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Anna Runs America for vets with PTSD

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On June 11, right on schedule, Anna Judd, who is running to support U.S. Veterans, ran through Pelahatchie. Judd is running 3200 miles from Venice Beach, California, to the Freedom Tower in New York City to raise awareness about veteran suicide and to raise money for Team, Red White and Blue and The Wounded Warrior Project.

Judd started her run Saturday March 22, 2014, and plans to finish by the end of July or early August. She is averaging 33 miles a day, five days a week. That's a little more than one and a quarter mile marathons a day all the way to New York.

Portraying herself as a non-athletic person, Judd says in her online bio, "I was always bringing up the back of the pack. But I still loved it, and little by little, I started running longer and lon-



Anna Judd, who is running across America for veterans suffering from PTSD, depression and anxiety. (Photo by: Miss Robot Photography)

ger distances."

Judd's run is considered an art performance piece demonstrating that regardless of political ideologies, when communities come together, the individual becomes empowered. She believes physical activity and social bonding are the main solutions to depression, anxiety, insomnia and PTSD. Her motto is "Apathy is the Enemy."

Judd is also committed to carry with her 22 rocks as she runs to symbolize the sacrifice veterans have made and to recognize the approximately 22 veterans who take their lives daily.

"When I speak with veterans and members of the military across the country, there is so much to love. And more than that, they deserve to be heard and they need our help."

To learn how to show support for Anna Runs America, visit her online at www.facebook.com/AnnaRunsAmerica, and annarunsamerica.com.

Windham elected constable



Devin Beard campaigns for Windham during a run-off election on June 24, at the four-way stop in downtown Pelahatchie. (Photo by: Katie White)

By: Katie White

On June 24, Gary Windham was elected as constable in Rankin County, District 4.

When all precinct votes were in after the run-off election, Windham exceeded Charles Lindsay by 525 votes.

"So pleased, grateful and humbled by the people who supported me," says Windham. "I will work hard for everyone in Rankin county."

Windham is set to be sworn in by Judge Ken Fairly, District 4, on July 3, at the Rankin County Courthouse in Brandon, Miss.

Dalsin wins gold medal in Bocce



Lisa Dalsin, who competed in the New Jersey Special Olympics this past June, received a gold medal in bocce teams and two bronze medals for bocce field and doubles. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Fusion students prepare for tournament



Fusion martial art students move to the next rank. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Fusion Martial Arts hosted a rank testing on the evening of June 5. Over 30 students promoted to the next rank; and now all of the students affiliated

with Fusion are training for the upcoming American Taekwondo Foundation (ATF) Mississippi Championship on Sept. 27, which will be held in Pelahatchie at the Pelahatchie Attendance Center gym.

Pelahatchie Elementary and Pelahatchie Attendance Center

Registration

K-6th
July 28 - 30
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

7th-12th
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Rankin County School District offering online registration.

To receive updates, parents and guardians are encouraged to go online to register their email addresses at: <http://tinyurl.com/m73x3q5>.



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Educational websites for students

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Pelahatchie Elementary lists several educational websites on their website to help children learn outside of the classroom.

The teaching tools websites, when utilized by the students, help them perform higher than average in the classroom. They also have fun while participating. It is helpful when parents participate along with their children.

- **Stride Academy** - offers students challenging skills practice at their personal level in math and science.

- **Achieve3000/KidBiz3000** - designed to help students enhance

reading comprehension skills with interesting articles and challenging comprehension questions. It is used in grades 3-6.



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- **Study Island** - students work on specific skills taught in the classroom. This site is used in grades K-6.

- **Reading Eggs** - helps students develop reading skills and meets each child at his or her level. This site is used in grades K-3.

- **Math in Focus** - information and videos to help parents better understand a specific math program and give them the tools to help a child at home.

- **Reading Street** - students can access an online version of their book, watch videos, and play games that go along with the curriculum.

