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Pelahatchie recognizes heroes



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Pelahatchie Fire Chief Karl Vanhorn recognized three Pelahatchie citizens for their heroic actions that saved the life of a man who had gone into cardiac arrest. This happened on August 3 at the Space Way Station in Pelahatchie. Pictured, (l to r) are Chief Karl Vanhorn, Terri Cordell, Coach Bill Ward and Ricky Harrell, who administered lifesaving aid until the first responders arrived on scene.

Mayor not seeking reelection

By Susie A. Wolfe

Mayor Knox Ross will not be seeking reelection in June, he reports, as he has taken the position as president of the Coordinating and Development Corporation in Shreveport, Louisiana. Ross, who has served as mayor the last 16 years, will be working with counties and municipalities in a three-state area on economic development, community development and workforce training.

"I was not looking for this," said Ross. "I love being mayor. It's the best thing I have ever done. I was fortunate enough that I had a career that allowed that. In working with a good group of people, we have seen Pelahatchie grow and prosper."

Ross, who has lived in Pelahatchie all his life, will not be moving. He will continue to provide counsel at Ross & Betts CPA firm in-town, and finish out his term as mayor.



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"Now, it's time for someone else to take it to the next level," he said. "Pelahatchie has a lot of potential with many new houses being built and business opportunities on the horizon."

A new mayor will be elected in June. Those interested in running for mayor need to contact City Hall.

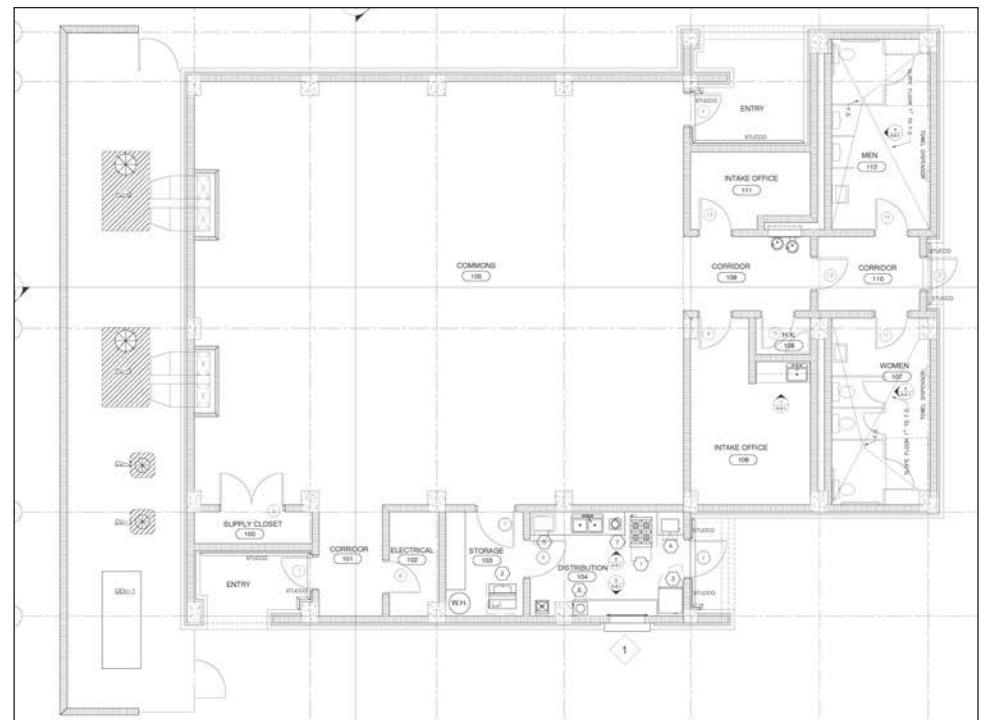
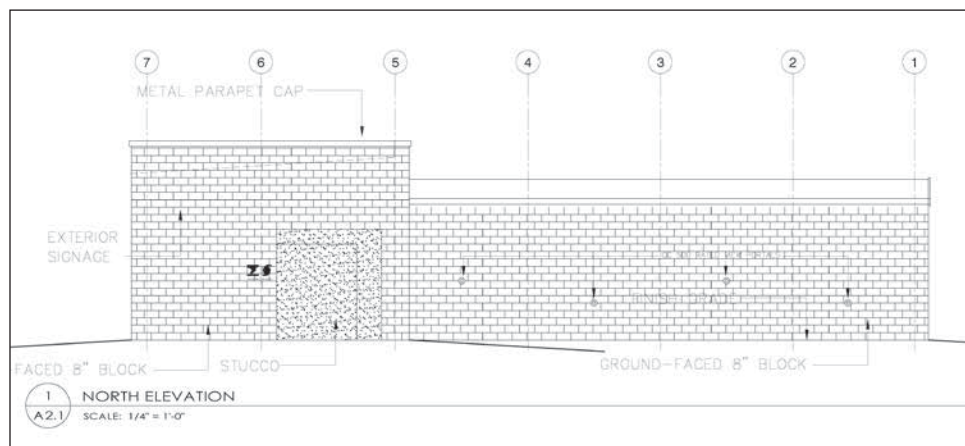
Community Safe Room receives FEMA approval

