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Rhodes family named Rankin County Farm Family of the Year

By: Susie A. Wolfe

The Rankin County Chamber of Commerce named the Brian Rhodes family of Pelahatchie the 2015 Farm Family of the Year at its October annual meeting.

According to Executive Director Mandi Arinder, "the Chamber recognizes that agriculture is vital to the successful economy of Rankin County. The strides Brian Rhodes and his family have made in the poultry and cattle business is to be commended. The Farm Family of the Year Award is just one way for the Chamber to bring those accomplishments to forefront."

Pelahatchie native and East Rankin Academy graduate Brian Rhodes started raising chickens in 2007 and now has 10 chicken houses and an 80 com-



Photo by Susie A. Wolfe

mercial cow/calf operation just south of Pelahatchie.

Following in his father's and his uncles' footsteps, Rhodes is a contract grower for Cook Foods in Morton and Forest. All total, his father, Kevin Rhodes, and uncles, Kurt and Kyle Rhodes, have 53 chicken houses in the Pelahatchie area. Brian and his wife Ashley raise five flocks of broilers a year, each lasting about eight weeks or 56-57 days. The Mississippi State graduate said that adds up to approximately 58,000 chickens a year.

The Rhodes, Brian and Ashley, have two children, Lucy Grace, four, and Anna Belle, one. Ashley, now a full-time mom, previously taught kindergarten and first grade for the Rankin County School District in Florence and Puckett.

Mid South Baking Company celebrates 20 years in Pelahatchie



Mid South Baking Company's President and CEO Steve Warden with Ronald McDonald and HR/Training Coordinator Diane Shepherd. In addition to Steve, Diane and two other employees are also celebrating their 20th anniversary with the company. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

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The 20th anniversary of the Mid South Baking Company plant being built in Pelahatchie was October 23. According to President and CEO Steve Warden, he chose Pelahatchie over

Pearl and other urban areas because of economics and people.

As the dedicated supplier for 3,400 McDonald's in 12 states, the company now has 385 employees and \$115 million in sales at two locations, Pelahatchie

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East Rankin Academy High School Homecoming Queen



East Rankin Academy Homecoming Queen Peyton Rhodes of Pelahatchie. Her escort was her father, Kurt Rhodes. (Photo by Bruckner's Photography)



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Pelahatchie residents inducted into Hinds Phi Theta Kappa



The Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Hinds Community College's Rankin Campus recently inducted new members, including three from Pelahatchie. Newly inducted members include (l to r), front row: Emily Hebert, Haley Current, and Katelyn Brown, all of Brandon; Jazzma Hughes of Terry; Samantha Walker of Pelahatchie; Kimberly Measels, Lorena Flores and Christina Benton, all of Brandon; and back row: Jonathan Fail of Clinton; Hunter Martin of Pelahatchie; Eric Davis of Flowood; Christian Whitfield of Richland; and Dillian Lassiter of Pelahatchie. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for community and junior college students. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is extended to students who have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or above on twelve or more transferable credit hours. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Mid South Baking Company celebrates 20 years in Pelahatchie



On a cold Saturday at the beginning of October, several employees and their families came out to Mid South Baking's Fall Festival, where Mugshot's provided the food and the people provided the fun. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

and Bryan, TX. He said that since there are no contracts with McDonald's, growth is based on performance. Warden now runs three shifts, working 225 employees 140 hours a week in Pelahatchie, and the company is thriving and continuing to grow.

The manufacturing plants operate three large bakeries 24/7 and have their own fleet of tractor/trailers to deliver daily 3.8 million regular hamburger, quarter pounder, Big Mac, bak-

ery style, Angus, and McRib buns, as well as English muffins. In 2014, 1.2 billion buns were shipped.

"We are successful because of the quality people we attract and retain," said Warden. "We focus on people, because good people help run good companies."

There are four employees who have been with the Pelahatchie plant since the beginning, including HR assistant/training coordinator Diane Shepherd.



