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Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held August 20

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The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was held Saturday, August 20, at Pelahatchie Baptist Church. Mayor Knox Ross welcomed guests and introduced City officials. Pastor Douglas McMahon of Greater Works Outreach Ministry brought the invocation, while Rev. Guy Hughes of Pelahatchie Baptist led the benediction.

Pelahatchie native Judy Rhodes Davis sang the National Anthem and entertained with traditional and original music. Another Pelahatchie native, Judy Moon Denson, sang and spoke on being of good cheer and feeling like a kid again. A former television host and speaker who has made 3,000 live appearances, Denson made the suggestion to take a break from watching the 10 p.m. news. In-

stead, she offered advice she had heard from Minnie Pearl. "Laughter is God's hand in a troubled world."

Townfolk and guests enjoyed a traditional Southern breakfast prepared by gentlemen of the church, which included biscuits, sausage gravy, bacon, fruit, and, of course, muscadines and muscadine jelly.



Pelahatchie natives entertain crowd at Prayer Breakfast. Rev. Guy Hughes is shown with Judy Rhodes Davis, left, and Judy Moon Denson who performed for the crowd. (Photo by Pelahatchie News)

5K run set for September 10



Dr. William Crowder travels with nurse Meredith Robinson and medical assistant Marti Horton. (Photo special to Pelahatchie News)

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On the morning of the 2016 Muscadine Festival, Saturday, September 10, Pelahatchie Baptist Church (PBC) will host the Second Annual D-Vine 5K Run/Walk and one-mile Fun Run. Participants from the community and the surrounding areas are invited to enjoy a run through historic Pelahatchie to support the PBC youth

group. The race will start and end at Pelahatchie High School and will be timed by Time2Run. Refreshments will be provided post-race by area businesses and church members, and a drawing for door prizes will be held after the race.

Sponsor or race participants need to complete forms provided on the church website, pelahatchiebaptist.org, or register on-site the day of the race.

Schedule announced for Muscadine Jubilee

The schedule for the September 10 Muscadine Jubilee was announced, including:

10 a.m.

Opening Ceremony
Welcome - Mayor Knox Ross
Invocation - Rev. Scottie Irvin
Flag Presentation - Pelahatchie ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance - Pelahatchie ROTC
National Anthem - Madi Holmes

10:30 - 11 a.m.

Chieftacular
Maggie Harper Davis

11 - 11:30 a.m.

Political Speaking

11:30 - 12 p.m.

Muscadine Stomp

12- 12:20 p.m.

Troy Laz & 2Hipnotic Band

12:20 - 1:45 p.m.

Jeff Bates

2 - 3:30 p.m.

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3:30 - 5 p.m.

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Chief's Comments: Assistance for flood victims

By: Chief Kevin Poole, Pelahatchie Police Department

The PPD is working with the Pelahatchie community to adopt the small South Mississippi town of Crosby to provide much needed assistance during the Louisiana/Mississippi flooding affecting our neighbors. We collected water, canned goods and other needed supplies that we delivered to the Crosby Town Hall at the end of August, and will continue to help in any way possible as they recover and rebuild their town.

The Town has been so generous in collecting necessities the Crosby families need.

On September 10, the PPD will have a booth at the Muscadine Jubilee, so stop by to get coloring books, bracelets and tattoos from your favorite policemen and women.



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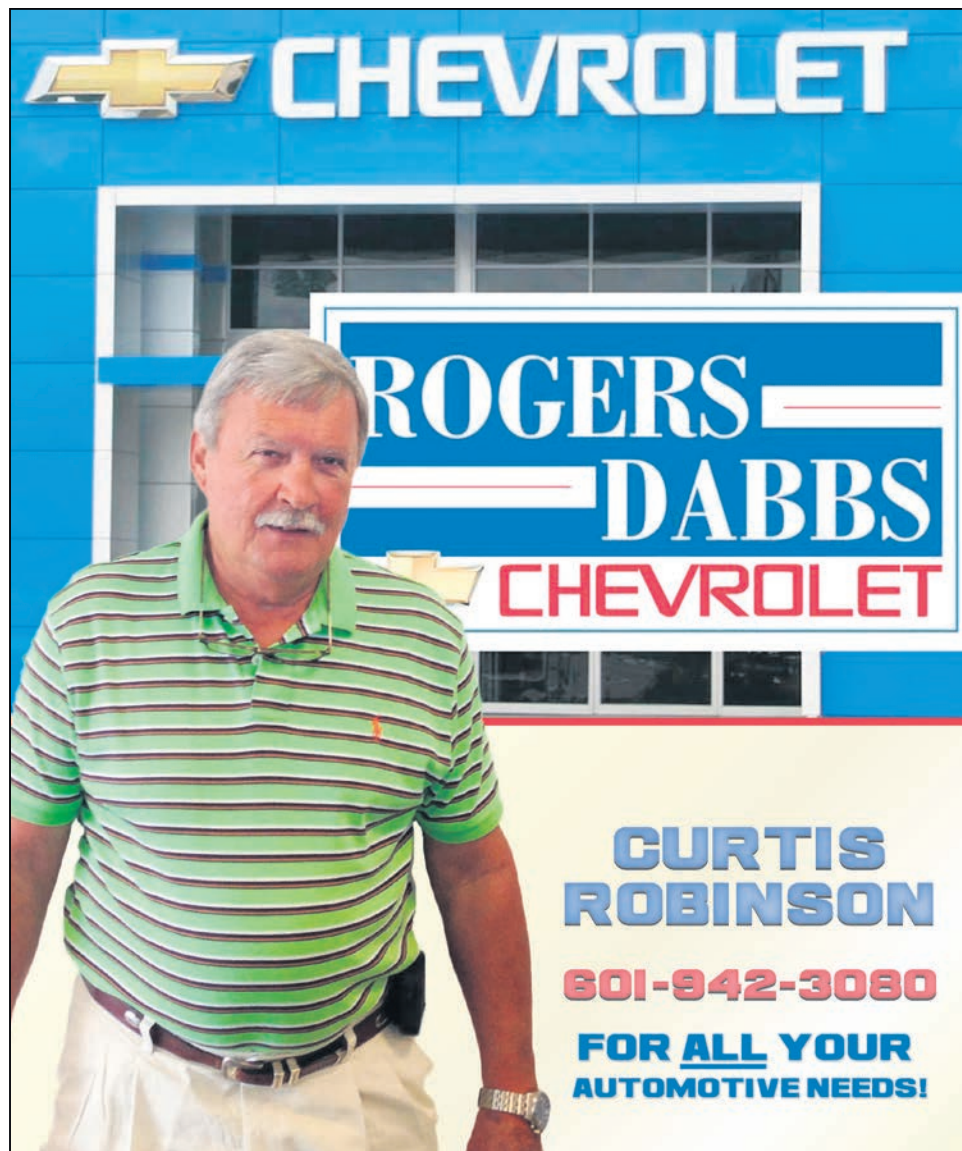
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Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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By: Leslie Trigg, Youth
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It is said: "A black belt must first be worn within your heart before you may wear one around your waist." A black belt is not something you wear, but it's something you become. A black belt simply holds your uniform in place. Being a black belt is an attitude, a state of mind, and a way of life. To be a black belt is to be a person of character and integrity. One's character is more important than how high one can kick or how hard one can punch.