- **Science Buddies** - A helpful website to use for science fair projects (grades 4-6).

For a direct link to the websites above, log on to www.rcsd.ms/domain/771.

FFA Alumni invited to a reunion

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Pelahatchie High School Future Farmer's of America (FFA) alumni are invited to reunite with their fellow FFA members. The meeting and reunion will be held at the ag shop at the school, July 17, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"It will be a time to socialize and reminisce," says Bob Robinson, newly appointed agriculture director at Pelahatchie High School. Robinson is calling on all former alumni of the Pelahatchie FFA to attend the meeting. Hamburgers and other refreshments will be served.

Robinson hopes to renew the efforts of the FFA program by bringing together former FFA members, speaking with them and drawing from their experiences.

Robinson has a dairy science degree from Mississippi State University. Recently, Robinson felt led to teach and completed an online course with Teach Mississippi Institute at the University of Mississippi.

Before Robinson was hired in Pelahatchie, after he finished his year of licensure at Brandon High School, he

then went on to teach for another four years at Brandon.

"The FFA is the largest student leadership organization in the world, and I have seen in five years what it can do, and it's too important not to prioritize it," says Robinson. "I

tell students at the first of the year that I'm not going to make you a farmer. I'm going to try to make you the best at whatever you want to be. FFA is all about developing skills: public speaking, welding, wood working, plumbing and so many more life skills."

For more information about the FFA, call Bob Robinson at 601-906-1796 or email him at bob.robinson@rcsd.ms.



Bob Robinson, newly appointed agriculture director at Pelahatchie High School. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)



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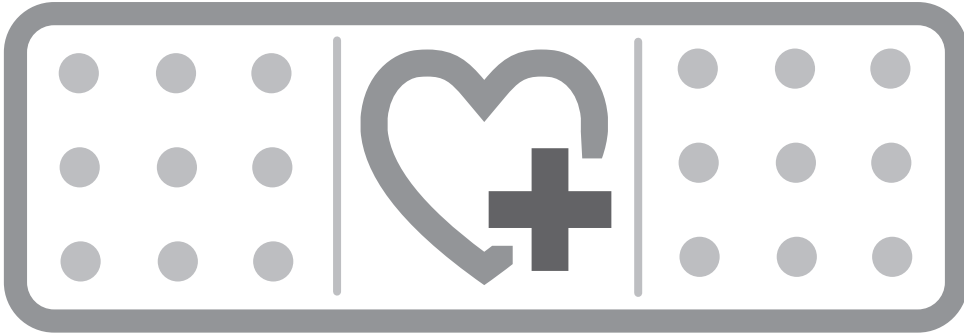


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Tdap vaccine required for incoming seventh-graders



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All students entering the seventh grade for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year are required to have the Tdap vaccination.

The requirement is one of many vaccines mandated for school children by the Mississippi State Department of Health. The Tdap vaccine covers tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

At registration, parents need to provide a Health Department Form 121 to verify that their child has received this vaccine.

Any family doctor or health care provider can arrange a Tdap vaccination and should provide form 121 at the time of the vaccination. The Rankin County Health Department is located

at 401 Parkway Dr., Pearl, Miss. County health departments throughout the state provide the Tdap vaccination for \$10 per child. The vaccine is covered for children with Medicaid.

According to the Health Department, pertussis — also known as whooping cough — has increased in frequency across the country in recent years as protection from the childhood pertussis vaccine has weakened over time among adolescents.

For a listing of required vaccinations for school entry and recommended vaccinations for all ages, visit the Health Department website at www.healthhms.com or call 1-866-459-4948. To contact the Rankin County Health Department directly, call 601-420-4959.

Frontiers enrichment program

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Frontiers is the self-funded tuition-based after-school enrichment program serving Kindergarten through sixth grade students enrolled in the Rankin County School District (RCSD). There is no need for transportation. Students stay in school with their friends daily, from dismissal time until 6 p.m., except for school holidays and summer break.