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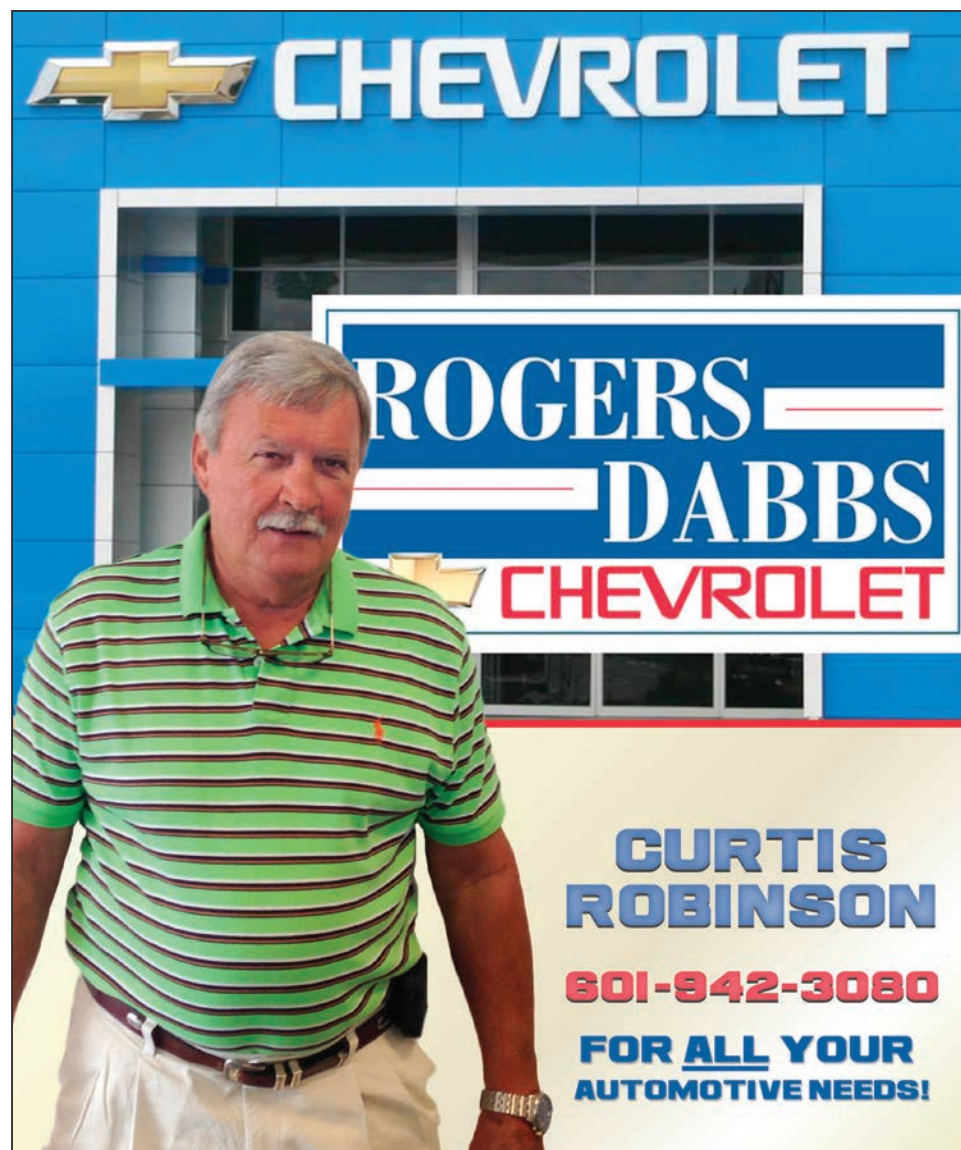
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October teacher awards



Pelahatchie Attendance Center Teachers of the Month for October are Nina Mills (left) and Kelsey Williams (center). The Teacher Team Player for October is Chris Courtney (right). (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Local resident helps establish Hinds Community College Scholarship

By: Susie A. Wolfe

The first Mullins Family Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Christopher Landon Corkren of Raymond earlier this year, according to Betty Caraway at Hinds Community College (HCC).

