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Judy Moon Denson to speak at Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie native Judy Moon Denson will speak on "Be of Good Cheer" at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m. on August 20 at Pelahatchie Baptist Church.

Denson, who graduated from Pelahatchie High School, is a well-known local TV personality who once did a talk show "Coffee with Judy" on WLBT-TV in the 1970's. She then moved to Nashville to help launch The Nashville Network. Her strength was interviewing celebrities. She interviewed Bob Hope, Billy Graham, Jerry Clower, Pearl Bailey, Pat Boone, Charley Pride and Dolly Parton, to name a few. Her favorite was Billy Graham, who she said was a down-to-earth person who came to the station for the interview, and even sent her a handwritten note to thank her afterwards. She said Dolly Parton was



Judy Moon Denson shown with an inset of her painting used on the 2011 Muscadine Jubilee t-shirt. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

also a nice person.

Denson began her interest in television when she was 14 and appeared in the "Teen Tempos" dance program.

While a student at Mississippi College, she got a job as a weather girl on a local TV station. From there, she was asked to start the local talk show before talk

shows were popular, she said.

Denson said she got her start at Cross Roads Baptist Church, where she sang her first solo and played the piano by ear. She also served as the church organist for a while. In her talk, she will share remembrances of growing up in the Pelahatchie area.

Denson is also an artist and writer. She painted the design on the 2011 Muscadine Jubilee t-shirt, and has written two books: Kidspirational Keepsakes: Out of the Mouths of Babes (1997) with Beverly Smallwood and Kidspirational Keepsakes: The Journal (1997).

She and her husband, Hill, a former baseball coach at Southern Miss and Belhaven, live in Madison. They have two daughters, Jill and Molly, who live in Chicago and Idaho, respectively.

Tickets for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast are \$5 each and can be purchased at City Hall.

PHS Band ready for Friday nights

By: Stephanie Goss

On Friday nights around the country, the melodic sounds of a marching band can be heard playing victory fight songs and spectacular halftime shows. That sound has been missing from Pelahatchie High School (PHS) for about twenty-three years, but this year at football games, after that long lapse, PHS will have a band step on to the field to perform a halftime show.

Band Director Helen Echazabal is in her second year at PHS, teaching Spanish, band and vocal music. She is excited about where the band program is headed. "I want to see a whole new culture within the town of Pelahatchie, a big group of kids who love making music."

Echazabal, who is first generation Cuban American, was raised in a Spanish-speaking household and often had to translate for her parents. She is a long-time resident of Morton and at-

tended Morton High School, where she was very active in the band. Echazabal studied at the University of Southern Mississippi and earned a degree in music education and psychology. While attending USM, she marched/performed in various ensembles at sporting events, the International Trombone Festival, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. She attended approximately 30 band clinics, and even traveled with the Mississippi Lions All-State Band to perform and compete in an international parade in Sydney, Australia.

She was also selected as a participant in the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program -



(Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

a program designed to assist first generation college students and students of an under-represented minority group prepare for graduate school. The program involved a thesis, academic training and more. This program showed her how anything is possible with hard work. She wants the students in Pela-

hatchie to realize that they have those same opportunities if they work hard. This year, the band will get their feet wet by attending some competitions.

Echazabal said that "getting a band program started is hard. Kids don't know what they are getting into or what

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Chief's Comments: Handle situations with words, not violence

By: Chief Kevin Poole, Pelahatchie Police Department

The shootings in Dallas are very troubling. I worry about the direction our country is going. Being a law enforcement officer, it is my job to enforce the laws. This is all the laws, not just the ones that are felonies. My department and I will enforce all the laws equally. I would like to quote Newton's Third Law of Motion, "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction."

This quote defines what is going on in our country on both sides. It takes a strong person to seek forgiveness rather than revenge. Law enforcement is a profession, that if someone makes a mistake it could cost lives. We are not in gang warfare, that believes an eye for an eye. At least law enforcement doesn't think this way.

Even though the law enforcement Community is hurt, we will not seek revenge. We will put on our uniform and continue to serve, because that is our purpose - to serve and protect. I am not saying if any of these

shootings are justified or not. I will say that law enforcement officers are not hiding like cowards and shooting people in the back.

As a law enforcement officer, we are not trained to be the aggressor in any situation. We are trained to react to situations. This itself puts police officers at a disadvantage. Police are trained to go one step above, to achieve the arrest of people that will not comply.

Remember that your actions will cause an equal or opposite reaction. If you fail to comply, you have officially broken the law, and we will do what is necessary to effect the arrest. With that being said, we are people just like everyone else. We have wives, husbands, and kids. We have volunteered to do and serve in one of the hardest professions in the world.

We put on a badge and gun every day and go to work not knowing if we will return to our families. Let's also remember we are human beings, and none of us are perfect. Only God himself is perfect, but perfection is demanded of us every day.

