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Nitty Gritty Dirt Band headlines 2016 Muscadine Jubilee

By: Susie A. Wolfe

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will headline the 36th Annual Muscadine Jubilee on September 10 at Muscadine Park.

Mayor Knox Ross said, "We are so excited about this year's entertainment. We have been working for several years to get the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and we are thrilled to have them."

A country-folk-rock band that has existed in various forms since 1966, according to Wikipedia, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is in the process of a 50th Anniversary tour with constant members Jeff Hanna, singer-guitarist, Jimmie Fadden, drummer, John McEuen, multi-instrumentalist, and Bob Carpenter, keyboardist. Singer Jackson Browne sang with the original group for a couple of months in the beginning.

The band's successes include a version of *Mr. Bojangles* and the album



The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Will the Circle be Unbroken, featuring Mother Maybelle Carter, Earl Scruggs, and Roy Acuff. A follow-up album based on the same concept, *Will the Circle be Unbroken: Volume Two* was

released in 1989. It was certified gold, won two Grammys and was named Album of the Year by the Country Music Association (CMA) in 1989.

The band received CMA nomina-

tions for Vocal and Instrumental Group of the Year in the 1980s culminating in 1989 with CMA award for Album Of The Year; Grammy Award for Best Country Collaboration with Vocals; Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Recording; and Grammy Award for Co-producing Best Country Instrumental.

In 2002, the group had Grammy nominations for Best Country Vocal Performance - Duo or Group and Best Country Collaboration with Vocals; in 2003, they had a CMA nomination for Vocal Event of the Year; and in 2005, they won a Grammy Award for Best Country Instrumental.

Long-time favorites Jeff Bates and Troy Laz will perform, as well. Mayor Ross said "Troy Laz has one of the best shows I have seen. He is not to be missed."

Gates open at 10 a.m., and admission is \$3.

Castillo named PHS Parent of the Year

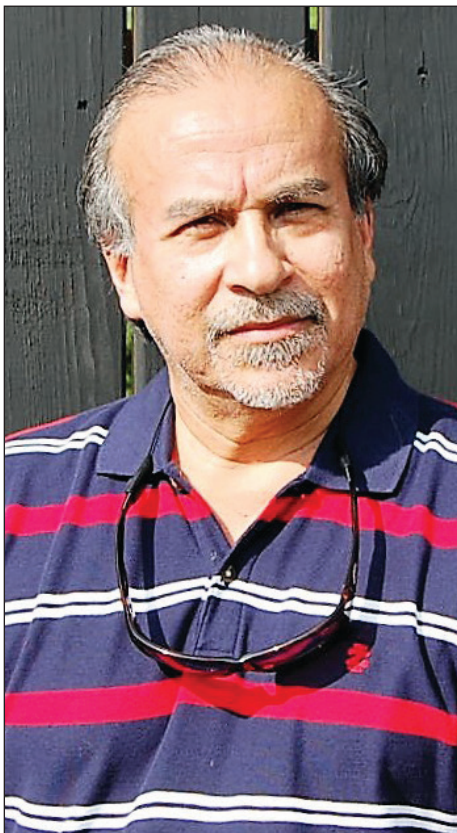
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Mike Castillo was named Pelahatchie High School's Parent of the Year for the 2015-2016 school year. He said he tries his best to do what he can, which he usually does during football, basketball, and softball seasons, according to Dr. Bryan Marshall, high school principal.

"He works in concessions, cooking hamburgers, cleaning the fields or anything that needs to be done," Marshall said.

Castillo has been involved in Pelahatchie schools for 10-12 years, with two children attending and his wife, Sue, working in the elementary school office. His daughter, Scarlett, is in the ninth grade and plays first base on the school's fast-pitch softball team. Cruz, his son, graduated in 2012 and is now a student at Ole Miss.

Castillo, originally from Memphis, has lived in Pelahatchie for the last 40 years, and his wife is a Pelahatchie native. He has worked at Wal-Mart in Pearl for 30 years, where he is the manager of the hardware department.



Mike Castillo named PHS Parent of the Year. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

Burnham named PES Parent of the Year

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie native Casey Bynum Burnham was named 2015-2016 Parent of the Year for Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES). Described as "always having a smile on her face," she says she loves the school and the community and supports it in many different ways.

Burnham, an East Rankin graduate, and her husband, TJ, are the parents of four children, three of whom attend PES. Layton, 10, is entering the fifth grade, Benjamin, 8, will be in the fourth grade, and Brelyn, 7, will start first grade in August. Their oldest child, Kaylee, was the 2015 PHS valedictorian and is now a biological sciences major at Mississippi State.

"Casey is always willing to go above and beyond to help teachers, students, staff and the community," said Principal Lisa Attkisson. "She is involved in all school events and musicals, even if her own children are not a part of a particular event."