The scholarship was established by Bob Mullins, the 2014 HCC Alumnus of the Year, and his daughter, Amy Mullins Till, a Pelahatchie High School art teacher. She and her husband, Brice, live in Pelahatchie with their two children Harrison and Adlyn, who attend Pelahatchie schools.

Till said they established this scholarship because of their belief in the quality education available through two-year colleges. The scholarship is based on achievement, grades and financial need. Both Till and her father have taught school, and feel the B.B. King quote sums up their reasoning: "The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

Mullins, a Hinds graduate, held several positions at Hinds CC, and retired in 2011 as vice president for Economic Development. He went on to become the first employee hired at the Nissan North America, Canton Plant. He was the Nissan senior manager for technical training for all of North America before retiring in 2013. He now runs his own consulting firm, R.I. Mullins Consulting, where he works with educational institutions and manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe and Asia.

Till attended Hinds and Southern Mississippi, where she received a degree in interior design. She worked as an interior designer, and later established her own interior design consulting business. After receiving her master's degree in education from Mississippi College, she joined Pelahatchie schools, working as an elementary and secondary gifted instructor, and is in her first year as a high school art instructor.

The Mullins Family Endowed Scholarship is given yearly to a deserving HCC full-time student. More than 600 scholarships were awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year. A committee of 16 representatives from



The HCC Mullins Family Endowed Scholarship was established by Bob Mullins (right) and Amy Mullins Till (left). (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



Christopher Landon Corkren (right) of Raymond received the Mullins Family Endowed Scholarship. With him is Amy Mullins Till (left) of Pelahatchie. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



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Reading fluency: an important development in learning to read

By: Lisa Attkisson, Pelahatchie Elementary School Principal

Fluency is the ability to read text accurately and smoothly. When fluent readers read aloud, their expression, intonation, and pacing sound natural - much like speaking. This does not mean that fluent readers never make mistakes. Fluency develops from reading practice. The same reader may read a familiar text fluently and a new, more challenging text less fluently.

Fluency is important because it helps students move from decoding words to sight-reading. Less energy is spent on deciphering each word. The child is then able to focus more time and energy on comprehending what is being read. If children are struggling to decode individual words, they cannot concentrate on strategies that help them understand what they read.

To increase reading fluency, children must practice, practice, and practice reading. Repeated oral reading is the best way for children to improve



Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

their fluency. This can include re-reading a familiar text several times, listening to models of fluent reading, or engaging in choral, or unison reading with a book. Choose books that children can read with a high degree of success. If the book is too difficult, children will be bogged down with vocabulary and comprehension questions and their fluency will be hindered.

Please spend time reading with your child and listening to your child read each day.

Bishop inducted into Hinds CC Sports Hall of Fame for 2015

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The 2015 class for the Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame has been announced, and among them is Pelahatchie's very own, Coach Johnny Bishop.

The five-member crew was honored at the annual Alumni Recognition Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Troy Arlis Ricks Wellness Complex on the Raymond Campus.

Bishop, a Pelahatchie native, was a two-way standout for the Eagles on the gridiron. He started at center both years at Hinds and also played defensive tackle. Bishop moved on to Louisiana Tech University, where he started at left tackle and long snapper.

He also held the school's power clean record in weightlifting.

Bishop graduated from Louisiana Tech in 1989, then worked 14 years in the poultry industry, at B.C. Rogers Poultry Processors and Peco Foods. In the 2000s, he coached high school football, soccer, softball and power lifting in stints at Pelahatchie, Pearl and Puckett. In 2008, Puckett Attendance Center won the 1A state championship with Bishop on a staff honored as the 1A Coaching Staff of the Year.

That same year, Bishop earned a Master of Education degree in K-12



Coach Johnny Bishop, number 72, during his college football years at Louisiana Tech University. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

administration from Mississippi College and taught math courses alongside coaching at the three secondary schools.

He died in January 2015. Three months later, the Rankin County School District named the girls softball field at Pelahatchie High School after Bishop, immortalizing his efforts in its construction as Johnny Bishop Field.