I am not condoning any actions of



Photo by Susie A. Wolfe

officers from other agencies. This is why we have a legal system. I will not assume what happened in those situations, and give my opinion on an assumption. I am someone that likes to see all the evidence before I give my opinion.

My officers are steadfast in protecting the citizens of Pelahatchie.

We will continue doing our job to the best of our ability. My officers will represent with pride, honor, and integrity. I would like to say to the citizens of Pelahatchie that my door is always open. Let's handle situations with words rather than violence.

Thanks, Chief Poole



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you are saying when you use band terminology. They have to learn all that from scratch. This year, there are thirty or so rookies that will have to learn marching."

Tanya Scherer, a former member of the Pelahatchie band of 1993 and kindergarten teacher at Pelahatchie Elementary, said that "members do not mind spending their money on the band, but sponsors are needed to support the band in bigger band functions. There are also kids who want to be a part of this program, but do not have the funds to buy instruments and other necessary supplies. We need sponsors for this program to grow."

Echazabal has been able to get some things from Madison Central and Ridge-

land high schools, who both allowed her to "raid their closets." The Forrest County Agricultural High School also donated band hats. She was able to acquire color guard and drumline gear. The Pelahatchie Lions Club also made a donation in honor of Chief Glenda Shoemaker.

The Pelahatchie Band Booster Club plans to buy uniforms this year. The group has been trying to spread the word about the band, and has created a Facebook page that anyone can join by searching Pelahatchie band and clicking the "join group" icon to keep updated on events, activities, needs, etc. The Booster Club board includes President Paula Thompson, Vice President Trevis Hoard, Treasurer Terra Simpson and Secretary Patty Dawson. Band Booster

meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the band hall.

To sponsor the Pelahatchie band or help to get a business to sponsor them, contact the band boosters via Facebook or Helen Echazabal by email at hel200@rcsd.ms. Sponsorship information includes:

Level GOLD - \$500: or more donation:

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- Name listed in front of home concession stand at football games
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So, as football starts in town, the Friday night lights will also feature the sound of the Pelahatchie band once again.

A note to Pelahatchie High School parents



(Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: Dr. Bryan Marshall,
Pelahatchie High School Principal

You are cordially invited to attend our annual open house on Thursday, August 11, at

6 p.m. The following day, we would love for all to attend the Meet the Chiefs night and Football Jamboree. These festivities will start with Meet the Chiefs at 6:15 p.m., and the Jamboree game versus Nanih Wayia will immediately follow. The cost for Meet

the Chiefs and the Jamboree is \$5 and includes a hamburger, chips and water. We look forward to an awesome night of recognizing the football, band, cheer, softball, basketball, soccer, and teams. Please come out and support our Chiefs.

The rollout of computer took place July 25. Additionally, there will be a grade 7 orientation on August 4 at 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. And finally, the Get to College group will be setting up a parent night to discuss scholarship information and plan for future endeavors toward college on August 30 at 6 p.m.

Parents and students will notice several improvements on campus when

they arrive this fall. Students will have the opportunity to meet for break in a newly-concreted area that is spacious and shady. Parents and students will enjoy the new stadium at the football field; both home and visitors bleachers have been replaced and are state of the art. There are several other minor improvements that have been made this year, but these are the major ones. Academically, Pelahatchie is pleased to announce that we are a B school with a composite ACT average of 19. We have grown exponentially in Lexiles and look forward to continuing that work with literacy this upcoming school year.

Pelahatchie High is pleased to an-

nounce that we are expanding our Dual Credit Course offerings from 20 credits to 26 credits. Pelahatchie High is in the 80th percentile for safest school in the nation and ranks 31 in the state of Mississippi out of 235 schools for Best All Around School. Pelahatchie High ranks 6 in the metro area for Best High School and is in the top 35 percent in the nation for Best High School. Therefore, each parent and student should be proud of the successes of the Pelahatchie High School and the Pelahatchie community. Great job, and let's work even harder this year to be the best. Go Chiefs!!!!

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PHS band gathering equipment uniforms



Alex Milling, a drum major at PHS, is shown in the band's helmet/hat. According to Band Director Helen Echazabal, the hats were donated by the Forrest County Agricultural HS. Madison Central and Ridgeland high schools also helped with needed items. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

McCall High School to hold reunion September

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

McCall High School, currently the Friends of Children of MS/McCall Early Head Start Center, will hold a reunion celebration on September 10. The last class to graduate from McCall High School before it consolidated with Pelahatchie Attendance Center was the Class of 1970.

According to Patsy Watson, "McCall was a field of dreams for many. It broke the education barrier for minority children in Pelahatchie."

