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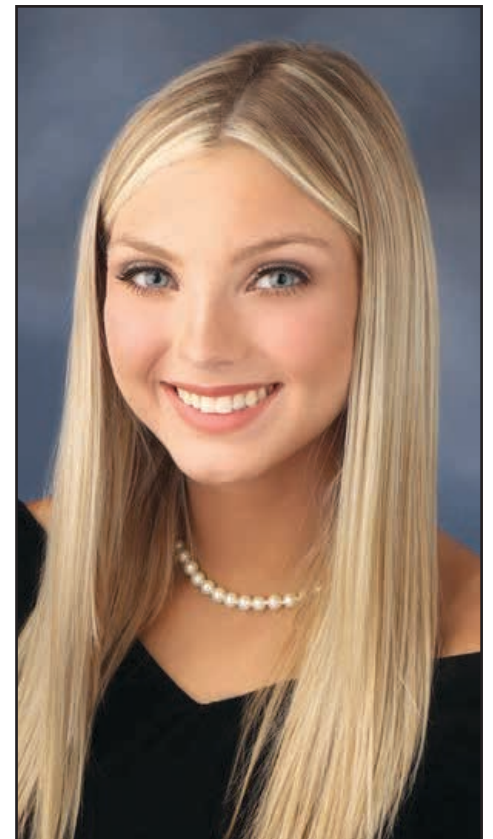
Barron Burnham and Kellar Brown were named East Rankin Academy (ERA)'s Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Barron Burnham, valedictorian, served this year as twelfth grade Student Council representative. He is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, ACT 30+ Academic Team, the ERA Chapter of the National Honor Society, and served as captain of

East Rankin's championship academic quiz bowl team. He plans to continue his education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Kellar Brown, salutatorian, is a member of the ERA Chapter of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, and ACT Academic Team. He also participated on the school's Science Quiz Bowl Team and state championship robotics team. Brown plans to attend the University of Mississippi.

Herrington and Sanders take PHS' top honors



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Meghan Herrington, left, was named the Class of 2021's Valedictorian and Reagan Sanders, right, was named the Salutatorian.

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Meghan Herrington was named the Class of 2021's Valedictorian. She has attended Pelahatchie High School (PHS) since the eighth grade. While at PHS, she has been an active member of the National Beta Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Junior High and High School Varsity Cheerleading, Archery, FFA, Newspaper Staff, and Yearbook Staff. She volunteers weekly with Empower Performing Arts in Brandon and has earned over 500 volunteer service hours over the last four years. Herrington's future plans are to attend the University of West Alabama where she will continue her cheer-

leading career for the Tigers. She plans to earn a degree in Cell and Molecular Biology and eventually attend medical school to specialize in pediatrics.

Reagan Sanders was named the 2021 Salutatorian. She has attended Pelahatchie since kindergarten. While at PHS, she has been an active member of the MDE Superintendent's Student Advisory Board, National Beta Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Junior High and High School Basketball team, soccer team, volleyball team, track team, and student council. She also served as the 2020-2021 Student Body President. Sanders plans to attend the University of Mississippi to obtain a degree in education.



Pelahatchie HS celebrates completion of bond issue projects



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) held a ribbon cutting in April to celebrate the completion of two new classrooms, two career academies, an electrical upgrade, mechanical upgrade, new intercom/fire alarm, security cameras for doors/halls, reroof, replaced windows, toilet renovations, ceilings, lights, flooring as needed, renovate science labs, site work, new science lab multipurpose facility, new front secure entry and fine arts facility. Pictured (l to r) are: Eriberto Banuelas, Javion Harris-Magee, Reagan Sanders, Katie Belle Boyer, Myles Stringer, Mariah McGill, Alexia Jones, Leslie Hebert, Ryan Keeton, Kelsey Williams, Pelahatchie High School Principal, Dr. Teague Burchfield, RCSD Superintendent, Dr. Sue Townsend, Pelahatchie High School Assistant Principal, Philip Nelson, Pelahatchie Mayor, Ryshonda Beecham, RCSD Assistant Superintendent, Karen Schmidt, RCSD Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Undray Scott, Sherron Day with Mississippi Tobacco Free Coalitions, RCSD Assistant Superintendent, Shane Sanders, RCSD Construction Administrator, Jay Yarbrough, Pelahatchie Elementary Principal, Robin Sanders, Pelahatchie Counselor, Brandi Johns, and Julie Turner and Russ Blount with Dale | Bailey Architects.