By Susie A. Wolfe

As of mid-November, the Community Safe Room at Milltown Park is moving forward, according to Mayor Knox Ross. The plans for the Community Safe Room, which will include a community room, restrooms, conces-

sion area, and a police operations center, received FEMA approval. The next step is to request bids, and for MEMA to oversee construction.

"Part of this project is the addition of two new tornado sirens," said Ross. "They should be up now at Milltown Park and at Yogi Bear Park."



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Shown are Milltown Park Community Safe Room plans for the exterior and interior floor plan.



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Chief's Comments: Pelahatchie is something to talk about

By Chief Kevin Poole,
Pelahatchie Police Dept.

- Be more cautious during the holidays, both in-town and out-of-town. Watch the other driver. Don't leave your purse, wallet or money in plain sight.
- Officer Nancy is the school's DARE school resource officer, but did you know the Town has its own school resource officer in Kenny Miller. Miller covers all three of Pelahatchie's schools, which doubles the population of the town each weekday. We are proud of our greatest resource, our children, and we take every opportunity to keep them safe and happy.
- Thank you to Eastside Baptist Church for catering a meal for both the town's law enforcement and fire department personnel

in November. Also, First Apostolic Church dedicated their November 20 morning service to honoring our local police officers, firemen and City Hall personnel. (Did I mention we live in the greatest and most caring town ever!)

- Tell us what you remember about Pelahatchie. We need to capture your experiences in town through the years before they are gone. Write your memories down or record them. The Pelahatchie News is interested, too.



Downtown fountain during Christmas

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Every Kid in a Park program continues year two

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced it will continue its support of President Obama's initiative 'Every Kid in a Park' pass program, which officially begins its second year. Launched last year, the initiative gives fourth grade students and their families free access to federal lands and waters as well as some state parks for a full school year.

Fourth graders can visit the 'Every Kid in a Park' website at www.everykidinapark.gov and complete a fun educational activity to obtain and print their pass. Students can trade in their paper pass for a more durable pass at participating federal sites nationwide listed on the website. The pass grants free entry for fourth grad-

ers and up to three accompanying adults or an entire non-commercial vehicle for drive-in parks at more than 2,000 federal sites nationwide. The pass features a new design this year and is valid until Aug. 31, 2017.

Last year, USACE hosted about 7,000 fourth graders and their families at lakes and rivers across the country. Nearly 250 USACE sites are



participating in the 'Every Kid in a Park' program and provide an opportunity for students to enjoy the great outdoors and learn about the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) that goes into managing our nation's waterways.

Last year, USACE also received eight transportation grants, which allowed schools to take nearly 2,500

students on field trips to USACE sites.

A primary goal of the 'Every Kid in a Park' initiative is to bridge the growing disconnect between the next generation and the great outdoors, and to inspire children to become future stewards of our nation's natural and historic treasures.

"The 'Every Kid in the Park' initiative connects kids to their local parks, and has been so successful in making sure kids take advantage of all that our outdoors have to offer. Millions of children visit Army Corps of Engineers parks with their families and classrooms each year, and this initiative helps introduce millions more to the joys of recreation, education and our nation's water resources," said Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.



