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Legislative update: very important issues



By: Tom Miles
State Representative

The 2014 Legislative Session starts on Jan. 7, and my colleagues and I are preparing to address some very important issues. I wanted to give you a quick summary of some of the bills that I have been working on over the summer as well as issues that we will be discussing in the 2014 Legislative Session.

1) SAFE CHICKEN PRODUCTS - One of the most important issues I will be working on is the chicken processing situation that arose over the summer. If you will recall, the Food and Drug Administration will be allowing our domestic chicken to be sent to China for processing and then returned



On Oct. 29, at The Mississippi State Capitol, The Mississippi House Transportation Committee held a hearing on the possibility of putting "Seatbelts on School Buses." Mayor Knox Ross and Katie Beth Simmons, a ninth grader from East Rankin Academy in Pelahatchie, testified at the hearing. The Hearing and Sub Committee on Seatbelts on School Buses was chaired by Representative Tom Miles, who represents Eastern Rankin County and Scott County in the Mississippi House of Representatives. Bus safety will be a revisited topic in the 2014 legislative session. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

to the United States for American consumers.

Simply put, I want to know where my chicken is processed, and I believe you do, too. I also want to protect our domestic chicken processing jobs and farms. Recent polls have shown that over 90% of people want to know where the food they consume is being processed.

As a member of the House Public Health Committee, I will be bringing forth a bill to make sure that we all know where our chicken has been before it gets to the dinner table. I hope you will support this effort.

2) SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAYS - I am in favor of providing funding for a trooper school in the upcoming year. Those of us who travel
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Chieftain Community Club to host 2014 resource fair

Special to The Pelahatchie News

The Chieftain Community Club of Pelahatchie Attendance Center invites everyone to attend the 2014 Information and Resource Fair for parents on Thursday, Feb. 6. The event will take place in the Pelahatchie Attendance Center Cafeteria from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Over 30 different agencies and groups are coming to share important information and distribute resource materials that will help strengthen and support families. The agencies and groups who are attending are as follows:

- Alliance Mental Health
- MS Tobacco Free
- BankPlus
- Baptist Children's Village
- Belhaven College
- Brentwood
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Violence and Prevention
- Crisis Pregnancy Center

- Diamond Grove Center
- Dream - Youth Programs
- East Central Community College
- ESF
- Families First
- Family Resource Center
- Hinds Community College
- Jackson State University
- Region 8 Mental Health
- Mississippi Youth Challenge Program
- McLean Fletcher
- State Fire Academy
- MDOT Seatbelt Convincer
- Rankin County Sheriff's Office PAWS for a Cause

Refreshments and door prizes will be given away. For more information about this free event, contact Pelahatchie Attendance Center at (601) 854-8135.



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Financially fit in 2014

By: David Farris
PriorityOne Bank Vice President

I hope that 2013 was kind to you. I hope that you accomplished all that you intended to and more. I really hope that 2014 will be your best year ever. It can happen; if we all will make good choices each and every day.

It is 2014, and it is time to set goals and look ahead with great anticipation and excitement. Year 2014 is going to be your year. You intend to eat correctly, hydrate properly, get plenty of rest and take much better care of your body. You have great intentions. However, you did not get specific and say that you were going to lose 20 pounds, drink the daily required water, sleep eight hours a night or exercise daily. If you were setting goals, all of this would be PHYSICAL goals. My advice would be to do all of the above and do it the best that you can. It's all about good choices made daily.

I want to discuss with you today about FISCAL goals for 2014. It is re-

ally a matter of Personal Finance, and it is as much Personal as it is about Finance. It goes back to making those good choices each and every day. So to do your Personal Finance correctly, you must get personal with it; you must be aware. Unconscious and untracked spending can cause you more than a little trouble.