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Nicholas Poor	23	Morton	4/21/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Perry Lee Webb	28	Forest	4/22/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Billie O'Bannon	87	Forest	4/25/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Algie Stewart	70	Brandon	4/28/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
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Rhonda Williams	65	Newton	4/30/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Eleanor Upton	77	Newton	5/5/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Bruce Taylor	63	Morton	5/6/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Jimmy Harrell	65	Morton	5/10/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Austin Denton	85	Pelahatchie	5/10/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Bernice Bailey	90	Canton	5/18/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
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Change is underway at Cross Roads Baptist Church



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

Change is underway at Cross Roads Baptist Church! Like all other churches, Cross Roads struggled through the effects of COVID-19. Almost overnight, Zoom classes and Facebook Live became standard fare, and new avenues of on-line ministries were initiated. We went through starting back up, stopping again and restarting once more. Initially, the focus was on "doing as much as possible, as soon as possible, as safely as possible."

But during the months of total shutdown and reduced activity, the goal evolved from "getting back to where we were" to "going where we have never been." The church staff, deacons,

and other leaders prayed constantly for God's guidance and for the church to be willing to follow His leadership as it was revealed. Getting back to an arbitrary status quo was no longer desirable or acceptable.

For many years, we have believed that Cross Roads was the church where God is at work "in us," and "through us." He is working "in us" to change our lives and conform us to His image. And He is at work "through us" as we allow Him to use us individually and as a church to impact the lives of others with the Gospel.

As the result of a desire to not only "get back" but to "go forward," the church has embraced a new leadership structure and direction for the future. Bro. John Vaughn will soon enter his 19th year as the pastor at Cross Roads. Under the changes that the church has enacted, Bro. John will now be the Lead Pastor

with the responsibility for overall leadership, pastoral care, evangelism and outreach.

Bro. Kevin Halle has a total of nine years of ministry at Cross Roads as the part time Minister of Students. Under the new structure, Bro. Kevin will be the full time Associate Pastor of Preaching and also be responsible for discipleship and Christian education ministries. Bro. Kevin will also continue as Student Minister until a new staff member can be added for that responsibility.

Bro. Byron Green began to serve the Lord at Cross Roads just a few months before the COVID crisis began. He will continue to serve the church full time as Associate Pastor of Music and Business Administration.

The staff at Cross Roads also includes Samantha Sherrill, who has served over four years as our Children's Minister. And in the church office, Shelia Brad-

shaw and Angela Ricks have over ten years combined service at Cross Roads. Sheila is the Church Financial Assistant and Angela is the Church Administrative Assistant.

These changes take effect this month and put Cross Roads in a position to truly fulfill what we believe our purpose is, as stated in our Mission Statement: "To know Jesus and to make Him known; to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit; and to take God's Word to God's World."

Our Sunday schedule starts with a Contemporary Worship Service at 8:30 led by our Praise Team. At 10:00, we have Bible Study for all ages. And at 11:00, we have a blended worship service with worship leadership provided by our church choir.

We invite you to come to Cross Roads and see what God is doing "in us" and "through us!" We'll make you feel like you are coming home!

Pelahatchie Elementary names Chiefs with Character



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The final grouping of Chiefs with Character for the 2020-2021 school year were named for May. Pictured (l to r) bottom row, are: McKenna Cupstid, and Abel Lamb; second row: Anna Grace Conklin, Bentley Smith, and Paisley Cupstid; third row: Abel Pineda, and Ramzey Beechem; fourth row: Myla Woods, Skyler Snow, Alston Jones, August Parker, Lucas Gardner, and Brooklyn Pilgrim; fifth row: Amelia Garcia, Adrian Beard, Maci Vanderford, Lennon McFadden, Reighlynn Gilmore, Beckett Myers, and Americo Lopez; and sixth row: Browdy Taylor, Macy Renfro, Brooklyn Alford, and Cash Nickles.



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PHS names Student and Teacher of the Month



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Zoey Jones was named Pelahatchie High School's Student of the Month, and Liz Renfrow is Teacher of the Month for April. Pictured above (l to r) are: Dr. Teague Burchfield, Jones, and Tanner Wilson of Farm Bureau. Pictured below (l to r) are: Dr. Teague Burchfield, Renfrow, and Tanner Wilson of Farm Bureau.

Hester receives Beta Club scholarship



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Makaylee Hester of Pelahatchie High School was awarded a \$500 scholarship for the 2020/2021 school year by the Mississippi Beta Council. Of the five scholarship winners, two of those five are Rankin County School District students. In addition to Hester, Sammoria Williams of Brandon High School won \$1,500.