The school was named after the late Professor James McCall, who had a dream of educating minority children, according to Watson. The first school was a two story, one classroom building that serviced first grade through eighth, then Dr. McCall proposed a school to include all grades. "Teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers, nurses, and principals, just to name a few professions, graduated from McCall High School."

All McCall graduates, former students, faculty, employees, family members of persons who attended McCall, and anyone who would like to be a part of the celebration is welcome to partic-



Image special to *The Pelahatchie News*

ipate. Scheduled activities for Saturday begin with a tour of the old McCall High School, then the Pelahatchie Museum at Muscadine Park. Guests can enjoy the Annual Muscadine Jubilee, with a banquet to follow at the Holiday Inn Trustmark Park in Pearl at 7:30 p.m.

August 21 is the reservation deadline. The reunion fee is \$50 per person to cover the banquet hall, meal, t-shirt and other fees. Checks or money orders are to be payable to Brenda Tate; treasurer -1820 Holly Bush Rd. Pelahatchie, 601-612-3400. For further information, contact Patsy J. Watson, 769-274-2857, or Gail Beauchamp Curtis at 605-383-7463.

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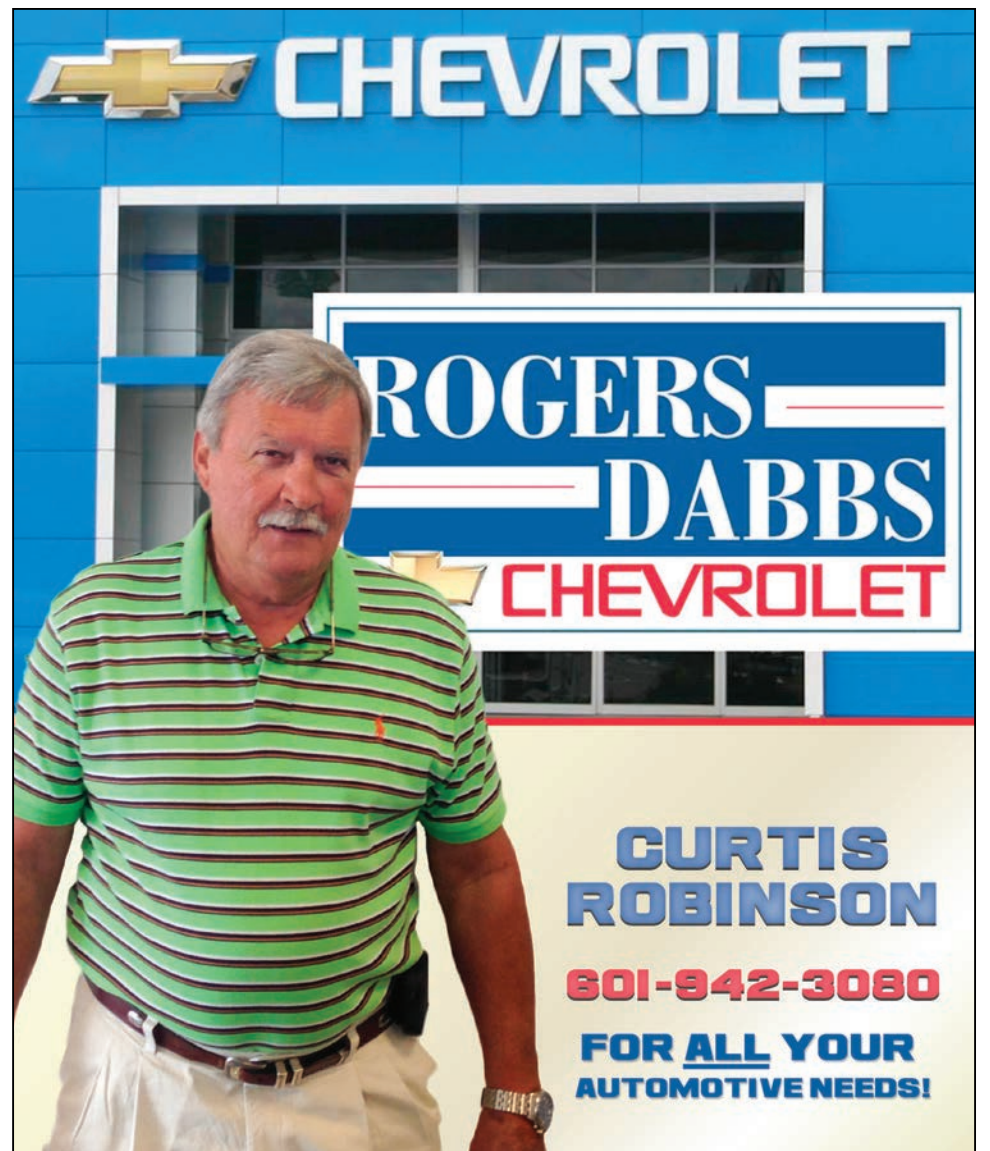
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10:00 - Bible Study for all ages
11:00 - Blended Worship Service
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Sept. 2	Velma Jackson	Home	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Open		6:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Mize	Away	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Morton	Home	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Scott Central	Away	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Pisgah	Home	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Lake	Away	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Puckett	Home	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	St Joe	Home	6:00 p.m.

