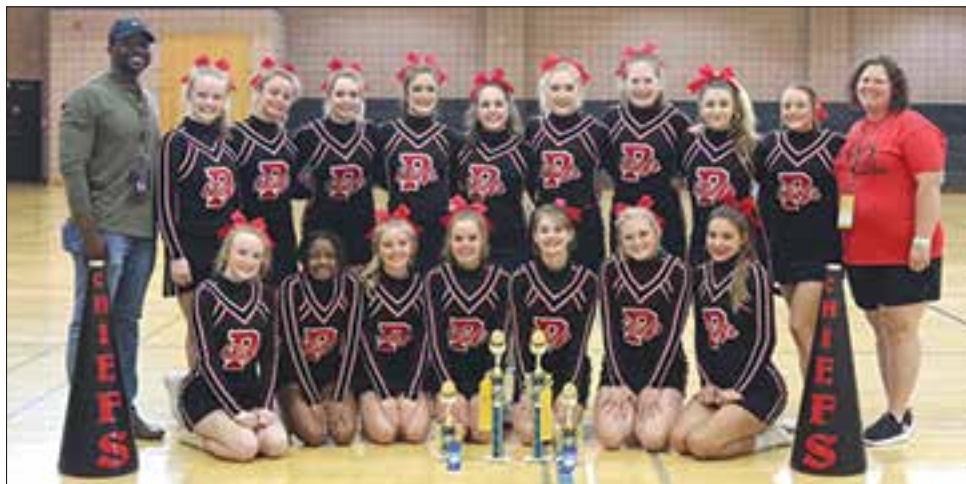
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Pelahatchie Elem. students named Character Trait Students of the Month

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Riley Jordan is Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES)'s Character Trait Student of the Month for April, and Grayson Echols is the RCSD Character Trait Student of the Month for May.

PHS Cheerleaders place first at USM cheer camp

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The PHS Cheerleaders attended camp this week and won the following: first place overall Game day in small varsity division; first place Sidelines; second place in Cheer; second place Rally Routine; two Spirit sticks; two Excellent ribbons; and one Pin it Forward award. Pictured (l to r), front row, are: Adlyn Till, Jinodja Hollifield, Katie Belle Boyer, Collins Doster, Bailey Smith, Madelyn Cain, and Isabella Rust; and top row: Coach Lemichal Drake, Malori Scherer, Maddie Grace Walters, Camden Patton, Haley Mills, Madison Broome, Mackenzie Hester, Meghan Herrington, Rose Gibney, Madi Holmes, and Coach Mandy Herrington. Katie Belle Boyer and Meghan Herrington were chosen for All American Cheer.

PHS students graduate from Rankin Youth Leadership

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Anna Grace Carter, left, and Olivia Sirmon graduated from Rankin Youth Leadership during the Salute to Education Banquet in April. Sirmon won a \$1,500 scholarship presented by the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Rankin Class of 2019.

Successful third-grade gate test reward

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Paige Tucker's Pelahatchie Elementary class got to turn her into an ice cream sundae as a reward for all her students passing the third-grade gate test. Pelahatchie Elementary had a 88.9 percent passing rate.



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PHS hosts 2A MHSAA State Track and Field Championships



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The PHS relay team of Ian Jackson, Jamal Johnson, Kelreiz Stokes, and CJ Wilder won the 2A MHSAA state championship 4X200 Meter Relay with a time of 1.31.88.

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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) recently hosted the 2A MHSAA State Track and Field Championships at Northwest Rankin High School.

The 4x200 Relay team and the 2A Long Jump team placed first at the meet.

The relay team was made up of Ian Jackson, first leg; Jamal Johnson, second leg; Kelreiz Stokes; third leg, and CJ Wilder, fourth leg. The time was 1.31.88. The Chiefs also brought

home first place in the 2A Boys 400 Meter Relay at The South State Track Meet.

Javeious Purvis won first place in the 2A Long Jump.

The Lady Chiefs also placed in the state meet. Alana Hobson won second place in the Girls 2A 100 Hurdles; Sharetha Hobbs placed third in the 2A Girls Triple Jump; and Reagan Sanders placed fourth in the Girls 2A 100 Hurdles. Collins Doster, Payton Sanders, Kyndal Patton, and Maddie Walters also placed third in Girls 4X800 relay.