Frontiers is a structured environment featuring an afternoon snack, homework time, supervised play, and an extensive enrichment curriculum with a different thematic unit each week; arts and crafts projects, science experiments, games, guest speakers, special yearly events for parents, Fabulous Fridays and more. Topics such as space, oceans, castles, mysteries, down under, folklore, rain forests, arctic, mother nature, inventions, and dinosaurs are discussed.

The primary goal of Frontiers has always been to provide a fun, family-like atmosphere in which children are nurtured and can feel safe and secure. The mission of the RCSD Fron-

tiers program is to develop meaningful relationships with the children and to be a positive influence in their lives.

Please note the following details:

1. Registration requires a completed 2014-15 Parent Contract and the \$25 registration fee.
2. Current Frontiers students: all accounts of returning students must be clear before you can register.
3. New parent contracts are required each year and must be signed by parent or legal guardian to be accepted.
4. For registration, Frontiers accepts cash, money orders, and personal checks only. Make checks payable to "Frontiers" with child's full name on the memo line.
5. Frontiers is only open to students registered in RCSD. Students are only eligible to attend the Frontiers site in their school.

For more information regarding registration for Frontiers and tuition fees, visit RCSD online at <http://rcsd.ms/Page/840>. For all other questions call Jessica Lewis, site coordinator, at 601-750-2939.



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Pelahatchie Attendance Center Sports Calendar

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2014 - Football

August 15	Jamboree	HS	TBA	TBA
August 22	Pisgah	HS	Away	7:00
August 29	Puckett	HS	Home	7:00
September 5	Bay Springs	HS	Home	
*September 12	West Lowndes	HS	Away	7:00
*September 19	Ethel	HS	Away	7:00
*September 26	Nanlih Waiya	HS	Home	7:00
*October 3	Sebastapol	HS	Away	7:00
*October 10	Noxapater	HS	Home	7:00
*October 17	French Camp	HS	Home	7:00
*October 24	West Oktibbeha	HS	Away	7:00
*October 31	East Oktibbeha	HS	Home	7:00
November 7	Open			
*District Games				
September 8	Puckett	JH	Home	TBA
September 15	Pisgah	JH	Away	TBA
September 22	Sebastapol	JH	Home	TBA
September 29	McLaurin	JH	Away	TBA
October 6	Lake	JH	Away	TBA
October 13	St. Joe	JH	Away	TBA
October 20	Scott Central	JH	Home	TBA

Summer Lunch Bunch volunteers feeding kids until school starts



On June 17, the Ever Reaching Community Outreach group served sack lunches at noon. The sack lunch included either a turkey and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, granola bar and a drink. Pictured (l to r) are; Baden Oster, Joseph Oster, Tina Chap-pell, Tammy Brun, Van Brun and Duncan Tucker (not pictured: Paige Tucker) (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Summer Lunch Bunch, created by Duncan and Paige Tucker, is offering lunches from noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday through July.

The Tuckers are active in the Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO), and both have served on the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Pelahatchie Elementary. Duncan Taylor is also an assistant special education teacher at Pelahatchie High School.

The Tuckers started out delivering sack lunches to the homeless in Jackson a few years ago, but then they decided there were those close to home who were also in need of food.

"We had always been looking for a way to help within our own community, as well. Being involved in the school, we have seen how many kids depend on school lunch as their main meal of the day," says Paige Tucker. "We also have seen how much the food pantry in the elementary school is used. We worried how these same students eat during the summer. We decided to try to start a summer sack lunch program in the park."

The Tuckers got permission from Mayor Ross to hand out the sack lunches at Muscadine Park every Tuesday in June and July, and fliers were delivered to local churches and ministries.

The response was reportedly unbelievable. Teachers raised money in different ways and donated their proceeds to cover the cost of the lunches, and several churches and businesses have sponsored a week where they provide most or all of the sack lunches.