JUNIOR SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 30	St Andrews	Home	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Puckett	Home	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	Pisgah	Away	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Sebastopol	Home	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	McLaurin	Away	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Lake	Away	7:00 p.m.
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Bridges opens law office in Morton

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The first African American valedictorian of Pelahatchie High School has returned to her father's hometown to open a second law office. Sharon Ficklin Bridges is the managing attorney for Bridges Law Group, PLLC, located in Morton at 155 Highway 481 South. Bridges represents individuals in personal injury cases, including slip and falls, car accidents and premises liability cases, medical malpractice and wrongful death matters.

She believes in giving back to the community and prepares free power of attorneys and wills on Mondays, by appointment.

"It is an honor to return to a community where I have so many family members and friends," said Bridges.



(Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

"I look forward to being an active participant in this community, serving those in need."

Bridges' Morton office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Her Jackson office is open on Thursday and Friday during the same time.

Blood donors have chance to win new Jeep

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Life is a journey fraught with detours and roadblocks like illnesses and injuries. Sometimes they become life-threatening – they turn into more than a bump in the road. Blood donors don't take these "road hazards" away, they just make navigating them possible. Because blood donors do so much, Mississippi Blood Services (MBS) and Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram Flowood are partnering up for the Road to Life 8 Blood Drive Promotion. This year, donors from all over Mississippi will be registered for a chance to win a 2016 Jeep Renegade.

The promotion will run from now through August 19. Everyone who donates at an MBS blood drive, draw station or fixed site is automatically entered for a chance to win. MBS will

draw the names of fifteen finalists to try the key at Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram on Friday, August 26.

"Blood donors often play a crucial part on a patient's road to recovery," Merle Eldridge, MBS Manager of Public Relations and Communications, said. "They may never meet those patients who received their blood, but the very fact blood was available means they helped save those lives."

Blood donors help countless hospital patients get back on the road to life. MBS officials say they are proud to partner with Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram Flowood to put a blood donor in a brand new vehicle.

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MDOT highlights importance of railroad crossing safety

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) supports 2,600 rail miles across Mississippi.

Many of those rail lines carry goods or travelers and pass through county roads and highways at railroad crossings. On International Level Crossing Awareness Day earlier this month, MDOT joined the railroad community in bringing awareness to the importance of safety at railroad crossings around the state.

MDOT's role in railroad crossings is primarily oversight in safety and traffic control on all public at-grade crossings, or those that are level with the road. MDOT often acts as the liaison between cities, counties and railroad companies to provide guidance on ways to keep the public safe. Looking at railroad crossings in tandem with diagnostic reviews, MDOT's rails engineer can determine the kinds of warning devices that should be in place at railroad crossings.

Each year, MDOT's rails engineer inspects crossings to determine the need for lights and gates, creating a prioritization list. While some MDOT projects involve high traffic areas,

others include railroad crossings in smaller towns that are in need of safety improvements.

"With federal funding, MDOT is only able to add warning devices to about ten to fifteen railroad crossings each year," said Melinda McGrath, MDOT executive director. "Last year, there were five fatalities on rail lines in Mississippi, down from nine in 2014. While fatalities on rail lines have decreased over the years, the need for safety at railroad crossing remains extremely important."

The public plays an important role in safety at railroad crossings. With safety as the number one priority, MDOT offers these tips for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists on International Level Crossing Awareness Day.

- Trains and cars don't mix. Never race a train to the crossing.
- The train you see is closer and faster-moving than you think. If you see a train approaching, wait for it to go by before you proceed



In 2015, MDOT added lights and gates to this intersection in Bay St. Louis. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

- across the tracks.
- Trains cannot stop quickly. Even if the locomotive engineer sees you, a freight train moving at 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop once the emergency brakes are applied.
- Never drive around lowered gates — it's illegal and deadly.
- Do not get trapped on the tracks; proceed through a highway-rail grade crossing only if you are sure you can completely clear the crossing without stopping. Remember, the train is three feet wider than

the tracks on both sides.

- If your vehicle ever stalls on a track with a train coming, get out immediately and move quickly away from the tracks in the direction from which the train is coming. If you run in the same direction the train is traveling, when the train hits your car, you could be injured by flying debris. Call your local law enforcement agency for assistance.
- At a multiple track crossing waiting for a train to pass, watch out for a second train on the other tracks, approaching from either direction.
- When you need to cross train tracks, go to a designated crossing, look both ways, and cross the tracks quickly, without stopping. Remember, it isn't safe to stop closer than 15 feet from a rail.
- ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN! Freight trains do not follow set schedules.