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I want to invite you to begin to become a black belt. Begin by living a life of courtesy and integrity. Then come join us to train your body and build your character.

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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School bus and school zone caution

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More children are injured by cars just as school resumes than at any other time of year. American Medical Response medics remind drivers to take extra caution at school bus stops, when following buses and in school zones.

Stan Alford, operations manager for AMR in the Jackson area, said, "All drivers can do their part to make the road safer for students, other motorists and also for themselves."

Alford noted that, in some recent years, nearly seventy-five percent of those killed in school bus crashes were occupants of other vehicles. He said, "That fact alone ought to make us more cautious behind the wheel when school buses are back on the road."

"We urge drivers to remember: When school children are out and about, they're unpredictable and often don't have safety on their minds," Alford said. "You never know when a child will endanger himself or others. So, above all, slow down and stay alert."

Slowing down makes a huge difference, Alford said. Research has found that five percent of pedestrians die when hit by a vehicle going twenty miles per hour. If the vehicle is going thirty miles

per hour, the risk of fatality rises to forty-five percent. Eighty percent of pedestrians die when hit by a vehicle traveling at forty miles per hour.

It is illegal in all fifty states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop from either direction.

A new Mississippi law went into effect on July 1, 2016, clarifying whether drivers must stop for a bus on roads with four or more lanes. In Mississippi, if a road is divided and permits at least two lanes of travel in each direction, motorists do not have to stop for a bus that has stopped on the other side of the road (that is, in the lanes headed in the opposite direction).

The new law clarifies a part of what became known as Nathan's Law, a 2011 Mississippi statute. Among other steps, Nathan's Law toughened penalties for not stopping for a stopped school bus. The law was named after Nathan Key, a five-year-old who died after a driver passed his stopped bus and hit him. The tragedy happened in 2009 in Jones County as Nathan was walking from the bus towards home.

Drivers behind a school bus should follow farther back than if they were

driving behind a car. This practice will give the driver more time to stop once the bus lights start flashing and the stop arm extends.

When driving through a school zone:

- Obey the speed limit through the entire zone.
- Stop completely at stop signs and crosswalks.
- If a crossing guard is present, follow his or her signals, and watch out for kids who aren't paying attention to the guard.
- Those who don't have to drop off or pick up a child at a school are encouraged to travel a different route, avoiding the school zone to make the trip safer for all and shorten travel time.
- When dropping off or picking up a child at school, schools often have very specific drop-off and



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pick-up procedures. Drivers are encouraged to learn and follow those rules. In addition:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

For more information on back to school safety, visit the National Safety Council at nsc.org.

Cross Roads Baptist Church



Sunday Schedule

8:30 - Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 - Bible Study for all ages
11:00 - Blended Worship Service
6:00 - Evening Worship

Wednesday Schedule

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Crowder provides cardiac services in town



Dr. William Crowder travels with nurse Meredith Robinson and medical assistant Marti Horton. (Photo by Pelahatchie News)

By Susie A. Wolfe

William H. Crowder is a cardiologist with Jackson Heart Clinic who provides satellite services for St. Dominic's Hospital at its clinic in Pelahatchie. He sees patients at least two days a month, on Fridays at the former Brewer Health Clinic on Highway 80 in Pelahatchie.

"Patients have a choice of where to be seen," said Crowder, a 10-year veteran, who previously saw patients in Morton.

He is an interventional cardiologist who works with stents, heart valves, holes in the heart, and leg arteries

among other procedures. He travels with his nurse, Meredith Robinson, and medical assistant, Marti Horton. Dr. Gray Bennett will alternate dates with him.

"Dr. Crowder has been my go-to cardiologist for years," said Linda Brewer, nurse practitioner at the clinic. "I am excited that we can offer this service to Pelahatchie. Not everyone wants to go to Jackson for doctor visits."

Plans are to get an EKG and treadmill for stress tests in the near future, said Crowder.

For more information, contact Pelahatchie St. Dominic Health Clinic at 601-854-5044.

Taylor named to all-gridiron team

Special to Pelahatchie News

East Rankin Academy (ERA) football player Case Taylor was recently named to the 2016 MAIS Pre-Season All-Gridiron Team. There were 27 players named from various MAIS schools across the state. The team is a pre-season all state honor. Coaches from member schools were asked to nominate players from other schools, meaning Case received his nomination from those outside the ERA coaching staff.

Case, a junior, plays defensive back for the ERA Patriots. The All-Gridiron team was recognized with a banquet on Saturday, August 6, at the Jackson Convention Complex.



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Chiefs play Falcons during first home game



Pelahatchie High School played Velma Jackson High School on September 2 at home. Under the Friday night lights, the Falcons defeated the Chiefs in a non-conference game by a score of 41 to 14. (Photo by Pelahatchie News)

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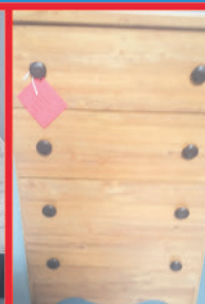
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Student 2016-2017 opportunities at Pelahatchie



By: Dr. Bryan Marshall, Pelahatchie High School Principal

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Well, the school year is back in full swing. The autumn leaves will begin turning all shades of fall colors soon, and football and slow pitch softball are in season.

The new football stadium is ready to go for the home opener versus Velma Jackson September 2 at 7 p.m. This year, parking passes at the games will be sold for \$5 per game on a first come, first serve basis. Homecoming festivities this year will be the week of October 3 through the 7, with the parade on Thursday night, October 6, at 7 p.m. This year, the athletic fundraiser (chicken cooking or ribeye steak sandwiches) will be on September 6 for lunch, and we will also sell that afternoon at the parade in the community center.

There are tons of activities swirling around the school this session. First, we have youth soccer and football starting up and practicing and playing. We have Get 2 College coming for a parent night for all 9-12 grade



Pelahatchie Chiefs show their school spirit. (Photo special to Pelahatchie News)

students to learn about scholarships and ACT preparation. Also, that same night, we have the Rankin County School District Great to Best Listening Tour the same night as the Get 2 College group. Get 2 College will begin at 6 p.m. on August 30 in the auditorium, immediately followed by the Listening Tour at 6:30 p.m. in the café.

The RCSD College Fair will be September 6 for all junior and senior students, and will be held during the school day at the Clyde Muse Center at Hinds Community College. Get 2 College will be back September 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to talk with students about college applications and the process. They will be here again on September 27 to discuss

college options with seniors. Class ring presentations will be September 16 at 8 a.m. in the auditorium for all junior students, followed by the order date of September 23. So, you can see there is lots going on to kick off the school year.

Hopefully, by now we are starting to see students with the attitude of WHERE I am going to college instead of AM I going to college? With the infusion of Lexile data and literacy across the curriculum, we are beginning to see major movements in the right direction. As we all know, the State of Mississippi pays for all junior students to take the ACT assessment. The first year this was administered, the junior class made a collective 16.6 on the assessment, which was 2.4

composite points below the state average. This year's senior class, when they took the ACT for the first time as juniors, outscored the state by .4 composite points. So, this is a major accomplishment. With that, we are continuing to push the ACT to put money into parents' pockets for college.

