

Pelahatchie VFD works to keep us safe



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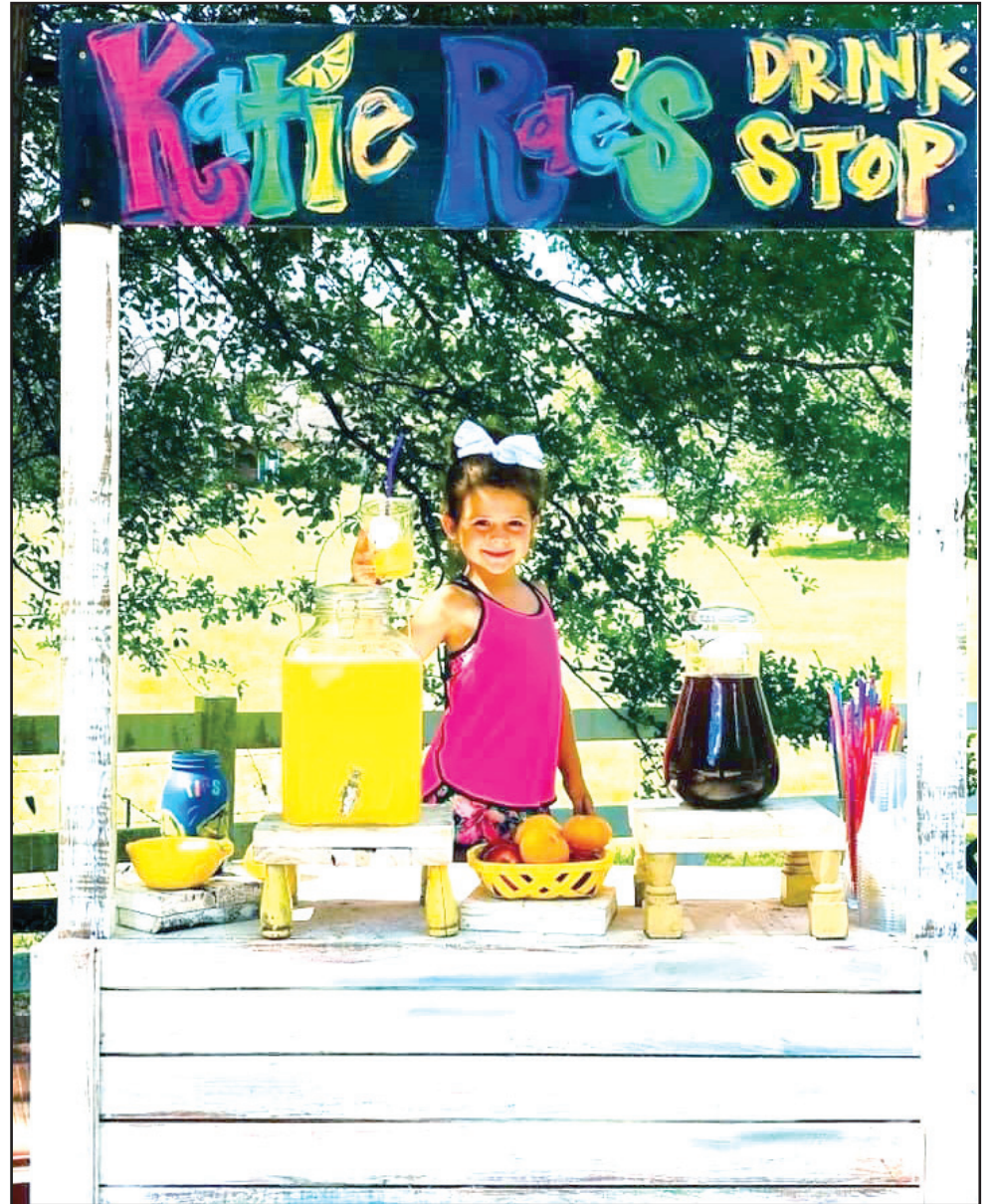
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The Pelahatchie Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), responded to a reported motor vehicle crash with injuries on July 1. By the time they arrived, there were several agencies on the scene rendering care. While Pafford EMS had patient care, the Pelahatchie VFD was notified of another crash with injuries.

Pelahatchie FD-1 and Rankin E.O.C.-2 responded to find a three-vehicle crash with several injuries. All agencies involved worked side by side for the citizens and travelers of Rankin County and Mississippi.

Under the leadership of Chief Karl VanHorn and Assistant Chief Kevin Hall, the VFD has 17 firemen protecting the Pelahatchie community.

Katie Rae's Drink Stop raises money for rescue horses



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Katie Rae Parker runs Katie Rae's Drink Stop on Highway 80 between Pelahatchie and Brandon by the entrance to Bank's Peach Farm. She sells lemonade, tea, and bottled water from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

By Guest Columnist Kayla Barry

On a farm just a few miles outside of Pelahatchie is a six-year-old East Rankin student, Katie Rae Parker, who is ready to save the world. With the knowledge of the quarantine on her heart, she set out to help her family's local business, Kenwood Stables.

The family farm is a hobby farm that offers a handicap accessible petting zoo, birthday parties and horse camps, but most people aren't aware that Kenwood Stables is also home to many rescue horses, as well.

Most all of the horses have been given a second chance with the assistance of Rockin R Ranch & Rescue. Rockin R Rescue is a 501(c)(3) based Kosciusko, Mississippi. With more funding for the horses in mind, Parker put her ideas to focus.

"Mama, I know what we can do. We can raise up money to give to the people who helped save all of the horses." Then and there, Katie Rae's Drink Stop was

constituted. Parker offers lemonade, tea, and bottled water. Her hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Parker also wants all responders to know drinks are on the house all day every Friday. Within 24 hours of this heart filled idea, Parker had numerous donations pouring in. So far, she has raised \$1,500 with almost \$350 going to the horse non-profit.

At the entrance of Bank's Peach Farm is where Katie Rae's Drink Stop sits, at 3680 Highway 80 East. For more information, or to donate to Parker's cause, email taylorhegwood41792@icloud.com.

Katie Rae's Drink Stop also accepts donations through PayPal, cash app, and Venmo. Her cash app is itstaytayy, and her Venmo is @taylor-hegwood.

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