Burnham, who was a substitute, room mother, and PTO member, said



Casey Burnham named PES Parent of the Year (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

that PES is truly a small town school with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

"I enjoy volunteering to be more involved with my own kids, helping the teachers and letting them know I care, and getting to know all the kids there," said Burnham. "It makes you smile to walk down the halls and the kids run up and hug you and tell you hello."



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Chief's Comments

By: Chief Kevin Poole

Editor's Note: New Police Chief Kevin Poole will be submitting a monthly column to keep residents in Pelahatchie aware of what's happening at the Police Station.

- Welcome Captain Scott Kelly
- We have added one new car and are putting three vehicles on bid for sale.
- See the story on three reserve policemen (on page 7), Brandon Dearman, Billy Pickle and Clarence Parks. They are part-time, reserve officers, which means they are not paid. They are serving out of the goodness of their hearts.
- Our current police staff includes six professional fire fighters, nine EMTs, and five paramedics, who will be assisting as needed with medical emergencies and fire protection and keeping everyone safe.
- National Night Out will be held August 2.



Police Officer Appreciation Day sponsored by Moms of Milltown (Photos by Susie A. Wolfe)


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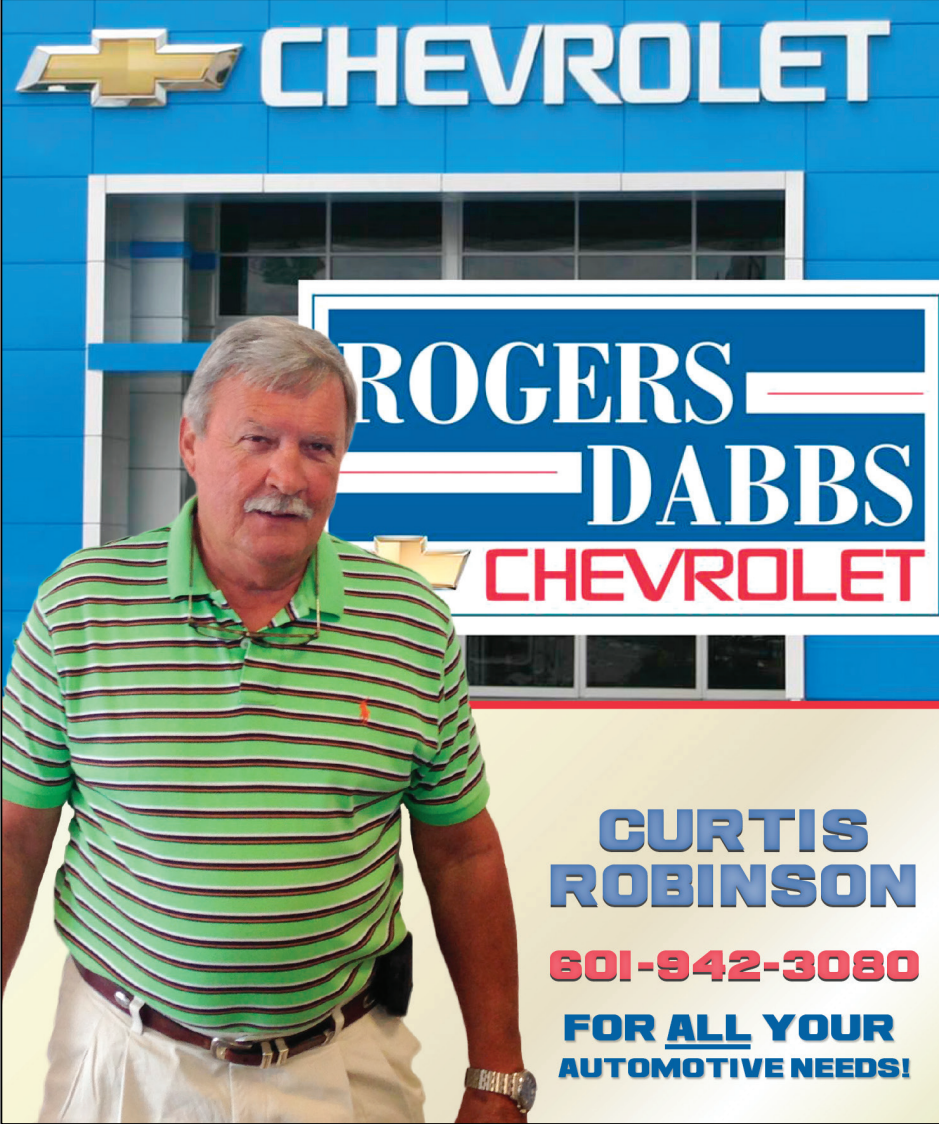
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Storyteller Diane Butler at the Summer Reading Program in June (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

Lessons from the Dojang: setting smart goals



Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

By: Leslie Trigg,
Youth Minister, Shiloh
Methodist Church



Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Have you ever wanted to do something in life? Lose a few pounds, run a 5K, read a certain book, or take up martial arts? If so, what causes them to become reality? Reality comes by setting a goal and working to achieve it. Without working toward achieving that goal, it becomes a mere wish. As we turn our wishes into goals, we must be S.M.A.R.T.