Because of the ACT push in the junior year, we are seeing an influx of students taking advantage of Dual Enrollment College Courses. We offer a total of 32 college level courses at Pelahatchie High. The courses are offered at a staggering \$100 per semester, which is a tremendous bargain to parents when compared to full tuition costs. High school juniors and seniors may take these courses. With the previous information, it is imperative that we start making a push for sophomore students to take the ACT before their junior year, to ensure they qualify for Dual Enrollment. Students must have a 17 in the English and Reading sections and a 20 on the Math section to qualify.

Needless to say, we have a ton of opportunities for students at Pelahatchie High School, and we look forward to working with each of you as parents or community members during the 2016-2017 school year.



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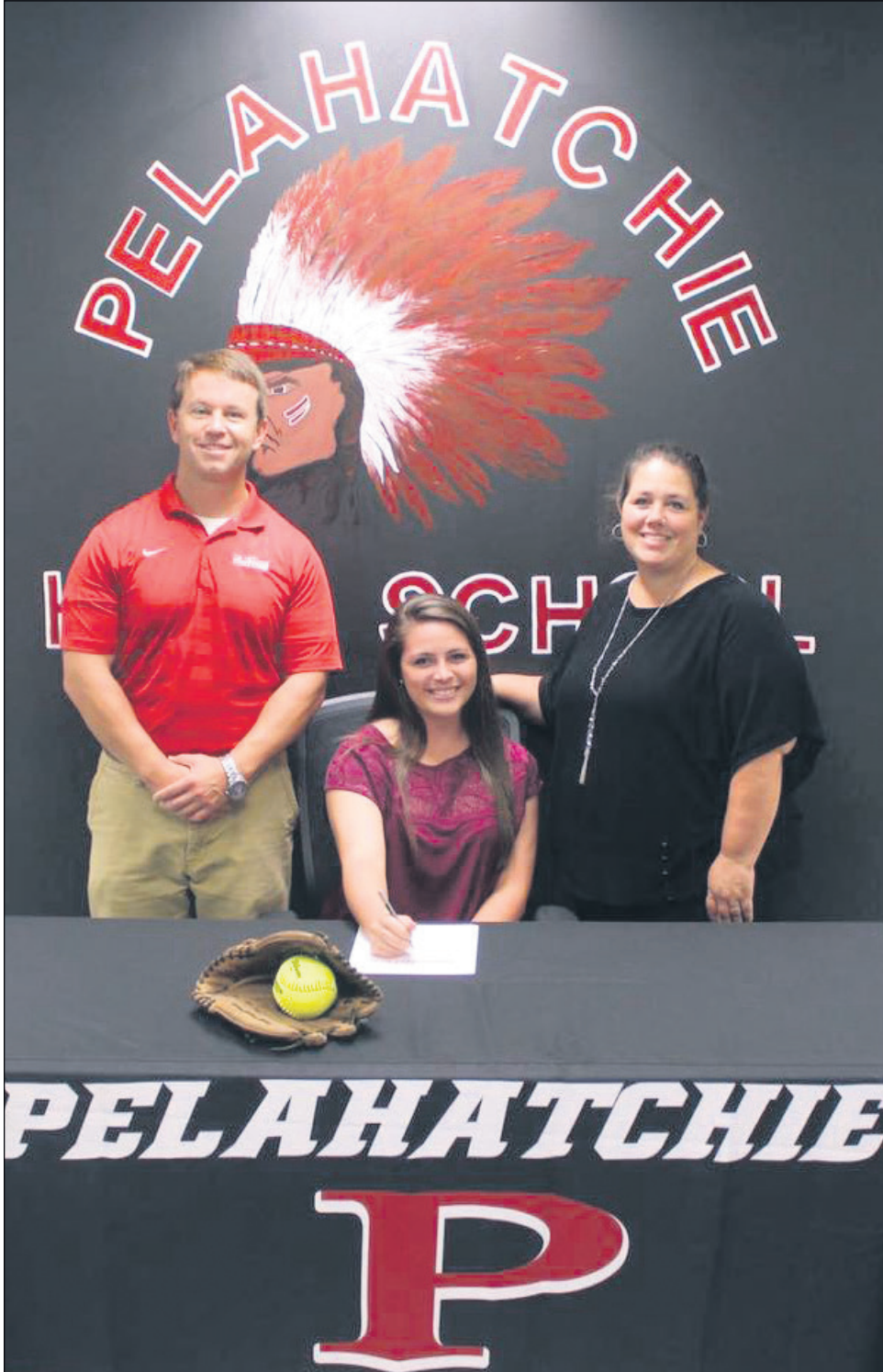
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Goss signs to play softball



2016 graduate and Lady Chief, Alana Goss, signed with Mississippi Delta Community College to play softball this spring. She is the third member of the 2016 Lady Chiefs to sign to play in college. Goss is pictured with her mom, Stephanie Goss, and her Chieftain Coach, Stephen Atkins. (Photo special to Pelahatchie News)

Mississippi's strong immunization rates keep its children safe from disease



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In the wake of recent U.S. outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles and pertussis, Mississippi children have remained safe, with one of the lowest rates of childhood diseases due to our strong immunization rates.

In 2015, 107 cases of measles – mainly in unvaccinated individuals – were linked to exposure at Disneyland, with cases crossing eight states. This April, closer to home, an outbreak of measles from a single unvaccinated person quickly spread through the Memphis area, causing seven of the 48 measles cases confirmed so far this year in the United States.

Through each of these and other outbreaks, Mississippi has remained measles-free, due to one of the highest immunization rates in the country. No cases of the measles have been reported in Mississippi since 1992.

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reminds parents that it is important to remember that childhood immunizations have a strong safety record, with far fewer side effects than the diseases they prevent.

"Immunization is a group effort that benefits the entire community," said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Thomas Dobbs. "When your child is

immunized, not only does it protect them, but it protects those children around them who cannot be immunized because of a medical condition or because they're too young."

Mississippi began a strong program of childhood immunizations in 1994 to bring the state up to national standards and has since become a national leader, with over ninety-nine percent of Mississippi kindergarteners fully up-to-date on their vaccinations.

The vaccination series required for children first entering a Mississippi school or kindergarten, some of which protect against multiple diseases include: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis); IPV (polio); hepatitis B; MMR (measles, mumps and rubella); and varicella (chickenpox).

Because of evidence that the immunity from pertussis vaccination can decrease after a certain period of time, there is also now a requirement for children entering seventh grade to receive the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccination. In addition, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal vaccinations (MCV4) are recommended for adolescents eleven to fifteen years of age.

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White to lead fire department



Dennis Jackson, left, and Joe White assume leadership of the Pelahatchie Volunteer Fire Department. (Photo by Pelahatchie News)

By Susie A. Wolfe

Joey White was recently named volunteer fire chief and Dennis Jackson, assistant chief, of the Pelahatchie Volunteer Fire Department. They will handle business and training for the 13-member volunteer squad.

White is a Pelahatchie native who has served with the volunteer fire department since 1995. His full-time job is assistant bureau director of facility maintenance at the Mississippi Highway Patrol in Jackson. He and his wife Katina have two sons, Brady and

Ethan.