- So here are a few steps that may help you get and stay "financially fit" in 2014:
- Know your net income; that income that is available to cover expenses.
- Know all your expenses. Emphasis is on all.
- Establish and implement a budget that is based on your net income and all your expenses.
- Commit to living within your budget. Commit to spending your time comparing actual income and expenses. Make revisions in your budget as needed.
- Commit to your plan or program (it is called discipline), and this will

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From the Mayor's Desk: kick off to the new year



By Knox Ross, Jr.
Mayor of the Town of
Pelahatchie

On the behalf of the Town of Pelahatchie, we would like to take this time to wish you

a Happy New Year. We are all working hard to make Pelahatchie a place that you will be proud to call home. To kick off the new year, I wanted to spend some time talking about what you have to look forward to this year. We are currently in the construction phase of several infrastructure projects. A summary of each follows:

- Avenue to Lake Road is an ongoing project. A base course of asphalt has been installed north of College Street. This will be followed by the installation of a final course of asphalt starting at Hwy 80 and will end with striping and finish work.
- Sewer line reconstruction is taking place in the south part of town, and the video inspection of the lines has been completed. The lines will be upgraded and sealed. After completion of this project, Moore Avenue, Williams Avenue and McDonald Street will be repaved.

- With the help of our Board of Supervisors, additional repaving will take place in the next month on Clayton Street, McKay Circle and Teague Lane.

- Milltown Park continues to progress with the installation of the ball field lighting. The next step will be to install the lighting for the walking track as well as the installation of playground equipment. We are in the final stages of finishing a community storm shelter and multipurpose building that will also be located at the park.

- We will complete the rehabilitation of our main water tank with an inside and outside recoating, and it will also feature our town logo on its western side.

- We will also be making water system improvements to increase our system capacity; which will clear the main waterways in town.

- Our town is facilitating the delivery of thousands of flowering bulbs in cooperation with Keep Mississippi Beautiful to cities across our state, and we will be planting our own bulbs around town in the next few weeks.

Our town is seeing new business investments, as well. The Brickhouse Fitness Center will open in January

across from Fairway Foods on Hwy. 80, offering 24-hour access to fitness equipment. Multicraft International is partnering with the Town to purchase an additional facility in our industrial park, with a guarantee of a minimum of 50 new jobs. They have also purchased the house next to Fairway Foods to restore and use as a corporate office. Also, BIA Insurance has moved into the Watkins Electric building, also across from City Hall. Our town is also actively seeking new industrial investments. We have two large industrial sites that we are showing to potential investors with the assistance of our county economic developers at Rankin First.

We have seen upgrades to many of our local businesses, including: Duke's Steak House, Crawbilly's, Rhodes and Robby Drugs, PriorityOne Bank and Davis Shopping Center. Also, the one year anniversary of Fred's is around the corner. As always, we have other potential businesses and projects that hopefully will come to fruition in this year. We are continually searching for investors and businesses that will enhance our town.

It is an exciting time to be from Pelahatchie, and there is much prom-



ise for the future. We see new houses being built around our town, and new people shopping in our stores, sitting in our classrooms and attending our churches. I want to remind you that our prosperity and future are dependent on you and your investment in our town. Please remember to give our local merchants a chance to earn your business. They are the economic engine that allows our town to grow.

On behalf of our Board of Aldermen, City Hall staff, Police and Fire Departments, and Maintenance staff, I want to wish each one of you the happiest of New Years and want to thank you for the opportunity to make Pelahatchie the best it can be.



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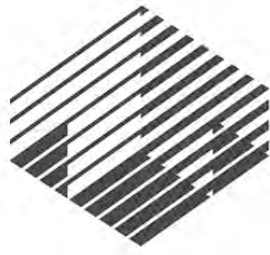
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Crooked Creek Animal Hospital's wish for the new year is to help find Tex a new home with a family that will love him dearly. Tex was dropped off at the Texaco station on Exit 68 in Pelahatchie; and, thankfully, the staff at Crooked Creek has been taking good care of him. He is a 12- to 16-week-old puppy and is believed to be a Walker and Beagle mix. Tex is very loving, and he enjoys playing with other dogs and being held.

The Crooked Creek team would love to find him a home for the new year to start building that special time with his forever family. For more information or the opportunity to visit him, please call Crooked Creek Animal Hospital at (601) 854-7808.



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McGill wins primary spelling bee

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Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) held their annual school wide spelling bee. Mariah McGill, a third grader at PES, won the primary spelling bee for grades first, second and third. She will go on to compete in the district wide spelling bee in January 2014.



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Hairston wins intermediate spelling bee

Special to The Pelahatchie News

Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) held a school-wide spelling bee for grades four thru six. Drew Hairston, a fifth grader at PES, won the spelling bee and will have the chance to compete at the district spelling bee in January 2014.



