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Muscadine Jubilee marks record attendance

By: Susie A. Wolfe

When asked about this year's Muscadine Jubilee, Mayor Knox Ross kept using the word "huge." Most definitely, the attendance of 6-7,000 was huge. It is a record for the 35-year-old event.

Mayor Ross said, "It was a good event. Everyone was happy. The vendors did well. It all builds on each other for a successful result."

Ross said the turning point of the yearly event came about six years ago when the focus shifted to higher quality entertainment, which attracted better craft and food vendors, which drew more people, and on and on. Also, the former Pelahatchie folks at Amacker Inc. helped promote the event, all making the Muscadine Jubilee a "huge" event.

Mayor Ross said that the ease of operation is due to the town, police, sheriff, supervisors and everyone coming

together to make it happen. He recalls a time when it took a week to put a portable stage together and is happy to say that the Town of Pelahatchie now has made significant improvements in electrical and water, so today, there are few problems.

He said it's now a "plug and play" deal where Muscadine Park and downtown are ready for just about any size event.



Entertainment Crowd (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)



Tracy Lawrence greets his audience at the 2015 Muscadine Festival. (Photo by Rachael H. Boyer)

AMR bases much needed ambulance in Pelahatchie to serve Eastern Rankin



AMR now has an office in Pelahatchie, providing quicker emergency response to residents. Shown is Pelahatchie native Treigh Peoples, left, who is a paramedic, and Nathan Duffey, EMT basic. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



By: Jim Pollard

Residents of Pelahatchie and vicinity can expect quicker response times from AMR, as the ambulance company recently opened a 24-hour station at 712B East Second Street.

AMR's Rankin County operations supervisor, Eric Phillips, said the Pela-

hatchie-based crews will "primarily cover the town as well as Leesburg, Walters, Puckett, Evergreen and Shell Oil."

Phillips said response times should substantially reduce AMR's local response times, since the company's ambulances for the area previously came from near the center of the county.

He said the company opened the station because the number of ambu-

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Hardy crowned PHS Homecoming Queen



On Friday, Oct. 2, during halftime of the Chiefs game against Scott Central, JaMarion Hardy was crowned as the 2015 Pelahatchie High School Homecoming Queen. Pictured (l to r), Billy Ficklin, Grandfather; JaMarion Hardy, Senior; and Dr. Bryan Marshall, PHS Principal. (Photo by Nina McLin-Mills)



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Pelahatchie Police sponsor community safety event



Michelle Carter of Brickhouse Fitness is shown practicing self-defense techniques with Police Captain Kevin Poole at a free Community Safety Event held at Town Center. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

A violent crime happens every 20 seconds; a robbery every 45 seconds; and a rape every five minutes in the United States. For this reason, the Pelahatchie Police and Brickhouse Fitness offered techniques women can use for personal safety.

Fifteen women learned hands-on

self-defense techniques lead by Police Captain Kevin Poole and Patrol Officer Keith Black. Awareness, attitude and actions were discussed and practiced to allow each participant to have confidence and not be an easy target, according to Michelle Carter from Brickhouse Fitness who is partnering with the police to educate the community.

Pelahatchie native Dan Boyce leads East Rankin Academy

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Dan Boyce grew up in Pelahatchie, and he graduated from high school at East Rankin Academy in May of 1981. He also taught accounting and economics at ERA and served as assistant football coach there in 1991 and 1992; coached varsity football and served as athletic director in 2003; also served as athletic director in 2010; and became headmaster in 2013. So, ERA has someone leading the school who knows it inside-out.

East Rankin Academy is a private, Christian school with 765 students in grades K-12. In his third year as headmaster, Boyce said the focus of the 45-year-old school remains to be Christ-centered. The students are taught Christian principals and to give back their time, talent and resources to the community.

Former headmaster Robert Gates, who lives in Pelahatchie and served East Rankin for 40 years, is still involved as headmaster emeritus, and his wife, Dee Gates, is still the school's elementary school principal. Another long-time Pelahatchie resident, Robyn Winstead, is the high school principal.

After playing football at East



Dan Boyce, East Rankin Academy Headmaster (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

Rankin, Boyce went to the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) where he was a walk-on in football, and then was offered an athletic scholarship. He lettered in football three years, as offensive guard in at 1983 and linebacker in 1984 and 1985. While at Ole Miss, Boyce was voted president of the "M Club," for those who letter in all sports.

He received his bachelor's in business administration from Ole Miss, his master's in history from Mississippi College and did post-graduate work in education administration at William Carey University.

Boyce served as high school principal and head football coach at Manchester Academy in Yazoo City from 1997-2000, and then as headmaster