For more information about how MDOT supports rails in Mississippi, visit GoMDOT.com. For a map of railroad crossing in Mississippi, visit <http://ow.ly/tqSu3017Mfy>.



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Pastor's Perspective: Going the wrong way



By: John Vaughn, Pastor,
Cross Roads Baptist Church

My wife and I had the privilege of serving as missionaries in Brazil for a number of years. Every three to four years, we got to come back to the United States for a few months of "State Side Assignment." That meant that we were to be involved in representing the International Mission Board in churches as we had the opportunity.

One of my favorite activities was going to Missions Conferences, where a number of missionaries were invited. Those types of meetings usually lasted for a week, and each night I got to speak at a different church to share about our missionary work. One memorable Missions Conference was in Natchez. I was assigned to a host home, and my host church made sure that I learned my way around Natchez and took me to tour a couple of the beautiful Antebellum homes there.

One night, I spoke at a church; and after the service, I headed for my host home. The church was on the outskirts of Natchez, and my host home was on the other side of town. I left the church parking lot and pulled out onto the



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highway. The first car I met flashed his headlights at me. At first I thought I must have had my lights on the high beam and he was letting me know. But when I checked, I already had them on the low beam, so I flashed my lights back at him.

The next car I met also flashed his lights at me! I thought there must be an accident ahead of me and he was letting me know. Another car flashed his lights, then another one. I was getting a little frustrated at the other drivers for continuing to flash their headlights in my eyes.

Then I realized why every car I met flashed his lights at me. Without know-

ing it, I was driving the wrong way on a one way road! Because I was not familiar with the roads around Natchez, I hadn't realized that the road by the church was a divided highway. When I left the church parking lot, instead of going across to the west bound lanes, I turned into the east bound lane, headed in the wrong direction!

All those drivers who flashed their lights at me were trying to alert me to the error that I had made. When I realized what I was doing, I immediately pulled off the road. I broke out in a cold sweat as I thought about the reality that I could have caused a head on collision. As soon as there were no

cars in sight, I turned around and headed in the right direction, thankful that I had not had an accident and ended up hurting someone else or myself.

I've often thought about the spiritual implications of that experience. 1) In life, it is very easy for a person to get turned around and headed in the wrong direction. Sometimes they don't even realize that the direction they are going could place them or others in danger. 2) We have a responsibility of pointing out when someone is going the wrong way in life. It is for their own good that we must act. 3) Those who are going the wrong way in life often don't realize it. And when it is pointed out, they often don't want to admit it. 4) When a person realizes he is headed in the wrong direction, only he can rectify the situation. He must stop and turn around so he can proceed through life going the right way.

Maybe today you realize that the direction you are going in life is not right. If that is the case, you can do something about it. The Lord will help you, and you can seek encouragement from your pastor or other church members. Stop going in the wrong direction, and turn around before you cause harm or heartache to yourself or others. And be sure to go to church on Sunday!



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Cross Roads offers GriefShare Program

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Cross Roads Baptist Church will start a new session of GriefShare beginning September 6. The GriefShare Program is designed for people grieving the death of a family member or friend and seeking support for recovery.

Sheila Bradshaw coordinates the Cross Roads group that meets each Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at the church through November 29. Each week, the group watches a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects, then the group discusses it. The videos are produced in an inter-



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esting television magazine format, featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments and on-location video.

Cross Roads is one of eight churches in the Jackson area that offer the group, but is the only one in Pelahatchie. It is open to the public. For more information, call 601-546-2297.

ERCO seeks to help families in need



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By Susie A. Wolfe

The Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO) group, based in Pelahatchie, takes donations and gives them to others in need, according to Tammy Brun. She and husband Van, who founded the group in 2012, partner with other groups and work with other volunteers to provide clothes, shoes, food, housewares, furniture and, at times, appliances to families in need.

Tammy is practice support coordinator Butler Snow LLP in Jackson, where she has worked for 13 years, and Van is an area manager for CenterPoint Gas. Their full time jobs don't get in the way of being "God's hands and

feet" in partnering with other groups like the Mississippi Food Network/Feeding America, Mississippi Benevolence group, Division of Medicaid or the Pregnancy Center. The group currently operates out of the 3,000 square foot parsonage at Rehobeth Baptist Church, 10 miles outside of town.

"We strive to be ever reaching, ever seeking opportunities to demonstrate His love, by serving others and providing them with a message of hope and faith in Jesus Christ," said Brun. "We are blessed to be located in Pelahatchie, but we meet needs all over."

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Lessons from the Dojang: Choosing the right word



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By: Leslie Trigg, Youth Minister, Shiloh Methodist Church

What is the difference between success and failure? Hard work, focus, timing, connections, or luck? For many of us, it comes to choosing the right three letter word. "But" or "Why."