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Pelahatchie holds annual Christmas parade

By: Kristen J. Rials

Despite the cool temperatures of the day, many Pelahatchians battled the cold winds to attend the 2013 Christmas Parade on Dec. 7. Keeping the Christmas spirit most of all were Grand Marshals Bobby and Margie Warren, who received a commemorative plaque from the Town of Pelahatchie for their continued dedication to community efforts.

Fourteen groups participated in the parade festivities, and three winners were chosen by judges David Farris of PriorityOne Bank and Christopher Palmer of Palmer Law Firm. The winners were as follows:

- 1st Place – Crooked Creek Animal Hospital
- 2nd Place – Pelahatchie Baptist Church (RA's)
- 3rd Place – Yogi on the Lake



The Pelahatchie News float



Fusion Martial Arts float



Crooked Creek Animal Hospital float



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Lady Chiefs finish second in Mize Tournament



The Lady Chiefs posing with their second place trophy. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Pelahatchie Lady Chiefs finished second in the J.C. Allen Tournament in Mize on Dec. 14. The Lady Chiefs opened the first round with a 54-19 victory over the Clarkdale Bulldogs. On Dec. 12, the Lady Chiefs defeated the Sebastopol Bobcats 55-44 to advance to the finals. The Lady Chiefs were defeated by

The Clarion Ledger’s #1 ranked team in the 1A division, the Stringer Red Devils, with a score of 59-42 in the final round.

The Lady Chief players are Jasmiah Collier, Janae Collier, Jamiyah Stokes, Alexis Hobson, Brittany Thompson, Courtney McGee, Aubree Beeman, Haley Jones, Quee Beeman and April Ticer. The Lady Chiefs are coached by Pearlene Fairley.

Registration open for Department of Energy’s National Science Bowl

Special to The Pelahatchie News

Teams of high school and middle school students across the country can now register to compete in the 24th Annual Department of Energy’s (DOE) National Science Bowl (NSB). Thousands of students compete in the contest annually, and it has grown into one of the largest academic math and science competitions in the country.

The top two high school teams nationwide win educational adventure trips, and the top middle and high school teams win money for their schools’ science departments.

“Participating in the National Science Bowl both regionally and at the national championships encourages student involvement in math and science activities, which is of importance

to the Department of Energy and the nation,” said Patricia M. Dehmer, Acting Director of the DOE Office of Science, which manages the National Science Bowl and sponsors the NSB finals competition. “These students represent our nation’s future science leaders. We wish them success in their efforts to reach the National Finals in Washington, D.C.”

Teams of students can sign up to participate in the NSB by registering with the coordinator for their local competition, which they can find on the NSB website. Separate competitions are held for high school and middle school. Regional competitions for each area typically last one or two days and take place throughout the country between January and March.

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Financially fit in 2014

assist you in making good choices every day.

Well, what happens if you do all this. Maybe you will be able to pay some of your debt off at a faster pace. Maybe you will be able to save more money for a car, a trip, a down payment on a mortgage, or maybe you will get so involved that you begin to see how you can take control of your own financial destiny. You make your own choices each and every day. Choose to manage your money and not let it manage you.

If you will be good to 2014, it’s a safe bet that it will be good to you. While this little writing has emphasized FISCAL, you need to make good choices in all facets of your life. You

can do it; if you choose to.

I want to hear from some of you in 2015. I want to hear from you, and I hope you tell me that you have placed emphasis on your financial well being and that it paid off for you. I want to know that you have accomplished something in 2014 and that you feel good gone good about it!

I have way over simplified this process, but you can make it as detailed as you want. If you want 2014 to be better than 2013, to be your best year ever, then, you need a plan like this. Make it a game, have fun with it and play to win.

The Pelahatchie PriorityOne Bank Team wishes you the very best in 2014. Please come by to see us.