The other four inductees in this distinguished club who were honored were Linda Alford (Jackson), Morris Currie (Bolton), Rob Fyke (Starkville) and Jackson native Paul Jamison.

Goal: First-class education for students

By: Dr. Bryan Marshall, Pelahatchie High School Principal

School is in full swing, and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season looms in the very near future. The first nine weeks is done, and, for many, the first 8 weeks and a full dual credit course is behind us. For those senior parents out there, the school year will be too short, and those once babies will be adults and on their own.

School is so long, but, when the end is close, it seems oh so short. Reflecting on the first nine weeks makes me think of all the improvements to the educational experience here at Pelahatchie High.

When you walk into any classroom, you will see technology that is second to none. This is from the 1:1 initiative that our school board so graciously has approved, to smart boards, to Apple TVs in every room. The latest software is available in and out of the classroom, from Achieve 3000 and iReady math.

The library has a new genius bar for laptop computers and shelving. When you attend a football game, you can do so with a new sound system and a new scoreboard in the opposing end zone, which gives the field a unique atmosphere.

In the near future, construction should begin to replace the existing bleachers with new. Johnny Bishop Field has never looked better with the new outfield wooden fence and the all crushed brick infield. A new forty foot by eighty foot covered batting cage adorns the right field wall of the softball field and will be used by softball

and baseball during the rainy season.

The baseball field is moving to the city park, and a wooden outfield wall has been erected along with a state of the art sprinkler system and turf grass to play on.

This winter, when you attend basketball games, you will be able to buy your concessions from a new concession stand with our STATE CHAMPIONSHIP trophies decorating the serving window. Also, when you pull into the parking lot by the gym, feel free to park in the new parking lot that has been provided and is equipped with handicap access.

This spring, you will be able to purchase any manner of plants from our fully functional greenhouse, and the shop is always ready to assist with any needed welding, metal work, or wood-working repairs.

The Pelahatchie Band again plays instruments in the Band Hall, and we look forward to their performances next school year. So, without hesitation, we invite each of you to come by the school and take a look at the improvements.

Our goal is to provide the students of Pelahatchie with a first class educational experience. We look forward to seeing you on campus, and, as always, GO CHIEFS!



Dr. Bryan Marshall (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)



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Pelahatchie Baptist hosts annual
Holiday Marketplace on Nov. 7



Crafts and other treats available at Pelahatchie Baptist Holiday Marketplace. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie Baptist will have its annual Holiday Marketplace in the church's fellowship hall on Sat.,

November 7, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be all kinds of decorations, gifts, homemade goods, jellies, candies and much more. They will also serve lunch for \$5.

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Family Fall Festival fundraiser
for Milltown Park set for Nov. 14



Sign at Milltown Park (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

The first annual Family Fall Festival will be held at Milltown Park on Grimes St. in Pelahatchie on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a fundraiser to complete the Park and to help start youth sports programs.

The event will feature holiday market shopping, face painting, inflatable jumps, carnival games and food, inflatable obstacle course, a kids' bike-a-thon and a father-son baseball game, according to Jennifer Poole, recreational sports coordinator.

There will also be a co-ed softball double elimination tournament, where the teams must have five males and five females. Entry fee is \$150.

Children can ride bikes, trikes or scooters in the bike-a-thon, but must supply their own, said Poole.

Admission for the festival is \$3 per person, with free entry for ages 2 and under. Armbands for unlimited games and jumps are \$10, or cost is \$1 per activity.

For more information, contact Poole at 601-503-0332 or pelahatchie-milltownpark@gmail.com.

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Phyllis Bounds	70	Meridian	8/04/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Makenya Peterson	31	Morton	8/07/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Davis Holmes	88	Morton	8/12/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Molly Leseter	87	Morton	8/12/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Joshua Turner	14	Forest	8/13/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Tabitha Moulds	5 days	Morton	8/13/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Hazel Grace Burkes	2 mo	Forest	8/25/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
John Daniels	70	Forest	8/25/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Dennis Scott	84	Lake	8/26/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Odesser Hall	91	Morton	8/31/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
John Mark Jacobs	54	Lake	9/02/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Larka Holman	92	Morton	9/09/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Valeria Shirley	80	Forest	9/09/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Johnny Hoard	56	Forest	9/12/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Otis Moore	57	Pelahatchie	9/22/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jason Gibbs	35	Lake	9/24/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Robert Moore	72	Lena	9/28/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Dorothy Nutt	79	Morton	10/04/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Belinda Moore	60	Morton	10/05/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Truman Miley	92	Pearl	10/05/2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
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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!