"I am excited about serving the community and helping those in need," said White.

Jackson has lived in Pelahatchie the last 35 years and is retired from Frito Lay in Jackson. He has four daughters, M.J., Heather, Cindy and Denise, and seven grandchildren living in the Morton area.

"(White) will make an excellent chief," said Mayor Knox Ross. "I served with Joey when I was a member of the fire department, and I look forward to working with him again."

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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

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



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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

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.
Oct. 10	St. Joe	Away	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Scott Central	Home	7:00 p.m.

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Bates' life is like a country song

By Susie A. Wolfe

Jeff Bates Music and Ministry performs approximately 250 shows in 150 locations in a year. He said about 1/3 of those shows are done in his home state of Mississippi. And, for the last few years, the Pelahatchie Muscadine Jubilee has been a stop he enjoys.

"Pelahatchie is one of my favorite concerts because of the nice people here," he said. "It feels like coming home."

Home to Bates is Bunker Hill, Mississippi, where he was born, or Nashville, where he lives. According to Bates, he was adopted after being left on his parents' doorstep. Then, three years later, they had the first of eight more kids.

"We didn't have a lot of money," Bates said, "but we had a big garden."

He often tells his story through words and music. "My life is like a country song," he said.

He abused alcohol and drugs and was put in jail for stealing to support his meth habit. He said a conviction for grand theft could have got him 6-15 years, but by a miracle, he only spent 96 days in jail.

"I met God in jail," said Bates, "where I promised Him that I would never stop

telling people that there is a better way to go, put the past behind you and forgive yourself. I have been clean and sober for 15 years."

Bates has had a number of hits including "Long, Slow Kisses," "The Love Song" and "One Second Chance." His new album "Me and Conway," that features six Bates songs and six Twitty songs, has gotten good reviews.

"Some people say I sound like him on 'That Thing We Do,'" he said. "I never really thought so, but you decide."

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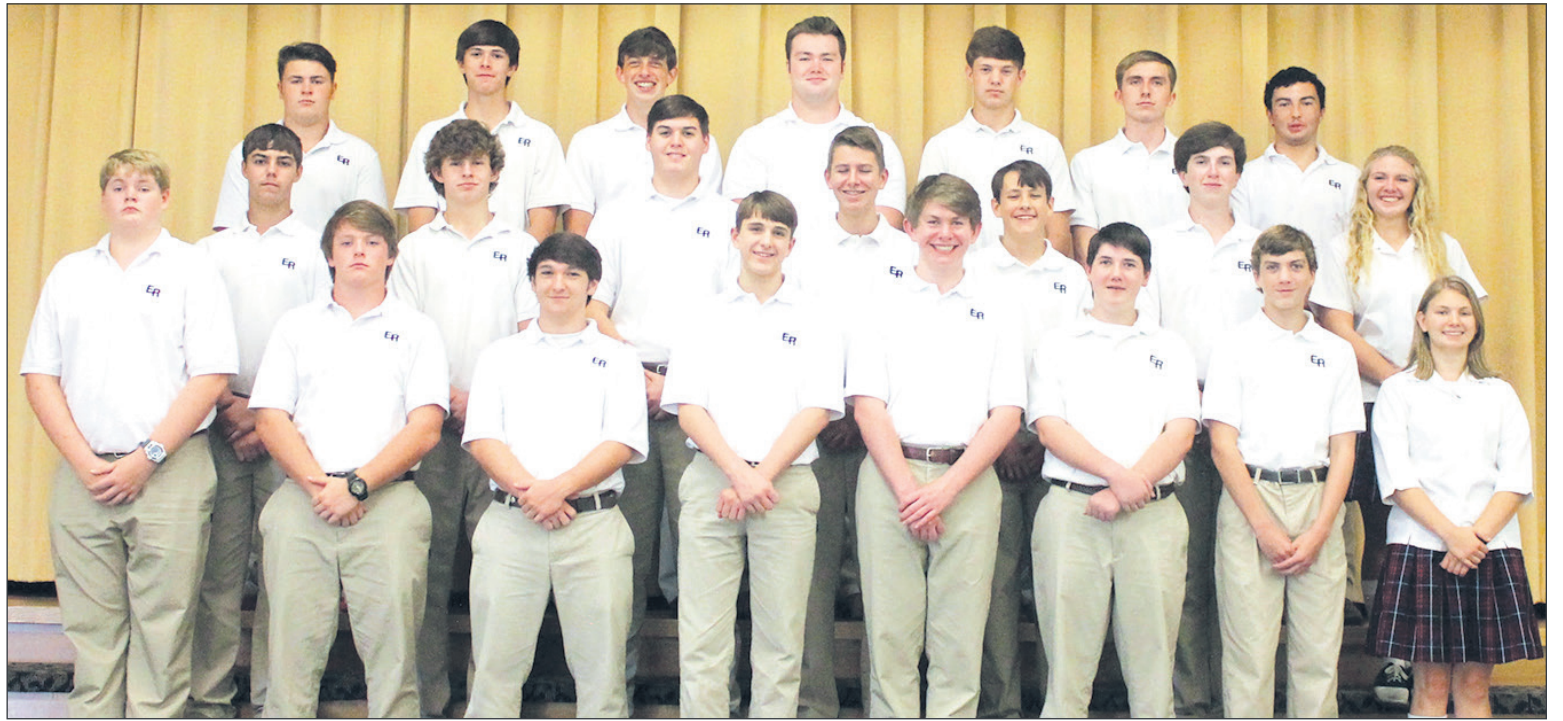
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ERA Robotics Team competing in 2016 Mississippi BEST Robotics

Special to Pelahatchie News

The East Rankin Academy Robotics Team will be competing in the 2016 Mississippi BEST Robotics Competition on the campus of Mississippi State University on October 1. This competition is designed to inspire and interest students in engineering, science, and technology through participation in an exciting sportslike technology contest.

The BEST competition motivates students by challenging them to build a remotecontrolled robot that accomplishes a defined task within a competitive setting. A mentor and a school coach guide student teams through the engineering process. This year's competition, "Bet the Farm," will be East Rankin's fifth year to compete in Mississippi BEST Robotics.