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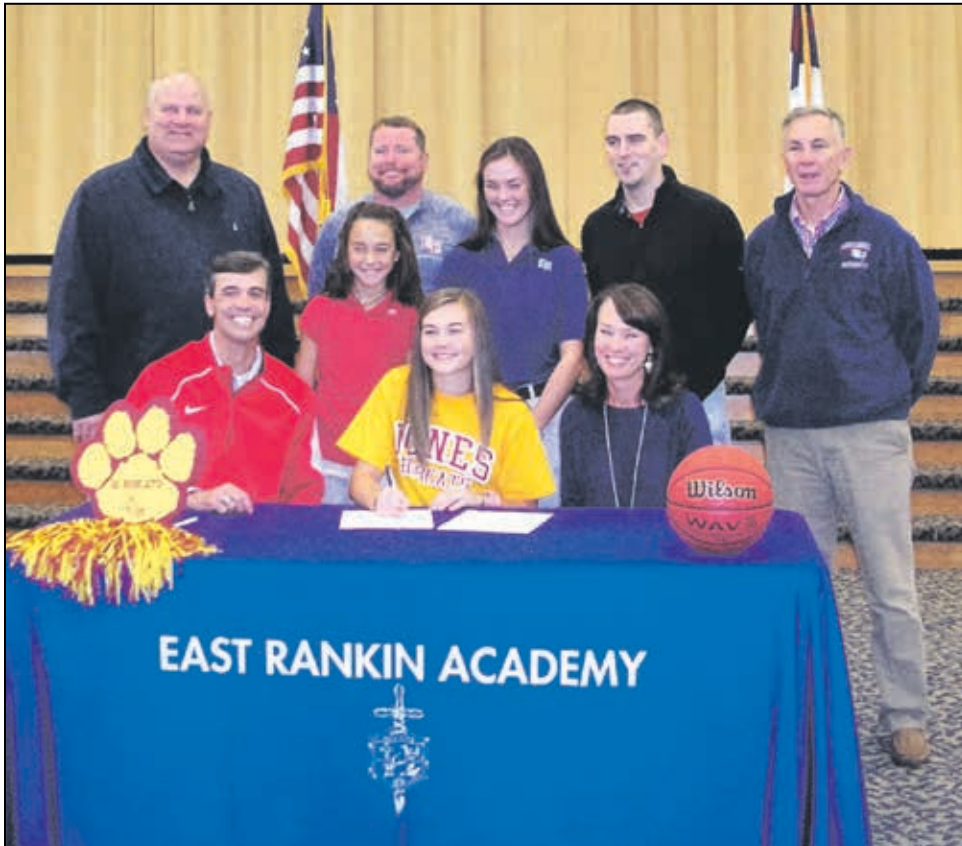


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Mackenzie Thompson, a senior at East Rankin Academy (ERA), signed a basketball scholarship with the Jones Community College Bobcats in Ellisville. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Grant, Presley, Mackenzie and Susanne Thompson; and back row: Dan Boyce, headmaster; Rod Delaney, coach; Bailey Thompson, sister; Seth Cheatham, coach; and Dan Davis, coach.

ERA salutes veterans in annual program



Photo by Pelahatchie News

By Susie A. Wolfe

East Rankin Academy (ERA) held its annual "Salute to Our Veterans" program on November 10. Now in its fourth year, the program, conducted by students from every grade, K-5 to twelfth, recognized veterans from all branches with music, prayer and words of appreciation.

Approximately 30 veterans from

around the area attended the "Salute" that was started by the school as a way for the students to honor veterans, according to High School Principal Robyn Winstead. She said it is an honor for the students to be able to participate in the program.

ERA, founded in 1970, draws students from around the area, from Brandon to Lake. They currently have 760 enrolled.