Pelahatchie
Attendance Center
Sports Calendar

High School Basketball

Jan. 7	MSD	HS only	Home	6:00
Jan. 10	Bogue Chitto	JH/HS	Home	5:00
Jan. 12-13	Jr. High Tourn.	JH only	Away	TBA
Jan. 14	Cathedral	JH/HS	Home	5:00
Jan. 17	St. Aloysius	HS only	Away	6:00
Jan. 21	Hinds AHS	HS only	Home	6:00
Jan. 24	Piney Woods	HS only	Away	6:00
Jan. 28	Mize	JH/HS	Home	5:00
Jan. 30	MSD	HS only	Away	6:00
Feb. 1	Pisgah	HS only	Home	6:00
Feb. 4	Bogue Chitto	HS only	Away	6:00



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Principal Barlow's car wrapped by elementary Venture students



Amy Till, Mijia Ward and her sixth grade Venture students pulled a harmless and fun prank on their elementary principal, Mr. Ben Barlow, by gift wrapping his car. Barlow was a good sport and got into the holiday spirit with the class. Pictured from (l to r) are Will Nelson, Isabella Atkinson, Rachel Wraight, Jacey Cooper and Mr. Barlow. Not pictured, Anna Scherer. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Pastor's Perspective: a new year with Jesus

By: Reverend David Brewer
Holmes Assembly of God

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:15-19)

While many are celebrating the New Year and thinking about what lies ahead of them, they are also looking back on the past year and what they have been through. One thing about life is that it is truly a mystery and only the Lord knows what it holds from day to day. We as humans are limited in our abilities and can only control so many things. However, with God, all things are possible. Amen.

As we are all looking into the new year, let us look back on what Jesus



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Christ has already done for us! The scripture here tells us that Jesus died for us all. When we accept him, we become new creatures in him and are no longer the same. We do not think the same, talk the same, act the same, etc. We are new and beautiful in him! It is his will that we take our hearts out of this world and give them to him because he knows how to care for them. Why would we want to put our trust in our own abilities when they are so very limited and so uncertain.

Jesus Christ is offering you a new start for not only this life time but for eternity in Heaven. We as Christians are just passing through here. We are here only to do the work of our Lord, and then, we must move on. Jesus is not just a king, but he is also our savior, best friend and our only hope. He wants to be part of your life today! If you have not accepted him in your heart today, please let him in and start a new year and new life in him. You will be amazed at what he can do in your life! Just confess your sins to him and sincerely ask him into your heart and life. Love him with all your heart and let him have control. Praise God and God bless!



East Rankin Academy Sports Calendar

Basketball

Jan. 7	Copiah	JH/HS	Away	4:00
Jan. 10	Oak Forest	JH/HS	Home	4:00
Jan. 11	Simpson	JH/HS	Away	11:00
Jan. 14	Presb. Christian	JH/HS	Away	4:00
Jan. 17	Parklane	JH/HS	Home	4:00
Jan. 18	Brookhaven	7th/JH/HS	Home	11:00
Jan. 21	Lamar	JH/HS	Away	4:00
Jan. 23	Copiah	JH/HS	Home	4:00
Jan. 25	Parklane	7th/JH/HS	Away	12:00
Jan. 27	Lamar	7th/JH	Home	4:00
Jan. 28	Jackson Prep	JH/HS	Home	4:00
Jan. 31	Oak Forest	JH/HS	Away	4:00
Feb. 1	Jackson Academy	HS Only	Away	2:00
Feb. 4	Lamar	HS	Only Home	6:00

Boys Soccer

Jan. 14	PCS	Away	5:00
Jan. 16	Oak Forest	Home	5:00
Jan. 17	Parklane	Home	5:00
Jan. 21	Lamar	Away	5:00
Jan. 25	Parklane	Away	10:00
Jan. 28	Jackson Prep	Home	5:00
Jan. 31	Oak Forest	Away	5:00
Feb. 4	Lamar	Home	5:00

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Chiefs basketball team tournament champions



The Pelahatchie Chiefs basketball team posing after their win against Stringer. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Pelahatchie Chiefs basketball team defeated the Puckett Wolves in their first home game on Dec. 10. On, Dec. 12, the Chiefs went on to play at the J.C. Allen Tournament in Mize, Miss. and opened the first round with a 62-49 victory over the Clarkdale Bulldogs. In the semifinals, the Chiefs handed the Sebastopol Bobcats their first loss of the season with a close 55-51 score, and the Chiefs defeated the

Stringer Red Devils 52-49 in the finals on Dec. 14. With these three major victories, the Chiefs left Mize as the J.C. Allen Tournament Champions.