ERCO, PTO, Antioch Baptist Church, and Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist have contributed their time and food for the free sack lunch program in June. ERCO will provide lunches again on July 22, and the Mississippi Baking Company has signed up to provide lunches on July 29. More help is needed to finish out July.

"We are very thankful to all who have donated money, food or come to help serve lunch. We will be there every Tuesday in July at noon. PTO will also pass out free books to students with their sack lunches," says Tucker.

To help with the sack lunches in any way, call Duncan or Paige Tucker at 601-573-5463.

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Pelahatchie Elementary wish list items: Kleenex, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, Ziploc bags (quart or gallon), Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser, Antibacterial Soap (liquid), Band-Aids			
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August 10 (Sunday Afternoon)	K4-3rd Grade Parent-Teacher Orientation • K4, K5, and 1st Grade Parents (2:00pm) • 2nd-3rd Grade Parents (3:30pm)
August 11	FIRST DAY for K4 and K5 (7:45-11:00am)
August 11 (Evening)	4th-8th Grade Parent-Teacher Orientation • 4th-6th Grade Parents (6:30pm) • 7th-8th Grade Parents (7:30pm)
August 12	REGULAR SCHOOL DAY for K4-12th Grade



East Rankin Academy Sports Calendar

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2014 - Football

August 22	Central Hinds	HS	Away	7:00
August 29	Starkville	HS	Home	7:00
September 5	Lamar	HS	Home	7:00
September 12	Tri-County	HS	Away	7:00
September 19	Open	HS	Open	7:00
September 26	Brookhaven	HS	Home	7:00
October 3	Jackson Prep	HS	Away	7:00
October 10	Oak Forest	HS	Away	7:00
October 17	Parklane	HS	Home	7:00
October 24	Columbia	HS	Home	7:00
October 31	Copiah	HS	Away	7:00
November 7	PCS	HS	Away	7:00

August 28	Copiah	B JV	Home	5:30 6:45
September 4	Parklane	B JV	Away	5:30 6:45
September 11	Columbia	B JV	Away	5:30 6:45
September 18	Oak Forest	B JV	Home	5:30 6:45
September 25	Jackson Prep	B JV	Away	5:30 6:45
October 2	PCS	B JV	Home	5:30 6:45
October 9	Lamar	B JV	Away	5:30 6:45
October 16	Simpson	B JV	Home	5:30 6:45

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Fireworks injure thousands annually



By: Jim Pollard

July 4 fireworks can be fun and beautiful, but they are always dangerous. Fireworks are explosives, not toys, and they 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.

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.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) says more than 11,000 people are injured from fireworks each year in the US. 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

guided missiles flying as fast as 200 miles per hour.

Fireworks can also cause permanent hearing loss, second- and third-degree burns and amputations. These inju-



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annually cause nearly 2,000 eye injuries with permanent eye damage.

Bottle rockets are highly dangerous to the eyes, as they are essentially un-

derstandably 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.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) reports that, each year, bottle rockets and other aerial fireworks cause more than 6,000 fires.

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 that matches and 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

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The Pastor's Perspective: Hold on to his word



By: Dr. Clarence J. Cooper, Jr., Pastor, Brandon Baptist Church

One of the great courageous leaders of the twentieth century was Sir Winston Churchill. His first speech as prime minister was delivered in the face of insurmountable odds as Hitler's Nazi forces were rampaging through Western Europe. On May 13, 1940, Churchill addressed the British House of Commons: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat. . . You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: It is victory, victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory, however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival."

On June 4, Churchill's words helped weld the iron pillar of commitment, courage, and hope of his great nation against Hitler: "We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. . . We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

Two weeks later, Churchill said, "Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves, that



if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their finest hour.'"

England's worst times were turned ultimately into its best. The people refused to give in and in that commitment overcame tremendous obstacles. They believed they could prevail, staying the course and achieving victory.