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Lessons from a Dojang: Peace



By: Leslie Trigg, Youth Minister, Shiloh Methodist Church

At the close of each class, our students recite Taekwondo's student oath. The last line of the oath: "I will build a more peaceful world" echoes in my heart and mind at this time of the year. In that moment, we pledge ourselves to be agents of peace on this earth. For many around us, they face daily struggles and trails which they long to have peace from. Not to mention, in light of the events surrounding this past presidential election, our nation, communities, and families are in need of peace; not an absence of conflict but true peace of heart, mind, and home. For us to have true peace, we must look back some

2,000 years ago to another decoration of peace that is recorded in Luke 2:8-15. The angels that visited those shepherds that evening shared with them and us today the person who is the True Agent of Peace - Jesus Christ. It is only through a growing relationship with Jesus that we can hope to have peace with our God, with our family, with our fellow man, and finally with ourselves. For peace to come to our families, communities, and nation, we must turn our hearts and lives to the Prince of Peace - Jesus Christ.

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

Katie Beth Simmons recognized at Girls State

By Susie A. Wolfe

East Rankin senior Katie Beth Simmons of Lake was selected by the Pelahatchie American Legion Post 171 to attend Girls State this past June at the University of Southern Mississippi. She was elected governor there, and was honored at the East Rankin Academy (ERA) Veteran's Day Program in November for this accomplishment.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. Since the inception of the Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works.

Simmons, the daughter of Jennie and Chris Simmons, plans to go to law school and possibly run for attorney general or governor one day. She created a bill that passed at Girls State that will be presented to the Mississippi Legislature in the upcoming 2017 session. Her bill was to increase the fine for not wearing seat belts from \$25 to \$300 to encourage greater compliance.



Photo by Pelahatchie News

James Till, adjutant of the local Pelahatchie American Legion Post 171 is shown honoring ERA senior Katie Beth Simmons at the school's Veteran's Day activities. Simmons was named governor at Girls State held at the University of Southern Mississippi earlier this year. The local post sponsored four ERA boys to attend Boys State and Simmons to attend Girls State.

"Being involved in Girls State has been a dream of mine," said Simmons. "I've always had a fascination with federal and state government."

Four boys were also selected from ERA to attend Boys State. They are Reid Wuestifield, Joseph Crawford, Kyle McMillan, and Brandon Evans.

Obituaries

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Polar Express Parents' Night Out

Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES)

Saturday, December 3

Christmas Parade

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Downtown Pelahatchie

Almost There by Adult Choir

6 p.m.

Cross Roads Baptist Church

Sunday, December 4

Almost There by Adult Choir

6 p.m.

Cross Roads Baptist Church

Thursday, December 8

 Christmas Feast for grades 4-6
 School Make up Pictures

PES

Saturday, December 10

Breakfast with Santa

8-10 a.m.

Walters VFD, 125 Walters Road

Journey Through Bethlehem

5-8:30 p.m.

Shiloh UMC, 2394 Shiloh Road FREE

Sunday, December 11

All About That Baby by Children's Choir

6 p.m.

Cross Roads Baptist Church

Journey Through Bethlehem

5-8:30 p.m.

Shiloh UMC, 2394 Shiloh Road FREE

Sunday, December 18

Family Christmas meal

6 p.m.

Cross Roads Baptist Church

Tuesday, December 20

Elfis Fourth Grade Christmas Musical

7 p.m.

High School Auditorium

Thursday, December 22

PES Half Day of School

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CRBC to hold remembrance service Dec. 4

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For most people, the holidays are filled with happiness and anticipation. However, for those who have lost a loved one, the holidays can be especially difficult and cause added stress. To help those who are grieving a loss, whether recent or it's been a while, Cross Roads Baptist Church (CRBC) will host a remembrance service on Sunday, December 4, at 2 p.m.

Tips for surviving the holidays will

be shared, and a table will be set up to display a framed photograph of the loved one. Each family will have an opportunity to share a special memory of their loved one, as well. Everyone is welcome. It is not necessary to be a member of the church to attend.

Cross Roads Baptist Church is located five miles south of Pelahatchie on Highway 43. Contact Sheila Bradshaw, GriefShare Coordinator, at the CRBC church office at 601-546-2297, ext. 101.

Why do leaves change color?



By Doug Carter, Rankin County Extension Agent

I remember growing up and wondering why leaves change colors. The answer to this question is the leaf was always red, or orange, or yellow, or whatever they "change" into in autumn. It's just that, in the growing season, the leaf is full of chlorophyll, the stuff in the leaf that does the work of converting sunlight into energy, and chlorophyll is green. So green and there is so much of it, that it washes out those other colors.