PHS to host Car Show June

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The Second Annual Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Car Show sponsored by the PHS Fast-Pitch Softball team will be held Saturday, June 15, at the PHS Softball Field. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be raffles, refreshments, door prizes, classic cars and trucks, muscle cars, and rat rods. "Best of Show" award will be given.

To enter a car, truck or rod is \$20. Contact Coach Mike Chambliss at 601-506-2869 or Assistant Coach Duncan Tucker at 601-566-4565. Admission is free.



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PHS raises \$900 for Relay for Life



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PHS Beta Club and Student Council members raised over \$900 for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Pictured are some of the clubs' members and sponsors at the April 26 event at Winner's Circle Park in Flowood.

Obituaries

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Burma Gunter	72	Morton, MS	4/9/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Marshall Lum	93	Lake, MS	4/15/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Linda Coker	79	Raleigh, MS	4/18/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Darris Bryant	80	Morton, MS	4/19/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Denita Thompson	58	Lake, MS	5/10/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jacqueline Denham	56	Forest, MS	5/7/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jimmy Washington	62	Forest, MS	5/20/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
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Pelahatchie High School is making its hometown proud



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By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield, Principal, Pelahatchie High School

In country music singer Kane Brown's recent single Hometown, he sings "All he wants to do is make his hometown proud." As Pelahatchie High School (PHS) wraps up the 2018-2019 school year, we believe we have done just that. The year has been full of many successes, and the completion of the school year was not an exception.

As in every school year, the culmination of events is the validation of the hard work of our seniors through graduation. With that being said, the ceremony at the Muse Center was a sight to behold. The ceremony was dignified and wonderfully planned. The crowd was great as we observed several generations of family members who were in attendance to support their loved ones.

Our seniors, excited for the night, really made an impression throughout the ceremony as they were recognized for the many different accolades and schol-

arships they have earned over the past four years. Brenna Renfro and Jordan White, Salutatorian and Valedictorian respectively, absolutely impressed as they both addressed the crowd with their speeches. We could not be prouder of how our graduates have represented Pelahatchie High School over the years, and we wish them the best as they transition into adulthood.

As we finish a school year, planning for another begins. Our school's leadership team (a compilation of administration, faculty, and staff) has already met to improve upon the work of this past school year by focusing on what we can

do better internally as well as externally. Regarding academics, we look to improve upon the gains from this year's

to focus on this school year. Regarding extracurricular activities, our teams and organizations are already beginning to take the necessary steps to be highly competitive in the upcoming year. Regarding the community, we are currently brainstorming to find ways to bridge any gaps that exist so that we can better serve the families of our students.

To close, Pelahatchie High School wishes everyone a restful and relaxing summer. As we wait in anticipation of the new school year, consider ways to actively get involved in "All Things Pelahatchie High School." Whether it be through attendance and service at events or even through academic and athletic sponsorships, our students will absolutely benefit from your efforts. Doing so will allow our Chiefs to continue to make our "Hometown Proud!"



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2019 PHS graduates celebrate graduation with a traditional graduation cap toss.

ACT performances, and we anxiously await the results from our "End of Year" testing that we have made a point

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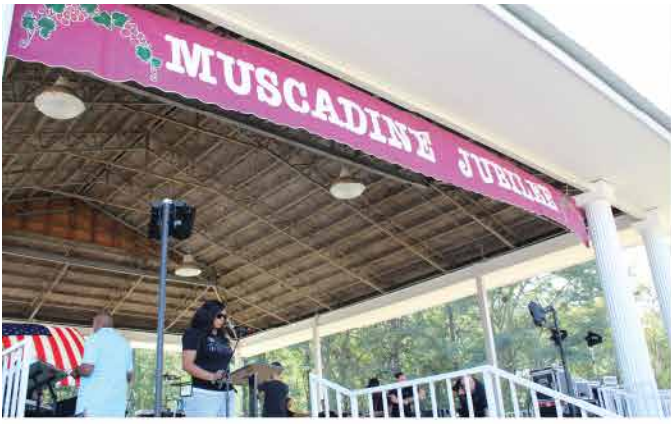
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ERA names ACT Academic Team