ERA Robotics team members include: (front row, l to r) Justin Phillips, Andrew Harrell, Blaine Martin, Garrett Duckworth, Cole Jones, Jacob Gardner, Trent Wuestefeld and Dana Watkins; (middle row, l to r) Tyler Betts, Daniel Jones, Troy Stokes, Jackson Harper, Ethan Crain, Andrew Stewart and Lilly Herring; (back row, l to r) Joseph Crawford, Thad Webb, Brandon Evans, Jared Vardaman, Hayden Hawk, Ward Winstead and Cody Batte. (Photo special to Pelahatchie News)

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Happy New Year to Pelahatchie Elementary



Pelahatchie Elementary teachers and staff appear happy in their Pelahappy t-shirts. (Photo special to Pelahatchie News)



Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

By: Lisa Attkisson, Pelahatchie Elementary School Principal

Pelahatchie Elementary School is getting off to an awesome beginning of the 2016-2017 year. We are so fortunate to

have a great group of teachers to love and lead our students during this school year. Our new teachers that have joined PES are Katy Craig, Lauren Harrell, Mandy Herrington, Sierrah Martinez, Sabrina Morgan, Shellie Pennypacker, Skyla Perry, Chris Stayton, and Jackie Stayton. We are excited to have them as part of the "Pelahappy" family! Pelahatchie Elementary has adopted a slogan for the upcoming school year. The slogan is #PelahappyTHEplace-

tolearnandgrow. The administrators, teachers, and staff want this to be a happy and safe place for our students to learn. Our school had two curriculum nights for parents to visit in classrooms and to learn about a day in the life of their child(ren). Teachers shared information about their daily schedules and the curriculum that is used to teach the children reading, language arts, writing, math, science, and social studies. Parents were given ideas on how to

help their children to grow and to be successful in school. Starting September 6, parents or students may check out flashcards to do at home to learn basic addition and multiplication facts and sight words. If you were unable to come to curriculum night, please feel free to set up a meeting with any of our teachers or administrators. We are looking forward to a phenomenal year here at PES....#Pelahappy-THEplace tolearnandgrow! Please join us in making this the best year ever!

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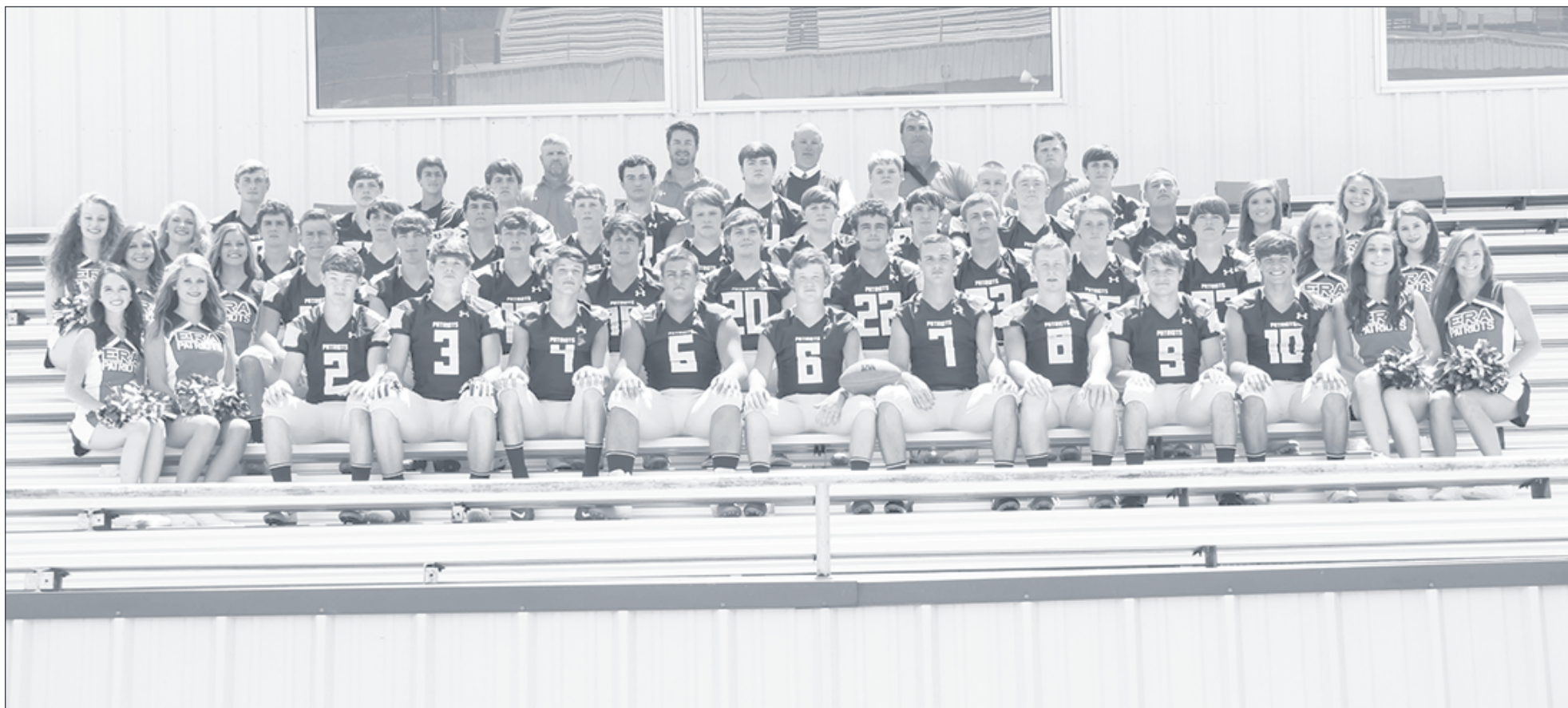
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Special to The Pelahatchie News

Cameron Padgett, a senior at Pelahatchie High School, was selected to become a member of the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) on July 18. "On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Cameron has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel

Prizes. "Cameron is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future." NSHSS is a society that recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. Padgett, son of Jeff and Crystal Padgett, had a 4.0 grade point average last year, and is also involved in the Student Council, Beta Club, football and baseball at PHS.

East Rankin Academy varsity football, cheerleaders, and coaches



The 2016 East Rankin Academy varsity football team and cheerleader roster includes: (front row) Bailey Tullos, Madyson Gibson, Hayden Hawk, Case Taylor, Colt Gibbs, Loftin Turnage, Dawson Banes, Austin Banes, Bryce Woitt, Noah Parker, Jacob Cordell, Taylor Hudson and Hannah Howard; (second row) Abi Baggett, Corban Nutt, Blaine Hill, Peyton Vinzant, Brandon Evans, Hayden Hornsby, Owen Wolfe, Reeve Watson, Owen Mabry, Brenden Burns, Reed Carter, Caiti Bowman and Katie Butts; (third row) Emily Warren, Lilly Herring, Tyler Guy, Duncan Russell, Chandler Denton, Connor Harris, Andrew Harrell, Nicholas Alford, Blaine Martin, Cade Thornton, Brooks Holifield, Ally Purvis and Olivia Triplett; and (fourth row) Reid Wuestefeld, Noah Wolfe, Branden Hines, Cody Batte, Jared Vardaman, Justin Phillips, Turner Boykin, Thad Webb. Coaches include, Trent Taylor, Jake Pickett, Matt Butts, Steven Harrell and Josh Stuart. (Photo special to Pelahatchie News)



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By Jennifer Poole

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MSDH confirms death in Hinds County from West Nile

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The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) confirms the death of a Hinds County resident from West Nile virus (WNV), the first WNV human death of 2016.

"This sadly serves as an important reminder of the severity of West Nile virus, even though most of us will have no symptoms at all or the illness is mild," said newly named MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. "We are currently in peak West Nile season in Mississippi, so all residents should be mindful of protecting themselves, regardless of whether there has been a case reported in your county."

In addition to the Hinds County death, the MSDH reports two new human cases of WNV in residents of Lee and Marion counties, bringing the 2016 total to 18 in Mississippi.

