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Dear Pelahatchie residents,

It is not often that I will take up space on the front page of the paper. But, when looking back over our first year, recognizing the contributions and efforts of our readers, advertisers and community as a whole in the creation of this paper, it seemed like front page news to me. Pelahatchie has a hometown paper, and it is thanks to you! I sincerely appreciate your support, feedback, suggestions and ideas over this last year.

Our goal was to fill the void of not having a printed source for news exclusively about Pelahatchie. At the direction of your suggestions, we have worked to demonstrate the greatness of your Town by highlighting the achievements of her people, the accolades bestowed upon her institutions, the effectiveness of her organizations and the kindness and decency of her citizens. Through your continued trust and commitment, this goal is being accomplished; and, as we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to many more years of serving the Town of Pelahatchie.

Along with the entire staff of *The Pelahatchie News*, I would like to offer our sincerest thanks to our readers and advertisers for sharing in this endeavor. I would like to specifically ask our readers to continue to support our advertisers. The Pelahatchie News simply would not be possible without the commitment of our advertisers, many of whom have been with us since day one and signed up for the first year before ever seeing the first paper. They saw the need, and they stepped up. Please support them!

It has been a great first year. Our editor, Kristen Jones Rials, and our designer, Katie Livingston White, have been a dedicated team, rolling out issue after issue and working hard to support their hometown community. Pelahatchie is truly a special place, full of successes and possibilities. Continue to share your ideas and input with us. We are dependent upon them as we continue this effort. After all, this is your community, and this is your community newspaper.

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# The Hot Spot: Fire Department News

**By: JENNY COWARD**  
**ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF**

Even though we have been feeling the summer temperatures for some time now, summer is officially here. School is out; summer vacation is in full swing, but not for the Delta District.

The firefighters of the Delta District responded to 119 calls during the month of June. Pelahatchie Fire Department responded to 53 calls. Lake Harbor Fire Department responded to 33 calls. Leesburg Fire Department responded to 12 calls. Evergreen Fire Department responded to 11 calls, and Walters Fire Department responded to ten calls.

During May 30 - June 2, some of the Pelahatchie Fire Department members attended the 76th annual Mississippi Firefighter's Conference held in Natchez, Miss. Firefighters (volunteer & paid) from all of the state of Mississippi attended the conference to have the opportunity to meet with vendors offering essential products for fire services. Firefighters attended training classes or

listened to expert speakers throughout the day. They learned of new and inventive ways to recruit new personnel and new training methods offered for today's time. In the evening, everyone got to socialize together sharing war stories, sharing laughter and yes, even pulling some pranks on each other. The conference and city of Natchez provided a fish fry on Friday night and a wonderful banquet on Saturday night. Our very own representative, Tom Miles, spoke at the closing banquet on Saturday night, updating the group on the changes improving the life insurance and accidental policies for firefighters. He also informed the group that the fees for the firefighter tags have been transferred to the Mississippi Firefighter's Association after the suggestion of Clark Phillips, fire chief of Pelahatchie Fire Department.

I want to encourage our firefighters. If you are not a member of the Mississippi Firefighters Association, please join. For a small fee of \$20 a year, you have a vote in the fu-

ture of the fire service, and a lot of benefits are offered just by joining. You can see what the association is all about and the history of the association by logging onto <http://www.mffa.com>; or, check out their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/mississippi-firefighters](http://www.facebook.com/pages/mississippi-firefighters). The Mississippi Firefighters Association has been active since 1923; that says a lot in itself.

The Hot Spot is proud to announce that Pelahatchie Firefighters Auxiliary won the honor of being the 2013 Firefighters Auxiliary of the Year for the state of Mississippi along with best welfare and best fundraising. Two important positions of the Mississippi Firefighters Auxiliary board of executives are held by Pelahatchie Firefighters Auxiliary. Katrina Phillips holds the position of Vice President at Large, and Jenny Coward holds the position of West Central Vice President.