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Hinds Community College honors Foundation scholarship recipients



The Hinds Community College Foundation recognized its 2015-2016 scholarship recipients, donors and honorees at a reception on Sept. 25 at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Among those recognized were, from left, recipients Ty Garrett of Pelahatchie, and Shaylie Shannon and Kazery Franklin from Brandon, who received the Rankin County Alumni Chapter Scholarship. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

Community Calendar

Nov. 7 - HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE
9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Pelahatchie Baptist Church - 601.854.8809

Nov. 14 - FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Milltown Park
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Friends, I am not running in this race just to be a politician, I am running to give district 75 a voice at the table of leadership. In the last 3 years, my opponent has authored 101 bills, they have all died in committee. The question I ask you, do you want a voice in Jackson or just a vote?

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR, VOTE CONSERVATIVE, VOTE REPUBLICAN, VOTE VANCE COX.

Pastor's perspective: give thanks to the Lord



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

It's November and time to think about things we are thankful for. Perhaps you have seen a list like this. I've taken items from several lists, and added a few of my own.

- I'm thankful for:
- Dirty Laundry - because it means that my family has clothes to wear.
 - Dishes to Wash - because it means that my family has food to eat.
 - Bills - because it means that we have financial provisions.
 - Making Beds - because it means we have a warm, soft place to rest at night.
 - Picking Up Toys - because it means I have children to bring joy to my life.
 - My Personal Struggles - because they make me a stronger and wiser person than I was before.
 - A Husband Who Complains When Dinner Is Not Ready On Time – because it means he is home with me and not with someone else.
 - My Child Who Is Watching TV Instead Of Cleaning His Room – because it means he is home with

- me and not out on the street.
- For a Lawn that needs Mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing - because it means I have a home.
 - For all the complaining I hear about the Government - because it means we have freedom of speech.
 - For the lady behind me in church that sings off key - because it means that I can hear.
 - For the alarm that goes off in the early morning - because it means that I am alive!

- The Bible also has a lot to say about being thankful. Consider these verses:
- Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! I Chronicles 16:8
 - Give thanks as you enter the gates of his temple. Give praise as you enter its courtyards. Give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4
 - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father. Ephesians 5:20
 - And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to

- God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17
- No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for those who belong to Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18

At Cross Roads Baptist Church, where I have the privilege of serving as pastor, we always erect a "Blessing Tree" in the Sanctuary of the Church during the month of November. The tree starts out bare, with no leaves at all. Paper leaves in bright fall colors are provided, and individuals are encouraged to take leaves and write on them ways they have been blessed or things they are thankful for.

Some of the statements are shared in the Church services, then all the leaves are placed on the tree. It is always gratifying to watch as the tree "grows" leaves throughout the month. By Thanksgiving Day, it is loaded with blessings and expressions of thanksgiving.

Of course, the purpose of having the tree is not to see how many leaves we can put on it. Rather, it is to encourage each individual to think about ways God has blessed their lives and things they are thankful for, whether they place a leaf on the tree or not.



When thankful to God for everything, anything can bring joy. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Truly, we have all been blessed, and we should remember to express our thanks to our Lord, not only during November, when it is expected, but throughout the year. Why not take a few minutes each day, and think about reasons you can and should be thankful. Be sure to remember small things as well as huge blessings you have received. Then tell the Lord you are grateful for the ways He has blessed you.

One of the blessings we all have is the freedom to worship. Be sure to express your appreciation by taking your family to Church on Sunday!

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Atty. Gen Jim Hood warns Mississippi residents of Experian/T-Mobile data breach: more than 89,000 Mississippians potentially impacted

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Attorney General Jim Hood warned Mississippians of a recent data breach reported by T-Mobile and Experian affecting at least 15 million users nationwide and at least 89,000 Mississippians.