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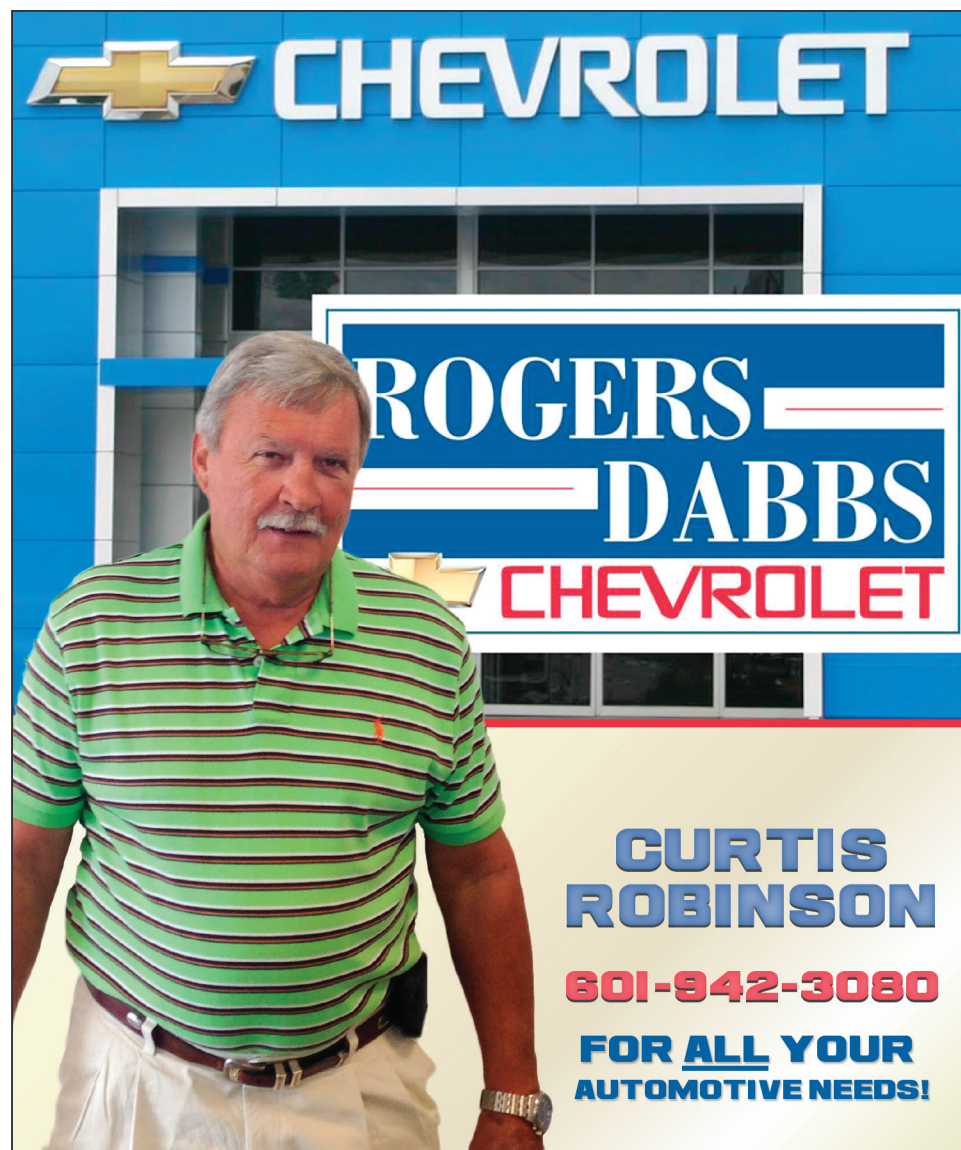
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Pelahatchie native Dan Boyce leads East Rankin Academy

at Brookhaven Academy from 2000-2003.

He took a brief hiatus from education to found Insul-Pro Plus with partners Chip Thomas and Grant Thompson. The company, which is an insulation contractor, is located on Highway 80 in Pelahatchie.

Boyce and his wife Shannon, and their 11-year-old son Rouse, who is

a sixth grader at East Rankin, live in Pelahatchie. She has been in public education nearly 25 years, and is currently the Child Find Director at the State Department of Education.

As East Rankin celebrates its forty-fifth year, Boyce said he and his team "are very appreciative of our community and the support we have always received."

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Crooked Creek Car Show displayed best of best



Cindy Robertson of Pelahatchie is shown with her 1934 Chevy coupe street rod at the Crooked Creek Car Show on Sat., Sept 19, at Muscadine Park. She and her husband, Eddie, have been doing car shows for 38 years all around the area. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

Back-to-school committee says "thanks"

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The Pelahatchie Back-to-School committee wants to say "thank you" for all the donations during their 20th Annual Back to School Family Fun Day, on Aug. 9.

"Because of their support, the event was a huge success," said Kathy Mosley.

The Pelahatchie Back-to-School committee consists of: Linda Adams, Michael Adams, Jearleen Holly and Kathey Mosley.

The committee is part of The Greater Works Outreach Ministry in Pelahatchie, Miss. The group set up a date and time for families to come and collect free school supplies, and refreshments were also provided.

Rebekah Lauren Ray and James "Jep" Edgar Peavy, II

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Rev. and Mrs. Mike Ray of Brandon, Mississippi announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebekah Lauren Ray, to James "Jep" Edgar Peavy, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edgar Peavy of Pelahatchie, Mississippi.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Robinson and the late Dr. H. I. Robinson of Poplarville, MS and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ray of Crossett, Arkansas.

Ms. Ray is a 2005 Home Educated graduate and a 2009 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in journalism and communication design. While at Louisiana Tech, Ms. Ray was on the President's and Dean's honor lists and Editor in Chief of the university's student newspaper, "The Tech Talk." Ms. Ray served on the leadership team for the Student Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church in Ruston, Louisiana. and was also involved in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Louisiana Tech in various areas, including being part of the vocal ensemble that raised financial support for summer missions. Ms. Ray is employed by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation as Marketing & Donor Relations Specialist.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Jenkins of Clinton, Mississippi and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Peavy of Pelahatchie, Mississippi.