If you would like to help out and be apart of your local fire department but do not want to be on the front lines of actually fighting



the fires or responding to the medical calls, the Auxiliary is the place for you! The Auxiliary is a big support group for the departments, organizing and helping with fundraising, coming to scenes with water and running errands off of scene that otherwise would take a working firefighter away. This is just to name a few a things. If you are interested in learning more about your local Firefighters Auxiliary, contact your local fire department, and they will point you in the right direction. For those fire departments wanting to start a Firefighter Auxiliary within their department, please contact Ka-

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## Pelahatchie plans to begin annexation process

BY: KRISTEN J. RIALS

On Monday, June 17, the Pelahatchie board of aldermen held a board meeting at City Hall.

The board discussed the actions that needed to be taken to jumpstart the annexation of two properties into the city limits. One of the properties is the Ruby Lake Development located on Leesburg Road, and this parcel of land contains over 1,000 acres.

The town of Pelahatchie currently services the water for this area, and the developers of Ruby Lake have

asked to be annexed into the city. With water services already being provided, the town will begin to run sewer to the development, as well.

The other section of land proposed for annexation is located west of Pelahatchie on Hwy 80, and the parcel may be turned into a gated community development.

"These developments are the kinds of things that we would like to see in our town," said Mayor Knox Ross, Jr. "This encourages more development."



Pictured is the Ruby Lake Development that the board of aldermen is hoping to annex into the city limits. (Photos Special to The Pelahatchie News)

## Pelahatchie Elementary offers Pre-Kindergarten

BY: KRISTEN J. RIALS

Pelahatchie Elementary is going to offer Pre-Kindergarten for those children who meet the qualifications.

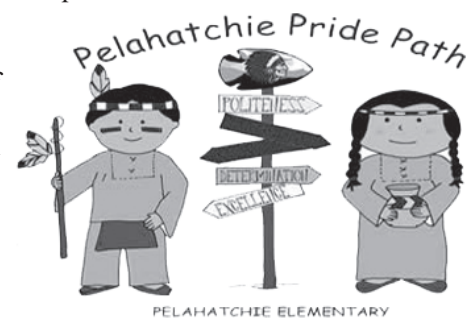
The child must be four-years-old before the date of September 1 of the current year and must live within the Pelahatchie Elementary attendance zone.

Only 20 slots are available. Even if an applicant meets all credentials, he/she will not be assured a spot; however, the applicant, if not chosen, will be placed on a wait-

ing list.

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten will be held July 22-24, and certain items must be brought on registration day: certified birth certificate, two proofs of residence, Social Security, card Immunization 121 form, proof of assistance (Medicaid, Medicare, etc.)

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## Venture students bring home the gold

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In February, the Pelahatchie Attendance Center (PAC) Venture students participated and completed the state portion of the Mississippi Future Problem Solving Affiliate Bowl at the Mississippi University for Women (MUW) in Columbus, Miss. The students participated in Community Problem Solving and Future Scenario Writing.

In the Community Problem Solving challenge, students work in teams, and they use their problem-solving skills to creatively attack a problem or challenge that they have identified within their school or community. The PAC students selected a topic they felt was important to the community, the drop-out rate. The Venture students researched the problem, collected data, interviewed and worked with members in the Pelahatchie community; they established several plans to help reduce the number of drop-outs in Mississippi and titled the project, "The Dropout Effect."

The other component, Scenario Writing, gives students a chance to write a short story based on one of the topics presented at the beginning of the school year. Three students placed in the scenario writing. Drew Harrell placed second, and Jacob Henderson placed first in the Senior Division. Anna Creel

placed first in the Middle Division. The high school team won first place in the senior division for Community Problem Solving.

"We were so excited to have two individual first place winners as well as our first place team awarded for our community problem solve idea," said Venture teacher Amy Till.

Because of the first place wins, the students had the opportunity to compete in the International Future Problem Solving Bowl in June. The competition took place at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind. At the international competition, Anna Creel and the three other members of her team placed second in the international competition. Creel was recognized and awarded with a trophy.

"We are so proud of the hard work and effort these students have put forth. This was our first year to participate, and we learned a lot," said Till. "Our Mayor and community really stepped up and supported us. This trip to Indiana would not have been possible without their help."

The Venture program is looking forward to participating in the Mississippi Affiliate Bowl next year, and they hope to be able to attend the International Conference at Iowa State University.