Have you ever noticed that while all leaves are green during growing season, they come in different shades of green? Some trees have leaves that are deep, dark green, while others might have leaves that are light, almost lime green. Part of this is due to the presence of other chemicals, called pigments, which the chlorophyll is covering up. These pigments serve various functions in the

leaf. Some pigments, like carotenoids, give leaves an orange or yellow tint. The group of pigments called anthocyanins give leaves a red tint.

In the fall as the days get shorter, the leaf gets exposed to less and less daylight. This is a signal, along with the temperature to a lesser extent, for the tree to begin getting ready for dormancy. The tree pulls as much of the important, rarer nutrients from the leaf as it can so that they aren't lost with the leaf when it falls. Nitrogen is one of the most important, and often most limiting, so it's no surprise that deciduous plants retrieve as much as possible. Since chlorophyll is full of nitrogen, it's broken down and removed from the leaves, leaving the other pigments behind, showing us their "true colors" all along.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Doug Carter serves as the Rankin County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources/County Coordinator. He lives south of Pelahatchie, with his wife and two daughters.

The Service Station expanding its services and location



Special to Pelahatchie News

By Susie A. Wolfe

Walter Hudson opened The Service Station at the corner of Highways 43 and 80 in May, 2010. Now, the full-service auto repair shop is adding front end alignment service and a new shop in the Old Hatchery building next door. Plans are to start offering front end alignments in the new shop by the first of the year.

"We have been praying for years about the land and building next door

to our shop," said Hudson. "We are so thankful to our customers, the Town of Pelahatchie, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has made all things possible to them that believe."

He said that they are currently repairing the building. They added a new roof six months ago and added windows and glass doors. In addition to Hudson, The Service Station has a service manager, Jon Lindsey, and three mechanics. Hours are 8-5, Monday – Friday. For more information, call 601-854-6244.



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Business Spotlight: Ross & Betts offer full range of accounting services

By Susie A. Wolfe

Ross & Betts understand the tax needs of individuals, small business, family-owned companies and farming entities, because they are from the area, and are or have been in those categories. Knox Ross opened the CPA practice in 1997, and Shirell Betts joined him in 2011.

Betts grew up on a farm with chickens and cows in the Cooperville community, where she and her family still live. Her children Tyler and Kate attend East Rankin Academy, and her husband, Michael, is a director of operations for Tower Loan, covering North Mississippi to South Louisiana.

She brings her farm background and accounting and taxation education from Mississippi State to Pelahatchie. Their CPA office handles all tax needs including individual, corporate and

partnerships; bookkeeping and payroll service; and tax consulting and planning for the future. Assisted by Susan Martin of Leesburg, and Laurie Flickner and Connie Bryant of Shiloh, they work together to provide "very personal service, return phone calls and care about clients," according to Martin, a 16-year employee.

Ross said he will remain partner and counsel in 2017. He brings strategic planning as well as small business loan and workforce training experience, in addition to knowledge gained as mayor for 16 years and commissioner of the Southern Rail Commission.

Betts advises everyone to begin preparation now for 2016 taxes. She said their office, located in downtown Pelahatchie, is available to answer any tax or financial question by calling 601-854-7007.



Shirell Betts, Susan Martin, Connie Bryant, and Laurie Flickner

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VanHorn and Hall to lead VFD



Photo by Pelahatchie News

By Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) elected new officers that took office October 4. Karl VanHorn is now fire chief, and Kevin Hall is assistant fire chief.

VanHorn is a 26-year Mississippi Fire Service veteran who is currently serving Pelahatchie as the part-time Emergency Management chief in addition to his roles as captain with the Flowood Fire Department and associate instructor at the Mississippi State Fire Academy. The Lancaster, Ohio, native also teaches volunteer certification courses and National Fire Academy courses.

Hall has previously served with the town's VFD. A Pelahatchie native, Hall

is an owner of H & H Electrical in town.

"Our goal is to get all of our 22 members state certified," said VanHorn. "Now, with the vast amount of experience in our department, we can do most training in-house, which is much more convenient for our volunteers who hold down regular jobs."