Mr. Peavy is a 2007 graduate of East Rankin Academy and a 2011 Cum Laude graduate of Delta State University with a Bachelors of Science, Social Science with a concentration in geography and a minor in history.

A 2013 graduate of Delta State



Rebekah Lauren Ray to wed James "Jep" Edgar Peavy II. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

University with a Master's of Education with a focus in geography, while at Delta State University, Mr. Peavy was on the President's and Dean's honor lists, inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. He was active in the Baptist Student Union and served as the DSU-BSU president and MS-BSU Vice President. Mr. Peavy was also on staff with the Delta State football team. He is currently attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary pursuing his Masters in Divinity. Mr. Peavy is employed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as the BSU Director at Mississippi Delta Community College. He is also an adjunct instructor at Mississippi Delta Community College and Delta State University.

The couple will exchange vows on November 14, 2015, at Brandon Baptist Church in Brandon, Mississippi.



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Building your child's vocabulary

By: Lisa Attkisson, Pelahatchie Elementary School Principal

All parents want their child to be able to read. One way to help your child is to help them build their vocabulary. The more words a reader knows, the more they are able to comprehend what they're reading or listening to. Talking to and reading with your child are two valuable ways to help them hear and read new words. Conversations and questions about interesting words are easy, non-threatening ways to get new words into everyday talk.

Sharing a new word with your child doesn't have to take a long time: just a few minutes to talk about the word and then focus back on the book or conversation. Choose which words to talk about carefully – choosing every new word might make reading seem like work to children.

When introducing new words to your child, try the following steps...

1. Provide a simple, kid-friendly definition for the new word: Enormous means that something is really, really big.

2. Provide a simple, kid-friendly example that makes sense within their daily life and helps them make a connection to the word: Remem-



Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

ber that really big watermelon we got at the grocery store? That was an enormous watermelon!

3. Encourage your child to develop their own example: Can you think of something really big that you saw today? That's right! The monster truck near the highway was enormous! Those tires were huge.

4. Make the new words a part of everyday conversation within the household. Over the next few days and weeks, take advantage of opportunities to use each new vocabulary word in conversation.

Mrs. A will share a treat with any child that comes to the office with a new word learned at home from following these steps.

Reading: the new frontier

By: Dr. Bryan Marshall, Pelahatchie High School Principal

It has long been said that students today are not as good, or smart, or well behaved as we were in my day. That statement sounds very familiar to many of us.

In many ways, this statement is true, but in more ways, this statement is false. In our day, we had books to read if we needed information. Oh, and research was tough, painful, and tedious. So, when we needed information we had to work hard for it.

Today, this type of studious behavior has given way to checking a cell phone or computer and getting instant information. Therefore, students are constantly receiving information that it took each of us a long time to gain. In this aspect, students today are actually smarter and much more versatile than students of the past. However, this technological age we live in has transformed our students into readers of what they want and not necessarily what they need to read.

Reading easy text makes for an enjoyable time. However, human nature takes us to the easy path. Reading is no different, and we must push ourselves to boost our reading ability by reading texts that are just a touch above our comfortable reading zone. Also, we tend to read quick short texts because this is generally the way it comes via the Internet.

The days of sitting down and reading a full 200-300 page book are almost unheard of without assigning it for a grade for some students. For this reason, reading is a new frontier with



Dr. Marshall stomping muscadines at the Muscadine Jubilee. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

our students. They do not understand the idea of reading for enjoyment for extended periods of time. The stamina is simply not there for many students.

It is imperative that we impress upon the students of this day and time that reading is an imperative skill that must be learned and the stamina required to read complex text is also a necessary skill. Parents, please encourage each of your children to read something enjoyable for at least 30 minutes each day.

We, as educators, cannot express the importance of being a good reader upon entering a college or career of their choice. Therefore, encourage reading around the clock!

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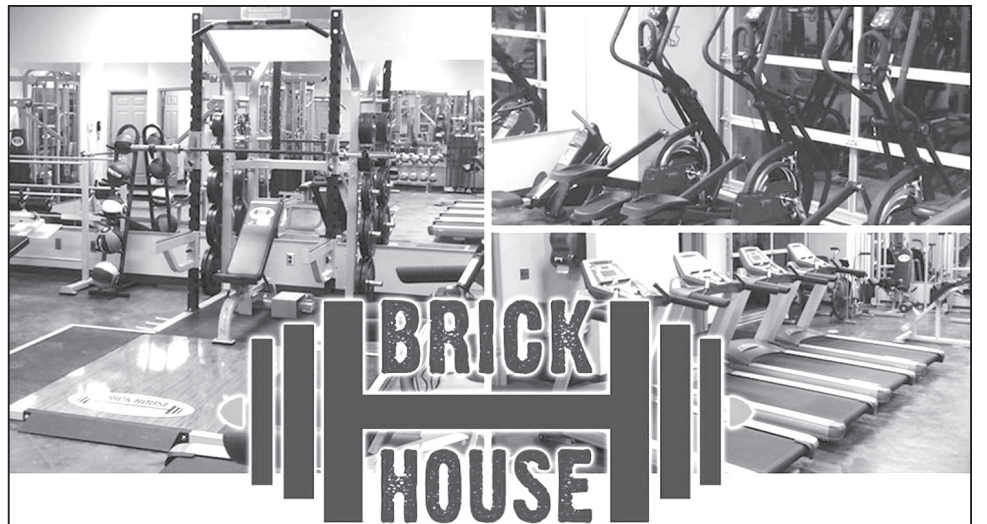


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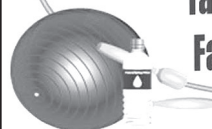
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Runners line up for the Divine 5k. Everyone who came out is a winner, because the goal of this 5k was to raise money for mission trips. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

By: Deanne Giordano and Nicole Banes, Pelahatchie Baptist Volunteer Coordinators

On Saturday, September 12, Pelahatchie Baptist Church hosted the first Annual D-Vine 5K Run/Walk and one mile Fun Run. Participants from the community and surrounding area came out to enjoy the cool temperatures to support the church mission fundraiser.

