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Pelahatchie Police Chief Glenda Shoemaker receives prestigious Jefferson Award

By: Katie White

On June 4, WJTV awarded 12 local winners with the Jefferson Award, and one of those award recipients was Pelahatchie's own police chief, Glenda Shoemaker.

The Jefferson Award was established in 1977 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard. The purpose of the Jefferson Award is to honor individuals for their achievements and contributions they have made towards their community, and ultimately strive to encourage others to also get involved in such a way.

The Jefferson Awards are presented both locally and nationally. The national award recipients represent a "Who's Who" of outstanding Americans. The



Pictured (l to r) are, and Byron Brown, Chief Glenda Shoemaker and Melanie Christopher. (Photo by WJTV)

local award recipients are "ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward."

Shoemaker was shocked and excited to win the Jefferson Award, but she says she doesn't do it for the recognition.

"What I do, I just do it. It's not for the credit. It's in my heart, and it makes me feel good," said Chief Shoemaker.

Shoemaker became a police officer in 1977. She is the only one in her family who pursued a career in police work. She feels it is "where she was called to be."

Shoemaker's first job as a police officer was at Miss. State Hospital in Whitfield, Miss. Then in 1980, when Butch Townsend was Police Chief, *continued on page 2*

Local wins big in national pageant

By: Katie White

On July 5, Bethani Grace Alman, captured the distinctive title of Second Place Alternate in the 2015 Miss Junior High School America pageant at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. She also received the People's Choice Award and the Overall Community Service Award.

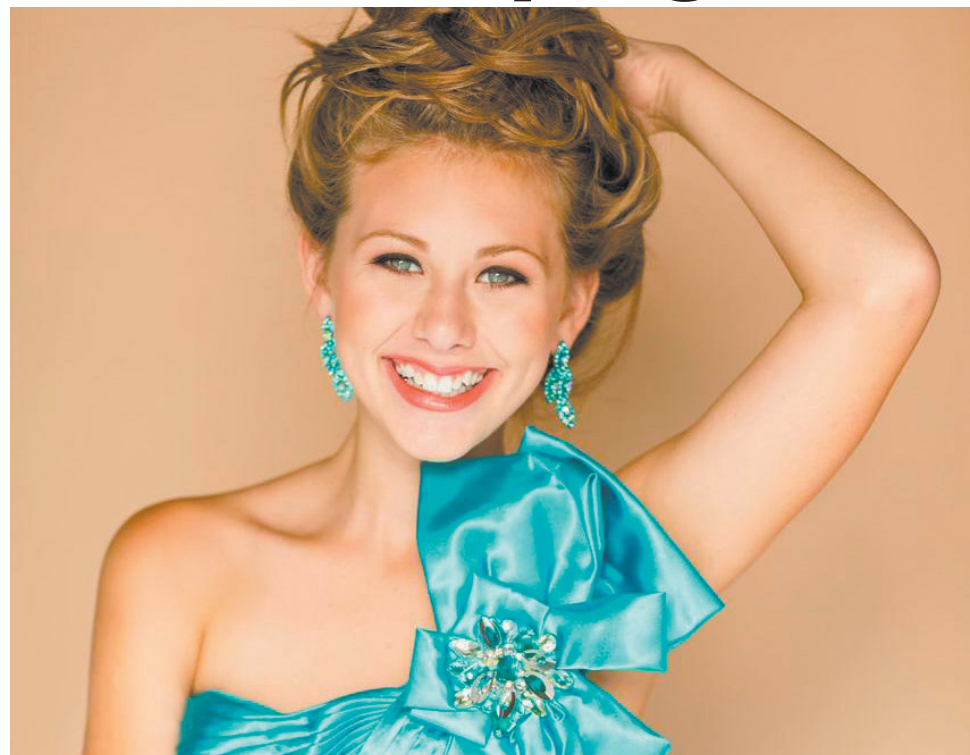
Alman, captured the title of Miss Junior High School Mississippi on Sept. 28 in 2014. Since receiving the crown as Miss Junior High School Mississippi, Alman has served her community in several ways. She wrote Mississippi House Bill 633, which would have required students to complete 25 hours of community service before graduating. Alman was also a volunteer at Toys for Tots, Relay for Life and B.R.A.V.E. (Bully Resistance Anti-Violence Education).

Alman has also received many other awards and nominations. She won the Presidential Volunteer Ser-

vice Award, Kohl's Kids Who Care Regional Award and the Hometown Hero Award. She was nominated for the Hasbro Community Action Heroes Award and the Everyday Young Hero Award.

Alman is a student at East Rankin Academy. She will enter the 8th grade this fall. Her scholastic honors include: Duke TIP Scholar, National League Language Arts Award, National League Science Award, Scholastic Achievement Award-All A's and Junior Beta Club. She hopes to attend Mississippi State University and she dreams of being a veterinarian some day.

"Whether I'm performing on a stage, addressing legislators, reading at the library, or simply studying in a quiet classroom; I am comfortable being Grace! This organization has provided me the opportunity to share my experiences as a victim of bullying and allowed me to be a ray of hope for other victims crown," said Alman.



Bethani Grace Alman, Miss Junior High Mississippi, competed in the 2015 Miss Junior High America pageant and won Second Place Alternate. Along with the distinctive title, she also brings home the People's Choice Award and the Overall Community Service Award. (Special to The Pelahatchie News)



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MFuge at Mississippi College lends their helping hands to ERCO



On June 23, almost thirty students from the summer MFuge camp at Mississippi College assisted the Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO) with repairs to the family home of the Bennetts in Pelahatchie. ERCO, a local non-profit organization, has been working for over a year to help rebuild a safer home for the Bennetts, an elderly Pelahatchie couple. The MFuge program at MC, attended by high school students from all over the southeast region, is designed to give students a mission experience that opens their eyes to similar opportunities they may have to serve in their own communities. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Pelahatchie's police chief Glenda Shoemaker gets prestigious local award

he hired Shoemaker to come work at the Police Department in Pelahatchie. Now she calls Pelahatchie her home, and she has lived and worked in Pelahatchie for 45 years.

During the time WJTV was attempting to contact Shoemaker in regards to interviewing her for the nomination of the Jefferson Award, she was in and out of the hospital after, having suffered a heart attack and dealing with other life-threatening complications that began in February of this year.