Most people go through every day pretending they are working toward success. They quietly and slowly tip toe through life afraid of failure, so they stop

at the word: "But." "But" causes you to hide out behind fear. "But" makes you come up with excuses. "But" is a dream killer. If you want success, you have to take chances. If you don't take chances, you can't grow. If you can't grow, you can't be your best.

For those of you who have discovered their "Why," it is the starting point on their journey to success. "Why" is the reason that inspires us to continue. "Why" overrules our excuses. "Why" gives us the strength to face our fears. "Why" pushes us on through hardships and heartache. "Why" helps you find your inner strength that empowers you to take chances. "Why" becomes the drive that makes you grow. You become your best because of your "Why."

Which word comes to your mind when you are faced with a choice? Do you choose "But," allowing yourself to make excuses and postpone? Or do you let "Why" drive you when there is nothing left in you to go on? The choice is yours. Choose wisely.

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

PES Back to school schedule

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- August 4 - Meet the Teacher - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 - August 16 - K-2, Curriculum Night - 6:00 p.m.
 - August 18 - Grades 3-6, Curriculum Night - 6:00 p.m.
- Curriculum nights are for parents to come see a snapshot of their child's school day.

Shivers discusses writing



Photo by Susie A. Wolfe

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John Shivers is a Southern writer dividing his time between Simpson County, Mississippi, and North Georgia. He shared his experience in writing nine books with adults at the Pelahatchie Library's Summer Reading Program in June.

Shivers traditionally writes Christian inspirational fiction, but has recently ventured into the mystery genre. Interested readers can check out Shivers' books at the library.

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MDOT offers survival kit recommendations for hurricane season

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The 2016 Hurricane Season is officially underway, and the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is urging residents to get prepared now, instead of waiting until a storm is on the way.

MDOT recommends residents make plans, take action and gather the materials needed to secure homes for Hurricane Season. Residents are encouraged to have a survival kit ready and stored in a safe place until needed.

MDOT recommends the following essential items to include in a survival kit:

WATER:

- Drinking water (one gallon per person per day for 14 days)
- Water for cooking and hygiene (one gallon per day per person)
- Water for pets

FOOD:

- Non-perishable packed or canned food to last 14 days
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, soup, fruits and vegetables
- Canned/ boxed milk or juice
- Bread, crackers, cookies and cereal
- Granola bars and trail mix
- Special food for babies and the elderly

- Non-perishable food for pets

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

- Cooler for ice and food storage
- Flashlight with extra batteries or hand-crank
- Grill with extra propane, charcoal or Sterno
- Car charger for cell phones
- Waterproof matches
- Water purification tablets
- Napkins, paper towels and toilet paper
- Paper plates, cups and plastic eating utensils
- Outdoor extension cords
- Blankets and towels
- Basic tool kit, work gloves and duct tape
- Waterproof tarp, plastic sheeting and rope
- Pet carriers and pet documentation/licenses
- Extra cash

HEALTH ESSENTIALS:

- Two-week supply of prescription drugs and vitamins



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- Over the counter pain reliever
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellant
- Antibacterial hand soap
- Plastic garbage bags
- Medications for pets

If a hurricane is on the way, residents are reminded to shut off utilities and propane tanks, turn all refrigerators and freezers to the coldest setting and leave the doors closed, fill a tub with water, and unplug all appliances and electronics.

In addition to preparing a survival kit for hurricane season, MDOT also offers home readiness checklists, along with tips and instructional videos on how to get prepared at www.GoMDOT.com/hurricanes. A free 2016 Hurricane Evacuation Guide is also available. To order the guide, visit www.GoMDOT.com/maps, or call 601-359-

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August 19	Benton Academy	V	Away	7:00
August 26	Simpson Academy	V	Home	7:00
September 2	Canton Academy	V	Home	7:00
September 9	Open	V	TBA	7:00
September 16	Newton Academy	V	Away	7:00
September 23	Tri-County Academy	B JV	Away	7:00
September 30	*Lamar School	B JV	Home	7:00
October 7	Jackson Academy	B JV	Away	7:00
October 14	Adams County Christian (HC)	B JV	Home	7:00
October 21	*Presbyterian Christian	B JV	Away	7:00
October 28	*Jackson Prep	B JV	Home	7:00

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 18 (Thurs.)	"Meet The Patriot's" Night		Home Gym	6:00
August 25	MRA	B JV	Home	5:30
August 30	Christ Covenant	B	Away	7:00
September 1	Tri-County Academy	V JV	Home	5:30 7:00
September 8	Simpson Academy	B JV	Away	5:30 7:00
September 15	Presbyterian Academy	B JV	Home	5:30 7:00
September 22	Jackson Prep	B JV	Away	5:30 7:00
September 29	Canton Academy	6th JV	Home	5:30 7:00
October 6	Copiah Academy	B JV	Home	5:30 7:00
October 13	Lamar School	B JV	Away	5:30 7:00