The race was timed by Time2Run. Refreshments and door prizes were provided post race by area businesses and church members. Race organizers say they are especially thankful for all of the race sponsors and to the racers for their support.

The church hopes to see everyone

and their friends back next year on the morning of the 2016 Muscadine Festival.

5K Run Winners - Overall Male, Glen Crotwell, 20:29.1; **Overall Female,** Elizabeth Howard, 29:37.3; **Male 14 and Under,** Charlie Parker, 24:32.6; **Female 14 and Under,** Maile Tubbs, 31:03.8; **Female 20 to 29,** Gina Tubbs, 33:23.0; **Female 30 to 39,** Betsy Boone, 31:13.0; **Male 40 to 49,** Jimmy Jordan, 25:15.0; **Female 40 to 49,** Tina Eichelberger, 30:39.2; **Female 50-59,** Laurie Gardner, 35:32.9; **Male 60-69,** Jack Ward, 25:57.7.

5K Walk Winners - Overall male, Ron Roma, 32:56.0; **Overall female winner,** Paula Chapman, 38:45.3.

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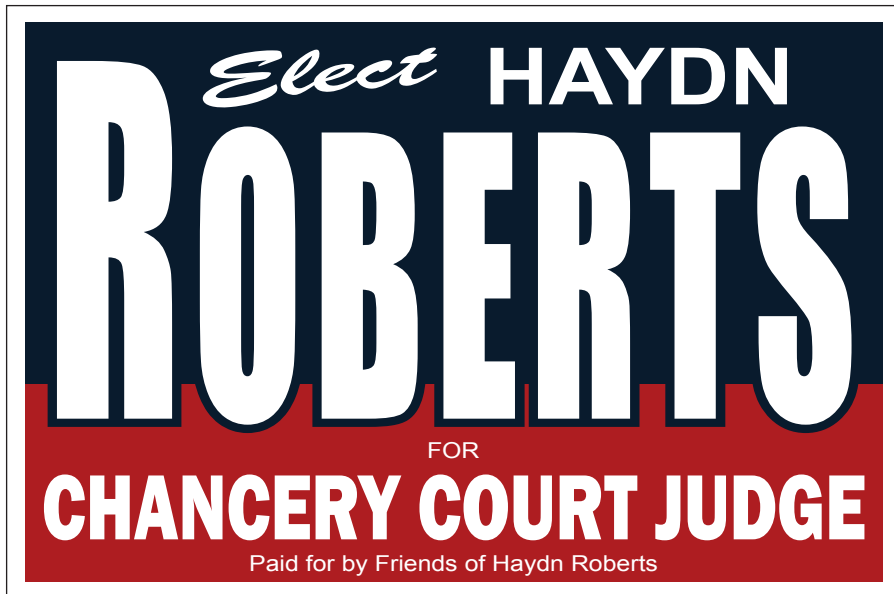
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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® of Jackson Announces "Real Men Wear Pink" Campaign

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Nearly one in eight women in the U.S. will develop breast cancer during their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society. **In Mississippi alone, 2,050 women will be diagnosed this year, and 410 will die from the disease.** Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women, and is the most common cancer diagnosed in women, other than skin cancer.

The American Cancer Society is currently funding more than \$86 million in breast cancer research grants, including **more than \$8.3 million in Mid-South specific breast cancer research grants.**

According to the American Cancer Society Cancer Facts & Figures 2015, an estimated 231,840 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and an estimated 40,290 will die from the disease this year.

To fight that statistic, and in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, men in the Jackson Metro area will help spread awareness through Real Men Wear Pink, an American Cancer Society campaign designed to encourage women to take preventive action in the fight against breast cancer.

This year, 16 prominent area men will take a stand against breast cancer by supporting the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Jackson. Now through the month of October, the Real Men will encourage women in their lives and in the community to take action in the fight against breast cancer by learning more about early detection methods and scheduling a mammogram.

Three of the sixteen men in the Real Men Wear Pink program listed below include Rankin County residents and businessmen--Steve Dobbs, CEO of Merit Health; Josh Harkins, Mississippi State Senator and co-owner of Lane Harkins Commercial Real Estate; and Michael Wallis, LMA President, Central Mississippi Chevy Dealers. Each candidate has set a goal of raising \$2,500 for the American Cancer Society Making Strides event of Jackson.



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Jim Nix seeks election as Chancery Judge



Jim Nix (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: Jim Nix

Jim Nix is running for the new Chancery Judge position in Rankin County. Jim has practiced law for over thirty-five years. He is a partner of the law firm of Jones and Nix.