The road to recovery was long, but the doctors have since cleared Chief Shoemaker to return to work full-time. She was impressed with how people in Pelahatchie - people she calls her friends and neighbors - supported her during her recovery period.

"I don't think I could have come out of what I went through in the hospital without all the prayers here. The doctor said, 'there was a 50-50 chance, and I don't know if she's even got that.' So I am pretty sure it was prayers."

Shoemaker also feels she couldn't have accomplished all that she has accomplished without the support of town officials.

"The leadership of the town is great. You couldn't ask for a better boss [Mayor Knox Ross] then what we've got. I've been working with him for the last ten years, and he's got a big heart."

Likewise, Mayor Knox Ross feels the same about Chief Shoemaker. "Glenda has been a friend to many and a faithful servant to our town. The Jefferson Award is a fitting award to honor a life dedicated to serving others. I am proud to have her as my chief and my friend," said Mayor Ross.

With the right support from her town as Police Chief of Pelahatchie, Shoemaker has been able to hold fishing rodeos, lunches and dances for the elderly, help people learn to drive and drive them to take their driver's license test, host summer basketball camps; and she also founded the local chapter of the Pelahatchie Lion's Club.



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Pelahatchie Lady Chiefs receive championship rings



The 2015 Pelahatchie High School Lady Chiefs - MHSAA 1A Championship team includes: Aubree Beeman; Qee Beeman; Janae Collier; Alexis Hobson; Kanosha Holifield; Breanna Ferguson; Morghan Hobson; Haley Jones; Kandis King; Talieeka Mazique; Courtney McGee; Jamiyah Stokes; Brittany Thompson; Elisa Walker; Pearlene Fairley, Head Coach; Kamelia Green, Asst. Coach; Duncan Tucker, Asst. Coach; and Avery Nobles, Asst. Athletic Director. (Not pictured, April Ticer) (Photo by Katie White)

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On July 2, a Championship Ring Ceremony was held in honor of the Lady Chiefs High School basketball team for their 2015 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) 1A Championship win on

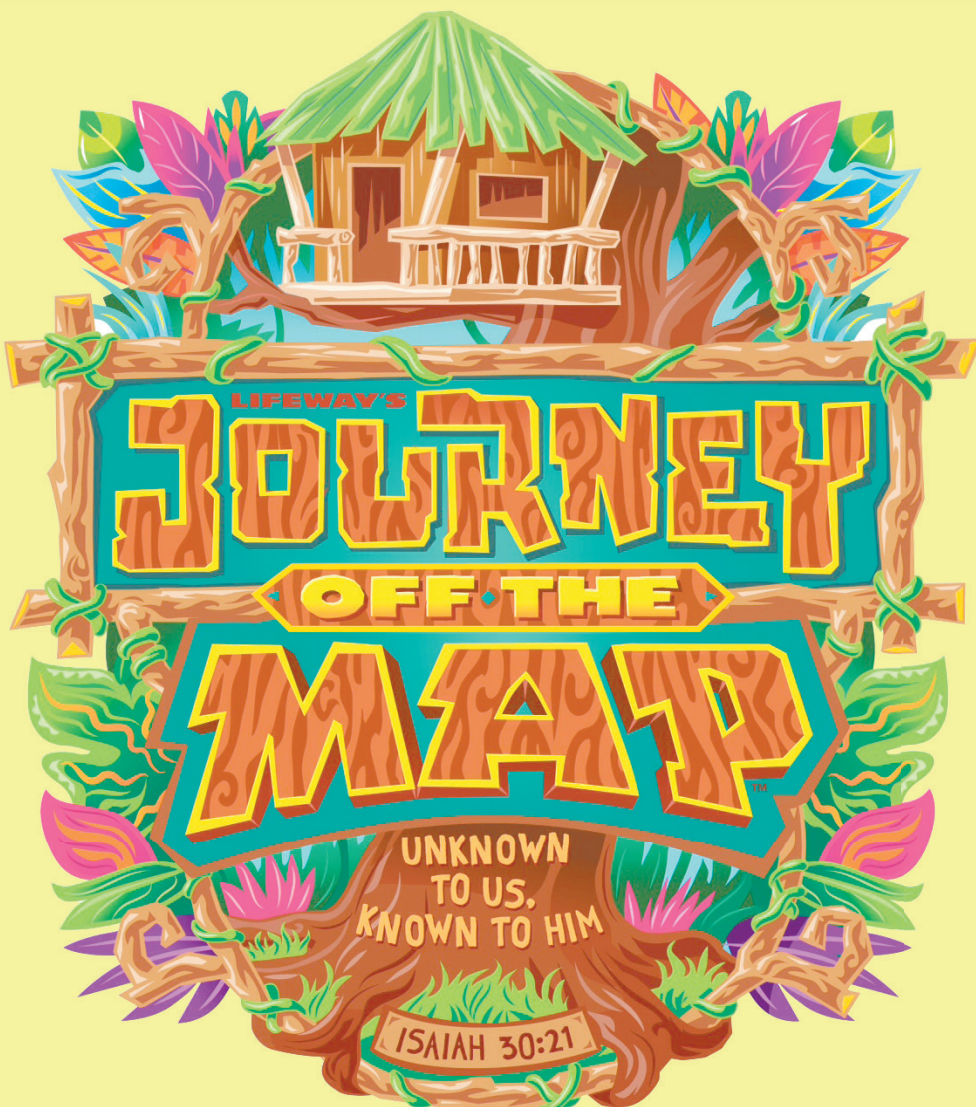
March 13. The ceremony was held at the Pelahatchie Community Center.

Before the ladies received their rings, Coach David Sanders, Head Coach of a Championship basketball team at Callaway High School, was invited to share some encouraging words with the team.

"You'll never forget this. Never let anybody take this from you. The most important thing is the journey that you take together," said Sanders.

Coach Pearlene Fairley let the girls know how proud she was of them, and she also thanked the parents and team managers for their support.

"I thank my parents, because without you pushing them to make them be respectful in and out of class we couldn't have done it. Last year our GPA as a whole team was 3.8. That is something to be proud of. These girls know we do not accept mediocre," said Coach Fairley.




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Merit Health Medical Group opens clinic in Brandon

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General surgeon Paul J. Nordness, M.D., has joined the practice of Merit Health Medical Group and the active medical staff of Merit Health Rankin. He is a board certified general surgeon with laparoscopic, trauma, endoscopy and vascular experience.