The Pelahatchie Chief players are LaChaz Irvin, Zavies Lay, James Lock, Antonio Buckner, Cameron Moore, Jalen Hurst, Antonio Moore, Dechawn Kincaid, David Jennings, Desmond McGee, Tony Beeman, Jeremy Anderson, Keldrick Stokes, Mike Coleman and Noah McCain. The Chiefs are coached by Avery Nobles.

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Legislative update

many miles to and from work, home and church want to know that we can receive assistance if needed.

Currently, the number of state troopers on the highways and byways of Mississippi is seriously low. Some counties have actually gone without assigned troopers on their highways, and trooper school will provide up to 50 newly trained officers. My colleagues and I will be working to make sure this important safety measure is addressed.

3) SAFETY ON BUSES - An area that has received high parental interest is that our school buses should be equipped with seatbelts and cameras. It is hard to believe that we would put our most precious cargo into a traveling vehicle with no means of securing them in their seats or watching over them. However, we have done this very act for years and years.

Now, many are trying to fix these obvious safety issues by working to make sure that school buses have seatbelts and cameras. While we may not be able to dictate that every single bus gets belts or cameras next year, we can look to the future for new purchases. I am ready to start the process.

4) NEW JOBS - We need jobs in our rural areas, and one solution is staring us in the face. A great opportunity for employment growth is creating new positions that will help service our roadway system. Working on the road is an honorable service. One report recently stated that for every ten miles of road repair, 200 new jobs are created. It is a win-win situation.

As a member of the House Transportation Committee, I will work to establish a repair and maintenance system that will provide not only safer roads and bridges but also much-needed jobs for our area.

5) FIRST RESPONDERS - Last year, I worked to increase the death benefits for our first responders who die in the line of duty from \$65,000 to \$100,000. The bill was unanimously approved by both chambers of the Legislature. There was not a single "No" vote cast. There were slight differences in what each chamber approved, and so the bill went to conference committee, where it died. I will be bringing this issue back to the House in 2014 and seek your support of this important effort.

6) PUBLIC EDUCATION & COMMUNITY COLLEGES - For too long, politicians in Jackson have broken their promise to fully fund education. I believe it is time for the Legislature to make good on its promise and work toward putting more money into funding education. When schools

are not fully funded, expenses are passed on to us in the form of ad valorem taxes.

For the future of our State, our education needs to be properly funded, and our taxpayers need to get their money's worth.

7) A LIVING WAGE - Even though the cost of living is skyrocketing, our public school teachers have gone years without raises. They deserve pay increases, and my colleagues and I intend to work toward increasing their salaries along with other state employees.

If we are going to maintain and recruit new teachers, we have to make sure that they are paid adequately. Recently, I spoke to a Senior class of students, and I asked them about their career aspirations. Out of 50 students, none of them said they wanted to be a teacher, and the reason was because of the lack of pay. If we want the brightest minds to educate our children, we are going to have to make paying them adequately a priority.

It is pitiful that some of our state employees, including teachers, are qualifying for government assistance because their salaries are so low. Every person who works for us deserves the dignity of being paid enough to provide for their families. A number of us will be fighting for increased pay for our public servants.

8) PENSION PROTECTION - Speaking of promises, our state employees have been promised the benefit of a state employee retirement system with certain protections and reliable outcomes. Wherever I go, I am always asked about the retirement system. I believe we should honor those promises, and I will continue to stand strong against any kind of assault on our Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

As you can tell, we have a busy session planned, and these are just a few of the many issues we will be discussing this year. I have high hopes for a more cooperative and reasonable atmosphere during this session. All of us know by now that the most good can be accomplished only when it does not matter who gets the credit. By working together with mutual respect for each other as a Legislature and seeking compromises from both sides of the aisle, I believe we can make the government as a whole run more efficiently for our citizens.

I will be sending more updates as the session progresses, and I welcome your input. Please feel free to contact me at tmiles@house.ms.gov, or call me at (601) 469-7886.



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Keeping New Year's Resolutions

By: Kristen J. Rials

After the Christmas trees come down and the presents are all unwrapped, a sweet silence comes over the holidays, and the Christmas rush is replaced with new ideas of what needs to be done for the new year. New Year's resolutions are common, and everyone has had their share of new year promises. However, the truth is those resolutions that seem so easy to keep in 2013 tend to dwindle to only small fragments in the back of the mind by the middle of 2014. So, the question is how can New Year's resolutions be kept. Follow these tips to help make those New Year's resolutions a reality and not a mid-year lost thought.