Jim and his wife Karen reside in Pearl. He has three grown children (David, Steven and Rachel) and three grandchildren.

Jim is not accepting any donations or contributions to his campaign as he believes that the acceptance of donations from lawyers and others, although legally permissible under

Mississippi law for politicians, is not proper for judges to do. Jim believes that judges should be completely independent and not subject to influence by politics or money. Jim is running a "grass roots" campaign.

Jim is conservative by nature and is a firm believer in judicial restraint, noting that courts in recent times have expanded their reach much further than the framers of the Constitution intended. He takes the position that the role of the courts is clearly defined in the Constitution and that the legislative and executive branches of government should be allowed to do their job without the courts infringing on their areas of governance.

Jim graduated with honors from law school in 1980. He is admitted to practice law before the state and feder-

al courts of Mississippi and Alabama. He has earned the respect of his fellow attorneys and was awarded the highest rating for attorneys of AV Preeminent.

During the entirety of his lengthy legal career, Jim's practice has been devoted almost exclusively to matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Chancery Court. In his law practice, Jim has handled numerous matters in all regions of the State of Mississippi involving land titles, wills and estates and family matters. Additionally, he has practiced before state and federal administrative agencies.

Jim has been ordained as a Presbyterian elder. He has served as the Chairman of the Finance Committee of his church and as the Chairman of his church's preschool board of directors.

Jim is a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. He served over twenty years as an assistant scoutmaster, teaching and mentoring Boy Scouts and leading them on numerous camp out, canoe trips, backpacking treks and high adventure trips, including Fulminate Scout Ranch.

Jim has participated in a number of Habitat for Humanity projects in the greater Jackson area. He has taught continuing legal education courses dealing with land titles, wills, estates and other matters at numerous legal seminars over the years.

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Providing support and encouragement to our Young People - Tom sponsored House commendations for our basketball team, hosted our young people to the Capitol, and set an opportunity for our own Miss Junior High Mississippi to speak to the press and legislators about her platform. Plus, he shows up to read to our elementary students and provides a fine example of a grown-up who is dedicated to helping others.



Fighting for our economic development - Tom sponsored a bill to move a major state agency to Pelahatchie when it was looking for a home, although he knew it was a long shot against special interests at the Capitol. He's worked to fund road maintenance and repairs for our state-aid roads, provide additional fire protection resources, and increase salaries for our school teachers and personnel. He worked with other local officials to secure \$500,000 in grants for Pelahatchie.



Promoting community activities - Tom has been a tireless participant in and contributor to our local events. He even won the 2015 Muscadine Grape Stomping Championship!

Standing up for our hometown, conservative values - Tom sponsored the effort to bring prayer back to public schools. He brought forth the idea that the Holy Bible should be our State Book. He's stood firm on matters of gun rights, life and quality education opportunities for everyone.



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Representative Tom Miles seeks to continue to represent the people



By: Tom Miles

It's been an honor and privilege to serve as your State Representative since 2012, and I humbly ask you for support, vote, and prayers

on November 3.

When I ran for office four years ago, I made the commitment to you that I would always put you, the people, first in every decision that I made and every vote that I took. I said that when you needed my help, I would always be there to help you and your family. I promised I would not be afraid to take a stand for what is right, that I wouldn't be a "Yes Man" to anyone. I committed that I would always support our schools in every way possible, support and protect our local communities, and protect our conservative hometown Christian values.

As your Representative, I have lived up to those commitments. We've appropriated more funding for our local police and fire departments to give them the proper equipment and to provide their families with decent benefits if these public servants die in

the line of duty. I've fought for fully funding education, for doing everything we can to encourage economic development and bringing new jobs to our area, and for making sure our local community hospitals remain viable. I have also fought to protect our Hunting and Fishing rights, Second Amendment rights, and protected the sanctity of life.

That's why I'm the only candidate endorsed by the Mississippi Association of Educators, the NRA, and MS Right to Life. In 2014, I was named The Most Effective Freshman Legislator by the non-partisan Sunlight Foundation. I am very humbled to have been able to work on, sponsor and see passed many bills that have ensured the quality of life for our citizens and future generations. Among them, The National Federation of The Blind honored me with a Community Service Award for my commitment to the sponsorship and the passing of The Blind Persons Literacy Rights and Education Act. Prevent Child Abuse in Mississippi, recognized me as a Champion for Children for my work in the passage of Erin's Law in Mississippi to protect our children from abuse. And, The Mississippi Firefighter's Association recognized

me with an award for championing legislation for our Firefighters.

I stood up for Christian principles by protecting our religious liberties, putting prayer back in schools, and working to make the Bible the state book of Mississippi.

I worked to make sure drivers licenses stations were accessible, and worked with our local cities and counties to secure grant money for local projects.

Here at home, I worked with our other local, state, and federal leaders to bring in over 500 new jobs. Consequently, our unemployment rate is one of the lowest in the state, and many new businesses have opened and expanded because of the teamwork of all of us working together.

I've also enjoyed promoting Roosevelt State Park and many of our other community activities and serving as the Forest Chamber of Commerce President.

I'm a Scott County native. I understand conservative hometown values, who stayed right here at home, to build a small business, raise a family, support our local teams, and go to church with people I've known all my life. The future of Scott and Rankin Counties matter to me, Mandy and Audrey.

I started in business as a teenager, graduated from Morton High School, and worked to put myself through and graduated from Mississippi State University. I understand hard work. My family and I are active members of Forest Baptist Church where I teach Sunday School.