So far this year, human cases of WNV have been reported in Calhoun, Chickasaw, Copiah (2), Hinds (5), Grenada, Lamar (2), Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Marion, Perry and Rankin counties. The MSDH only reports laboratory-confirmed cases to the public. In 2015, Mississippi had 38 WNV cases and one death.

Symptoms of WNV infection are of-

ten mild and may include fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, a rash, muscle weakness or swollen lymph nodes. In a small number of cases, infection can result in encephalitis or meningitis, which can lead to paralysis, coma and possibly death.

The MSDH suggests the following precautions to protect yourself and your environment from mosquito-borne illnesses:

- Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient such as DEET while you are outdoors.
- Remove all sources of standing water around your home and yard to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Wear loose, light-colored, long clothing to cover the arms and legs when outdoors.
- Avoid areas where mosquitoes are prevalent.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit the MSDH website at HealthyMS.com/westnile and HealthyMS.com/zika. Follow MSDH by e-mail and social media at HealthyMS.com/connect.



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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

National Night Out in Pelahatchie



Police and fire department representatives hosted the family event, National Night Out, on August 2 at Muscadine Park. Families enjoyed hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, and kids' games plus enjoyed a special showing of the minion movie. Mississippi Baking Company and Priority One Bank sponsored the event. (Photos by Pelahatchie News)



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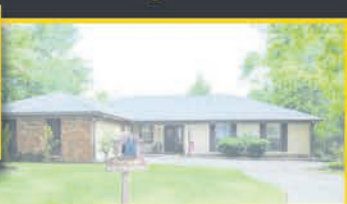
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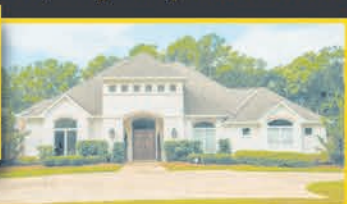
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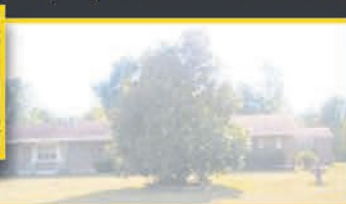
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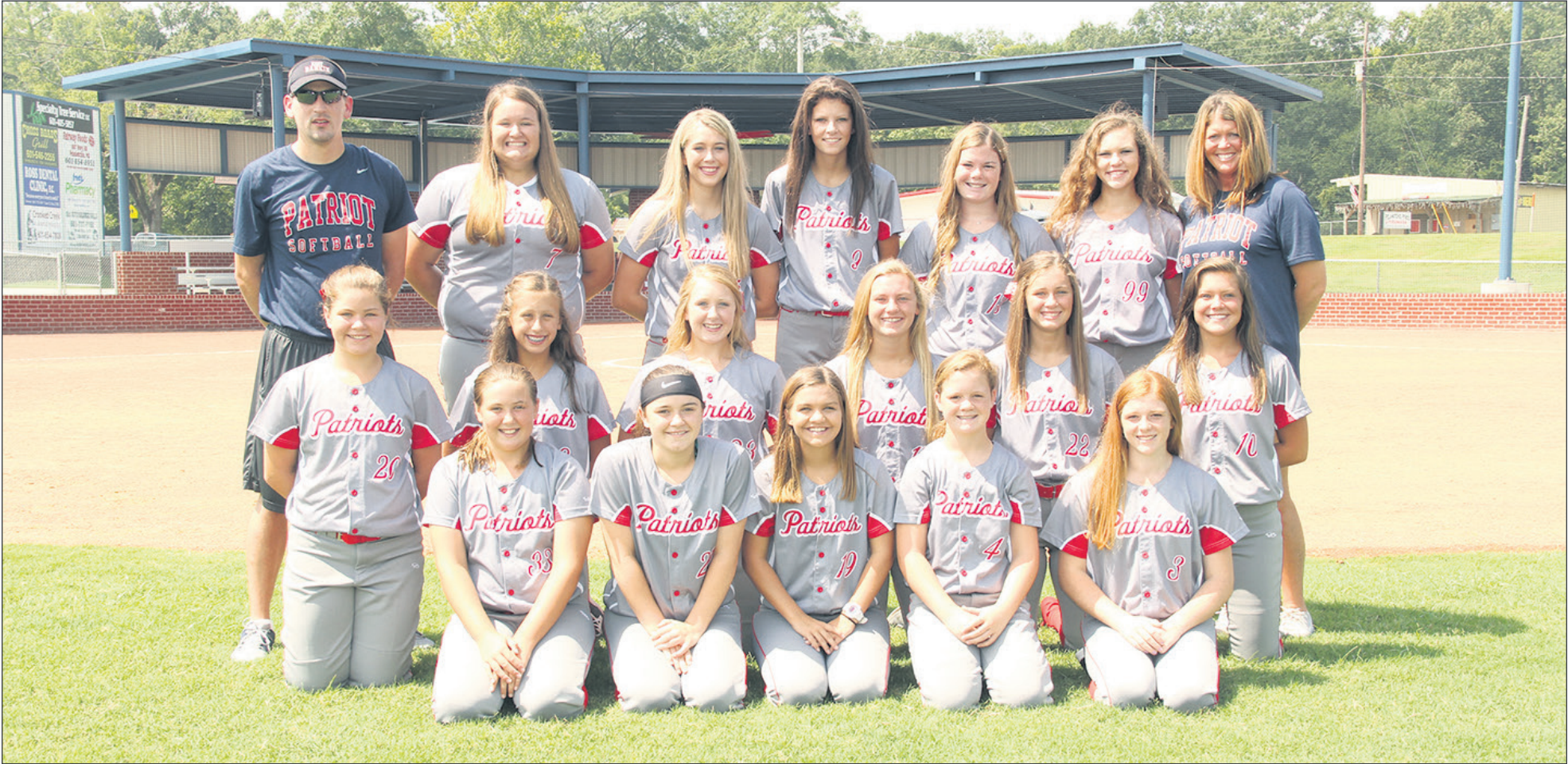
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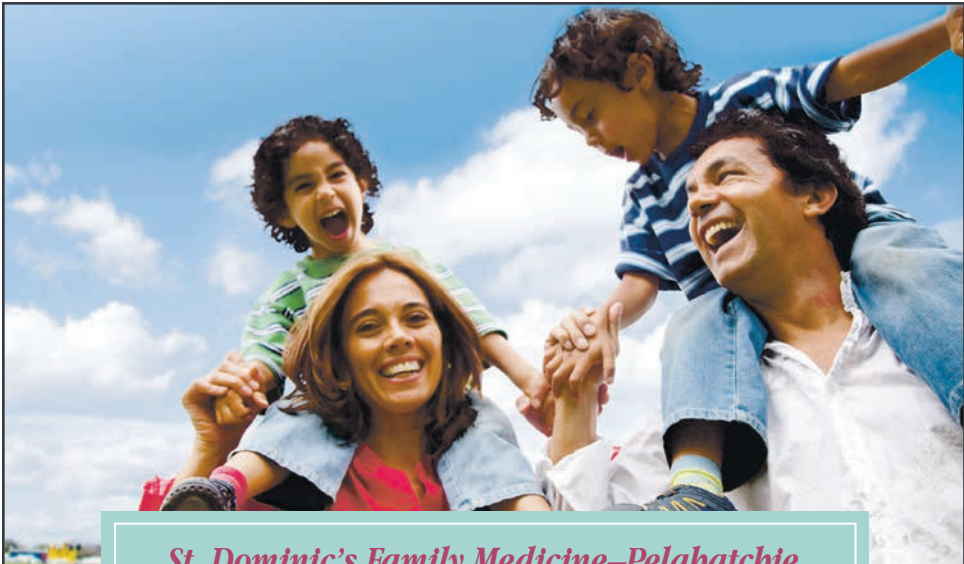
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East Rankin Academy varsity fast-pitch softball