S stands for Specific. Choose the exact thing you want to do and when you are going to do it by. M stands for Mo-

tivating. Choose something that is exciting to you. If you are bored with it, you will struggle to reach it. A stands for Achievable. Make sure that the goal is realistic. Set a goal that is possible to reach. Sometimes we need to take small steps to achieve big dreams. R stands for Relevant. Ask yourself why the goal is important to you? If it's not important to you or does not have a purpose, you will quickly abandon your goal. T stands for Trackable. When we are able to see our progress, we know when to celebrate or when to put in extra effort.

So, what goal do you want to set for yourself today?

Editor's Note: Dojang is Korean for Taekwondo school. Leslie Trigg is one of the instructors at Pelahatchie's own Dojang - Fusion Martial Arts.

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Laster accepted to PT School



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Justin Laster was accepted to physical therapy school at the University Mississippi Medical Center on June 1. The physical therapy school is a 3-year doctorate program. On May 7, Laster graduated from

Mississippi College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. He was a member of the Phi Epsilon Kappa Honor Society.

Laster is a 2012 graduate of East Rankin Academy. He is the son of Steve and Molly Laster of Pelahatchie.

Milltown Minutes

By Jennifer Poole

We are so excited to say that Milltown Park will offer T ball, baseball, and softball this fall. Registration for the fall ball season is July 5 - August 15. T ball is for boys and girls ages 3 to 6 for \$35. Baseball is for boys ages 7 to 14 for \$45. Fall softball is also \$45 and offered to girls ages 7 to 14.

Online registration will be available beginning July 5 at: pelahatchieyouthleague.teamsnap.com.

Please contact Jennifer Poole for any questions at: 601-503-0332, or pelahatchiemilltownpark@gmail.com.

Be sure to like our Facebook page,



Pelahatchie Milltown Park, to stay up to date with our latest news and events.

Thank You from Shelia Bowman

By Shelia Bynum Bowman and all my family

I would like to thank all my friends, relatives and people that I might not even know involved in any way to make this benefit for me a huge success on June 4.

A lot of money was raised, and

it will be a huge help with medical bills past, present and future. There are some awesome people with BIG HEARTS, and I now know that I know a lot of them. May God shine his blessing on each and every one of you, for I know that I have been blessed.

Thank all of you so much from the very bottom of my heart.

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TelehealthONE opening kiosk in Pelahatchie fred's

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In an effort to fill a critical need in healthcare accessibility throughout Mississippi, TelehealthONE recently announced a new program with fred's Inc. to deliver walk-in telehealth kiosks to more fred's Pharmacy locations, including Clinton's. TelehealthONE is the state's leading provider of comprehensive healthcare, providing what company officials call "fully-integrated, state-of-the-art telehealth solutions to connect physicians and healthcare professionals with patients."

"By making it easier for our residents to access the care they need, we are hopeful that we can impact our health outcomes and make Mississippi a healthier place to live," said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant. "It's encouraging to see state telehealth and retail companies and one of our state's largest health systems working together to improve the health of our state."

TelehealthONE launched its first kiosk at fred's Pharmacy in Flora in September of 2015; and, due to the success of the program and the need for expanded healthcare op-



Gov. Phil Bryant (far left) spoke at the TelehealthONE press conference, which announced the addition of tele-medicine in nine fred's locations, including Pelahatchie, Carthage, Morton, Jackson, Pearl, Clinton, Lexington and Terry. Also pictured are (l to r): David Powe, Chairman of TelehealthONE; Rick Chambers of fred's; and Steve Dobbs, CEO of Merit Health MS. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

tions, TelehealthONE and fred's have agreed to open additional kiosk locations. The next nine TelehealthONE kiosks to launch are planned for the communities of Union, Pelahatchie, Carthage, Morton, Jackson, Pearl, Clinton, Lexington and Terry.

"Our mission is to improve the lives of patients and customers by

providing quality healthcare services, and consumer products that deliver value to the communities we serve," said Rick Chambers, executive vice president, pharmacy operations, fred's Inc. "Being a leader in providing flexible options for physician visits is just one step in that process."