As your Representative, I've been available to you when you need me. I've listened to your concerns and ideas, and, most of all, I've represented you as you would expect to be represented by a person with our hometown conservative moral values. I've stood up for what we believe in, even if it wasn't the most popular thing at the Capitol. And, the record shows, I've been successful for you. If you choose to return me to Jackson, I'll continue to work hard for you whether we're in session or not, and I'll never be a YES man.

I look forward to visiting with you over the next month and discussing ways that we can continue to work together to improve our area of the state. My door is open, and my telephone is always on. Please let me know how I can help you.

Signed, Representative Tom Miles,
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Pastor's perspective: keep your eyes on Jesus



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

I grew up in the small town of Scooba, Miss. At the time I was a child, it was said that Scooba had a population of 500. But I think they must have been counting the dogs and cats too, because I don't think there were that many people there!

Of course, in a town that size, everybody knew everybody else, and everybody's business was known to all. But, each person had a genuine interest in the well-being of everyone else. There was a sense of caring and responsibility that is not often found in today's fast paced world. People went out of their way to help anyone with a need. It's just what you were supposed to do.

One summer, when I was a pre-teen, my Mother had surgery, which required her to be house bound for several weeks. Right after the surgery, neighbors showed up with all kinds of food so that my Mother didn't have to worry about preparing meals. It's just what you were supposed to do.

At first, my Mother had to stay in the bed, but after a week or so, she was able to move around the house and

eventually, she ventured out to sit on the front porch. Of course, she would wave at everybody that passed by, and they would honk their horns at her. Everyone was glad to see that she was making progress.

There was one lady that passed by several times a day, and Mother would wave at her, but she never honked her horn. She was Ms. Claudia Johnson, an older lady who was well-known and much loved in Scooba.

After another week or so, Mother was able to drive and went to the store downtown. She saw Ms. Claudia and asked her why she never honked her horn when Mother waved from the front porch. She said, "Arlene, I never saw you on the porch. If I looked your way, that car would end up in your lap, because where ever I look is where I go."

Ms. Claudia taught an important driving lesson; always stay focused on what is ahead of you. But, without realizing it, she also taught an important spiritual truth. We should stay focused on what is ahead of us. Proverbs 4:27 says, "Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil." And Isaiah 30:21 teaches us the importance of going the way God's Spirit tells us to go. "Whether you turn to the right or



"...seek and ye shall find..." Matthew 7:7 (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

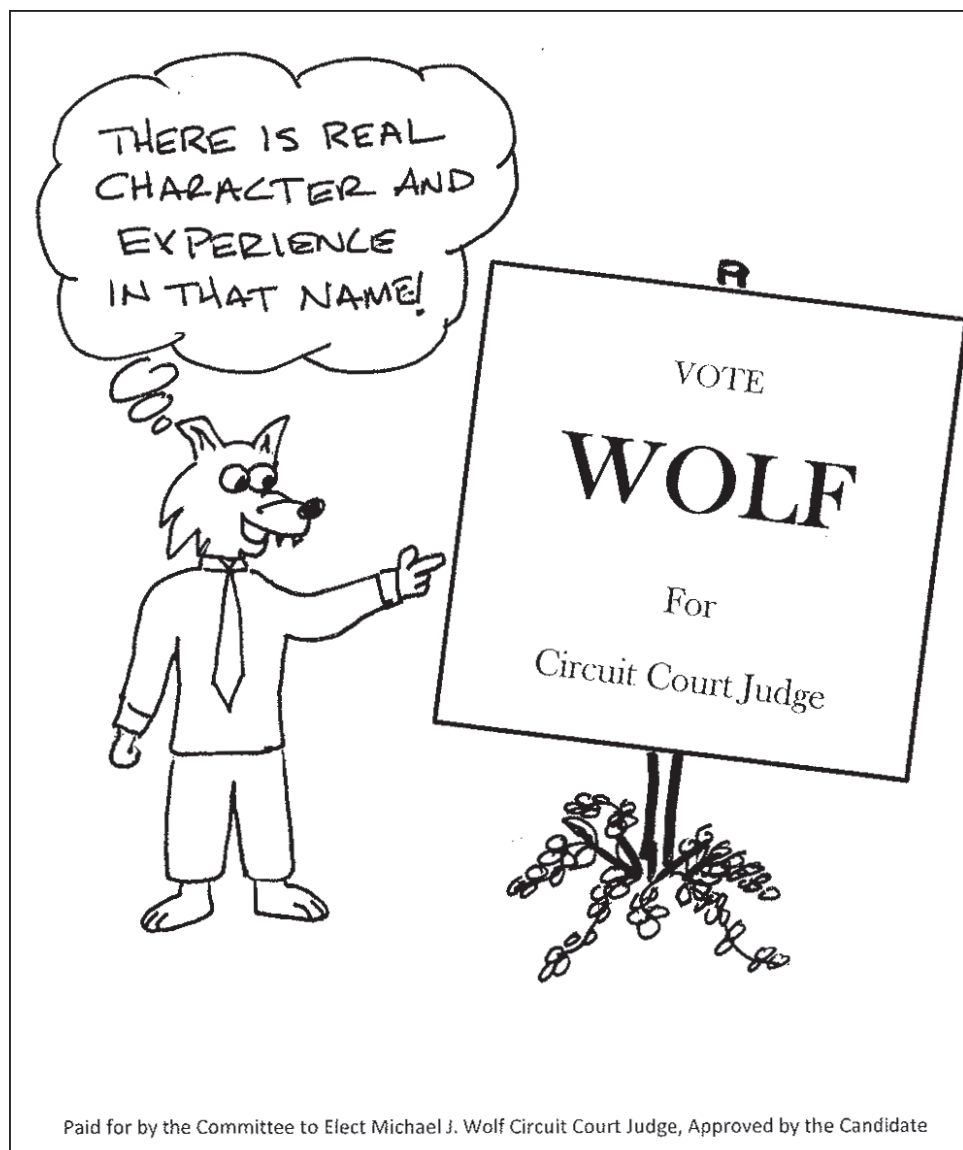
to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Finally, we remember the passage in Matthew 14:22-31 where the disciples were all in a boat, and Jesus came to them walking on the water. Peter asked if he could also walk on the water. Jesus told him to come. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But then he noticed the wind and saw the