GIRLS SOCCER SCHEDULE

August 4	Magnolia Heights	V	Away	4:00
August 8	Oak Forest	JV V	Away	4:00 5:30
August 15	Oak Forest	JV V	Home	4:00 5:30
August 16	Park Place	JV V	Away	4:00 5:30
August 18	"Meet the Patriots"		Home	6:00
August 20	ACCS Tournament	TBA	TBA	TBA
August 22	Copiah	JV V	Away	4:00 5:30
August 23	Lamar	V	Home	3:30
August 29	Washington	JV V	Home	4:00 5:30
August 30	Jackson Prep	JV V	Away	4:00 5:30

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

August 1	Tri-County	JV V	Home	5:30 7:00
August 2	Sylva-Bay	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
August 5	Central Holmes	JV V	Away	5:00 6:30
August 11	Clinton Christian	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
August 12	Jackson Prep	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
August 13	Hillcrest	JV V	Home	11:00 1:00
August 18	"Meet the Patriots"	Gym	Home	6:00
August 20	Benton	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
August 22	Central Holmes	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
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Cross Roads honors 50 year members



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During Cross Roads Baptist Church Centennial Celebration in July, the church honored 17 members who have been members there for 50 years or more. The following parishioners have been members for half the existence of the church: Sammy Huff - 50 years; Myrtis Bradshaw - 51 years; Kris Goldman - 51 years;

Horace Goldman - 52 years; Ava Moore - 53 years; JoAnn Brown - 54 years; Janice Goldman - 55 years; Peggy Sumrall - 55 years; Betty Hayman - 56 years; Betty Varner - 56 years; Kermit Goldman - 57 years; Tommy Moore - 58 years; Pat Maddox - 60 years; Butch Varner - 63 years; Betty Crawford - 64 years; Eddie Myrtle Moore - 65 years; Dot Gray - 72 years.

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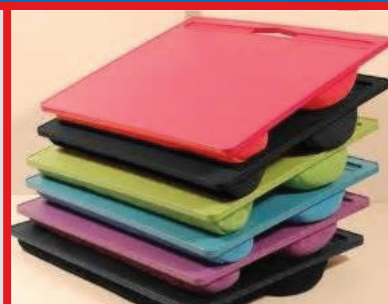
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Health Dept. encourages Pelahatchians to take West Nile Virus precautions

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Health (MSDH) has identified an unusually large number of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus in Hinds County.

Residents should make sure to take all precautions to avoid mosquito bites:

- Use an EPA-registered mosquito repellent that contains DEET while outdoors.
- Remove all sources of standing



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- water around homes and yards to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Wear loose, light-colored, long clothing to cover the arms and legs when outdoors.
- Avoid areas where mosquitoes are prevalent.

July, August and September are historically the most active months for West Nile virus activity. Four human

cases have been identified in Mississippi for 2016 in Hinds, Grenada, Lamar and Rankin counties. It is important for Mississippi residents to take measures to avoid mosquitoes.

In previous years, WNV has been reported from all parts of the state. All Mississippians are potentially at risk – not just the areas where cases or affected mosquitoes are reported.

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

Bogus emails surfacing from "Office of the Attorney General"

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Mississippi consumers should be aware that a widely circulated email that is alleging to be from the "Office of the Attorney General" is actually a brazen attempt to install damaging malware on computers. The scam emails have been received by multiple businesses and individuals in Mississippi recently.

The email states that a complaint has been filed against the business. It includes a link for the recipient to click to view the complaint. Recipients of the email should delete it immediately and should not click on the link contained in the email.

"We have received numerous calls

and reports to our office this week from consumers who have received this email. In one report, the recipient clicked on the link provided, which, in turn, wiped out her computer," Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood said. "The email is fraudulent. Our office does not send requests for responses to complaints by email. Consumers should not open any links or attachments, nor should they reply back to this email."

The email falsely claiming to be from the "Office of the Attorney General" initially appears to be legitimate. It states that the "office" has received a complaint against the business and provides a link to view the complaint. It gives consumers a timeline and in-

structions to file a rebuttal. Additionally, the email states that the office "cannot render legal advice, nor can it represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter." There is also an email disclaimer that the scam artists used to make to try to lend credibility to the correspondence.

Even if the content of a message sounds reasonable or convincing, Attorney General Hood encourages consumers to look for errors in spelling, grammar, or wording that indicate that the email is fraudulent. These errors are sure signs of a scam.

In addition to deleting scam emails and not clicking on links in those emails, consumers who receive sus-

picious emails or text messages may want to contact the business supposedly sending the message to let the business know that its name is being fraudulently used in a phishing attempt.