Venture student Anna Creel showcasing her trophy. (Photo Special to The Pelahatchie News)

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## EMCC earns academic distinction in sports

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East Mississippi Community College (EMCC) has earned the distinction of being the 2012-13 NJCAA Softball Academic Team of the Year for achieving a 3.59 cumulative grade point average to rank first nationally among the 369 colleges that compete in softball at the junior college level. In addition to EMCC's Lady Lion softball program collecting NJCAA All-Academic Team recognition for the fourth consecutive year for having a composite team GPA of 3.00 or better, the East Mississippi men's golf program has garnered national academic team honors for the third straight season with a 3.18 cumulative grade point average.

Individually, eight East Mississippi Community College student-athletes have collected NJCAA Academic Awards for posting cumulative grade point averages of 3.60 or higher, including a school-record, three sophomores achieving Pinnacle Award status with perfect 4.00 GPAs. Lion pitching ace Smokey Ethridge (West Lauderdale High School), starting offensive lineman Tyler Stanley (Meridian High School) and reserve softball player



East Rankin Academy former student, Brianna May, running offense. (Photo Special to The Pelahatchie News)

Sarah Dudley (Kemper Academy) all posted identical 4.00 GPAs throughout their academic careers on the Scooba campus.

"Earning the highest team grade point average among all NJCAA softball teams is a tremendous accomplishment for our program and a true indicator of EMCC's commitment to academic excellence," said EMCC Vice President/Director of Athletics Mickey Stokes. "We're extremely

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## Gough plays in Crossroads Diamond Club



Andrew Gough, a graduate of Pelahatchie High School, was recently selected to play in the Crossroads Diamond Club 1A, 2A, 3A All-Star Game during the month of June. Gough played catcher and batted .463 with nine homeruns and 40 RBIs for the Chiefs this past season; aiding the Chiefs in making it to the second round of the 1A state playoffs.

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## PTO donates money for new iPads



Pelahatchie Elementary's PTO recently donated \$10,000 to help the school purchase two iPad carts. The money was raised through different fundraisers. Pictured are parents, students and teachers who helped set up the iPads for use at the PTO meeting. (Photo by: Rachael H. Boyer)

## Business Spotlight: Megan Hall, ERA Real Estate Professional

BY: KRISTEN J. RIALS

Everyone is in pursuit of the American dream. For some, the American dream is to be famous, with their names shining in bright lights, while others are simply looking for a place to call their own. If you are that someone looking to get your key to the American dream by owning your own "home sweet home," look no further than right here in our town of Pelahatchie, where you will find ERA Real Estate Professional and the newest Alderwoman, Megan Hall. She can help you find the perfect place to start making memories and living the dream.

At first, Hall had trouble deciding her own dream. She attended Hinds Community College, where she was pursuing the possibility of going into the medical field. However, she discovered the medical world was not for her and started to contemplate other options. The idea of being a real estate agent had not crossed her mind until her mother uttered an unexpected statement that made Hall really stop and think.

"My mother jokingly told me one day that I should think about being

a real estate agent because they get to sleep late," said Hall. "I had never considered real estate before. So I began to really look into it to see what was involved in a career in real estate. Unfortunately, sleeping late wasn't in the description."

After doing the research, Hall decided to take real estate classes, and she soon landed her first job working for Conrad Martin Real Estate, a small independent brokerage in Richland, Miss. She worked there for five years until she made the move to ERA Real Estate Professionals in 2010.

"This is my first and only career. I have never done anything else," said Hall. "I am very self-motivated, and with this job, I know what I put in is what I will get in return."

During the day, Hall stays busy showing residential and land properties in six counties: Rankin, Scott, Hinds,

Madison, Smith and Simpson. With so many counties to keep her busy, Hall had to create a system that would set her a part from other REALTORS®, and she has done just that.

"A lot of what I do is Internet-based, and I think that separates me from many REALTORS®," stated Hall. "The typical age for a REALTOR® in the state is 52, and the typical age nationally is 56. The average buyer is 35. So, a younger professional breaks the mold, and a younger agent is more geared towards the way that most people are used to doing business."

Hall runs her operation completely paperless and can do a complete transaction without the first printed page.