"We will cross train with the police department, many of whom have fire and paramedic training," said VanHorn. "This improves the response time and quality of care for the citizens of Pelahatchie."

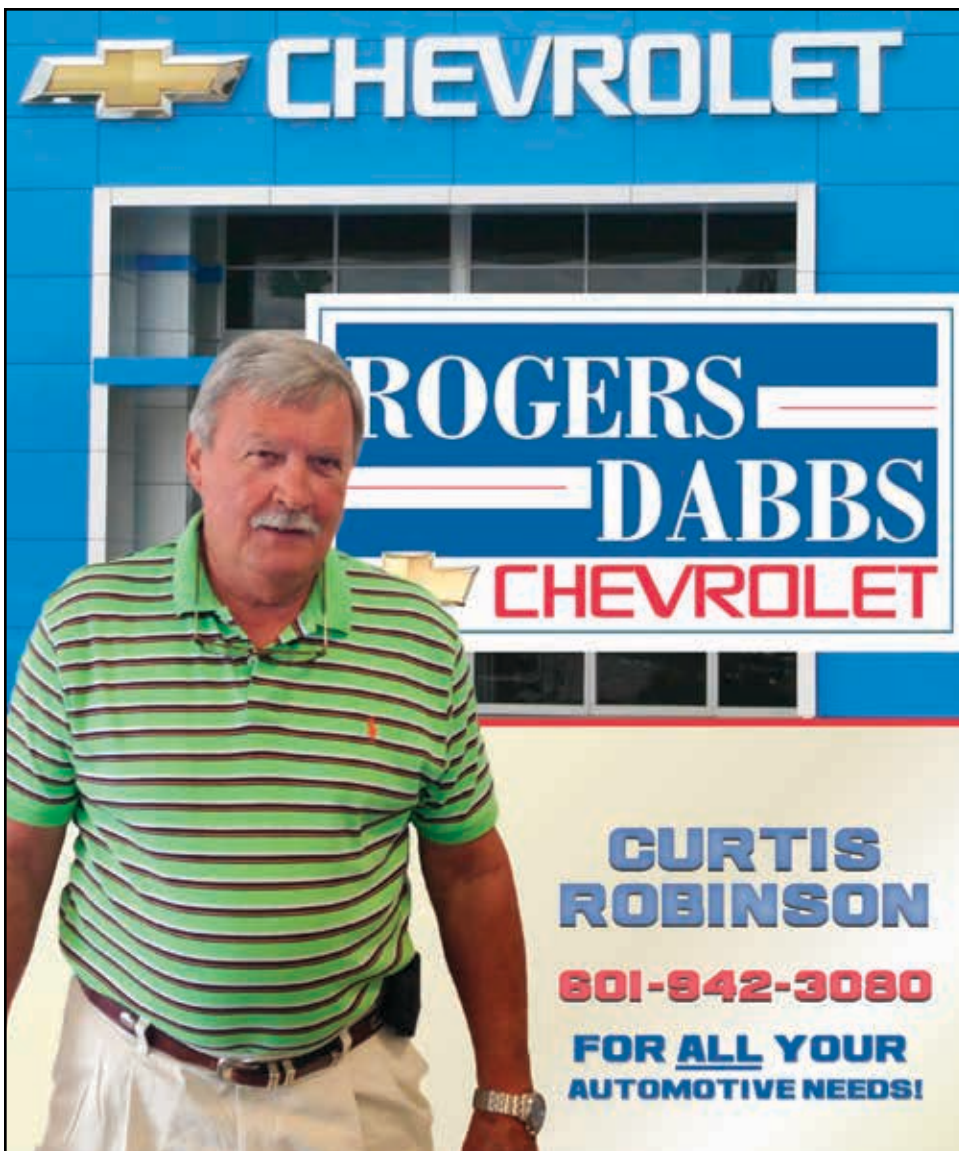
VanHorn lives in Pelahatchie with his wife, Felicia, and daughter, Whitney, both of whom work at Yogi Bear Park. Hall is married to Pelahatchie Alderwoman Megan Hall, who is also president of the VFD Auxiliary.

Pre-K class fun



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Pictured is Mrs. Sirmon's Pre K class at Pelahatchie Elementary School. The students are playing a matching game with numbers and representations of numbers. Each time a child gets a match, the class cheers.