waves lapping at his feet, and he began to sink. When he took his eyes off Jesus, things got bad quickly.

As we go through life, we need to stay focused on Jesus, rather than the problems we face. When we focus on Jesus, we'll always be going in the direction He wants us to go. It's what we are supposed to do!

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Rhodes-Robby Drug Store hosts weather safety event



WLBT Chief Meteorologist Dave Roberts is shown with Healthmart's Amanda Whitsom at the Weather Safety Event held September 29 in downtown Pelahatchie. Many residents came in to have their weather radios programmed or to purchase one. (Photos by Susie A. Wolfe)

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AMR bases much needed ambulance in Pelahatchie to serve Eastern Rankin

lance calls in eastern Rankin County has increased and the workload of volunteer fire-rescue, departments has risen.

"We reach every scene as quickly as safety and resources allow so as to give patients the best chance of survival with the least disability," he said. "AMR relies heavily on medical first responders at the volunteer fire departments. We are deeply grateful for the great teamwork with them, and we know the sooner we reach a scene, the earlier those wonderful volunteers are freed up."

"We will keep this ambulance in Pelahatchie as much as possible," he said, "But it's important to remember, any ambulance we base anywhere can be dispatched to other locations if high call volume requires it," Phillips said.

The same two-person AMR crews will typically staff the station. AMR's personnel include paramedics Treigh Peoples, Jonathan Baker and Brian Garrett with their EMT partners Nathan Duffy, Dana Fleming and Steve Dortch.

"Whenever possible, we'll have a crew member on duty who is highly familiar with eastern Rankin County,

such as Jonathan, Treigh and Nathan," Phillips said.

Peoples grew up in Pelahatchie, and he is active with PVFD. Baker is chief of Langford VFD, and Duffy is a member of that department.

"I am delighted with the crews who've been assigned to this station," Phillips said. "They are highly skilled, deeply compassionate and courteous public servants."

As with the rest of AMR's service area, medics will take patients to the hospital the patient requests unless there is immediate need of a specialized facility such as trauma center.

Phillips said the Pelahatchie crews will also standby at football games, festivals and other events across eastern Rankin County.

He said the local ambulance crews are also available for presentations at churches, schools and civic clubs. "We very much enjoy sharing information on preventing, preparing for and responding properly to medical and trauma emergencies," he said.

AMR will shortly approach city officials about holding a community open-house at the station, Phillips said.

In emergencies, call 9-1-1.

American Legion meetings

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

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

neighbors and friends.

The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. during the summer and at 6:30 p.m. after daylight savings time ends.

Meetings are held at Pelahatchie Methodist Church, located at 101 Church Street, Pelahatchie Miss. The group does not have a meeting in December. Call 601-265-9271, for more information.

Southern Pine warns of scam

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

A scam targeting Southern Pine commercial members has been reported in the Magee area.

Several businesses reported they were called recently by someone claiming to be a Southern Pine employee demanding payment to avoid having their power shut off.

The calls came from a phone number with an 888 prefix. The members were told to pay with a Moneygram.

This is a scam, and Southern Pine members should not respond to the demands. Southern Pine will never call a member and threaten loss of service if a payment is not received, nor will Southern Pine call a member and ask



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Gaines Angus Farm named 2015 Mississippi Progressive Angus Breeder of the Year



Steve Gaines (left) and his wife, Nita Gaines, enjoy time riding their horses. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Rankin County District 4 Supervisor-elect Steve Gaines and his wife Nita are the Progressive Breeders of the Year for the Mississippi Angus Association, according to President Paul Whitlock. The Gaines, who operates Gaines Angus Farm on Hwy 43 north of Pelahatchie, have approximately 75 registered black angus cattle.

The Gaines started in the 1980s with commercial cattle, and, by 2005, had begun build their Registered Angus herd according to Dr. Bill Howard, who presented the award. He said that all the work on the farm is done by Nita, but Steve works to balance Phenotype with Genotype and breeds cattle that are nice to look at but have the performance his customers need to put more pounds on the scales

when they sell their calves.

A bull and heifer from his herd will show at the Mississippi State Fair in Jackson during October.

Gaines has also been elected as a delegate to the 132nd Annual American Angus Association of Delegates Convention, which will take place Nov. 5, 2015, in Overland Park, Kansas. He is one of 327 Angus breeders who have been elected by fellow members in their state to serve as a representative at the annual meeting.