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To be on East Rankin Academy (ERA)'s ACT Academic Team, a student's ACT score must be 25 or above. Eighth through twelfth grade students who have taken the ACT and qualify to be on this team are pictured (l to r), front row: Taylor Turman, Claire Reeves, Jessica Ries, Rachel Sikora, Kariana Simmons, Lexey Stuart, Dana Watkins, Heidi Gray, Brooke Cunningham, Kailey Anna Davis, and Taylor Hudson; second row: Andrew Stewart, Jackson Harper, Barron Burnham, Tyler Betts, Lane Burgess, Ethan Crain, Garrett Duckworth, Jacob Gardner, Cameron Boman, Cole Jones, Josh Phillips, Trey Rhodes, Mollie Macon, Thad Webb, Trent Wuestefeld, and Maddie Morgan; and back row: Dylan Davis, Jonathan Lamberth, Will Price, Brandyn Luke, Elijah Moore, Brennan Rials, Elijah Rowell, and Elijah Vining.

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ERA announces ACT 30 or Above Club



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) had ten tenth-twelfth grade students with ACT scores of 30 or above who were recognized at East Rankin Academy's Awards Night on May 6. Pictured (l to r) are: Kailey Anna Davis, Mollie Macon, Dana Watkins, Trey Rhodes, Elijah Moore; and back row: Tyler Betts, Ethan Crain, Cole Jones, Jackson Harper, and Trent Wuestefeld.

Harrison received ERA's Leah Cunningham award



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Breanna Harrison received the Leah Cunningham Memorial Award at the East Rankin Academy (ERA) Awards Night in May.



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ERA sporting clay team places second at state contest



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East Rankin Academy (ERA)'s 24-person sporting clay team won awards in Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, and Overall Combined Sports in the state tournament held May 18. The team finished in second place with a score of 546, behind the winning team with a score of 547. ERA's entire team qualified to participate. They were the only school that every member of our team qualified for state.



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East Rankin Academy Class of 2019 graduates



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The East Rankin Academy (ERA) Class of 2019 graduated on May 19 at Crossgates Baptist Church in Brandon. Graduates include: Nicholas Alford, Madison Arnold, Landon Aycock, Dawson Banes, Noah Bellamy, Will Blossom, Cameron Boman, Harley Bowman, Anna Grace Boykin, Anna Mae Carlisle, Trent Chapman, Ady Copley, Brooke Cunningham, Kailey Anna Davis, Rachel Dearman, Tyler Guy, Jackson Harper, Hannah Howard, Taylor Hudson, Zach Irby, Anna Lindsey, Paige Loper, Mollie Macon, Maddie Morgan, Paige Palmer, Charlie Parker, Claire Reeves, Morgan Rhodes, Grace Smith, Andrew Stewart, Bailey Thompson, Rachel Thompson, Taylor Turman, Loftin Turnage, Zack Varner, Pablo Villegas, Thad Webb, Brock Wilson, Owen Wolfe, and Payten Young.

Pelahatchie High School Class of 2019 graduates



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) graduating seniors include: Ivy Elizabeth Allen, Juquarius Nkozi Allen, James Jefferson Atwood, Anna Katelyn Bayliss, Austin Lee Berry, Adrianna Skye Bowman, Cameron Octavius Boyd, Morgan Bailey Boyd, Felicity Nicole Brown, Tiara Monique Collier, Caleb Dylan Davis, Eric Devon Davis, Hannah Elizabeth Easterling, Keyanna Selena Flores, Carmen Elizabeth Hamilton, Bryce Garrett Harmon, Tyia Kiara Hoard, Zharia Latoi Holifield, Dalton Reece Hughes, Cheyenne Acacia Sky Jackson, Leilani Micaela Key, Jonathan Allen King, Hannah Ruth Lawrence, Avery JeQuori Lewis, Sandra LaQuann Lewis, Andrianna Willea Macklin, Makayla Lashae McClure, Michelle Denise Moore, Cheyla Gissell Muñoz-Ramos, Cheyenne Elizabeth Myers, Isaac Neal Norwood, Javeious Alexander Purvis, Hannah Christine Rawson, Abigail Flowers Reach, Brenna Claire Renfroe, Dajah Simone Reynolds, Brianna Paige Rowland, William Chandler Rust, Thomas William Sanford, Jessica Ann Smith, Macy Lee Spears, Kiaieshi Divine Stokes, Chandler Colton Stribling, Xavier Tavon Taylor, Hannah Destiny Thomas, James Christopher Thompson, Gunner Dwayne Till, Harrison Brice Till, Amanda Renee Trest, Robert Gauge Tucker, Damontaye Fashun Turnage, Hunter Paul White, Jessica Danielle White, Jordan Victoria White, Hannah Kaitlyn Whitney, and Cedrick Corzell Wilder, Jr.