Let's face it: We will run into trials and tribulations. Many people will try to pull us in different directions that are not the way we know God wants us to go. And yet, we need to hold on to His Word.

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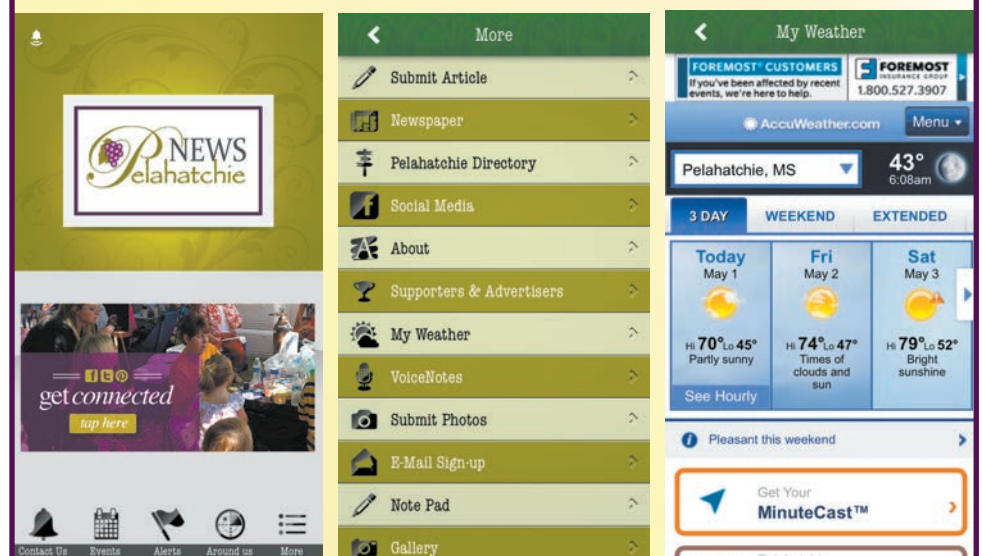
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American Heart Association launches new one-minute video for Hands-Only™ CPR

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The American Heart Association recently launched a new, one-minute video demonstrating the two simple steps to perform Hands-Only CPR. The two steps are:

1. If you see a teen or adult suddenly collapse, call 9-1-1
2. Push hard and fast in the center of the chest at 100 beats per minute.

As part of the third year of the national Hands-Only CPR campaign, the American Heart Association has debuted a new one-minute Hands-Only CPR demo video to train Americans in the life-saving technique. View the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8iU3Mtblho>.

"Eighty percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in private or residential settings," said Dr. Timothy Quinn of Quinn Healthcare and American Heart Association volunteer. "The life you save with CPR will most likely be a loved one."

Hands-Only CPR has been proven to be as effective as CPR with breaths, and people are more likely to feel comfortable performing it. A December 2012 study published in the American Heart Association's journal, "Circulation,"

found that Hands-Only CPR performed

by bystanders keeps more people alive with good brain function after experiencing a cardiac arrest. An additional study showed that people feel more confident performing Hands-Only CPR after viewing as little as one minute of video training.

Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death with over 420,000 out-of-hospital cases occurring every year in the United States. When a teen or adult has a cardiac arrest, survival depends on immediately receiving CPR from someone nearby. Survival rates drop as much as ten percent for every minute that goes by without intervention.

With the support of the WellPoint Foundation, the American Heart Association launched a three-year national campaign in June 2012 to raise awareness of Hands-Only CPR as a lifesaving method and to increase the likelihood of people performing CPR in an emergency.

To learn more about the Hands-Only CPR campaign and get ready to save a life, visit www.heart.org/handsonlycpr.



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IRS phone scam still going

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Even though tax season is over, that has not stopped scammers from continuing to pose as IRS officials and making calls threatening jail, deportation and loss of property. Calls have been made to individuals across the country, including the state of Mississippi, claiming there is a problem with their tax return.