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Herrington signs with UWA for cheerleading



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Meghan Herrington signed her letter of intent with University of West Alabama for cheerleading. Tryouts were held the weekend of April 16-18. She plans to major in Cell and Molecular Biology with a double minor in Psychology and Journalism while attending the university. Pictured (l to r) are: Rita Holley-grandmother, Rita Herrington-grandmother, Mandy Herrington-mother, Jack Herrington-Brother, Meghan Herrington, Nick Herrington-father, KatieBelle Herrington-sister, and Larry Herrington-grandfather.

Hinds holds Spring 2021 Graduation

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Hinds Community College held three graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 13 at the Rankin Campus and a fourth ceremony on Saturday, May 15 at the Utica Campus. Pelahatchie residents who received their degrees included Claire Brunt, Scarlett Castillo, Christian Earby, Kirby King, and Sara Scales.

"Commencement is a proud occasion for the Hinds Community College family. Every graduation ceremony is special at the college as we celebrate the success of each student," said Hinds President Dr. Stephen Vacik. "It's important that we truly celebrate what you have accomplished, what you have achieved and what you're going to achieve. You have made it through a series of unusual circumstances to get to this point and you are to be commended."



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Nearly 1,000 students participated in one of the four ceremonies, including students eligible to participate in previous ceremonies cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, Hinds conferred 1,761 degrees or certificates, with some students receiving more than one credential.

Out of those, 300 graduated cum laude with a grade point average of 3.2 to 3.59; 240 graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.6 to 3.99 and 111 graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 4.0.

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Trap 2nd Place Squad	Brayden Warner, Lana Jones, and Gabe Nutt
Trap 3rd Place Female	Lana Jones



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East Rankin students won \$8,000 of the \$10,000 in scholarship money provided by Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Program (MSSP) foundation. Brayden Warner shot 199 out of 200. He only missed one clay in two days. The

school won the state title for the third time in four years. The complete result list can be viewed on the MSSP webpage. There were 54 public and private schools from across the state and 898 students competing this year. Fifteen new schools have signed up for next season.

ERA students achieve honors in HCC Literary Festival



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) students achieved honors in the Hinds Community College 2021 Literary Festival in May. Winners pictured (l to r) are: Macy Brunt, Honorable Mention in Essay; Emily Loe, third place in Essay; Halle Huffman, first place in Essay which includes a \$3500.00 scholarship to Hinds Community College (HCC); and Barron Burnham, first place in Short Story including a \$3500.00 scholarship.

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Iles named new ERA boys basketball coach

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East Rankin Academy (ERA) named Jacob Iles as the new JV/Varsity boys basketball coach and assistant tennis coach. Coach Iles has spent the last four years as the junior varsity and varsity boys basketball coach, head tennis coach, and head girls soccer coach at Manchester Academy.

While at Manchester, he led his JV boys team to a 26-0 record and a district championship. In 2019, he was also named MAIS District 2-AA Coach of the Year. Coach Iles has also served as a basketball coach and head tennis coach at both Germantown Middle School and Senatobia High School.

Coach Iles received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 2005 from the University of Mississippi and his Master of Science Degree in Sports Administration in 2020 from Arkansas State University.



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He and his wife, Alison, have two children, Caroline, age 6, and newborn, Eliza Cate.

PHS recognizes Students of the Month



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Pelahatchie High School's Students of the Month for April, above (l to r), are: Cooper Conn, Cooper Sirmon, Braden Laughlin, and Cameron Rayborn; below (l to r), are: Nahgee Hawkins, Cyntia Beard, Abby Grace Hemeter, Skylar Ousby, and Christina Flores. Not Pictured are: Ja'Karis Stokes, Lucan Dean, and Gracie Thompson.

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Halle Huffman	Maggie Leach	Emily Loe	Brandyn Luke	Ethan Martin	Riley Mayes	Joanna McCollum	Peyton McDill	Anna Castle Peden	Sydney Phillips	Jack Pittman
										
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*By Guest Columnist
Robin Sanders,
Principal, Pelahatchie
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It's amazing to see that the end of the school year arrived so quickly. I want to thank you all for the support and patience shown these past 10 months. We had successes and some challenges, yet despite all, we continued the work that has to be done to ensure the safety and educational needs of our students. Special thanks go to all of our Parent Partners and donors. I hope that we continue working together in the coming years. Your support creates a community that promotes student achievement and helps to ensure our students are our top priority.