1) Write your New Year's resolutions down. The number one mistake people make is that they do not take the time to truly commit to their promise of losing weight or traveling. Instead, it becomes a lost concept in the laundry list of daily activities that must be completed. Taking the time to commit these new year promises to paper helps make those ideas concrete and much more of a reality. It also leaves something physical to look back on as a reminder.

2) Be specific. When thinking and writing resolutions, make sure to be very specific. It is easy to say "lose weight" or "be a better me." However, those are only vague descriptions and lack any real substance. Be detailed and say "lose 20 pounds" or "receive employee of the month." Being specific helps provide more realistic and attainable goals that can be worked toward.

3) Review resolutions frequently. Instead of thinking of resolutions at the beginning of the year and never thinking about them again, make sure to set aside time to review those resolutions frequently. Place a reminder on a calendar; whether in a planner or on cell phone. If your goal is not being met, you will still have time to take a new course of action that will end with you reaching your goals.

4) Ask a friend for help. It can be difficult doing even the most simple task alone. To help stay on the right path, tell a good friend about the New Year's resolution. It will keep you motivated and even competitive; which will help you stay true to your cause.

When looking ahead to 2014, keep these tips in mind to help you have a successful year. Happy New Year!



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Local talent signs with national agent

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Wayne Harrison, director of new talent at The Crawford Agency, has announced that nine-year-old Haley Mills has been signed with the prestigious talent management group. Haley is the child of James and Nina Mills and attends Pelahatchie Elementary School.

The Crawford Agency has offices in New York, Miami and Hollywood and works with both actors and models. The agency's most recent television projects include Disney's *Shake It Up*, *ANT Farm*, *Modern Family*, *How I Met Your Mother*, and *Criminal Minds*. Crawford also works with such commercial clients as Target, Great Clips, Best Buy, McDonalds, Honey Baked Hams and Bing.

According to Mr. Harrison, Mills will begin receiving national auditions; however, she will not relocate until she has been cast for a national project. Mills was discovered during a national talent convention in Los Angeles in 2012 and represented John



Haley Mills (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Robert Powers Southeast.

Mills has also signed with MMG modeling talent group in New York, where she has been submitted to be in national commercials/commercial print, and she is represented by Storm Agency in New Orleans, where she has done background work on five major films.

Marksmanship team scores big



Pictured from (l to r) are Kaylee Burnham, Leah Jackson, Justin Addy and Willie Meadows. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Fall Rankin County JROTC rifle match was held on Nov. 22. The Pelahatchie Varsity Team was comprised of Willie Meadows, Leah Jackson, LaJulie Lewis and Justin Addy. The team took third place overall, and individual medals were given to Leah Jackson, Willie Meadows, Justin Addy and Kaylee Burnham.

Leah Jackson received the overall third highest score of the match, and she also placed first in the standing competition. Willie Meadows received second in the standing competition. Justin Addy is a first year marksman, and he won first place overall among junior varsity marksman. He placed first in the kneeling competition. The team is coached by SFC (RET) John Gough and MAJ (RET) Joel Graham.

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Registration open for Department of Energy's National Science Bowl

During the regional and national competitions, students participate in a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answer questions from all branches of science and math. Each team is composed of four or five students and a teacher who serves as a coach. Teams can find sample questions on the NSB website to help prepare for the competitions.

The winning team from each qualifying regional competition will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to compete in the National Finals held in Washington, D.C., from April 24 to April 28, 2014. The national events include several days of science activities, sightseeing and competitions. As part of the national finals, middle school students design and race lithium ion battery-powered model cars. High school students compete in team science challenges in addition to participating in the academic competition.

The prizes for the top two high school teams for the 2014 NSB will

be announced at a later date. The high school team that won the 2013 NSB received a nine-day, all-expenses-paid science trip to Alaska, where they learned more about glaciology, marine and avian biology, geology and plate tectonics. The second-place high school team at the 2013 NSB won a five-day, guided adventure tour of several national parks, which included a whitewater rafting trip.

The top 16 high school teams and the top eight middle school teams in the National Championship also win \$1,000 for their schools' science departments.

Last year, approximately 14,000 high school and middle school students from 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico competed in the NSB.

DOE created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields. More than 225,000 students have participated in the competition since it began.

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