Dr. Nordness is a native of the South, having lived most of his youth in Alabama, and is relocating here from Chattanooga, Tenn. He attended Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed a surgical internship at the University of Virginia. He completed his surgical residency at the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. After conducting vascular research at the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, he entered private practice in North Carolina, where he utilized his broad expertise to provide laparoscopic, vascular and trauma care.

"We are pleased to bring more specialists to the hospital for the residents of the communities we serve. We proudly welcome Dr. Nordness to our medical staff," stated Jon-Paul Croom, CEO, Merit Health Rankin.



Paul J. Nordness, M.D. (Image special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

This new general surgery practice opened at 348 Crossgates Boulevard, Suite 2400, Brandon, Miss., effective June 15. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Nordness, call (601) 825-3691.

East Rankin Academy hosts sporting clays tournament at Kearney Park



Students enjoyed a game of sporting clays at Kearney Park. The shoot was sponsored by ERA. The Top Shooter was Will Gunn, a senior at ERA. Pictured (l to r) are, Ethan Goodman, Hayden Hawk, Will Gunn and Sam Gunn. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

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On Friday, June 12, members of the East Rankin Academy (ERA) Athletic Booster Club, athletes, coaches, family and friends held a very special fundraiser-event at Kearney Park Farms in Flora, Miss.

A large crowd enjoyed the day, as 14 four-person teams competed for the Top Shooter award in a sporting clays tournament - one of the fastest growing forms of skeet-shooting.

Kearney Park's range consisted of 12 stations, where competitors each took turns shooting clay pigeons in "pairs" or "doubles" of varying degrees of difficulty, angles and distances.

"It was a really fun time, and a

great success," said ERA Athletic Director Coach Dan Davis. "We had over 70 people involved, with 56 shooters, and are looking forward to an even bigger tournament next year - the folks at Kearney Park have a great facility."

The tournament concluded with all contestants and workers gathering for a meal as t-shirts and door prizes were given out, and the top five shooters were recognized.

Will Gunn, soon to be a senior at ERA, was the top shooter. He won the first place prize, which was a new Yeti cooler.

For more information on joining the ERA Booster Club or participating in next years tournament, contact Coach Dan Davis at erapatadm@gmail.com or 601-854-5692.

American Legion 171 attends Miss. Boys State 2015 at MSU



The 171 Chapter of the Miss. American Legion attended the Miss. Boys State American Legion program on May 24 through May 30 at the Miss. State University campus. The American Legion was founded in 1939. The purpose of American Legion is to identify young leaders and instill in them constructive attitudes toward the American form of government. Pictured (l to r) are: Sheldon Irvin, Pelahatchie Attendance Center; Dusty Hines, East Rankin Academy; James Till, Pelahatchie American Legion Post 171, Miss. Boy's State Committee; Bailey Hudson, East Rankin Academy; and Hunter Martin, Pelahatchie Attendance Center. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

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Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association hosts ham radio field day

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Central Mississippi Amateur Radio Association (ARRL) conducted a ham radio field day on June 28 and 29 at Muscadine Park. ARRL Field Day is an annual event held on the fourth weekend of June. The event is very popular among amateur radio enthusiasts in the United States and Canada.

Many amateur radio members simply enjoy ham radio and treat it as a hobby. However, they have made themselves available in emergency situations. When cell phones and the Internet are down due to catastrophic events, ham radio is very useful when communication is urgent. One

such group called the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), consists of licensed amateurs that have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. ARES radio operators usually operate on equipment they have purchased themselves or that has been donated.

The operation of an amateur station requires an amateur operator license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To receive an amateur operator FCC license, an exam must be passed.

For more information about ARRL and their affiliates, visit www.cmsara.org.



John Steumph, licensed ham radio operator, makes contacts with other ham radio operators under a temporary station set up specifically for ARRL Field Day. (Photo by Katie White)



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Hot, humid weather can cripple and kill



By: Jim Pollard

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ing temperatures and high humidity can kill.

Stan Alford, operations manager for American Medical Response ambulance service, said, "Even the healthiest among us can suffer heat exhaustion or heat stroke, but elders, children up to four years of age, chronically ill individuals, obese people and substance abusers are more vulnerable."

Alford said, "There are specific ways to prevent heat illness, and, when prevention fails, we all need to recognize heat illness quickly and help the victim fast." Alford advised:

Prevention: A major part of avoiding heat illness is to drink lots of non-alcoholic fluids continuously. Water and commercial "sports drinks" are best. Drink no alcohol, and

avoid drinking large quantities of caffeine, since alcohol and, to a lesser extent, caffeine make the body lose fluid, not store it. If you have no salt restrictions in your diet, mix one teaspoon of salt in each quart of water you drink.

Start drinking those correct fluids hours before starting any strenuous effort. Keep taking in the fluids throughout the day and evening. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.

Work outside only in the cooler morning and evening hours, if possible. Take frequent breaks and stay in the shade as much as you can. Wear loose fitting, light colored clothing made of fabric that "breathes." Wear a broad-brimmed, loose weave hat, and take it off from time to time. If you're out walking, use an umbrella or parasol.

If your home has no air condition-

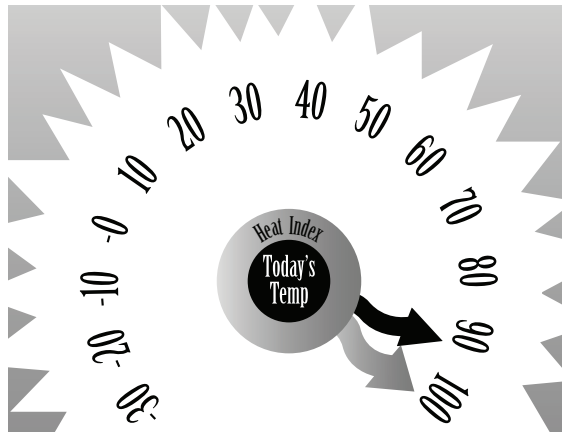


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ing, spend the hottest hours of the day in a library, shopping mall, senior center or other public facility that is air conditioned. In a heat wave, friends and family of elderly or disabled people should check

on them frequently.