No appointments are necessary

for patients wishing to seek care in a TelehealthONE kiosk. When visiting the kiosk, each patient will be accompanied by a pharmacy technician to assist in the connection with a provider. All insurance is accepted, including Medicaid and Medicare.

"If people have access to convenient, affordable and a variety of services under one roof, they are more likely to seek care regularly," said David Powe, chairman, TelehealthONE. "That is an easy step to take to lead a healthy and productive lifestyle. There is a fred's Pharmacy located within 15 miles of nearly all Mississippi residents, which is why adding our TelehealthONE kiosks will allow even more access to care."

Visits to the TelehealthONE kiosk at fred's Pharmacy locations will have the same copay as a conventional doctor's office visit. Company officials stress that TelehealthONE and fred's Pharmacy do not replace the care provided by an emergency department; anyone experiencing a medical emergency should go to the nearest hospital emergency department.

For more information, visit www.TelehealthONE.org.

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Cross Roads is not your typical country church

By Susie A. Wolfe

Cross Roads Baptist Church was originally named Mizpah, Hebrew for watchtower, when it was organized in 1916, and was located at the fork of Gray Road and Cross Roads Road with a cemetery behind. One hundred years later, Cross Roads is located on Highway 43, has 700 members, 500 of which are active, two services, WiFi throughout the church and active children's, youth and senior ministries.

"Though we've grown and have a larger membership, we still have the feel of a country church," said John Vaughn, pastor for the last 13 years.

"Our church is very welcoming and is a place where everyone can be involved in the ministry."

The 18 charter members who organized Mizpah were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore, Miss Cora Moore, Bessie Moore Martin, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Edd Everitt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huff, Mrs. Nannie Huff Myers, Mettie Huff Sigrest, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Moore, Bertha Moore Brock, and Irvin Moore. Rev. Henry Bradshaw was the first pastor. Services were held in the Cross

Roads school house until a sanctuary could be constructed on land given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everitt and Mr. and Mrs. Abb Gray.

In the beginning, services were held once a month and eventually changed to twice a month, which was usually the first and third Sunday. As the church grew, services were held on Saturday night and Sunday morning, then Sunday morning and night. In 2008, the church started having two worship services due to increased growth. A contemporary service was started at 8:30 a.m., with music led by the praise band, and a blended worship service is held at 11:00 a.m., with music led by the Minister of Music and choir. Sunday school is held between worship services.

In 1949, the church name was changed to Cross Roads Baptist Church. In 1987, the church was moved to Highway 43 South with the gym of the Cross Roads School serving as the Family Life Center.

Now a thoroughly modern church, Cross Roads has two full-time staff members, pastor and associate pastor, and four part-time children's and youth ministers and support staff. Wi-Fi was added throughout the building in 2015, and new carpet and pew cov-



Photo by Susie A. Wolfe

ers, a new sound system, new projectors and screens and a new glass front door were added in 2016. The church is also one of the only churches that offers a GriefShare program to the community in the spring and fall that helps those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

There is a centennial team planning a church-wide celebration in July. Photos highlighting the church and the church family through the years

are on a wall entering the fellowship hall. There will also be a wedding room showcasing family photos of all those married in the church during the last 100 years. The June vacation bible school had the centennial as its theme, teaching the children about the history of the church.

For more information, call the church office at 601-546-2297 or visit the web site at www.crossroadspel.org.

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Pelahatchie police officers graduate with honors



L to r, Brandon Dearman, William Pickle, Chief Kevin Poole, and Clarence Parks. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Three new Pelahatchie police officers graduated from the Rankin County Training Institute on June 2. Officer Clarence Parks was the nominated as class leader during their six months of training. Officer Brandon Dearman took the award for highest class academics, and Officer Billy Pickle took the class award for best marksman.

According to Chief Poole, "To put this in perspective, these are the only awards given during this six months of training. So, for Pelahatchie officers to get all three, speaks highly of their character. These officers will serve and protect our community with the same drive and integrity they exhibited in the academy."

Poole said that these three officers are part-time, reserve officers.

Library holds Summer Reading Programs



The Pelahatchie library had Summer Reading Programs each Tuesday in June that included the Central Mississippi Regional Library System puppets, Diane Butler, storyteller, Zumba, and a martial arts demonstration. There will also be programs in July. (Photos by Susie A. Wolfe)

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Sparkmans' attention to detail is the magic of Yogi on the Lake

By Susie A. Wolfe

Yogi on the Lake may just be one of 82 Jellystone Parks across the U.S. and Canada, but it achieved a higher inspection rating than any of its peers in 2015.

"We're pretty excited about it," said David Sparkman, who manages the 165-site site campground with his wife, Rhonda, on behalf of Legacy Resorts, the park's owner.

The campground, built in 2007, is also listed in the Top Ten water parks in Mississippi by "Good Sam RV Travel & Savings Guide."