A retired U.S. Special Agent, Gaines spent nearly 30 years in Federal service and retired as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Investigations. He brought over 300 felony criminal cases to the Federal courts.

The Gaines have three children, ages 31, 28 and 26.

Business Spotlight: Yogi On The Lake

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie native Rhonda Wilson Sparkman and her husband, David, operate the Pelahatchie Yogi on the Lake at Jellystone Park and Campground. They actually met at the park and were married Dec. 4, 2014.

David Sparkman worked with Yogi franchisee Bryant Management in Waller, Texas, before moving to Pelahatchie in 2009. Rhonda is from the Leesburg community, where her 90-year-old dad still lives in the family's home place. She was doing activities for Yogi on the Lake, and now she and David are park managers.

The nine-year-old Pelahatchie Yogi camp-resort has 42 cabins, 23 tent sites, 164 RV sites, one 12-sleeper lodge, three pavilions and one clubhouse. Located on Pelahatchie Lake, Yogi on the Lake also offers fishing, miniature golf, a playground, a craft center, "hey-hey" rides, and paddle boat, john boat and golf cart rentals. There is also a swimming pool, outdoor theater, basketball courts and horseshoe pits.

Bryant Management, who operates a total of five Yogi parks, including the Pelahatchie location, has plans to add new features next season, according to Sparkman. To manage all the activities, the Sparkman's personnel counts range from 14 to 55 during the year, most of who come from Rankin County.

Though open all year, Yogi on the Lake's peak season is summer, but it does offer activities throughout the year. During October, Jellystone Park will host the Trail of Terror every Saturday night from 7:00 to 10:00 pm for \$8 per person. This year's theme is "The Wrath of Ranger Crow."



Rhonda Wilson Sparkman (left) and David Sparkman (right). (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

On Saturday, Oct. 31, Yogi on the Lake will host the 2nd Annual Fall Craft Fair from 10 am to 5 p.m. It is open to the public. Armbands are \$6. There will be hand-crafted items, baked goods and gift items.

Activities include face painting, space jumps, pumpkin carving and fall carnival games. The fire truck and DARE Car will be there, plus Frank the Camel and Percy King, the Snake Man. Vendor tables are available for \$5 per table.

The Town of Pelahatchie and Mayor Ross are very supportive of the park, said Sparkman, and adds that Yogi on the Lake tries to be just as supportive of the town. He said that they participate in all the parades with guest appearances by Yogi and offer activities at events like the Muscadine Jubilee.

For more information on Yogi on the Lake, visit www.yogionthelake.com or call 601-854-9644.

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Student of the Month and Citizenship Awards



Pelahatchie Attendance Center recently recognized September Students of the Month. They included (l to r), front row: Jayla Jennings, 11th; Kimberly Cochran, 8th; Katie Bell Boyer, 7th; and Jessica Smith, 9th; and back row: Trey Till, 10th. Not pictured is: Kameron Morris, 12th. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



The September Citizenship Award recipient at Pelahatchie Attendance Center included Emmie Hoard; and Hunter Martin (not pictured). (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Town celebrates Halloween in the park on Oct. 29

By: Susie A. Wolfe

The Town of Pelahatchie is hosting Halloween in the Park on Thursday, October 29, beginning at 6:30 pm. There will be food and candy plus a Carved Pumpkin Judging and a Costume Contest for children up to age 8, according to City Clerk Bettye Massey.

The Animal Costume Contest will also be back this year. In the past, there have been all types of animals in the competition, including camels and pigs. The Town encourages residents, churches and businesses to set up booths or open their trunks with candy to create a safe environment for celebrating Halloween. Call City Hall with questions at 601-854-5224.



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Lions Club held car show fundraiser



The Crooked Creek Car Show is sponsored by the Pelahatchie Lion's Club. The car show raises money for white canes for the blind and various eye and hearing related treatments. Car enthusiasts come from all over to participate and enjoy the show. (Photos by Susie A. Wolfe)

By: Sharon Bray, Pelahatchie Lions Club Secretary

The Pelahatchie Lions Club held its annual car show September 19 at Muscadine Park. This is the club's largest fundraiser each year.

Car enthusiasts from all around the state come to Pelahatchie for a day of car bragging rights each year, and each year the Lions Club raises money that benefit people right here at home, through receiving eye exams, glasses and hearing aids to people who qualify. Additional monies raised are sent to the State Lions Club to help in many other areas related to sight and hearing.

Top cars: Mike and Barbara Summerlin, Florence; Barbara Eldridge, Brandon; Richard Morris, Clinton; Jim Roberts, Brandon; Sam

Hupperich, Raymond; Mike Chambliss, Brandon; Thomas Eldridge, Brandon; and John Bolden, Raymond.

Best in Show Car: Wayne Thomas, Brandon.

Top Trucks: Charles and Edith Davis, Ellisville; Bobby Lane, Clinton; Earnest and Cathy Ledbetter, Brandon; Jack Cox, Brandon; Thomas Yates, Brandon; Daniel A Slay, Pearl; and Peggy Yates, Brandon.

Best in Show Truck: Buddy Hillard, Brandon.

Lions Club Pick awards:

- **Traveled furthest:** Chicken Willie Smith, Brookhaven
- **Lions Club Participant each year:** Rodger Scarberry, Pelahatchie
- **Lions Choice Car:** Tony Comeaux, Brandon
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