Callers to the Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Mississippi say they have been left voicemail messages stating they need to contact the IRS immediately, or they would face legal consequences. Other messages threatened arrest by U.S. Marshals for failure to pay the correct amount of taxes. One consumer received a call, and the caller claimed to be from the IRS and had most of her information.

They informed her that the IRS had 3 criminal felony charges filed against her; and, if she didn't give them \$7,450 by 4 p.m. today they were going to have her arrested in front of her children, because she likes to steal from the federal government. When the victim asked them could she contact her tax person and call them back, they hung up.

"What we are seeing is an increase

in 'spoofed numbers' on caller IDs to hide where these scammers are calling from," says John O'Hara CEO of BBB serving Mississippi. "It is a common practice of scammers to hide their real phone number from their intended victim and even use IRS's legitimate '800' customer service number."

In addition to claiming to be from the IRS, other individuals say they have been called by people stating they were with the U.S. Treasury; although it is a different government agency, the scam remains the same.

According to the IRS, the agency never contacts taxpayers by phone asking for money. They also never contact taxpayers by e-mail. If there is an issue with the IRS that requires your response, the contact would be made by U.S. mail.

If you receive one of these scam phone calls, BBB recommends:

- Hang up - Don't provide any information over the phone. Call the IRS directly using the phone number found on their website or in the phone book.
- Protect personal information - In response to an incoming call, never give out any personal or financial information, such as your Social Security number, mother's maiden

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Is it a medical emergency?

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Even healthy kids get hurt or sick sometimes. In some cases, you will know that you need to head straight to the emergency room (ER) at the nearest hospital. In other cases, it's harder to determine whether an injury or illness needs the attention of a medical professional or can be treated at home.

Different problems require different levels of care. When your child needs some sort of medical help, you have many options:

- Handle the problem at home. Many minor injuries and illnesses, including some cuts, certain types of rashes, coughs, colds, scrapes, and bruises, can be handled with home care and over-the-counter (OTC) treatments.
- Call your doctor. If you're unsure of the level of medical care your child needs, your doctor — or a nurse who works in the office — can help you decide what steps to take and how.
- Visit an urgent care center. An urgent care center can be a good option for non-emergencies at night and on weekends when your doctor may not be in the office. At these centers, you can usually get things like X-rays, stitches, and care for minor injuries that aren't life threatening yet require medical attention on the same day.
- Visit a hospital emergency room. An ER — also called an emergency department (ED) — can handle a wide variety of serious problems, such as severe bleeding, head trauma, sei-

zures, meningitis, breathing difficulties, dehydration, and serious bacterial infections.

- Call 911 for an ambulance. Some situations are so serious that you need the help of trained medical personnel on the way to the hospital. These might include if your child: has been in a car accident, has a head or neck injury, has ingested too much medication and is now hard to rouse, or is not breathing or is turning blue. In these cases, dial 911 for an ambulance.

- As a parent, it can be hard to make these judgment calls. You don't want to rush to the ER if it isn't really an emergency and can wait until a doctor's appointment. On the other hand, you don't want to hesitate to get medical attention if your child needs treatment right away. As your kids grow, you'll learn to trust yourself to decide when it's an emergency.

Remember that in cases when you know the problem is minor, it's best to contact your child's doctor, go to an urgent care center, or handle it at home. ERs can be crowded and it can take a long time for minor problems to be treated.

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Pelahatchie High School 2014 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Lacey Harpe, Valedictorian, Pelahatchie Attendance Center 2013. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)



Caitlyn Bishop, Salutatorian, Pelahatchie Attendance Center 2013. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

Gentiva Hospice sponsors children's grief camp

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Children ages seven through fourteen across Mississippi who have experienced the loss of a loved one now have access to a free grief camp, Camp I Believe, sponsored by Gentiva Hospice, a member of the Gentiva Health Services family of home health and hospice companies.