When Hall is not working the real estate market, she is working hard to advocate for the community. Hall

was recently elected as the new Pelahatchie Alderwoman for Ward 4, and she is excited about the prospect of increasing the attractiveness of Pelahatchie.

"I want to help bring new businesses into Pelahatchie," stated Hall. "As a REALTOR®, I know what businesses are looking for, and I think my expertise will be helpful."

With her knowledge of zoning, easements and appearances, Hall believes she will be a vital asset to the board of alderman in Pelahatchie. Most importantly, she is looking forward to being a voice for the community and helping make Pelahatchie a better place to live and do business. From real estate to town politics, Hall has built her American dream one block at a time and wants to help the town of Pelahatchie reach its full potential.

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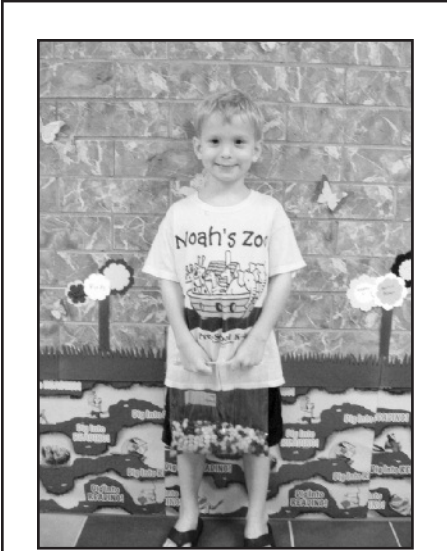
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# Summer reading is in full swing

**SPECIAL TO THE PELAHATCHIE NEWS**  
Pelahatchie Public Library's Dig Into Reading summer reading program has officially kicked off and is well underway. During the month of June, the kids got

to experience the fun of reading and had the opportunity to see great entertainers, like storyteller Dianne Butler.  
If you want your kids to get in on the fun, come by the Pelahatchie Public Library July 3 and 10 at 11 a.m. to "dig" into reading.



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# Savoring summer solitude

Can you make a to-do list, scan your email, talk on the phone, and help coordinate your family's activities by way of hand motions all at the same time?

Ahhh, multi-tasking, what would we do without it? If we admit that we cannot really do all these tasks at the exact same time, we have discovered that we can do them in such rapid fire sequence that we might as well be doing them at the same time! A good number of us skate across our days in this manner, and we admit we enjoy it - to some extent. When we arrive at the end of our day, we can lean back in our chair and say with some satisfaction, "Well, at least we got something accomplished today!"

The only thing is that, after awhile, multi-tasking has a way of wearing us down. Eventually, we realize that all we really want to do is climb into a good hammock, zone out, take a nap, swing in a porch swing and be by ourselves. Or, at the very least, we long for the luxury of focusing on just one thing at a time and not feeling bad about it. We could be sitting in a couple of rocking chairs and having a long unhurried conversation

with someone we love; or, we could create a wondrous meal for our family to enjoy and have all the time we need to savor the process of creating it (and eating it!) We could read a wonderful book and not worry about anything else. It is one-tasking or no-tasking, and you just can't believe how wonderful it is!

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3)

Summertime brings with it unique opportunities for Sabbath, for rest, for silence, for one-thing-at-a-time living and being fully present to all that is in that moment and to nothing else. Spiritual directors and leaders call it mindfulness, attention, meditation, solitude or contemplative prayer. In the life of Jesus and in his ministry, he was known for sharing joyful meals with close friends and with the lost, and he was also known for disappearing, - unexpectedly sometimes - hiking up a mountain or wandering in the wilderness to seek solitude and prayer. For me, these things hold beauty and joy, and they nourish and renew me like nothing else.

So, here is a blessing for each of you in the midst of high summer as it stretches out around us - Savor your summertime! Truly, it really IS a gift from God.



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## EMCC earns academic distinction in sports

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proud of Coach (Kyndall) White and Coach (Taryn) Gray as well as our student-athletes for their diligence and dedication throughout the academic year.”

With 16 of their 19 players this past season posting composite grade point averages of 3.41 or higher, EMCC head softball coach Kyndall White’s Lady Lions bettered the 3.55 cumulative GPA marks compiled by fellow MACJC member Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Rend Lake (Ill.) College.