But while the Sparkmans are responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the park, they attribute their success to their high quality staff.

"If we didn't have the staff we have, there is no way we could ever do this," Sparkman said, adding, "We get phone calls every day for reservations throughout the year."

It is the park management, the Sparkmans, that keep everything rolling at its highest potential. Though the franchise has high expectations, the Sparksman continue to shine, according to Pinnacle and Carroll and

other awards they have received.

Jellystone Parks' schedule during the main camping season, which at Pelahatchie runs from March 1 to Oct. 31, is a busy time, when they employ staff up to 55, but the park operates all year.

The campground, built in 2007, has 41 cabins, 164 RV sites, 23 tent sites, a secluded lakefront lodge with two gas fired fireplaces that can sleep 12, three pavilions, a clubhouse, café, and a recreation center. There are also event and meeting facilities, including a clubhouse and three pavilions. During the summer when the park is busiest, they offer day passes, except on holiday weekends and Saturdays.

New additions to the Yogi on the Lake in 2016 include "ga ga" ball, which is an outdoor dodge ball-like game played in a pit. According to Activities Director Felecia VanHorn, the park is also doing new activities like the ultimate chocolate weekend, where there are chocolate syrup slip-n-slides, pie eating contests and a chocolate tug-o-war.

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Rhonda and David Sparkman with 2015 awards, and below, the June 25 Ultimate Chocolate Weekend with the chocolate slide. (Photos by Susie A. Wolfe)



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East Rankin Academy names ACT academic team



To be on East Rankin Academy's ACT Academic Team, a student's ACT score must be 25 or above. 8th-12th grade students who have taken the ACT and qualify to be on team are, from left to right, front row: Bryce Overby, Jared Vardaman, Cade Thornton, Blaine Hill, Brandon Evans, Owen Mabry, Thatch Hinton, Tyler Betts, Walker Phillips, Zach Nettles. Second row: Elizabeth Tuttle, Catherine Teh, Macy Leach, Emily Myers, Kaeleigh Thompson, Kate Busby, Claire Harris, Lilly Herring, Jean Ross, Christine Schroeder, Katie Beth Simmons, Olivia Burton, Katelyn Harrison and Peyton Rhodes. Back row: Trace Sugg, Luke Warren, Ward Winstead, Reid Wuestefeld, Garrett Busby, Chloe Cunningham, Dylan Edwards, David Jefcoat, and Chris Marin. (Not pictured: Forrest Russell and Dusty Hines) (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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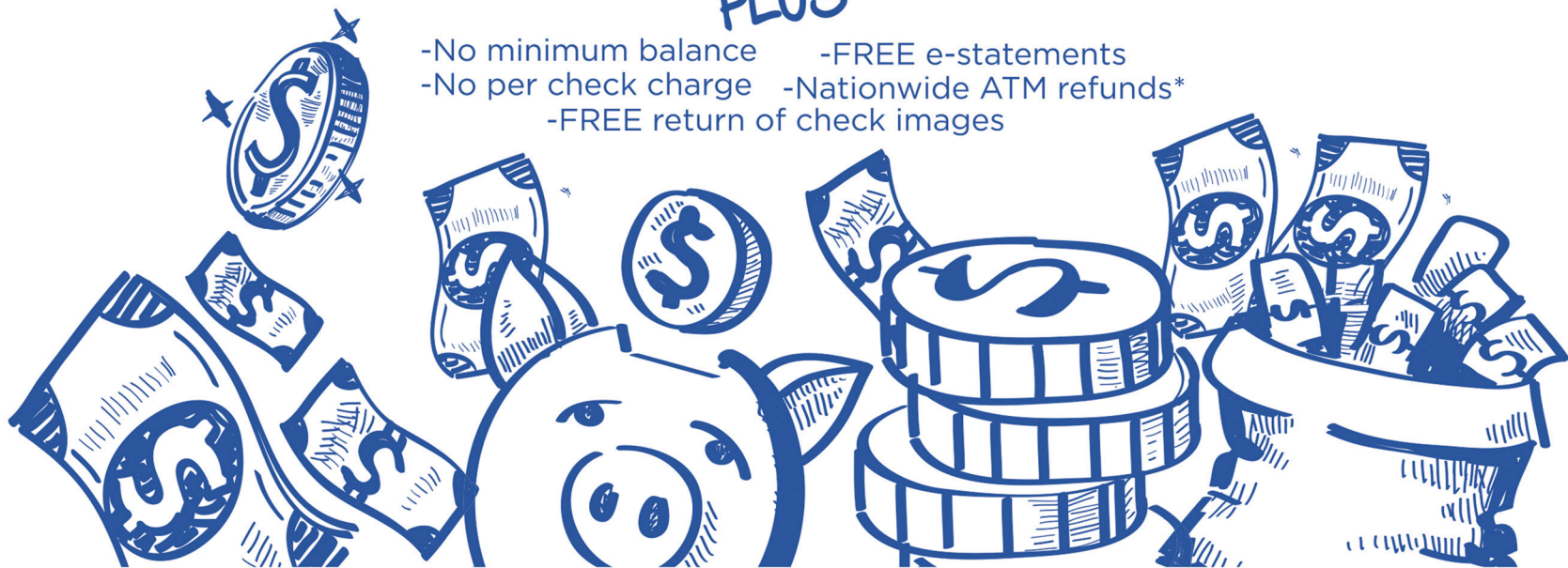
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Two PHS seniors awarded Hinds CC scholarships