On Sept. 15, 2015, Experian discovered that an unauthorized party accessed T-Mobile data housed in an Experian server that contained the personal information of more than 15 million T-Mobile users.

Information that was breached includes customers' names, addresses, social security numbers, dates of birth, identification numbers (typically a driver's license number, military ID, or passport number) and additional information used in T-Mobile's own credit assessment.

According to Experian, the consumer credit database was not accessed in this incident and no payment card or banking information was obtained.

Mississippi residents who applied for service or device financing at T-Mobile USA, Inc. from Sept. 1, 2013 through Sept. 16, 2015 are advised to



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check their credit history and monitor their accounts. Anyone who receives a letter notifying them that their personal information was compromised or who applied for service during that

time period described above could be impacted.

Experian and T-Mobile will offer affected consumers two years of credit monitoring and identity protection

services at no cost. Experian will also waive the cost of freezing consumer's credit to prevent a criminal from taking out a line of credit in a consumer's name without permission. Visit www.ProtectMyID.com/SecurityIncident or call Experian at (866)-369-0422 for more information about its credit monitoring.

For maximum protection, it is recommended to have both credit monitoring and a credit freeze in place. Credit monitoring alerts consumers to fraud after the fact, so it's better to also have a credit freeze already in place. A credit freeze requires the consumer to be contacted before a new line of credit is opened.

"We encourage impacted consumers to seek credit freezes as soon as possible, as well as take advantage of credit monitoring services," said Attorney General Hood.

If you believe you are a victim of identity theft or any other scam, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 601-359-4230 or toll free at 1-800-281-4418.

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Dr. Marshall sets high goals for students and their future

By: Stephanie Goss

The students of Pelahatchie High School have turned their sights on college and career. Because of new administration headed up by Dr. Bryan Marshall, PHS students are becoming more focused on their personal achievements and their goals for the future.

Dr. Marshall comes from a long career in education. He began at Florence High School, teaching biology and coaching baseball. Since 2004, Dr. Marshall has been serving in administration, a placement that he prefers over coaching.

Now in his second year at PHS, Dr. Marshall guides students to follow

a path set by previous administration to aim for greatness in everything they do. Students have responded well to Dr. Marshall's facilitation and are excited to be a part of PHS. This excitement permeates throughout the community in the form of a motto – "We Are Pelahatchie!" The slogan, begun years ago by Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Bill Ward, has ignited school spirit in the students and the community.

One program that Dr. Marshall has implemented using this motto is the sports video campaign. Dr. Marshall says that "the videos are getting the good stuff out there for people to see." Through social media, students, parents, and community members can see

important announcements and accomplishments that show the very best of PHS.

Dr. Marshall believes that the most significant goals of his administration are to instill a sense of pride in the students, to provide an education they can do something with, and to urge them to be proud of where they come from and proud of what they do.

Part of instilling pride is making improvements to the PHS campus. These upgrades have included a new sound system, crushed brick for ballfields, a new scoreboard, batting cages, and a wooden fence on the softball field. Upcoming improvements are new bleachers, and PHS is in the process of reno-

vating the gym lobby.

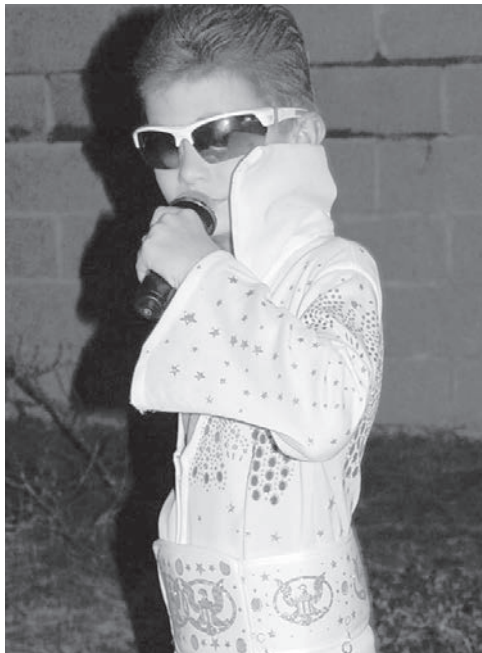
Dr. Marshall encourages parents and community members to connect with Pelahatchie High School through the Chieftan Community Club. Led by Mrs. Katrina Phillips, Mrs. Lacie Walters, and Mrs. Jessica Sledge, the club offers support to administration, staff and students of PHS.