“We are so very proud of this team for the excellence they displayed on and off the softball field this season,” said White, who completed her first season at the Lady Lion helm following a standout playing career at Auburn University.

In addition to Dudley, three other Lady Lion sophomore softball players were honored individually by the NJCAA. Former Clarkdale High School teammates Alex Smith and Amber Spann earned Superior Academic Achievement ratings with respective grade point averages of 3.89 and 3.82, while Haley Tutor, of New Hope High School, followed with a 3.72 GPA for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

Also picking up Superior Academic Achievement accolades for East Mississippi were women’s basketball player Brianna May, from East Rankin Academy, and linebacker D.J. Jordan, of Starkville High School, with cumulative GPAs of 3.92 and 3.91, respectively.

“These achievements are a testa-

ment to the players for their hard work and to our coaches for continuing to stress the importance of succeeding in the classroom,” noted Brittany Wagner-White, who serves as EMCC’s athletic instructional advisor/compliance assistant. “These honors also should be shared with the EMCC faculty for their dedication to educating young people.”

Though freshmen don’t qualify for individual NJCAA academic honors, Corey Dawkins added a 4.00 GPA for the Lady Lion softball team, followed closely by rookie teammates Taylor Hackney and Abby Roberts at 3.94 and 3.91, respectively.

Other members of East Mississippi’s 2013 softball team included Jade Albritton, Charly Boswell, Kendal Carpenter, Meri Morgan Fortune, Halie Green, Sarah Harris, Allison Hauer, Angel Johnson, Amelia LaVergne, Misty Richard, Tori Seymour, and Kendra Wilson.

On the softball field, the 2013 EMCC Lady Lions posted a 24-19 overall record and finished as runners-up in the MACJC’s North Division standings with a 17-7 mark en route to making the program’s fifth consecutive appearance in the MACJC State Softball Tournament.

This year’s eight individual NJCAA academic honorees marked the most for EMCC since 11 student-athletes were recognized nationally during the 2008-09 academic year. In addition, only Holmes Community College’s four Pinnacle Award individual winners succeeded East Mississippi’s trio of 4.00 GPA recipients this past academic year.

## Bill payment assistance available to Entergy Mississippi customers in need

### SPECIAL TO THE PELAHATCHIE NEWS

Just in time for the hottest part of the year, the federal government has released \$1.5 million in funds to help low-income Mississippians pay their utility bills.

The money is available through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provides home heating and cooling aid to qualified families, including Entergy Mississippi customers.

The funds were held back as part of the government’s sequestration efforts, but are now available to help struggling customers. In Mississippi, that amounts to \$1.5 million in newly-available LIHEAP dollars.

To apply for LIHEAP aid, contact your local community action agency. Agency contact information is available at [http://entergy-mississippi.com/your\\_home/help.aspx](http://entergy-mississippi.com/your_home/help.aspx). Entergy provides all customers a variety of payment and money-saving options at [entergysavings.com/](http://entergysavings.com/).

“Mississippi has the highest poverty rate in the nation, and every day, low-income Mississippians struggle to make ends meet,” said Gloria Johnson, Entergy Mississippi customer service director. “Summer heat increases the strain on budgets, as it leads to higher energy use which raises utility bills. That’s why we’re

working to ensure customers know that this help is available.”

LIHEAP assists qualified families with home energy needs such as heating in the winter, cooling in the summer and insulating homes for energy efficiency. LIHEAP allows families to prevent electrical service interruptions and make weather-related improvements to their homes to maximize the effectiveness of the electricity needed to stay safe and comfortable.

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## Gordan receives CMP scholarship

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Brittney Gordon of Pelahatchie, Miss. received the 2013-2014 Youth Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Scholarship. She participated in the Pelahatchie Attendance Center (PAC) JROTC and received a one-year, \$1000 scholarship from CMP. The scholarship was given based on marksmanship participation, grade point average and merit and is to be used towards the pursuit of higher education.