Camp I Believe will take place Friday, August 8, through Sunday, August 10, at Camp Lake Stephens in Oxford. Camp activities and programs help

children to express feelings, build confidence, foster a sense of community, and identify with other children and adolescents who are experiencing similar struggles. Camps are organized and operated by skilled professionals such as social workers, bereavement and spiritual care coordinators, and trained volunteers.

For more information on Camp I Believe or to request a camper application, contact Kimberly Strong at 601-983-3193 or visit our website at www.gentiva.com/hospice/camps/.

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Mississippi Baking Company part of the poverty solution

By: Katie White

Mississippi Baking Company (MBC) wants to be a part of the solution in regards to poverty in Pelahatchie, Miss., and employees at the company are helping with their efforts in several ways.

The food drive at MBC is managed by Diane Shepherd. She makes it her business to spread the word about what types of food are needed, and she collects the donated food to be distributed.

While MBC wants to continue their food drive efforts, they also want to take on a new project every month. Some of the donation projects they want to help with include: school supplies, winter coats, home-building needs, and just about anything else they can think of to help the Pelahatchie community.

All employees at MBC have contributed in helping the community in many ways, and they are happy to be a part of the spirit of giving at the company. While one employee took it upon himself to build a house for an elderly couple in need, another took part in laying the ground work for a Ronald McDonald House in Jackson.



In June, Mississippi Baking Company collected approximately 25 cases of food to aid in preventing poverty in Pelahatchie Mississippi. Pictured (l to r) are, Diane Shepherd, training lead, and Tom McLemore, general manager. (Photo by: Katie White)

Many of the employees at MBC live in Pelahatchie. In 2012, Johnathon Jordan, who is employed at MBC, and his wife, Meaghin, had to rush their son, Braylon, to the hospital after he swallowed eight magnets. Braylon had part of his small intestines removed and is currently in need of daily medical attention and more surgery. Jordan's coworkers at MBC have been there for Braylon and his family. Recently, donations were raised monetarily to pay for the family's travel expenses for Braylon's latest surgery. A special account for donations is also set up at Priority One for Braylon Jordan.

"We're doing it for Pelahatchie," says Tom McLemore, general manager at MBC. The company acknowledges that all efforts made to help others in need are important, but they feel there is enough need right here in Pelahatchie.

Mississippi Baking Company joins the many groups, churches and ministries who have helped participate in the Summer Lunch Bunch — a free sack lunch program to feed hungry children during the summer while they are out of school — MBC is scheduled to serve lunch on July 29, from noon to 1 p.m., at Muscadine Park.



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Mississippi ghost hunters looking for local investigation sites

By: Lauren E. Cook

During the day, John Bullard manages a sporting goods store in Clinton, and he loves his job. After he rings up the last customer, takes inventory, prepares for the next business day, and locks the doors, he begins his second job. At night, John Bullard hunts ghosts.

Founder and leader of his paranormal investigation group, Smoke and Mirrors, Bullard and his team have investigated more than eighty locations around the U.S., and even in Jamaica. A large portion of the investigations take place in the South, where all three of the team members were born and raised.

"The South is so rich in history, and that makes it a perfect place for these types of investigations," said Bullard. "I have always loved southern history, and that is a big reason I decided to go into this business. My love of history and the experiences I had with paranormal activity as a child – those two things combined led me to where I am now."

Bullard said he remembers the exact moment when he knew something was different about him, that he could sense things to which others may be oblivious.

"My grandfather would take me on walks as a child, and we'd walk through the same neighborhood, past the same house, every time," he recalled. "The house had long been abandoned, but I would see shadows and hear people speaking. I called it 'the crowded house.' The same thing happened once when we visited an old church in Madison. I never said

anything about it as a child, and even wondered if I had imagined it. But now I know I didn't. I'm not a medium, but I am definitely sensitive to things others may not be."