Pastor's perspective: Am I Old Yet?



By Guest Columnist John Vaughn, Pastor, Cross Roads Baptist Church

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Early in April, about twenty members of my family gathered to celebrate the ninety-fourth birthday of my Aunt Lois. Less than three weeks later, we gathered for her funeral. She was blessed in that she lived alone in the home that she had lived in for over 70 years. She didn't want to go to a nursing home or live with anyone else. She wanted to die in that house, and her wish was fulfilled.

Aunt Lois was my daddy's sister, just younger in age than he was. And she was the last one of her generation to die. That makes my generation the oldest in my family. As I pondered that reality, I began to wonder... am I old yet?

I don't particularly feel old, although there are some things I can't do as well as when I was younger. And, I have signed up for Medicare, as required. But does that make me old?

My hair has changed colors, and there is not as much of it as there used to be,

so does that mean that I am old? I went to my hometown recently and saw a lot of folks that I knew in my younger days. Many of them looked really old to me; then I realized that those "old people" were in high school at the same time I was! I wonder if they thought I looked old to them!

I found an article written by Sharon O'Brien, which asks the question, "When Does Old Age Begin?" Here is part of what she said, "At what age does a person stop getting older and actually become old? When does old age begin?"

When researchers at the Pew Research Center put this old age question and many others to nearly 3,000 adults, ranging in age from 18 to well over 65, the answers were revealing. Like many other questions in life, the definition of old age depends on who you ask. The study shows that only one thing is certain when it comes to old age: the majority of people agree that none of this applies to them. Among the old age survey respondents who were 65-74, only 21 percent said they feel old. Even among those who are 75 and older—an age that many of those surveyed would call "old"—just 35 percent said they feel

old. Maybe it's true, as the old saying goes, "that you're as young as you feel."

So according to that article, a person is only as old as they want to be. That being the case, I have decided that I am not old! I self-identify as a young man!



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I found a poem that backs up my conclusion. The author is unknown, but the poem does make me feel better about the reality of my age.

"Understand... I'm not old... I'm merely mature; But some things are changing, temporarily, I'm sure. The newspaper print gets smaller each day, And people speak softer...I can't hear what they say. My teeth are my own (I have the receipt), And my glasses identify people I meet. Oh, I've slowed down a bit...not a lot, I am sure. You see, I'm not old...I'm only mature. My friends all get

older...much faster than me. They seem much more wrinkled, from what I can see. I've got "character lines," not wrinkles...for sure, But don't call me old... just call me mature."

That was true of Caleb, as well. He was one of the spies that went into the Promised Land and encouraged the Children of Israel to go forward. He was out voted however, and Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. Then Joshua 14:10-12 gives this testimony from Caleb, "And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day..."

Don't let advancing age keep you from serving the Lord. You can do whatever is in His will for you to do! I hope you feel younger now!