An early symptom of heat exhaustion is feeling light-headed or dizzy. Heat exhaustion also includes heavy sweating with cool, clammy, sometimes pale skin. Heat exhaustion sometimes brings on headache, nausea, vomiting, irritability, weak pulse and rapid but shallow breathing. Body temperature is usually normal or only slightly elevated.

First aid for heat exhaustion is to move the person to a nearby cooler place. Have the person lie down and elevate the feet eight to 12 inches. Loosen clothing and fan the victim without chilling him or her. If, and

only if the person is fully alert, give sips of water. Gently massage cramps. Watch the patient, since heat exhaustion can quickly turn into heat stroke. Call 911 for paramedics. Full recovery usually takes several hours.

Heat stroke is known by hot, dry, sometimes red or mottled skin, deep breathing followed by shallow breathing and large, dilated pupils. Fit people suffering heat stroke might not have dry skin and may still be sweating profusely.

In addition, sweat does not evaporate quickly in high humidity, so a heat stroke victim might still be sweaty although they have stopped sweating. The key to identifying heat stroke is high body temperature. The victim may lose consciousness and have seizures.

First aid for heat stroke is to remove the victim from the source of the heat, and cool him or her immediately. The body loses heat 25 times faster in water than in air, so, if possible, give a cool – but not cold – bath or put cool wet cloths on the body and continue fanning. If an electric fan is available, blow it across the victim, or create a manual fan with a stiff piece of paper.

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As if west nile virus wasn't enough, now there's chikungunya virus

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As of June 15, 2015, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is confirming its first case of chikungunya (chik·un·gun·ya) virus in a Mississippi resident who recently returned from Honduras.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention confirms that the first locally acquired case of chikungunya, a mosquito-borne disease, was reported July 17, 2014, in Florida. This newly reported case represents the first time that mosquitoes in the continental United States are thought to have spread the virus to a non-traveler. Although CDC does not expect widespread cases of chikungunya in the United States this summer, American travelers infected overseas may continue to return and bring the virus with them.

In 2014, there were eight cases of chikungunya reported in Mississippi. All cases were in returning travelers: five from the Dominican Republic, one from Haiti, and one from Puerto Rico. Chikungunya is a risk to all travelers to the Caribbean as well as Central and South America.

Symptoms of chikungunya infection include fever, muscle and joint

pain, and swelling of the joints. Deaths from chikungunya virus are rare, but anyone with a compromised immune system is at higher risk of complications from the infection.

Individuals who think they may be infected with chikungunya virus should see their healthcare provider and stay indoors for at least 10 days to avoid mosquito bites, as native Mississippi mosquitoes could spread the virus to other people.

MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Thomas Dobbs reminds Mississippians that the bigger threat here at home is West Nile virus. Last year there were 43 cases of WNV in Mississippi and seven deaths.

"West Nile virus is prevalent in Mississippi, and it's very important that you protect yourself from mosquitoes as we approach peak season beginning in July," said Dr. Dobbs.

The MSDH suggests the following precautions to protect yourself and others from chikungunya and other mosquito-borne illness, including West Nile virus:

- Use a recommended mosquito repellent that contains DEET while you are outdoors.
- Remove all sources of standing water around your home and yard



Female *Aedes aegypti* mosquito (Photo by James Gathany/CDC)

to prevent mosquito breeding.

- Wear loose, light-colored, long clothing to cover the arms and legs when outdoors.
- Avoid areas where mosquitoes are prevalent. Mosquitoes that carry chikungunya virus are especially active during the day.
- Travelers to the Caribbean, Central and South America where local transmission has occurred should prevent mosquito exposures. See HealthyMS.com/chik for more information.



North and South America map of territories where chikungunya cases have been reported - shown in dark gray. (Image by the CDC)

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Miller seeks Supervisor District 4



By: Kenny Miller

Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

While growing up in Rankin County and attending Brandon High School, I never imagined how our county would grow to be what it is today. And yet, we are only beginning to experience the full potential for Rankin County and especially for District 4.

It is important that we elect someone who has the EXPERIENCE necessary to continue to lead us in this growth as our next District 4 Supervisor.

I am married to the former Sheila Mashburn of Pelahatchie. I have four children: Kay Sills (Mitch), Mark Miller (Kristen), Ashley Miller, and Bailey Miller. In 2014, I retired from Willmut Gas Company in Pearl, MS with over 38 years of service as the Area and District Manager. Over many years, I have been heavily involved in

Commercial and Residential developments throughout Rankin County.

My past work experience includes the Rankin County Sheriff's Department and Flowood Police Department. Additionally, I had the privilege to serve as an Alderman on the Board for the City of Flowood for 12 years and Mayor Pro Tem for 4 years. During my service as an Alderman, we were able to **lower the taxes 5 times for a total of 9.75 mills.** We also broke ground for Dogwood Festival Market,

Winner's Circle Park opened on Old Fannin Road and Flowood Drive, the Refuge Golf Course opened on Airport Road, a portion of Highway 468 was relocated, the Flowood Municipal Complex was built on Airport Road, construction began on the 25,000 sq. ft. Flowood Library, and the fire rating was lowered to Class 5, saving residents and business owners hundreds in insurance costs. I was also a former member of Rankin First, and Rankin

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Grant seeks Rankin County Chancery Judge



By: Prentiss Grant

Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

Local attorney Prentiss M. Grant would like to announce he is seeking the position of Rankin County Chancery Judge. This is a new position given to Rankin County by the Mississippi Legislature.

"With the support of my family,

friends, and colleagues, I am announcing my candidacy for Rankin County Chancery Judge." said Mr. Grant. "As a practicing attorney of twenty-five years in Rankin County, I am confident that my experience and dedication make me the most qualified candidate. My vow is to provide fair and unbiased judgment in the cases before the Chancery Court."

Prentiss Grant, 52, was raised in a small town in Louisiana. He graduated in 1986 from Northeast Louisiana Uni-

versity with a degree of Business Administration in Management, and then attended Mississippi College School of Law graduating in 1989. Upon graduating, Prentiss settled his family in Flowood where he still lives to this day.

Prentiss briefly worked for a large firm before starting his own practice. Prentiss' law practice is concentrated in family law, with approximately eighty percent of his cases tried in Rankin County Chancery Court. Because of

his work ethic and core values, his practice has continually grown with the majority of new business coming from referrals. Prentiss' reputation of being honest, firm, knowledgeable, and fair has warranted him referrals from current and former clients, attorneys, friends, and even persons Prentiss opposed in litigation.