"We appreciate those who came forward to let us know that a scammer was impersonating our office," Attorney General Hood said. "When consumers are vigilant in their efforts to avoid malware, computer viruses and potential identity theft, it makes our job easier."

Consumers who have provided information in response to a phishing scam should contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office at 800-281-4418.



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St. Dominic's holds ribbon cutting



Linda Brewer is shown speaking at the St. Dominic's Family Medicine ribbon cutting at the Community Center on July 29. Brewer sold her clinic to the group to provide more comprehensive services for the Town of Pelahatchie. Seated from left in the photo is Jennifer Sinclair, EVP, St. Dominic Hospital, Mayor Knox Ross, Mandi Arinder, Executive Director, Rankin County Chamber, Father Daniel Gallagher, Chaplain, St. Dominic Hospital and Patricia Walden, Director of Pastoral Care, St. Dominic Hospital. An open house was held after the ribbon cutting. (Photo Susie A. Wolfe)

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ERA school schedules

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- August 1-5, Orientation and Preparation Days (All Staff and Faculty—8:00-3:00)
- August 5, High School Orientation (9th-12th Grade)
 - (Morning) • 9th Grade Students and Parents (8:00-9:30)
 - 10th-12th Students Only (12th—9:45-10:30; 11th—10:45-11:30; 10th—11:45-12:30)
- August 7, K4-3rd Grade Parent-Teacher Orientation
 - (Sunday Afternoon) • K4, K5, and -1st Grade Parents (2:00pm)
 - 2nd-3rd Grade Parents (3:30pm)
- August 8, first day for K4 and K5 (7:45-11:00am)
- August 8, 4th-8th Grade Parent-Teacher Orientation
 - (Evening) • 4th-6th Grade Parents (6:30pm)
 - 7th-8th Grade Parents (7:30pm)
- August 9, regular school day (K4-12th Grade)

Tate honored in Army ceremony

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Jason Tate, son of Joe and Brenda Tate of Pelahatchie, assumed command of Product Management Office Radars located in Aberdeen, Maryland, on June 23. As the Radars Product Manager, LTC Tate is responsible for the development, procurement, and life cycle management of all the U.S. Army's four counter fire radars, the Q53, Q50, Q37 and Q36. Counter fire radars are essential to the Army because they provide the location from which rockets, mortars and artillery rounds originate on the battlefield.

LTC Tate is a Tougaloo University biology graduate, who also has a master's degree in environmental management from Webster University and a master's in international relations from the University of Oklahoma. His military schooling includes the Chemical Office Basic Course, Chemical Officer Career Course, the Combined Arms & General Staff School (CGSS) Intermediate Level Education.

He is an Acquisition Corps mem-



Lieutenant Colonel Jason Tate (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

ber and Level III Certified in Program Management. Among his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and Kosovo Campaign Medal.

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Ends August 20th



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Pelahatchie Baptist VBS prays for police



Police Chief Kevin Poole, shown in tie in center, attended the final night of Vacation Bible School at Pelahatchie Baptist Church where the children prayed for the police and gave them monetary offerings and food items for the food pantry collected during the week. (Photo Susie A. Wolfe)



**21st Annual
Back-to-School
Family Fun
Day**
**Free school supplies and
refreshments for K- College**

**Saturday, August 6, 2016
at 10:00am -1:00pm**

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Adams has served Pelahatchie for 32 years

By Susie A. Wolfe

Michael Adams has been Alderman of Ward One for 32 years. Born in Chicago, Adams came to Mississippi for college, and married Linda, a Pelahatchie native. He is a senior inspector at Milwaukee Tool in Jackson, where he has worked for 40 years, and Linda has been working in the Methodist Rehab business office for the past 18 years.

The Adams have lived in town 40 years, where they raised three children, Taisha, an RN at MS State Hospital; Nodja, a professor at Delta State University; and Jamal, a manager with General Motors. They now have three grandchildren. They are members of Little Zion UMC, where Adams is a trustee. He is also a co-founder of the Community Family Fun Day and Back to School Project founded 12 years ago. They provide supplies at the beginning of the school year to pre-school-college ages. Adams also works on bicycles for kids in the community at no charge.

Adams is also an antique car enthusiast. He currently has eight cars, including a 1937 Plymouth Coup, 1956



Linda and Michael Adams (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

Chevy, 1956 Chevy, 1956 Chevy Nomad, 1965 Mustang, 1966 Nova SS, two 1969 Camaros, and a 1974 Granville.

Adams has been named to the Mississippi Municipal League's Hall of Fame for attending classes and years of service. Asked why he ran for alderman, Adams said "because I saw the need to make some changes." His ward covers Clayton to North St., College St. with the new Lockwood subdivision to Highway 80.

As for the future, the Adams' motto is, "I will, I can through God."

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