

The power of traditions



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Actress Viola Davis, in her book *Finding Me* states, “The potency and power of traditions is deep.” Returning to Pelahatchie this year, I am reminded of so many great traditions and introduced to a few new ones that I am proud to continue.



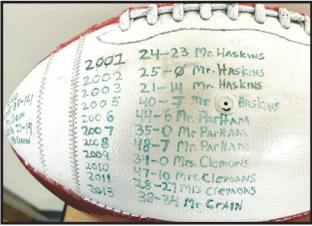
Football season brings a wealth of traditions, including tailgating, band performances, and homecoming with the election of maids, the parade, the community pep rally and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen.

One of my favorites is the Chieftain rider astride a horse who leads the Chiefs onto the field. This tradition became even more special this year with the passing of the torch from Addison Lindsey to her brother Tucker. Addison is a senior, while Tucker is a seventh grader who is more than willing to continue the tradition.

Seniors are honored with their own traditions. Each year, seniors have the official senior pep rally, a slideshow event, and the senior recognition night on their last home game of the season. This tradition gives the school the opportunity to thank our seniors for their

participation in various sports over the years and their families the chance to join in the celebration.

Another really interesting tradition that many people may not know about is the official game ball between Pelahatchie and Puckett. This tradition dates back to the year 2000, when Mr. Joe Howell was principal of Pelahatchie and the first to sign the ball. Every year since that time, the principals from Pelahatchie and Puckett, flanked by JROTC cadets, meet at the 50 yard line and present the



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game ball to the lead referee. The winning team keeps the ball for a year. The principal signs the ball and indicates the score and year. This year, I was honored to present the winning ball to the Chiefs after their 40-16 defeat over the Puckett Wolves. On Monday, we raised the victory flag in our courtyard and will keep the game ball in a trophy case on display until next year’s contest.

As we move into the frenetic holiday season, I am sure many families will practice their own traditions. As you prepare to celebrate the holidays, take time to savor each special moment and enjoy one another. Focus on faith, family, and fellowship.

Happy Holidays and Go Chiefs!



December Activities:
\$5 per person entry fee
Christmas activities each Saturday from 10am-2pm
Ride through the lights at 5pm
Christmas movie at 6:30pm
Pictures with Santa from 2pm-4pm
(Pictures will be purchased from the photographer.)

New Year's Eve Activities:
\$5 per person entry fee
Sat, Dec 31, 10am-2pm
Fireworks by the beach at 9pm

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