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East Rankin Academy varsity girls soccer



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School is back in session



PES curriculum night held in August at the beginning of school. Parents were invited to their children's classrooms to see a day in the life of their child. Teachers shared routines, procedures, website information, and strategies for reading and math. (Photos special to Pelahatchie News)

Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) increase nicotine exposure

Special to Pelahatchie News

Mississippi State Health Officer Mary Currier, MD, MPH, joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in calling electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), including electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), devices which increase nicotine exposure and which are not safe alternatives to smoking. ENDS and other devices that are used to deliver heated nicotine should be considered drug delivery systems. Nicotine, which is found in tobacco, is highly addictive.

"We know that more research on ENDS and similar products must still be done. There is not enough information on the effects of using ENDS for us to ensure the health and safety of all Mississippians," Currier said. "Nicotine use is known to have adverse health effects, and preliminary studies show that e-cigarette use leads to cigarette consumption."

The primary use of ENDS is to heat liquid nicotine and inhale its vapor, commonly referred to as "vaping." Liquid nicotine and other substances in ENDS increase exposure to nicotine and are hazardous to your health. The tobacco industry focuses its efforts on persuading a new gen-

eration of people – especially youth – into using ENDS. The use of ENDS by youth has increased rapidly since 2010.

ENDS, including e-cigarettes, are not an approved Food and Drug Administration (FDA) smoking cessation aid. In Mississippi, there have been over 40 cases of nicotine exposure related to e-cigarettes reported to the Mississippi Poison Control Center in the last five years. Although ENDS are now regulated by the FDA, consumers and their families are still exposed to unknown levels of nicotine, chemicals, metals and other impurities, both in e-liquids and their vapor.

"There is absolutely no way to know what additives are contained in liquid nicotine," adds Currier. "Much more research is needed regarding the health impacts of those exposed to ENDS vapor."

ENDS use can lead to traditional cigarette use and nicotine addiction. The liquids are manufactured in a variety of flavors, such as bubble gum, cotton candy and many others, making their use enticing to children and youth. These flavors and the use of marketing terms such as "e-juice" further mislead youth and adults into believing that these products are harmless and safe for consumption.

Obituaries

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Morgan Cook	22	Morton, MS	8/11/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
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OBITUARY

Thomas E. Key, Sr. — February 20, 1940 — September 2, 2016

Thomas Eugene Key Sr., 76, passed away Friday, September 2 at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Visitation was held on September 3 from 5 p.m. -8 p.m. and on September 4 from 1:30 pm-2:15 pm at Ott & Lee Funeral Home in Brandon, Mississippi. Funeral Services were 2:30 p.m. on September 4 at the Ott & Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Brandon, with burial following in the Crossroads Cemetery in Pelahatchie.

Mr. Key was born in Lake, Mississippi and was a longtime resident of Pelahatchie where he was a member of the Crossroads Baptist Church. Mr. Key was the owner of T&L Glass Company in Pearl and was also an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Lola Rogers Key; three children, Virginia Key White (Ricky), Thomas E. Key Jr. (Diana) and Judy Key Shaw (Mark); sister, Joanne Bain; brother, Glenn Key; seven



Thomas (Tommy) Eugene Key Sr. (Photo special to Pelahatchie News)

grandchildren, Lacie Walters, Britney Stewart, Kristy Irby, Austin Key, Anthony Shaw, Drake Key, Leilani Key and 11 great grandchildren. Mr. Key is preceded in death by his parents, Austin and Eunice Key and a sister, Dot Weems.



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Alderman is Pelahatchie's resident artist



Mayor Knox Ross is shown with Helen Alderman at the St. Dominic Health Clinic, where a number of her pen and ink drawings are hung. She is showing him the railroad depot that was torn down just two weeks after she drew it. (Photo by Pelahatchie News)

By Susie A. Wolfe

Helen Alderman has lived in Pelahatchie for 41 years, and in that time, has captured much of the life of the town on canvas. Originally from Idaho, she won first place at the County Fair when she was 14 for one of her water color paintings, and she was hooked. The 90-year-old taught art for 25 years plus mechanical and architectural drawing and other subjects at East Rankin Academy.

She said she does best at landscapes, but has done portraits, still life, flowers and seascapes using various media such as oil, water color, pastel, graphite, ink and acrylic. Her latest large painting is located in The Studio beauty shop in town, but her pen and ink drawings of Pelahatchie scenes can be found in the St. Dominic Clinic and the Service Station. Three paintings also hang in City Hall.

She is well-known for painting many home places, some existing, some gone, but all with many memories for those who asked for them. As teacher of the Ruth Sunday School class at Pelahatchie Baptist, she painted water colors of class members' homes for Christmas gifts one year. She has also painted murals for church baptisteries in 21 or 22 churches mostly in Mississippi.

In her living room, she keeps a painting she created for her parents that includes meaningful objects of her early life, including a milk can symbolizing the dairy her father had; a lantern for the kind of light they used when she was young; two violins which the family played; her grandmother's hymn book; her mother's canned cherries; a powder horn belonging to her great

grandfather; and a baseball as a reminder that the Horning backyard was the neighborhood playground.

Alderman not only draws landscapes, but she creates and maintains them as well. While at East Rankin, she maintained the campus landscape, and she does the same at Pelahatchie Baptist. She can still be seen planting and weeding around the church, though she said she can't do as much as she used to. She also serves as library director at Pelahatchie Baptist, in addition to Sunday School teacher and flower committee chairman.

According to Guy Hughes, pastor at Pelahatchie Baptist Church, "Even at the age of 90, her creative energy and passion for the Lord has not diminished. We need more people like her."

Having met her husband, Volley Patterson, in Idaho when he was in Navy radio training during World War II, they married after the war and moved to his home in the Jackson area. They had two children, Richard and Eileen, who live in Rankin County. Four years after Patterson died, at age 29, Alderman remarried Venton Alderman in 1955, a minister she met while they both attended Mississippi College and Clarke College. He had three children, and they immediately had a blended family. He pastored several churches in Central Mississippi, including Rehobeth Baptist Church for six and a half years before his retirement in 1974.

Mayor Knox Ross said, "Mrs. Alderman is a Pelahatchie icon. She has created a rich legacy through her art, her teaching, her faithfulness to her church, and her concern for her fellow man. Her legacy will continue to be felt through her students for many years to come."

Protect latchkey kids by planning for safety

Special to Pelahatchie News

Youngsters who take care of themselves for a few hours each day while parents are away are called "latchkey kids." When school resumes each year, numerous parents return to work outside the home, and more children become latchkey kids.