The scholarship selection meeting was held on March 28. Eligible applicants were graduating seniors who participated in marksmanship programs and JROTC Service Championships and who also excelled academically. The CMP awarded over \$150,000 in Youth Scholarships.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program is a national organization dedicated to the respect for and safe handling of firearms and instilling patriotism and discipline in our youth participants. The CMP provides its constituents with the highest level of instruction in the proper control of

firearms by highly-skilled coaches and veteran range safety officers in the classroom, at ranges and wherever the CMP banner is displayed.



*Pictured is Brittney Gordon, who received the CMP scholarship. (Photo Special to The Pelahatchie News)*

## Billy Watson receives award for service

### SPECIAL TO *THE PELAHATCHIE NEWS*

Billy Watson, former alderman of Ward 4 of Pelahatchie, received an award at the June 17 board meeting to commemorate his nine years of service to the town.

“Billy has done a great job serving the town as alderman,” said Mayor Knox Ross, Jr. “He has always listened and brought ideas to the table. I am proud to have served with him.”



*Pictured (l to r) are: Mayor Knox Ross, Jr. and Billy Watson. (Photo by: Kristen J. Rials)*

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## Rankin County School District's Class of 2013 fields over \$23.5 million in scholarship offers

### SPECIAL TO *THE PELAHATCHIE NEWS*

This year's Rankin County School District's (RCSD) graduating Seniors received a record-breaking \$23.5 million in scholarship offers. Students received 1,931 scholarship offers, with Northwest Rankin High School graduate Annie Lu receiving \$1,674,460 in offers, and Brian Harrison of Richland High School receiving \$1,393,689. Lu plans to attend Princeton University, and Harrison is an incoming cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

In addition to Lu and Harrison, students awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarship offers are Erin Wilson (Brandon), Morgan White (Northwest Rankin), Vanda Spencer (Pisgah), Chris Monroe (Richland), Robert Provine (Northwest Rankin), Lexi Miller (Brandon), Tyler Whitehead (Northwest Rankin), Brenna Hart (Richland), Matthew Paris (Brandon), Michal McDaniel (Northwest Rankin) and Heather Pennypacker (Pelahatchie).

"Our students have studied hard,

and our parents, teachers and counselors have provided the support and encouragement our students need, and it has paid off," said RCSD Superintendent Dr. Lynn Weathersby. "I am immensely proud of each one of them."

Four RCSD schools exceeded previous scholarship awards given to their students. Richland High School's students earned \$3,735,800; Pisgah's seniors received \$1,789,204; Pelahatchie graduates have \$1,615,811 in offers; and Puckett students earned \$836,118. The top types of scholarships offered to RCSD students were Academic (\$16,251,805), Merit (\$2,385,266), Athletic (\$1,275,070) and Leadership (\$966,915).

One hundred seventy scholarship sponsors (universities, colleges, clubs, businesses, etc.) provided the offers. Those sponsors offering the most scholarship awards to this year's class are the State of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Mississippi College, University of Mississippi and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

## Crooked Creek welcomes new veterinarian

### SUBMITTED BY: CROOKED CREEK ANIMAL HOSPITAL, INC.

Crooked Creek Animal Hospital, Inc. takes great pleasure in announcing the recent addition of Dr. Robert Gray

worked at a small animal private practice in Jackson and the Animal Emergency and Referral Center in Flowood, Miss.; where he has focused on his primary interests of small animal internal

medicine and critical care. Dr. Gray is honored to be the newest addition to the Crooked Creek Animal Hospital family and is extremely eager to serve the families and care for the animals, both large and small, in the surrounding communities.

Dr. Gray currently lives in Brandon with his wife, Candace Coker Gray, his son James Lowery Gray and his pets: Millie the

Pug, Matilda the Shar-pei and Jack the cat. Outside of work, he enjoys fishing, working outdoors and spending time with family and friends.