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Bailey Hudson and Tabitha Phillips were awarded \$1,000 scholarships to attend the Rankin Campus of Hinds Community College this fall by the Rankin Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

Eleven scholarships, funded through the generosity of Ms. LaQuita Steen, were given to one graduating senior from each of the nine public high schools in Rankin County. Pelahatchie had two recipients due to the fact that one of last year's recipients did not attend Hinds CC, so that award was carried over to the following year, as was the case this year.

Since 2004, Ms. Steen has funded nine scholarships each year, bringing the total to 117 scholarships. Scholarship applications are distributed to the counselors at the public high schools in the county each spring. The applications are scored based on the following criteria: grade point average, extracurricular involvement, leadership, financial need, and an essay.

If a student who is awarded a scholarship decides not to attend HCC-



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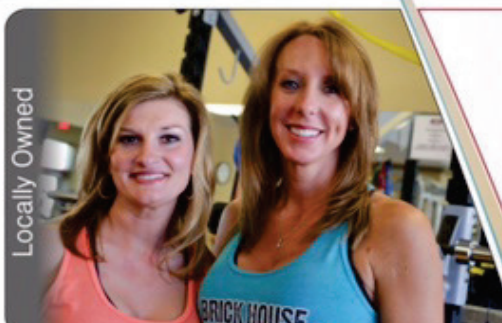
Rankin in the fall. In 2014, Ms. Steen was the recipient of the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce Horizon Award for the impact she has made on Rankin County through her scholarship donations.

Pelahatchie High School Beta Club Members at May graduation

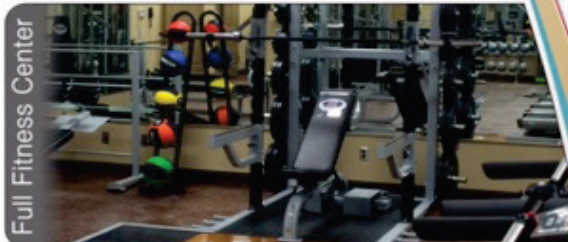


Beta Club members at the May graduation include, from left, front row, Kelsey Watson, Kaci White, and JaMarion Hardy. Back row, from left, Abby Bouslay, Maggie Bowman, Jalen Hurst, Christina Hamilton, Dachawn Kincaid, Alexis Hobson, and Scheldon Irvin. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

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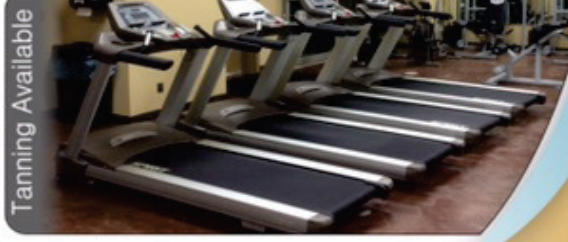
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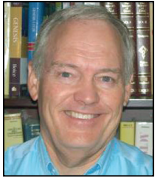


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Pastor's perspective: Cross Roads Baptist Church is celebrating 100 years



By: John Vaughn, Pastor,
Cross Roads Baptist Church

One hundred years is a long time. I can only remember one person who I knew lived that long. Imagine the changes that a hundred-year-old person has lived through.

In 1916, most families were large and lived on farms. Large families were important, as the children were expected to help on the farm. Usually, the boys worked in the fields and with the animals, and the girls helped in the house with cooking and cleaning and caring for the younger children.

Transportation was limited. Vehicles were a luxury for most, and a truck was more important than a car. Roads were mostly dirt with maybe some gravel. There was no Interstate Highway System, and, in our area, Highway 80 was not in existence.

Many things that we take for granted simply were not available 100 years ago. Most rural homes had no electricity or indoor plumbing. That meant that clothes were washed by hand, and cooking was most likely done on a wood stove. And, of course, the toilet was outdoors, as well!