To help protect children at home alone, American Medical Response urges parents to eliminate certain household hazards and teach their children how to stay safe.

Stan Alford, operations manager with AMR in the Jackson area, said, "Latchkey children are at greater risk than those supervised by adults to suffer a serious injury, become victimized or engage in delinquent behavior. Proper planning, emphasizing safety, will help protect boys and girls on their own at home. There are laws against leaving children under a certain age at home alone, and it's a crime in every state to leave a child in a dangerous situation."

"Next, ask yourself if your child has the judgment to stay at home alone safely," Alford said. "There is no age at which children suddenly are able to deal with the challenges of being home alone. Some younger kids are more mature and responsible than older children. Parents must assess each child individually and see how well he or she retains the parent's safety instructions."

Parents who adopt the latchkey lifestyle must tend to these safety issues:

- Check your home thoroughly for safety risks, and eliminate them. For example, you might teach the child never to use the stove, but, instead, to use the microwave. If there is a gun the house, be sure it is in a locked cabinet which only grown-ups can open.
- Post a list of emergency numbers in each cell telephone and on or next to every ground line phone in the home. Teach the child when and how to call 911.
- Be sure each child knows his or her

full name, complete home address and home phone number, your full name, the exact name of the place where you work and your work phone number.

- Develop and practice fire escape plans. Involve the whole family in designing and practicing your escape plan.
- Require your children to take the same route to and from school each day. Walk that route with the children more than once, to be sure they know the way.
- To know your child's whereabouts at all times, use a cell phone app such as GPS Phone Tracker. Developed by Family Safety Productions, it's free at Google Play.
- Establish a check-in routine, so a responsible adult knows of the child's arrival home. If your child checks in with you at work, develop a back-up system, in case you are unavailable.
- Discuss with your children how to respond to strangers. Practice with your child to shout "No!" if approached by a stranger, then to get away from him or her and immediately tell a trusted adult.
- Don't let children carry bags or other items with their names on them. Be sure keys don't have a name and address on them.

Practice with the children about how they would handle different situations, such as:

- They lose their key.
- What to do if they think they are being followed.
- The door is open when they first get home.
- Someone they don't know or expect knocks at the door or calls by phone.
- How to answer the telephone without letting callers know they are alone.
- They receive a prank telephone call.
- A sibling gets injured or feels sick.

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Pastor's perspective: Think before you speak



By: John Vaughn, Pastor,
Cross Roads Baptist Church

"Think before you speak," my Mama used to tell me.

I'm sure that phrase was not original with her, and when I was young, I really didn't understand the importance of those words. But, the older I get, the more I understand the wisdom of that admonition.

The words we speak are important. That playground phrase, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me" is not really true. Words can hurt, and the damage they inflict can be serious and long lasting. That's why we must think before we speak and choose our words carefully.

Rabbi Yehuda Berg said, "Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble."

Our words can hurt even when we don't mean for them to. I remember a time that I made a joke about a friend.

I intended no malice toward my friend, but what I thought was a lighthearted jab at him was received as a hurtful attack. Only months later was I made aware of the effects of my insensitivity. And, immediately, I went to find him and apologize.

Those that hear our words will often remember them long after we have forgotten that we said them. My wife and I returned to Brazil for a visit last year. We had served as missionaries there for

note. In the note, Denelsa wrote about a difficult time she and her husband were going through many years ago. They had come to me for counsel because I was their missionary pastor at the time.

In the note she said, "I'll never forget what you told us. You said to trust in God and He will take care of you. We started trusting God, and He has never failed to take care of us." She went on to thank me for those words of encour-

hear our words may never forget them. Proverbs 12:18 ring true, "The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

Blogger Karl Vaters gives some insight into what we should do if we say the wrong thing. His writing is directed toward ministers, but certainly, everyone can learn from them. Vaters tells us to:

1. Listen to Valid Criticism – Ignore the Rest. Listen to those who are trying to build you up. Ignore those who just want to argue or criticize. **2. Apologize, if Necessary.** There are few more important words in a leader's vocabulary than "I'm sorry." It shows humility, respect for the facts and a willingness to learn. **3. Correct the Mistake, if Possible.** Make sure all those affected by the mistake are aware that you know you made a mistake. **4. Don't Beat Yourself Up Over It.** Mistakes should be acknowledged and fixed if possible. But don't use it as a stick to beat yourself up. **5. Do Better Next Time.** Let your mistakes provide opportunities for improvement.

So be careful what you say. Your words can be powerful. Use them for good and not evil. And, be sure to take your family to Church on Sunday!

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16 years, and after a 13 year absence, returned for that visit. We spent most of our time renewing friendships and making new ones.

A young lady approached me at one church we visited. She had been a child when we left Brazil, and I really didn't remember her. She handed me an envelope with a note inside that her Mother had written. The mother was out of town at the time we visited and knew she would not see us, so she wrote the

agement.

I remembered Denelsa, but to be honest, I don't remember the problem they were having or saying those words to them. But, even though more than 25 years had gone by, she did remember them. Words are important!

So, we should choose our words wisely. They have the power to build up or tear down. They can give encouragement or bring destruction. We may not remember what we say, but those who



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Alderman Boyd serves Ward Two

By Susie A. Wolfe

Frank Boyd grew up in Pelahatchie playing sports. He started school at McCall and finished at Pelahatchie after playing football, baseball and running track. His college career as a running back, at Hinds Community College and then Delta State, earned him induction into the Hinds CC Football Hall of Fame.

He married Geneva in 1977 and they raised their four daughters here. Frankie, Amanda and Allison still live in town, and Alexis lives in Brandon. They have eight grandchildren. His sisters, Ella May, Callie and Laodion, also live in Pelahatchie.

Boyd is a deacon at Farris Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and a member of the 17-person male chorus.

He coached softball and football leagues in town for many years, and tries to keep up with his team members. He can remember most by name.

Boyd has worked at Brandon Flooring in Jackson for the past 13 years, and has served as Pelahatchie alderman for the last 11. His Ward Two runs



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from behind Dukes Steakhouse to Lake Chaplin.

He said he became an alderman "to help people in the community and make sure things like the roads get fixed."

Sistrunk - Bridges to wed September 24



Photo special to Pelahatchie News

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clinton Sistrunk of Pelahatchie announce the engagement of their daughter, Clancey Elizabeth, to Mr. Preston Shelby Bridges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louis Bridges, of Brandon.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dale Davis of Pelahatchie, and

Mr. Malcolm Ray Sistrunk of Jackson, and the late Mrs. Dorothy Merle Sistrunk.

Sistrunk is a 2011 graduate of East Rankin Academy. She graduated from The University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene. She is currently employed by Castlewoods Dental Clinic in Flowood.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the Mr. Charles Alvin Hamilton and Mrs. Rachel Lorraine Hamilton of Wesson, and the late Mr. Louis Leland Bridges and the late Mrs. Rachel Blair Bridges, of Pearl.

Bridges is a 2008 graduate of Brandon High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 2012, from the University of Mississippi. Bridges is employed by Entergy Mississippi, Inc. in Madison.

The couple will exchange vows at 4 p.m., on Saturday, September 24, at Pelahatchie Baptist Church.



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