Dr. Robert Gray, new veterinarian for Crooked Creek Animal Hospital, Inc. (Photo Special to The Pelahatchie News)

prior to receiving his Doctorate from Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Since graduating, Dr. Gray has

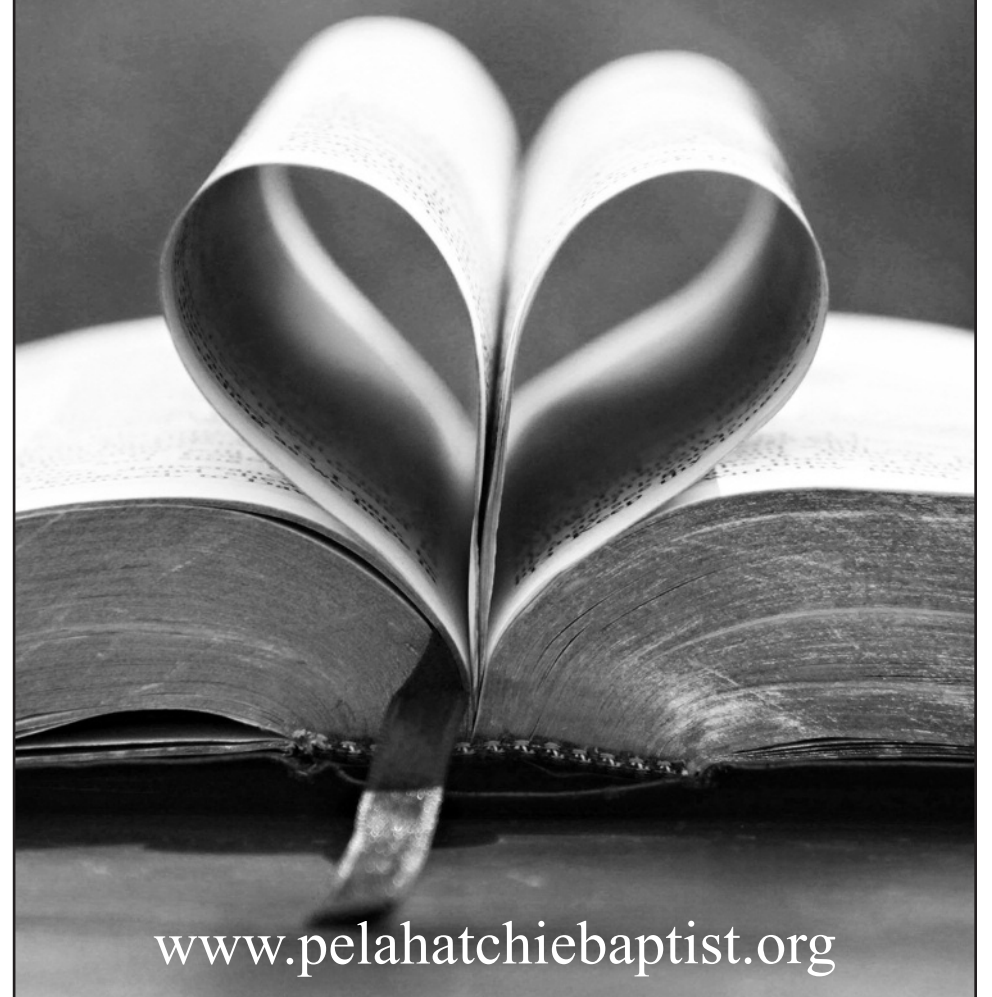
## Goss receives Defensive Award at Hinds

Megan Goss recently received the softball defensive award at Hinds Community College. She is a native of Pelahatchie and graduated from Pelahatchie Attendance Center. Only three ladies received awards for softball, and Goss is the only Rankin County resident to receive this honor.

Pictured is Megan Goss, Hinds Community College softball player. (Photo Special to The Pelahatchie News)



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# AMR Paramedics Urge Safety with Fireworks

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July 4 fireworks can be fun and beautiful, but they are always dangerous. Fireworks are explosives, not toys. Fireworks send thousands of people to the hospital each year and cause millions of dollars in fire losses. Paramedics at American Medical Response (AMR) urge caution with fireworks to prevent disfiguring burns, loss of eyes and fingers and to avoid property fires. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a professionally-run show.

**Penalties for Using Fireworks:** Many Mississippi communities have restrictions and penalties on the sale and use of fireworks. The National Fireworks Safety Council warns that certain fireworks are illegal in all 50 states. Those include M-80's, Silver Salutes and Cherry Bombs. Further, if your fireworks injure or kill someone or start a fire, you could be sued for hundreds of thousands (even millions) of dollars.