For more information about the Chieftan Community Club, interested persons can go to the school's website and click on Chieftan Community Club under the Parent Resources tab. Dr. Marshall encourages parents and community members "to simply get involved;" there are great things happening at Pelahatchie High School!

Halloween celebration in Muscadine park



Small fella acting as old fella.



Brody Hill, 8, is Elvis.



Fortune Teller Jessica Jackson (right) and Alderman Megan Hall (left) (Photos by Susie A. Wolfe)

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Hinds Community College graduates Pelahatchie students during summer



HCC summer graduation ceremonies (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

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Hinds Community College graduated 304 in two summer ceremonies on July 30 at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. These Pelahatchie students earned the following degrees:

- Kimberly Shirley earned AAS credential and TC credential.
- Curtis Uihlein earned CC credential.

Of the total number of graduates, 23 graduated summa cum laude, which is a perfect 4.0 grade point average; 42 graduated magna cum laude, which is a 3.60 to 3.99 grade point average and

73 graduated cum laude, which is a 3.20 to 3.59 grade point average.

The graduates earned 443 credentials including career and technical certificates as well as associate degrees. Some students earned multiple credentials. AA means Associate in Arts; AAS means Associate in Applied Science; TC means Technical Certificate; CC means Career Certificate.

As Mississippi's largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with more than 170 academic, career and technical programs and six locations in central Mississippi.

My Christian dog



Sylvia Barnes with her found dog, Dottie. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

By: Sylvia Barnes, Author

Have you ever buried the wrong dog? I should have known from the very beginning Dottie would be the center of many conversations when we first tried to pick her up at her residence in town. She is a mixed Jack Russell that terrified a six month old baby and was given to us to bring to the country. "Just come by the house on Barrow St., they said. She is usually through with her rounds by ten."

Okay, so that's what my husband and I did. But no Dottie. We wandered through the streets of Pelahatchie on our search. Having heard she liked to go to Fairway Grocery Store, we circled by and encountered an employee coming out the door. "Have you seen Dottie?"

"No, she hasn't been here yet," he grinned.

You see, the story has it that Dottie visited the store one day, walking in through the electric eye door, grabbed a loaf of bread, and exited right back out. After living with Dottie, I don't doubt it one bit.

She settled in at our house in the Barefoot Springs Community. Everyone loves her. She attends church regularly at Barefoot Springs Baptist. So we believe she is a Christian. More on that subject later.

One day my husband came to our door and told me Dottie had been run

over. His sister had seen her in the road. I cried. Wailed actually. Called friends and relatives. So sad. I was on my tenth Kleenex when about thirty minutes later J. W. came back to the door. "Sylvia, Dottie came back." "I said, "What?" I looked out the door and there she was.

"I wonder who we buried."

"Gee, J. W. I don't know. Did she look like Dottie?" I certainly had not been brave enough to go to her burial.

"I wouldn't have buried her if she hadn't."

Still today it is a big mystery. But we're so glad she's back. She got to attend our brother-in-law's funeral a couple of months ago. She even sat on one of the chairs they set out for family. The preacher even reached down to pet her while giving the service. It made J.W.'s sister smile, even on that sad occasion. I guess Dottie wasn't resurrected, since my preacher said last week they are animals and we shouldn't exalt them further than that.

My husband looked at me and grinned when he said that. I do believe it, but sometimes Dottie and all our animals, nine in all, seem like family. I know one thing. God created them, so they are very special.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is one of Barnes' stories. "My Christian Dog," is about a local dog named Dottie, many will remember.*

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