"I bring not only legal, but life experience, to this position. After my divorce, I was awarded custody of my

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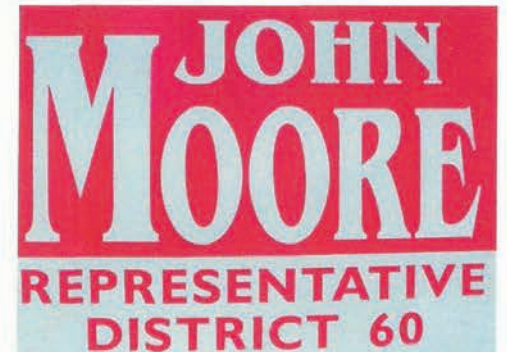
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Windham seeks Constable District 4



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By: Gary Windham

With much encouragement and support from family, friends and fellow law enforcement, I, Gary Windham, announce that I have qualified for re-election as the Constable for District 4 in Rankin County, Mississippi. The Republican primary is on August 4, 2015.

I am 51 years old and married to

Judy Windham who works in the family business, Duke's Steakhouse in Pelahatchie. We have three children, Devin, Clay and Brittney. We attend Cross Roads Baptist Church. In civic organizations, I am a charter member and President of the Pelahatchie Lions Club and I am Secretary to the Fraternal Order of Police in Rankin County. I am a lifelong resident of Rankin County. I graduated from Pearl High School in 1981.

In 2014, I was blessed to have been elected as your Constable in District

4 in the special election. I ran on the foundation that if elected, I would be a full-time 24/7 Constable. I believe actions speak louder than words. Since taking office in July 2014, I have served over 3,000 civil papers and made over 650 arrests, which has brought thousands of dollars to Rankin County in unpaid fines. I have a very close working relationship with our Sheriff's Department and local agencies. I am a Certified Law Enforcement Officer and look forward every day to making a difference in someone's life.

I am proud of Rankin County and feel fortunate to call it my home.

If for some reason we have not met, please know it is not because of lack of effort on my part. I am working diligently to meet the ones I have yet to meet. In this respect, it is important that the perspective of others be consulted. I welcome any inquiry about my work ethic and efforts on behalf of the voters in District 4 and ask that you call Sheriff Bailey, any deputy sheriff or municipal police officer that you

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Charles Wayne Shirley	84	Pineville, MS	04-02-1931	06-03-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Lewie Rector	90	Morton, MS	06-02-1925	06-11-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Darlene Goss	69	Clinton, MS	08-22-1941	06-17-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jimmie Gray	62	Forest, MS	01-27-1953	06-18-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Darwin Lazell Byrd	77	Pineville, MS	11-29-1937	06-21-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Sidney Duff Pinter	65	Polkville, MS	12-03-1949	06-22-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.

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I am asking for your support to be elected your Rankin County District 4 Supervisor to prove that I am a man of my word.

VOTE

AUG. 4!

Duke's Steakhouse reopens

By: Katie White

On June 10, during lunch, the storefront of Duke's Steakhouse was demolished when the driver of an SUV became unconscious after pulling into the parking lot located in front of the restaurant.

"There were six people sitting at the table by the window, and praise God there weren't any serious injuries. It's God's will. I had just rung someone up [when the accident occurred], and he gave me a \$20 bill, and I don't think I gave him his change back. No one was seriously injured, and that's the main thing," said Shirley Lewis.

No one at the restaurant during the time of the accident received life-threatening injuries. The driver of the vehicle was taken to the hospital, but is doing well. One other person sustained injuries to his ribs, but he is also doing well.

Duke's owner took to social media to thank their loyal customers: "I want to thank everyone for their continued prayers and support as we work on an opening date. We are running a bit behind, as some of you may have noticed. We have scheduled the open date for Monday, July 6. We miss you all and look forward to seeing you."



Duke's Steakhouse after an SUV accidentally plowed through the restaurant's storefront.



The newly renovated Duke's Steakhouse opened again on July 6. (Photos by Katie White)



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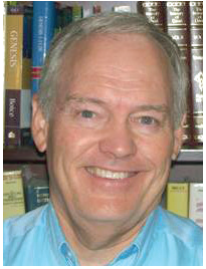
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Pastor's perspective: Happy Birthday America!



By: John Vaughn,
Pastor, Cross Roads
Baptist Church in
Pelahatchie

Happy Birthday, America! This is the month we celebrate the birth of our nation. She is now 239 years old! That fact is very deserving of celebration. As we celebrate, we should remember why we are a nation and what our nation was founded to be.

Those who came to the "New World" did so in the pursuit of religious freedom. Other nations, for the most part, came into existence by conquest for selfish and ambitious motives, but it was primarily in the atmosphere of God, not gold, that America was born. The hardy souls who sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 fled from tyranny and religious oppression. And, in the Mayflower Compact which they signed beneath the swinging lantern in the cabin of their ship, they proclaimed that they had come to the new world for "the glories of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."

In the early colonies, the first public building to be erected was a church house, and the first public exercise

was the worship of Almighty God. When sorrow came, they gathered at the church to appeal to God for help. When bountiful harvests filled their barns, they gathered at the church for thanksgiving to God.

In 1643, as more and more people arrived on these shores, they joined together to form "The New England Confederation." They wrote a constitution, the first constitution written in the New World, and it began with these words: "Whereas we all came into these parts with one and the same end and aim, namely to advance the kingdom of our lord Jesus Christ, and to enjoy the liberties of the gospel in purity and peace..."

These are our spiritual forefathers who came to the shores of America so they could worship and practice their Christian faith without fear of persecution.

About 150 years later, when the Declaration of Independence was written, it was signed by men who acknowledged God's supreme rule over men and nations. They weren't perfect. They weren't all devout Christians, but they all acknowledged that God was the supreme ruler over man and over nations.

The prologue of the Declaration

of Independence says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

They're saying, "We want a form of government whose job is to protect what the Creator has given to each of us." And then they end their Declaration with these words: "And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" (that's God), "we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

When the Constitution was drafted, America's government was patterned after biblical principles. Do you know where the framers of the Constitution got the idea or pattern for three branches of government? It wasn't from any country in Europe; nor from the writings of political philosophers. No, they looked to the word of God and were influenced by Isaiah 33:22, "For the Lord is our judge, (judicial branch), the Lord is our lawgiver (legislative branch), the Lord is our king (execu-



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tive branch); it is he who will save us."