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Hinds CC names Heroes for fall 2016



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Fall 2016 Hinds Heroes and others, front row, from left, Lisa Morgan, Jo Ponder, Anna "Shelley" Hearn, Joy Rhoads; second row, from left, Cindy Smith West, Deloris Garner-Knight, Kelly Reeves, Sharon Hudson, Cindy Johnson; back row, from left, Reginald Dillon, Hinds Board of Trustees President Paul Breazeale, Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse, Melvin Christian. Not pictured is Denise Taylor.

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The Fall 2016 group of honorees in the Hinds Heroes employee recognition program has been named, including Kelly Reeves, of Pelahatchie, an administrative assistant to the Academic Dean at the Rankin Campus. Her duties include assisting the dean in managing the department and an array of clerical duties that include managing classroom assignments and data entry

of classes, assigning section electronic online learning resources verifying attendance. She has been with Hinds for 13 years.

Hinds Heroes are chosen because they represent the college well, provide exceptional customer service to internal and external customers and constantly promote the Hinds mission of service. Heroes selected receive a lapel pin, a token of appreciation and one free day off work.

Students named to Rankin Youth Leadership Program



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Pictured (l to r), are: Ward Winstead, Hayden Hawk, Blaine Hill, and Jean Ross.

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East Rankin Academy students, Ward Winstead, Hayden Hawk, Blaine Hill and Jean Ross have been recognized for their selection to the Rankin Youth Leadership Program. Students at schools from across Rankin County are invited to apply to this program spon-

sored by the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce. The selection process is based on student applications and interviews. The chamber sponsors this program to identify and develop a group of young leaders who can impact the future of Rankin county by learning how to assume responsible community leadership roles.

Cross Roads Baptist Church



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8:30 - Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 - Bible Study for all ages
11:00 - Blended Worship Service
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Pastor's Perspective: The meaning of "The Twelve Days of Christmas"



By John Vaughn, Pastor,
Cross Roads Baptist Church

The sounds of Christmas are in the air, and that's good! I love hearing the carols that tell the story of the birth of Jesus. One of the songs we often hear, but may not understand the meaning of, is "The Twelve Days of Christmas." It's a fun song to sing at parties and family gatherings, but what does it mean?

There is some disagreement about the origin and purpose of the song, but here is one that makes sense to me. When Henry VIII was King of England in the 1500s, he had a conflict with the Pope. So, he established the Church of England and declared himself to be the head of the church. It became illegal for Catholics to practice their form of Christianity in public or private. Being a Catholic was treated as a bad crime.

It is said that "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England at the beginning of this time. Some people think that it was written to help children learn about their Catholic religion. In the carol, the days are supposed to represent special symbols and

have hidden meanings, because it was illegal to have anything in writing that would indicate that you were a Catholic.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" refer to the twelve-day period that starts with Christmas day and ends on January 6, celebrated by the Catholic Church at Epiphany, the day the Wise Men found Jesus. The song begins, 'On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me.' The 'true love' was meant to represent God, the true love of the world. The 'me' in the carol is the Christian man or woman who receives these presents. The meanings given to the 12 Days are:

The 'partridge in a pear tree' is Jesus who died on the cross. The 'two turtle doves' are the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. The doves symbolize peace. The 'three French hens' are faith, hope and love – the three gifts of the Holy Spirit. (See I Corinthians 13:13). The French hens can also represent the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The 'four calling birds' are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the four gospels of the New Testament. The 'five golden rings' are the first five books of the Bible known as the Pentateuch. The 'six geese a-laying' are the six days

of creation. The 'seven swans a-swimming' are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit spoken of in Romans 12:6-8.

The 'eight maids a-milking' are the eight beatitudes which Jesus gave in Matthew 5:3-10. The 'nine ladies dancing' are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22. The 'ten lords a-leaping' are the Ten Commandments. The 'eleven pipers piping' are the eleven faithful disciples of Jesus. And the 'twelve drummers drumming' are the twelve points of the Apostles Creed.

