

ERA Chess teams wins at MAIS Tournament



Both the East Rankin Academy (ERA) varsity and junior varsity chess teams placed at the October 28 MAIS Tournament. The Junior Varsity Chess Team won first place in the Junior Varsity Division of the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) Annual Chess Tournament on October 28. Pictured (l to r) are: Audrey Mayatte, Audrey Hawk, Nic Riemann, Tate Ogden, Jacob Soto, Corbin Cofer, Cason Patrick, Maci Jo Rakinic, and Sydney McCurdy.



The Varsity Chess Team placed second in the Varsity Division of the MAIS tournament. Pictured (l to r) are: Jonathan Lamberth, Dylan Davis, Garrison Yoder, Tyler Williams, Jonas Vining, Jett Stuart, Stephens Bulger, Peyton Patrick, Judson Giordano, Will Price, and Eli Bowman.

Cross Roads to host Griefshare 'Surviving the Holidays' Seminar

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The holidays are a joyous time when we get together with family and friends, eat a lot of good food, and celebrate the occasion. But for many people, this is a difficult time, because they miss the presence of a loved one who is no longer with them. The absence of that loved one and the grief that is felt can rob a person of the joy that should be experienced at this time of year.

This may be your first holiday without your loved one, or they could have left many years ago. Either way, the pain and grief that you feel is very real. As a part of their GriefShare Ministry, Cross Roads Baptist Church will host a Surviving the Holidays seminar on Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m. This seminar will help those who are grieving to prepare for the holidays. The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer

practical suggestions and reassurance.

These people share honestly about:

- Being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- How to handle holiday parties and invitations
- How to survive potentially awkward moments with other people
- Where to find comfort, strength, and hope in a seemingly hopeless time

Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

Everyone is invited to attend. Cross Roads is located at 104 Crossroads Road, Pelahatchie. For more information, call Sheila Bradshaw, GriefShare Coordinator, at 601-546-2297.

Grieving?

Know someone who is?

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

Sunday, December 12, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

Cross Roads Baptist Church
104 Crossroads Road, Pelahatchie, MS 39145
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Edwards named PES Parent of the Year



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Brian Edwards is shown with two of his three children at this year's Dixie National Rodeo, where Camden, left, was exhibiting. Dawson, a Pelahatchie Elementary student, is shown in front.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie native Brian Edwards, Industrial Maintenance Instructor at Pelahatchie High School (PHS), has been named the Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) Parent of the Year for 2021-2022.

Edwards has three children who have previously or are attending PES. Dawson is the one that is currently in the fifth grade. Camden is now a senior, and Kyn-dal is a sophomore.

In his 13 years at PHS, Edwards has served as agriculture teacher, shop instructor, baseball coach, and transportation director.

"Thank you, Mr. Edwards, for your continued support of our staff and students," said PES Principal Robin Sanders.

He sponsors staff members of the month, helps with classroom maintenance, provides trailers/trucks for parades, and helps with whatever is needed.

In addition to teaching, Edwards also has owned Jack-Knifed Trailer Repair since 2016. He is also attending Pine Lake Baptist Church; partnering with Senda de Vida in Reynosa, Mexico; and works with local missions in Pelahatchie and Richland.

Edwards said, "I appreciate the time and energy the teachers put into making every child successful. The vigorous classroom instruction has been an asset to all three of my children. The roots and culture of so many teachers and administrators having grown up in Pelahatchie and having their own children there is representative of how truly vested the staff are in the school, community, and families they serve."

"My family is appreciative of what PES has done for my children and all the others. Knowing my kids are loved and taken care of allows me to send them to PES without worry or fear. A big thank you to EVERYONE that pours into the children," he said.

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	ARRANGEMENTS
Cynthia Graham	55	Pelahatchie	10/25/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Lonnie Neal	57	Pelahatchie	10/26/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
James Perritt	76	Morton	10/27/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Reginald Bell	63	Morton	10/28/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
William Bass	78	Pelahatchie	10/31/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Adam Pittman	34	Walnut Grove	11/1/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Melinda Rowell	51	Forest	11/2/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Tommy Anderson	76	Lake	11/3/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Drew Moore	21	Morton	11/7/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Henry Risher	71	Pulaski	11/12/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Travis Evans	87	Pulaski	11/14/2021	Wolf Funeral Services