The Constitution guarantees our religious freedom to practice and proclaim our faith. The First Amendment reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This amendment was never intended to restrict the practice of religion or to insulate our government and our culture from Christian influence, as is often the case today. It was originally and always intended to protect the church from governmental influence and interference.

Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...." As we celebrate America's birthday, let us pray that the God will once more be the Lord in our land.

Re-elect
TOM MILES
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 75



"It has been my honor to represent you at our State Capitol over the past four years. During that time, we've passed some important laws that make our citizens safer, that respect and honor our veterans and first responders, and that protect our little children from those who would harm them. During this term, we've appropriated more funding for our local police and fire departments for resources and have raised the importance of maintaining and repairing our roads and bridges state-wide. I've fought for fully-funding education, for doing everything we can to encourage economic development in our rural areas and for making sure our local community hospitals remain viable. However, most of all, I have tried to be a Representative who is accessible; to be there for you when you need me, and not afraid to do the right thing. I'll continue to keep my phone on, stand by my word and work day and night for the people of District 75."

Tom Miles

Look out for your child's heart health today

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

As the number of children who are overweight or obese continues to rise, so do the incidents of cardiovascular disease and related health concerns in children and in adults who struggled with weight as they grew up.

Thankfully, even children with a genetic predisposition toward obesity and heart disease can be helped with the right intervention and medical support.

Is There a Problem? Overweight children are more likely to develop high cholesterol, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea and other serious health concerns that can affect their heart health. They are also more likely to be overweight as adults, when those same medical concerns only get greater. That's why it is important to pay attention to your children's cardiovascular well-being even at a young age.

If a parent is worried about their child's cardiovascular health or weight, they can make an appointment with their child's pediatrician or bring it up during the next well-child visit. Doctors use a standardized growth chart to compare your child's height



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and weight to other children their age. Children that are in the 85th percentile or higher may be overweight.

Additional testing, such as a simple blood test to check cholesterol levels,

can help shed light on the effect excess weight is having on a child's cardiovascular health. If there is a reason for concern, a doctor can help put together a heart healthy action plan or direct

the family to additional community resources.

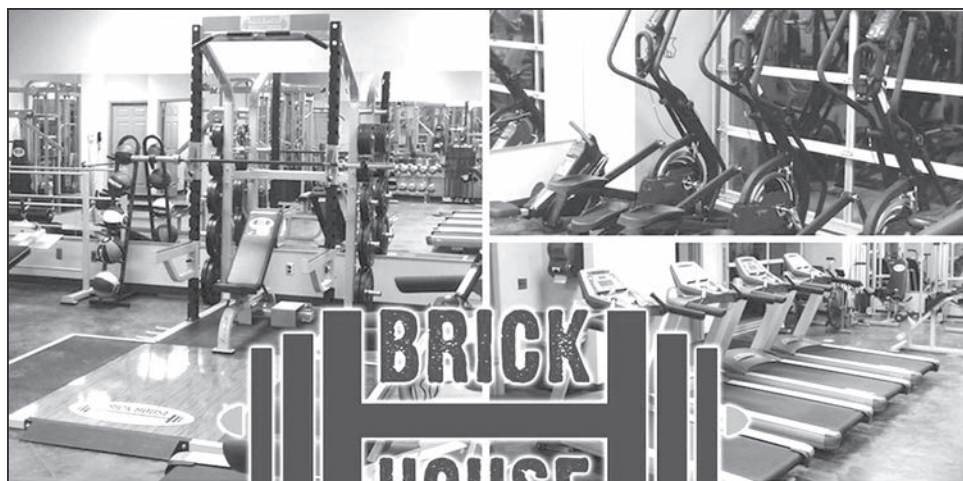
Turning the Tide - With the right behavioral modifications and, in some cases, medications, children can achieve improved cardiovascular health today and help reduce their risk of future health concerns.

Risk factors for pediatric cardiovascular disease are similar to those in adults. They include smoke exposure, inactivity and diets that are high in calories, fats and sodium. Identify and address these factors in your family for improved heart health.

That may mean making changes as a family, such as spending more time playing games or sports, going outside, or visiting the park together.

Remember that parents and guardians control what their child eats. Stock the kitchen with fresh fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy, whole grains, and lean cuts of meat. Avoid processed foods, soda, fried foods and excessive salt. Watch portion size—even healthful foods can be bad if a person eats too much of them.

Working to help a child be healthier may benefit the entire family, compounding the positive effect of their choices.



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Summer Lunch Bunch now serving lunch Tuesday and Friday in July



The Summer Lunch Bunch is continuing to offer free lunches for school-age children from noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday in June and July at Muscadine Park in Pelahatchie. The group is now offering free lunches on Friday in July, also. The Friday lunches will be served at the same time, noon to 1 p.m. Many churches, businesses, and other organizations have volunteered, with the Summer Lunch Bunch's help, to help feed children in Pelahatchie. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



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Hot, humid weather can cripple and kill

Keep the cloths cool and wet. Do not cover the face with the cloths. If cold packs or ice bags are available, wrap each one in a towel, and place one on each side of the neck, under each arm-pit, one on the palm side of each wrist, just above the foot and on each side of the groin.

Be careful using a water hose to cool the victim. Explain what you're going to do, and don't spray the face directly. With any form of cooling,

don't cool the victim to the point of shivering. The purpose of shivering is to keep heat inside the body.

Because heat stroke can be fatal or cause permanent brain damage, call 9-1-1 for your local ambulance service immediately. Be certain someone has called for the ambulance.

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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Miller seeks Supervisor District 4

County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Executive Committee. I am an active member of Pelahatchie Baptist Church, where I serve as a Deacon and substitute Sunday school teacher.

My EXPERIENCE and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT exemplifies my qualifications for being your next Rankin County Supervisor for District 4. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated!

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Grant seeks Rankin County Chancery Judge

two daughters, at the ages of ten and five, and raised them to both become college graduates. I have lived as the divorcee, single parent, step-parent, and I am now a proud grandfather. I have always tried to make sure that the children of my clients were my prior-

ity. I will make sure that all the children of Rankin County are protected in Chancery Court."