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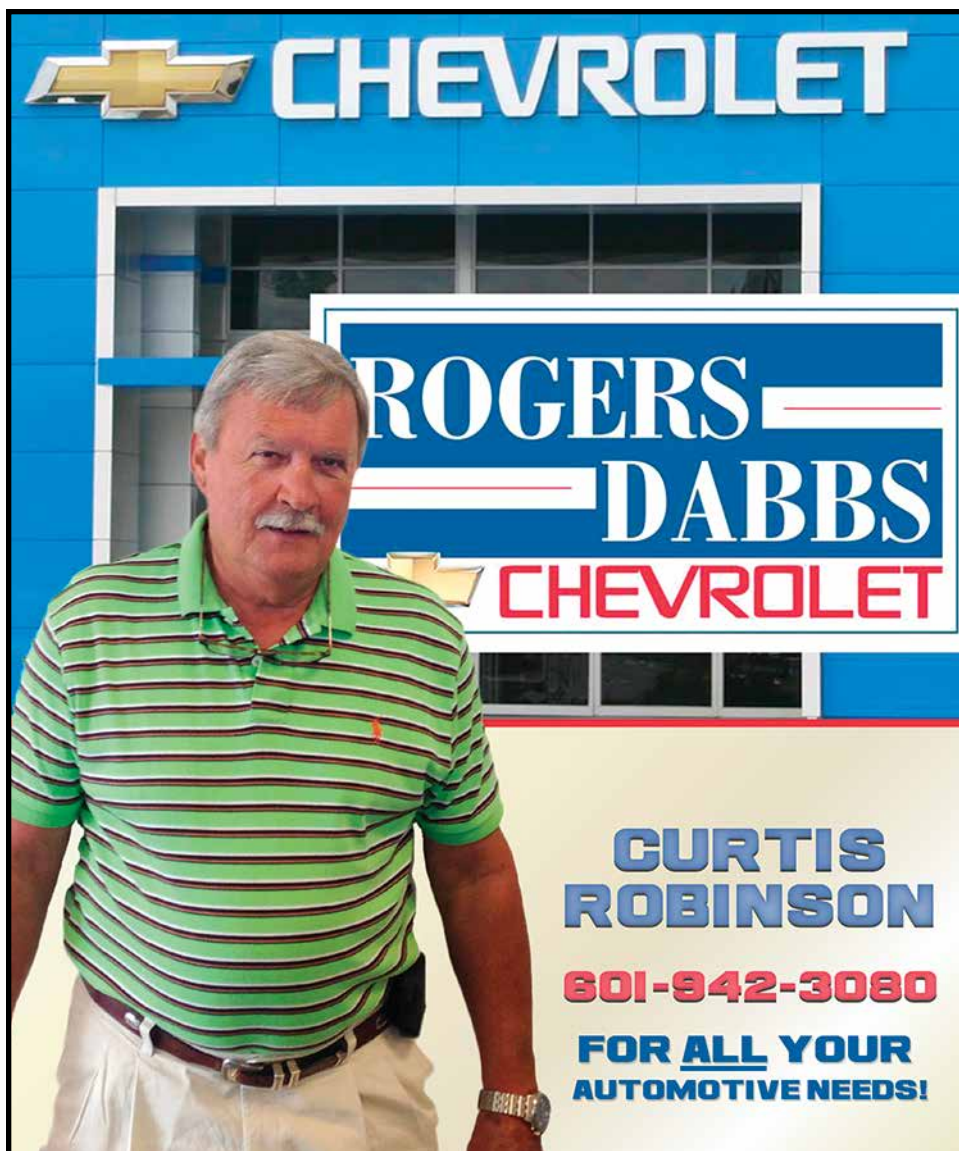
On April 27, Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO), a faith-based organization recently named one of the top five nonprofits in Rankin County, held its Seventh Annual Love Out Loud event at Yogi on the Lake. The fundraiser was to help ERCO provide

free food, clothes, housewares and more to underprivileged Mississippi families in need each month.

The day's activities included bounce houses, train rides, face painting, games, and a petting zoo as well as music and entertainment. Local organizations and businesses had booths to assist attendees.



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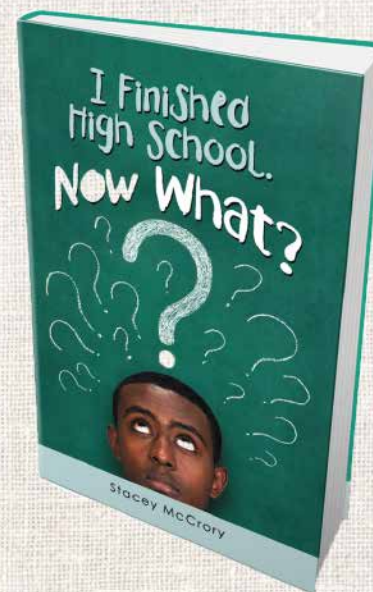
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JP wins ACT Growth Award



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