Matthew Grantham and Kellen Porter Gonzalez make up the rest of Smoke and Mirrors, with Grantham providing tech management, navigation and equipment research, and Gonzalez providing EVP analysis,



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historical research and photography.

"I've always loved hearing stories about the history of old homes and buildings," Gonzalez said. "So learning about the places we investigate really interests me, especially talking with owners and digging up my own facts. It's really cool when the history matches up with stuff we get from the investigations."

There is a science behind the Smoke and Mirrors investigations, and they have the equipment to prove

it.

A key, essential piece of equipment is a digital voice recorder, which records a lower frequency than what you can normally hear, slows it down, and allows the user to play it back with software.

The team also uses night vision camcorders, allowing them to shoot in total darkness.

"People always ask us why para-

currently owned by a group from Daughters of the American Revolution. The group is currently renovating the home.

"We were told that the house had multiple spirits, specifically a man, two women and a few children," said Bullard. "We were performing the investigation, and the male spirit became very active. He left us some nasty EVPs. I was attempting to provoke him, when all of a sudden I felt a very forceful push on the back of my head. He literally pushed me out of the chair."

Smoke and Mirrors also has experience working with the number one paranormal group in the nation, Ghost Adventures on the Travel Channel. The two teams combined to do an investigation at King's Tavern in Natchez in 2013. The King's Tavern episode continues to be one of the show's top rated.

Last month, Bullard made another appearance on Ghost Adventures, but this time in the form of an interview instead of an investigation. The episode, called "Aftershocks," spotlights past investigation sites and features any updates since they were filmed.

"Some of the best places to investigate [are] private residences, historical homes," said Bullard. "If you are an owner of a historical home..., whether you have witnessed paranormal activity or not, please let us know if you'd be willing to open your home to an investigation."

To contact the group, or to access video and audio footage from past investigations, visit the Smoke and Mirrors website at <http://smokeand-mirrorspi.weebly.com>.

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Growth in Pelahatchie Schools prompts the need for more land



A home on Heslip Street was demolished, as the property had been purchased to meet the future needs of the growth taking place at Pelahatchie public schools. Other properties have also been purchased by the school. The hope is to keep Pelahatchie schools within the core of the town of Pelahatchie. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

Chiefs receive new high school basketball coach



Rod Taylor, appointed as high school basketball coach, Pelahatchie Attendance Center. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Pelahatchie Attendance Center will begin the 2014-2015 school year with newly-hired high school basketball coach, Rod Taylor.

Taylor, who takes over a squad that features three seniors and several key contributors, previously coached at Hartfield Academy and Pearl High

School.

Collegiately, Taylor played at Jackson State University, where he was team captain, earning *Southwestern Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year* and *All American* honors.

Taylor is a Rankin County native. He is married to Naomi Taylor. The couple have four children, Rod Taylor Jr., Dillon, Neveon and Destin.

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- Soak fireworks devices with water after they appear to have burned out.
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- 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.
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Sparklers are among the most common fireworks at private celebrations.

Adults often let small children hold sparklers, because sparklers seem harmless. But sparklers are dangerous. Sparklers get as hot as 2,000 degrees – as hot as a blow torch. They can cause serious burns long after burning out. To avoid injuries from sparklers:

- The safe way to enjoy sparklers is to plant them in the ground away from dry grass and then have an adult light them.
- Do not hold more than one sparkler at a time. Always stand when playing with sparklers and do not run while holding them.
- If two or more people are holding sparklers, they should be at least six feet from each other.
- Hold sparklers at arm’s length, away from the body. Do not hand a lit sparkler to anyone.
- Wear shoes with closed toes.
- Adults and older children should never carry a child who is holding a sparkler.
- Do not try to relight a burnt-out sparkler. Douse every burnt-out sparkler in a pail of water.

Editor’s Note: Jim Pollard, a paramedic since 1990, is the media relations lead in central Mississippi for American Medical Response (AMR).

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