Prentiss will be on the November ballot for Chancery Court Judge. "I would appreciate your support in the election."

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Windham seeks Constable District 4

know and ask them.

Having the experience and qualification to provide effective professional service with the highest standards and integrity, honesty and trust, I, Gary Windham, ask for your vote and

support for Re-Election as your Constable for District 4.

I am available 24/7. My cell phone is (601) 613-2328. Please call me anytime. Find us on Facebook at "Re-Elect Gary Windham for Constable."

Poetry inspired by civil rights

By: Anazadious Gipson and Gracie Benson, Pelahatchie Elementary

Ruby [Bridges] was so brave
She went to a new school
That was really cruel
Although the crowd was loud
She continued to walk proud

By: Payton Sanders and Hannah Irby, Pelahatchie Elementary

There was a young girl
[Ruby Bridges]
She went to a school

When she got there
The people were very cruel
She was very brave
She was not sad at all
So now all the people
Follow the law

When she went in
The other kids didn't stay
She was the only kid in class
For the whole day
When she was an adult
There was a statue of her
She was very proud
She changed the school forever

New program offers tools for cooking healthy meals at home



Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The American Heart Association's "Simple Cooking with Heart" program is teaching Americans how to cook more at home by giving them tools, basic skills and techniques to get started and inspired – and have fun. Program components include online cooking skills videos, tips, recipes and other free downloadable resources which encourage people to practice cooking simple, affordable and healthy meals for their family.

More than 69% of adults in Mississippi are overweight or obese, as are more than 64% nationally. "Simple Cooking with Heart" is part of the American Heart Association's nationwide effort to help people change the way they think about food. The program is an effort to encourage people to return to the kitchen as part of the AHA's 2020 goal: to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent and to reduce deaths from cardiovascular disease and stroke by 20 percent by the year 2020.

"Where people eat has a dramatic

effect on what and how much foods are consumed. The more people eat out, particularly at fast-food restaurants, the more calories, fat and sodium they tend to consume; and away-from-home meals contain fewer fruits, vegetables and whole grains than foods prepared at home," said Louisa Whitmire, a registered dietician in Jackson.

Not only does "Simple Cooking with Heart" aim to show how cooking can be simple and more beneficial, but it also shows how cooking at home can be more affordable. Away-from-home food accounts for at least half of all total United States food expenditures.

"Simple Cooking with Heart" even offers a Grocery Guide that explains how to create a grocery budget, how to plan meals and much more.

"Simple Cooking with Heart" stresses that cooking at home does not have to be a daunting task. It emphasizes the rewards for a family's diet and lifestyle (and the family budget).

For more information about "Simple Cooking with Heart" visit www.heart.org/simplecooking.

Tdap vaccine required for incoming seventh-graders

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

All students entering the seventh grade for the upcoming 2015-2016 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



Thanks to vaccines, most diseases prevented by vaccines are no longer common in this country. (Photo by CDC/ Amanda Mills)

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.healthymys.com or call (866) 459-4948. To contact the Rankin County Health Department directly, call (601) 420-4959.

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Fourth Grade: • 1 - 1 inch 3-ring binder (view front) • 1 - 2 inch 3-ring binder (view front) • 4 packages wide-ruled notebook paper • 48 wooden pencils • 4 plastic folders with brads and pockets (red, blue, green and yellow preferred) • 8 notebook dividers with pockets • 1 spiral notebook (1 subject) • 4 dry-erase markers • 2 highlighters • 1 box Crayola crayons (24-count) • 1 box Crayola markers (classic colors) • 1 box Crayola colored pencils • 1 package pencil top erasers • 1 pair scissors (Fiskars preferred) • 1 package Post-it notes • 2 large glue sticks • 1 pack assorted construction paper	Fifth Grade: • 48 wooden pencils • 4 packs wide-ruled notebook paper • 1 - 2 inch 3-ring binder (view front) • 8 notebook dividers with pockets • 4 highlighters (assorted colors) • 2 dry-erase markers (black preferred) • 1 zippered pencil pouch with 3 holes for binder • 2 large glue sticks • 4 plastic folders with brads and pockets (red, blue, green and yellow preferred) • 1 spiral notebook (1 subject) • 1 black and white composition notebook • 1 pair scissors (Fiskars preferred) • 1 box Crayola markers (classic colors) • 1 box Crayola crayons (24-count) • 2 pens (red, purple or blue) • 1 package pencil top erasers • 1 package manila paper 12x18 • 2 packages index cards • 4 packages Post-it notes • 1 package assorted construction paper		Sixth Grade: English Language Arts (Fondren) • 5 composition books (any color) • 1 folder with prongs (any color) • 2 white poster boards Math (Tullos) • 2-pocket folders (any color) • 3 packages wide-ruled paper Science/Social Studies (Bowman) • 3-ring binder • 1 package of wide-ruled paper Basics • Red, black and blue pens • Pencils • Pencil pouch • Scissors • Glue (not glue sticks) • Markers • Crayons • Yellow Highlighters Students will be responsible for having supplies with them at all times!
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			
There is also a \$15 supply fee for elementary-student (k-5) consumable math, science, and art supplies. Sixth grade activity fee is \$10.			

New sign erected for the M-60 battle tank at Jellystone Park

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

It's the sort of thing that gets noticed - a large battle tank resting near the entrance of Pelahatchie's most popular lake.

In fact, Pelahatchie Lake is now home to one of the very popular Jellystone Parks. People visit the park from all over. If a camper or RV drives through Pelahatchie, it's probably headed towards Jellystone Park. And like those of us from Pelahatchie, they notice the battle tank when they first drive into the parking lot at Jellystone.

No longer is the battle tank just a battle tank. Well, it never has been just a tank, but now the battle tank has its very own descriptive sign.

The local Mississippi Chapter of the American Legion Post dedicated a new sign that has been erected next to the M-60 'Patton' Main Battle Tank. It was the recommendation of Post Adjutant James Till, from the Pelahatchie Post 171 of the American Legion, that the sign was commissioned to accompany the tank.

Commander Robert I. Miller, USN, Ret., spent over a year working with the U.S. Army researching the tank's general history and is solely responsible for the creation of the sign.