There was no Internet or comput-



The Mizpah church was built in 1920 with people from the community furnishing the timber. A founding member, Charlie Moore owned a sawmill, shown above, and he cut the lumber with the men of the church doing the work. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

ers. Televisions did not exist, nor did radios. And, while the telephone had been invented they were not available in many areas. Only the wealthier folks could afford the luxury of having a phone in their home.

100 years ago, schools were a lot different, as well. Many communities had their own school, sometimes only going through the first eight grades. Many were "one room" schools, with only one or two teachers.

And, churches are not as they were

100 years ago. Many rural and even some churches in town were only part time. Some met only once or twice a month and shared their pastor with other churches. The King James Version of the Bible was the norm, and hymns were sung from a "shaped-note" hymn book. The timing of the worship service was usually set at 11:00 to allow for chores to be done at home and travel time in a wagon or on foot.

Cross Roads Baptist Church, where I have the privilege of serving

as pastor, is celebrating its Centennial this year. In the summer of 1916, 18 Believers gathered in Cross Roads School for the purpose of establishing a new Baptist Church. They acted on what they believed was God's will for them.

Those 18 Charter members would no doubt be amazed at the results of their step of faith. For 100 years, humble men and women have depended on the Lord and have been blessed as a Church. That group of 18 planted the seeds that have grown into a body of more than 700 members, over 500 of which participate on a regular basis. Instead of meeting in a school room, Cross Roads now has beautiful and functional facilities to accommodate the growing list of ministries and services.

During July, Cross Roads has planned a series of special services to celebrate our Centennial. We would like to invite you to participate in each of these activities with us.

A lot has changed in the last 100 years. But one thing remains unchanged. That is the commitment that Cross Roads has to worship, minister and reach out to those near and far.

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East Rankin holds sporting clays tournament



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East Rankin Academy held a sporting clays tournament in May at Kearney Park Shooting Preserve & Facility in Flora. The event was a competition to raise money for the Athletic Booster Club. More than 100 people participated.

Coach Dan Davis organized the

four-person teams that walked the 12-station sporting clays course that challenged participants' shot-gunning skills with a variety of shots along woodland trails, open field and field edges, and even over water.

Shooters provided their own shot-gun and ammo, which was approximately 50 rounds.

Ice cream sales to benefit Children's Hospital

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The Town of Pelahatchie is encouraged to help support fundraising efforts for the Batson Children's Hospital during the month of July.

Inspiration Mississippi and Sal & Mookie's New York Pizza and Ice Cream Joint have joined together to benefit Friends of Children's Hospital. During the entire month of July, National Ice Cream Month, 15% of all "Batson Sundae" sales at Sal & Mookie's will be donated to Batson Children's Hospital, Mississippi's only hospital designed and equipped specifically for the care and treatment of sick or injured children.

To wrap up National Ice Cream Month, Inspiration Mississippi, along with Sal & Mookie's, will host an

Ice Cream Party at Batson Children's Hospital. The celebration will take place in Wiser Cafeteria on Thursday, July 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Jeff Good, owner/operator of Sal & Mookie's, says, "Sal & Mookie's is a huge part of the Jackson community.

Every year, we throw our annual Children's Carnival during Fondren's Zippity Doo Dah Weekend, which also benefits Friends of Children's Hospital. When Kendall with Inspiration Mississippi came to us with this idea to benefit the hospital during National Ice Cream Month,

we knew that this would be another perfect way to show our commitment to this community and our kids. We hope that 'Ice Cream with Friends' becomes an annual event in the future."



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Business Spotlight: Ross Dental Clinic provides the latest in dental care

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Jamie Ross opened her dental clinic in Morton 23 years ago. She serves all ages as a general practitioner that treats her patients like every person would like their mother or children to be treated.

Her office, which has eight employees, including three hygienists, provides fillings, tooth extractions, teeth cleanings, crowns and bridgework, dentures, removable partial dentures, Invisalign, root canals, and cosmetic procedures. She also restores implants and other work, as needed. A graduate of Mississippi State University, Ross said she stays up-to-date on all the latest in dental care. The clinic takes all forms of insurance.

Ross grew up in Morton, where her dad, Jimmy Eichelberger, owned the local Sunflower store, plus he also operated the Sunflower in Pelahatchie. She met and married Pelahatchie native son Knox Ross, Jr. 25 years ago, and they have three children, Rebecca, a junior at Mississippi College, Jean, a senior at East Rankin Academy, and Knox III, an eighth grader at East Rankin.

As for being Pelahatchie's first lady for the last 15 years, Ross said, "It's



The staff at the Ross Dental Clinic includes, left to right, front row, Karla Gann, RDH; Becky Holmes; Dana Gregory, RDH; Claire Ferguson, RDH; Angela Evans, and Dr. Jamie Ross. Kneeling are Lisa Ladd and Holly Denson. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

easy to be the wife of the mayor when you live in a town where the people are as wonderful as they are in Pelahatchie. The staff and board of aldermen work well together, and all want

what's best for the town—that's what makes it work. Everyone is willing to help."