Parents, we want to thank you for your kindness, grace, and cooperation as our faculty and staff members worked to provide quality learning experiences for our students and to support their efforts to learn. We have been amazed by

the flexibility, resiliency, and creativity that our students have shown this year. They are resilient, and we know that they will come through this difficult time having learned important lessons about themselves.

I would like to thank our hard working and caring faculty and staff who have made a huge difference to our students. Their commitment to the students of Pelahatchie Elementary is outstanding. Thank you for providing rich and engaging, well-rounded experiences for our kids and knowing that education is about wonder and fostering curiosity, along with development of social skills so needed to succeed. For these, and a million other things, we are truly grateful.

In closing, I take this opportunity to congratulate all students of Pelahatchie Elementary School! I wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as family to talk, play and READ together.

I look forward to seeing you in August. To those of who are leaving us for new places, we wish you all the best!

White and Tucker inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

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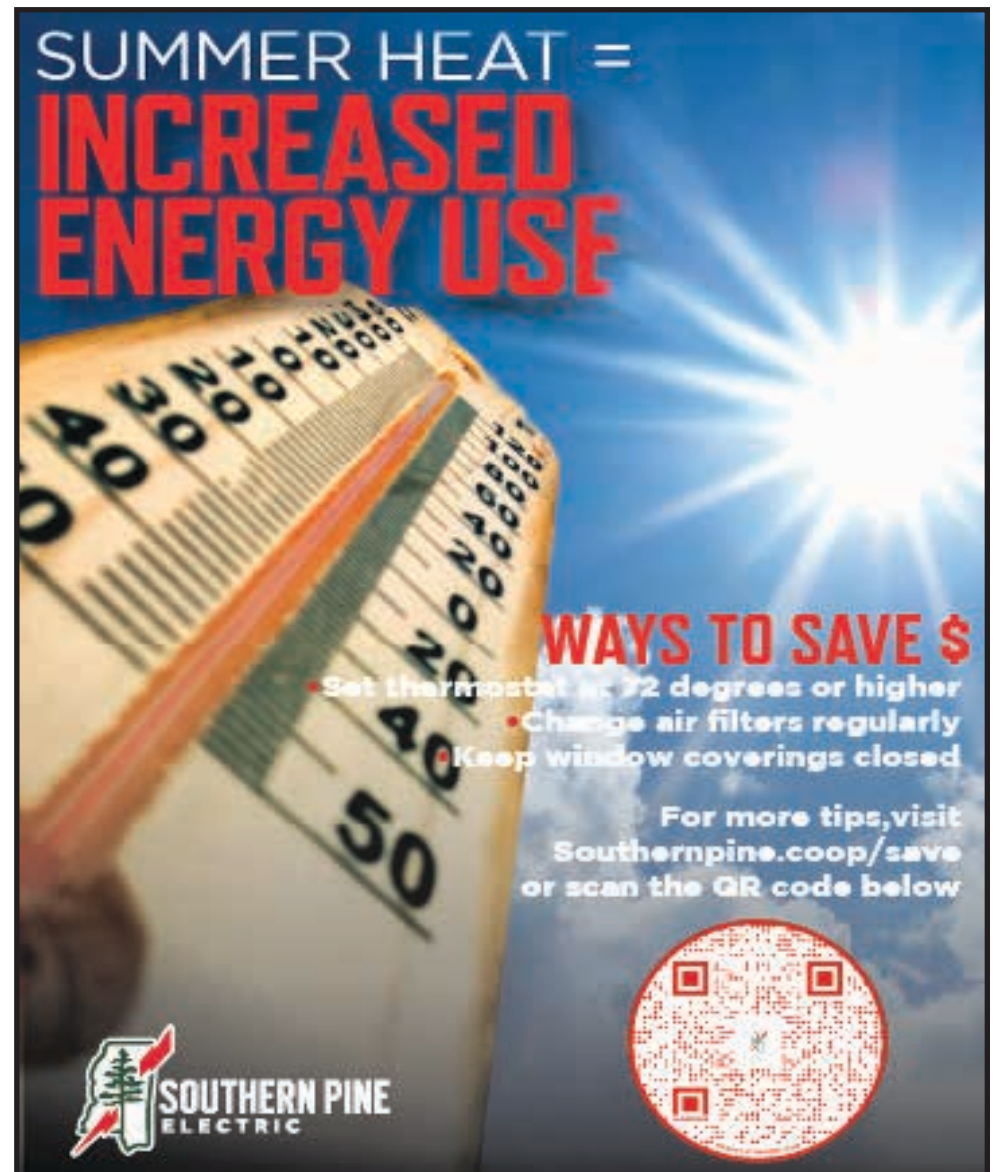
Jordan White and Amanda Tucker were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. White was initiated at The University of Mississippi and Tucker at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

White and Tucker are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.



Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."



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Felix takes first in age and weight category



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Hard work is paying off for Pelahatchie High School senior, Carlos Felix. After only five weeks of training, Felix competed in the 7th Annual Mississippi State

Weightlifting Championship. The event consisted of the snatch and clean and jerk. He snatched 75 kg (165 pounds) and clean and jerked 110 kg (243 pounds) for a total of 185 kg (407 pounds). Carlos took first in his age and weight category.

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There is just something about growing up on a farm



By Doug Carter, Rankin County Extension Agent

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I remember having the neatest time growing up. Most of what I have learned, I learned from life experiences, mostly as a child growing up on a +200 acre beef, timber, and poultry farm in Rankin County. A farm that had more trees on it than a little boy could climb in a hundred years.

The older I get, the more I come to realize it was here that I received the type of education no college could come close to offering. My only regret is that 100 million other American children never had the same opportunities I enjoyed - opportunities to bottle feed a calf, drive a truck and tractor through an empty field at the age of five (alone), hunting behind my home, and spending summers working for my dad and grandfather as they introduced me to their world.

I remember spending summers working for my dad, uncles, and grandfather hauling hay. We cut, raked, baled, and hauled hay. We began Christmas morning like I began any other cold and winter morning, going to the chicken house and then opening the gates for my

dad, as he fed hay to hundreds of hungry animals. I remember riding with my granddad in an old Ford truck that had a three speed on the column transmission.

In the year 1790, 90% of the American population were farmers. Today, only 2% of the American population serve as farmers. I'm afraid as a nation we



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are beginning to witness the consequences of having raised multiple generations who have never looped the metal chain through a gate or ran through a field of freshly cut hay. As Extension Agents, we present programs to school children about agriculture. Kids have argued with agents, that milk comes from the grocery

store.

As a nation, we have allowed TV to convince our children that all animals are cute and cuddly, then wonder why dozens of people get killed each year attempting to take pictures with bears, cougars and copperheads.

As a nation, we have replaced the gar-

den hose, watering bucket, and outside chores with things like cell phones and I-pads, then we do not take time, to pay attention, to understand what it is doing to our kids.

There was a time when Americans consumed bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, fried eggs and a big glass of

milk each morning, and they rarely got fat. Why? Because after eating such a hardy breakfast, they went out to the fields and spent the next 13 hours fixing fences, hanging gates, delivering calves, plowing, harvesting hay, and harvesting grain.

Farm work is dirty, tiring, sometimes cruel and always difficult, which is why the percentage of Americans who engage in this work has declined with every generation. Yet, it was this type of upbringing that allowed a nation to produce men and women who pulled together to fight the enemy forces during the Second World War, explore the heavens, eradicate disease, and explore the oceans.

In my 27-year career with MSU Extension Service, I have had the privilege of working with some of the best families and hardest working, smartest, most competitive, most successful young people in our county. I have accompanied them to various contests in state and out of state and watched them excel time and time again. As the years went by, I have also had the privilege of watching them grow into very successful adults, and moms and dads.

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UM announces spring 2021 Chancellor's Honor Roll



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The University of Mississippi recently announced students on the Spring 2021 Honor Roll lists.

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The University of Mississippi (UM) recently announced students named to the Spring 2021 Honor Roll lists, including Chancellor's Honor Roll.

Students from Pelahatchie named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll include Holden Garrett Gray, Hannah Kaitlyn Whitney, and Joseph Ward Winstead. These students earned a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

"Our students on the Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their incredible academic achievements and this well-deserved honor."

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

Thomasson joins Pelahatchie PD



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Pelahatchie resident Bobbi Thomasson joins the PPD as patrol officer.

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The Pelahatchie Police Department (PD) added new Patrol Officer Bobbi Thomasson. Officer Thomasson is a resident of the town and brings with her nearly 10 years of service and experience, according to Police Chief Robert Mahaffey.

She has previously worked for the Mississippi Department of Corrections,

Brandon Police Department, and Florence Police Department. During her time with Brandon PD, she received the Meritorious Service Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Life Saving Award, all for her dedicated service to the community.

"We are very pleased to have her now serving the town of Pelahatchie. Welcome to the team Bobbi," said the Chief.



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