Pictured (l to r) are, Commander Robert I. Miller, USN, Ret. and Wayne Hanson, member of American Legion Post 171. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

The American Legion Post 171 had great things to say about the construction of the sign: "David Sparkman, Park Manager of Jellystone Park, and members of his staff did an outstanding job of building the frame and installing the sign by the tank."

The M-60's sign describes the tanks as "the main assault vehicles of an Armor/mechanized Infantry/infantry Division. The main armament, a 105 mm rifled cannon, is capable of defeating enemy armor and is suitable as an assault weapon in offensive operations. It can be employed at night and under conditions of limited visibility."

The sign also describes in detail the date in which it entered service (1961), weight, engine power, fuel capacity, crew capacity and more.

The American Legion was chartered after World War I to offer veterans of military service, who served during times of the conflict, membership in an organization devoted to defending the Constitution and safeguarding the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

American Legion Post 171 meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Pelahatchie United Methodist Church, located in downtown Pelahatchie, Miss.

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Business Spotlight: Lackey Outpatient Behavioral Health serves senior adults



Lackey Memorial Hospital's Pelahatchie Staff includes: Irma Johnson, Program Coordinator; Alicia Slater, Therapist; Lori Jones, Activity Director; Kim Harrell, Nurse Practitioner; and Loran Atkinson, Intake Coordinator. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

At some point in their life, one in four senior adults will need mental health services of some kind, according to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

The study also reports that in Mississippi in 2014, 53,000 Mississippians needed services for Alzheimer's and Dementia, and 3,947 adults utilized community-based general outpatient services.

Many seniors 55+ have late life stressors, including chronic physical

health conditions, the death of loved ones, caregiving, social isolation and/or lack of support, significant loss of independence and a history of mental health issues.

The Lackey Memorial Hospital's Outpatient Behavioral Health Center's main goal is to help the seniors take care of themselves, safely. Often times, the elderly feel as if they are a burden on their family or caretakers. They feel hopeless, worthless and/or helpless. The Center helps them improve their independence and provide consistency and structure.

9th annual Crooked Creek Car Show coming in Sept.

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The 9th Annual Crooked Creek Car Show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Muscadine Park in downtown Pelahatchie, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The car show is hosted by The Pelahatchie Mississippi Lion's Club.

The cost to register a vehicle is \$20. Funds raised by the Pelahatchie Lions Club will be donated to the White Canes project, which supports the blind and seeing impaired. The Pelahatchie Lions Club also supports the Seeing Eye Dog Foundation and those in the community who need help with eye exams, eye glasses and hearing aids (certain qualifications apply).

Not only will there be a large display of antique and modern cars, there



One of the many antique cars at the 6th annual Crooked Creek Car Show hosted by the Pelahatchie Lions Club. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

will also be music, food and door prizes.

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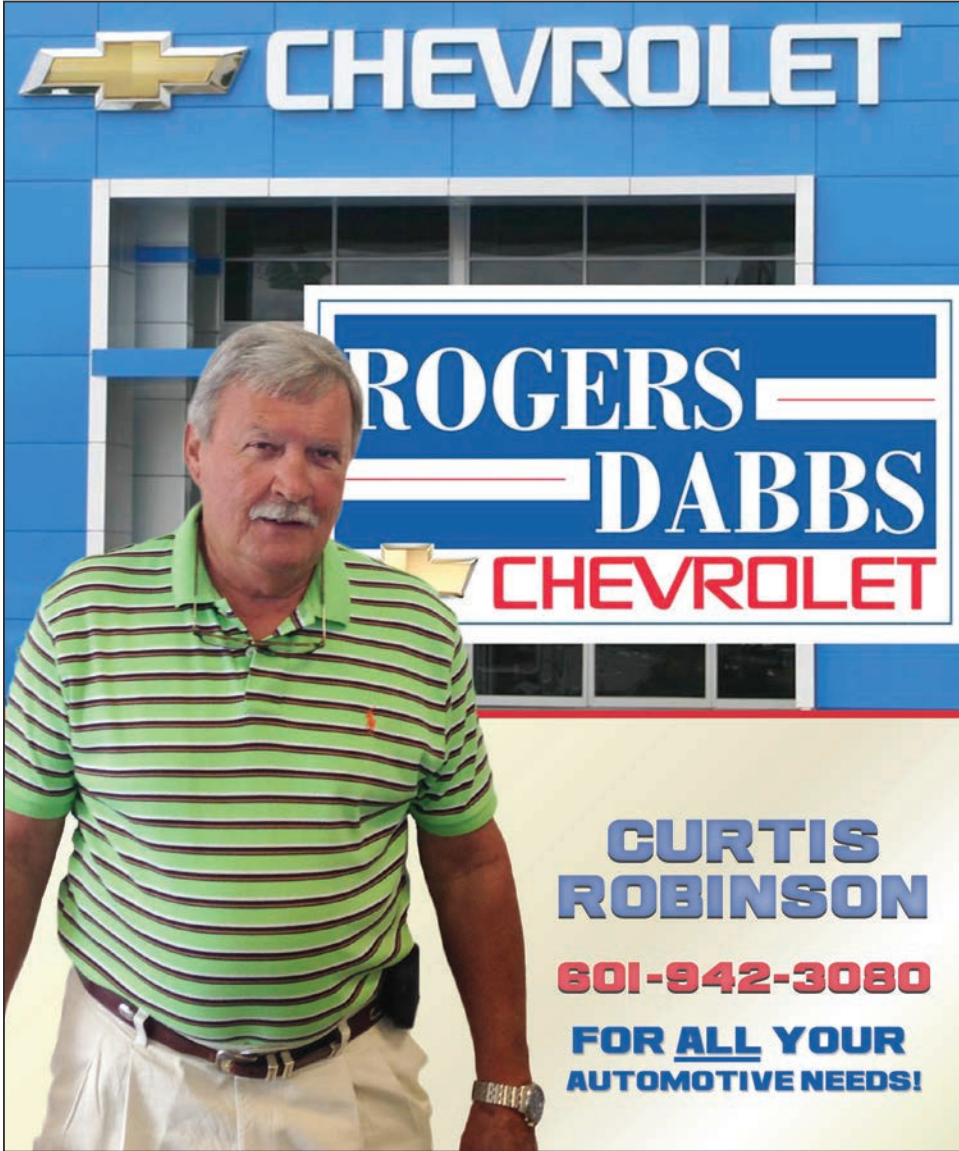
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