Ross is a member of Pelahatchie Baptist Church, where she is involved

in the children's program.

Hours for the clinic are 8-4 Monday, 8-5 Tuesday-Thursday, and 8-2 Friday.

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Ribbon cutting held for Griffin Medical Clinic



On June 23, the Rankin County Chamber held a ribbon cutting for Griffin Family Medical Clinic. Mary Ann Griffin has been a nurse practitioner specializing in family medicine with the clinic for seven years, but recently purchased it and changed the name. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Ribbon cutting held for T & J Concessions



On June 23, the Rankin County Chamber held a ribbon cutting for T & J Concessions. T & J is a full service food vendor that sets up at Fairway Grocery from 10:30- 6:30 on Fridays. They offer shaved ice, chicken on a stick, funnel cakes, red velvet funnel cakes, tater dogs, cowboy nachos, and much more. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Health officials remind parents it's time for immunizations

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While the end of summer seems a long time away, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reminds parents that state law requires kids to be immunized against childhood diseases to enter public or private school, Head Start or daycare.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately ninety-five percent of parents nationwide choose to vaccinate their children, protecting them against potentially deadly diseases.

"Childhood vaccinations protect your child and those around them" said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Thomas Dobbs.

"The back-to-school rush is our busiest immunization effort each year. It's great to see children receiving required vaccinations, and we remind parents that the best protection is having their children immunized on time."

Required vaccinations for children entering school in Mississippi for the first time include: diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP); polio (IPV); hepatitis B; measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); and varicella (chickenpox). There is also a requirement for children entering seventh grade to

receive the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccination. In addition, human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) and a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) are recommended for adolescents 11 to 15 years of age, and a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) is recommended at age 16 to 18 years.

Parents must provide the school with a Certificate of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) from their local health department or physician prior to school entry.

Parents may check with their child's physician or county health department to answer any questions about which immunizations their child will need. Those 18 and under who are eligible for the Vaccines for Children program can receive vaccinations for \$10 each.

The MSDH accepts Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP and the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan (AHS) as well as most private insurance plans that cover childhood vaccines.

For more information on immunization requirements or medical exemptions for school entry, visit www.HealthyMS.com/immunizations.

Follow MSDH by e-mail and social media at HealthyMS.com/connect.



An adolescent girl receives an intramuscular vaccination while her sister, mother, and grandmother watched from the background. (Photo by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

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July 9 – Prayer Breakfast at 8:00. Former Pastor Brian Hill will be the speaker. Please call the Church Office at (546) 2297 to make your reservation.

July 10 – Individuals who have been members of Cross Roads for 50 or more years will be honored during the 11:00 Worship Service.

July 16 – "Music Through the Years" Program at 6:00. Current and Former Members and Special Guests will present old and new musical favorites.

July 17 – Our Centennial Celebration will begin at 10:00. Former Pastor Vic Bowman will bring the message. After the service, we'll have an old fashioned covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information about any of these events or other ministries of Cross Roads Baptist Church, please call (601) 546-2297 or visit our Webb page at www.crossroadspel.org.

Commemorative cookbooks and t-shirts are available at the church office.

Pelahatchie BC holds Vacation Bible School



Pelahatchie Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Sunday – Thursday, July 24-28. The theme is diving deep into God's word. There will be refreshments, bible study, music, and missions. Visit pelahatchiebaptist.org to register and volunteer. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Grants Ferry Parkway Groundbreaking



The long awaited Grants Ferry Parkway at Highway 80 and Interstate 20 held its groundbreaking in June. The Parkway will make it easier for Pelahatchie and east Rankin residents to get to the Flowood area. Shown is Brandon Mayor Butch Lee, left, and developer Tom Cook. Phase I is the intersection off of Highway 80 just east of the Rankin County-Co-Op. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Myrley Edwards	73	Lake, MS	6/7/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Damarcio Pope	22	Morton, MS	6/6/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Richard Burkett	54	Frisco City, AL	6/7/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jimmy Breland	67	Lake, MS	6/8/16	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Brandon McCurdy	28	Morton, MS	6/13/16	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Alan Lowe	72	Lake, MS	6/18/16	Wolf Funeral Serv.

Scott Kelly named police captain

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Scott Kelly has been named as captain of the Pelahatchie Police Department according to Chief Kevin Poole. As second in command, he will be in charge of patrol operations and commu-

nications.

Kelly has 16 years of law enforcement experience including the Forest Police Department, Pearl Police Department and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. He has served in Narcotics and as a SWAT commander. He started in June.

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