While there are those who would dispute the meaning of this song as representing gifts to believers, here is a truth that cannot be disputed. "For



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God so loved the world that He GAVE His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." The greatest gift of Christmas is Jesus, a gift given by God himself to all mankind. It's up to you to receive or reject the gift. I hope you have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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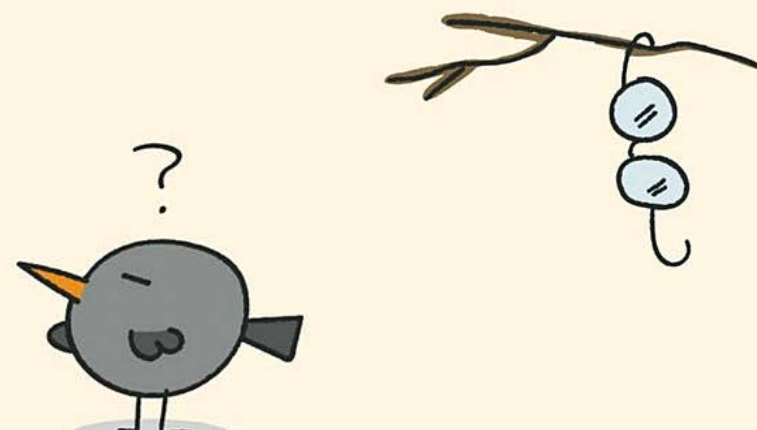
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PES recognizes DARE winners



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Rankin County Sheriff's Deputy Nancy Watts is Pelahatchie Elementary's DARE (drug abuse resistance education) officer. At the November 16 awards ceremony, she recognized 57 sixth graders who participated in the DARE essay contest. Pictured (l to r) are the winners on the first row. They are Brittany Adcox, Madi Holmes and Jalyne Waters. Second row, are (l to r) Officer Nancy with teacher Mandy Herrington, Mrs. A, the principal; and teachers Lauren Harrell and Katy Craig.

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Keep the momentum going



By Dr. Bryan Marshall,
Pelahatchie High
School Principal

Holy Cow, is it December already? Halloween, Thanksgiving, and now Christmas seem to have come and gone entirely too fast this year. As we reflect on the holiday seasons, let's take a break and remember what is really important – and that is family. Remember to love each other and respect the time you have together with each other. Outside of school and work, what is most important are those that are closest and most loved. Cherish that time to be with them.

With that said, school is rocking and rolling, and the grind is coming second semester. State tests will be here before we know it, and the summer will once again be upon us. As we work toward completing another grade and getting that much closer to graduation, let's remember that literacy is still important and a major initiative of our school. Your children are doing well on the most rigorous assessment system the state has ever seen. As far as the general math and English curriculum, we are doing fairly-well. But there are some areas we still need to shore up. One is the ACT average score. We as a school are averaging anywhere between 18-19 from year to year. We need that number to improve to 19-20 on average. The path to success on the ACT is pushing students to take more upper level math and science courses their junior and senior year. These courses are critical. Parents, most students want the easy

senior year (and let's be honest, we did also at 17 years old) however, the ACT score is worth money in your pocket, and those upper level courses are critical. We are also pushing students to have had Algebra I, Geometry and be enrolled in Algebra II during the year they start taking the ACT. Another area we need to focus on is dual enrollment. In order to qualify for dual enrollment as a junior, students must have an ACT score prior to their junior year, which means we need to start pushing more sophomore students to take the ACT. You will be seeing some of this push this spring.

Athletically, basketball and soccer season are in full swing. If you haven't seen the teams play, they are exciting to watch this year and worth a trip to the school. Baseball and softball will be getting geared up shortly after the Christmas break; and, if you come out to the parks, you will see some new additions. The softball girls will enjoy a bigger and open home dugout this season as we continue to make improvement to the softball facilities. The baseball guys will also enjoy a new home dugout with storage; and, fans, you will enjoy watching the game from the newly poured concrete pad behind the new 30 ft. netted backstop. So, come check the guys and girls out this season.

Finally, let me take a minute to thank each parent or guardian for all that you do for these kids. Thank you for promoting their education and pushing them to be the best they can be. There is definitely a momentum flowing in Pelahatchie, and we want to keep that train a-rollin. Have a great Christmas break. GO CHIEFS!

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