**Injuries:** The United States Fire Administration (USFA) says more than 11,000 people are injured from fireworks each year in the U.S. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says nearly half of those injured by fireworks are under the age of 15.

While fingers and hands are most often injured, the American Academy of Ophthalmology estimates fireworks annually cause nearly 2,000 eye injuries with permanent eye damage.

Bottle rockets are highly dangerous to the eyes, as they are essentially unguided missiles flying as fast as 200 miles per hour.

Fireworks can also cause permanent hearing loss, second and third degree burns and amputations. These injuries are extremely painful and can be emotionally and physically debilitating. For every serious injury from fireworks, there are hundreds if not thousands of lesser injuries. Even the lesser injuries hurt badly and are dramatically frightening. Fireworks Safety Tips: If you take the risk of using fireworks yourself, AMR gives this advice:

Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. Even older children must have adult supervision.

- Remember: Fireworks entice children to use matches or lighters. Teach children: Matches and



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lighters are dangerous tools, not toys.

- Follow the instructions on the fireworks packaging.
- Never shoot fireworks after drinking alcohol.
- Never set off fireworks in bottles, cans or other objects.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Never shoot devices near buildings, over roofs or near power lines.
- Never try to re-light or fix fireworks that have not gone off. Wait 15 to 20 minutes before approaching a "dud" and then soak it with water.
- Always keep a safe distance from fireworks staging areas.
- Protect your eyes by wearing safety glasses or safety goggles. Wearing prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses or contact lenses provides little or no protection from fireworks.
- Soak fireworks devices with water after they appear to have burned out.
- Never use homemade fireworks.
- Never extend any part of the body over lit fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose and a first aid kit nearby.
- Always follow local ordinances and directions of all local police and fire personnel.
- In case of eye injuries, do not touch, rub or press the injured eye. Call 9-1-1 for paramedics who will treat the victim and safely transport him or her to a hospital.
- In case of burn injuries, cover with a dry dressing and call 9-1-1 for paramedic care.

## The Hot Spot

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trina Phillips or Jenny Coward. Their information can be obtained through the Pelahatchie Fire Department. They would be glad to come speak to your group and assist in getting your Auxiliary off and running.

The Delta District wants to share some tips on protecting yourself from dangerous ultra violet (UV) rays. The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. are the most hazardous for UV exposure outdoors. UV rays from sunlight are the greatest during the late spring and early summer. Please find listed below some helpful tips to protect you from UV radiation.

- Seek shade, especially during midday hours

- Wear clothing to protect exposed skin
- Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade the face, head, ears and neck
- Wear sunglasses that wrap around; they block close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays
- Use sunscreen with sun protective factor; (SPF)15 or higher
- Avoid indoor tanning

Remember, during these hot, steamy days of summer, you need to drink plenty of fluids, such as water and sports drinks, and you need to avoid high sugar drinks like cola to hydrate.

Stay cool, stay hydrated, stay safe and remember help is only three numbers away 9-1-1.

## Hinds CC offers GED prep classes throughout summer

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Hinds Community College is beginning new classes for people who aspire to finish their General Education Development (GED) high school equivalency certificate before the current test expires at the end of 2013.

Open registration dates for classes through Hinds Community College's Adult Basic Education/ GED program are as follows:

- July 16 at Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center on Sunset Drive; contact Bobby Sacus at (601) 987-8150
- July 19 at the Raymond Campus; contact Lois Barnes-Perkins at (601) 857-3912
- July 18 at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus; contact Cleopatra Erves

at (601) 629-6873

The official GED test will change in 2014 and will be more difficult and more expensive. Plus, the test will move from a pencil and paper test to a computer-based test.

Those aspiring to finish their GED credential can only take the test three times in 2013 before their scores on previous passed sections expire, and the new test is implemented on Jan. 1, 2014.

Hinds' Adult Basic Education program also offers test dates throughout the remainder of the calendar year. For more information, call (601) 857-3912. For a complete list of the test dates for the remainder of 2013, see the college website at [http://www.hindscc.edu/Departments/abe\\_ged/test\\_dates.aspx](http://www.hindscc.edu/Departments/abe_ged/test_dates.aspx).

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