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Town in turmoil: Will Muscadine Jubilee happen?

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Pelahatchie Mayor and Board of Aldermen had four meetings in June. First was the June 4 Board meeting, followed by a Special Session on June 11, where Board Attorney Brad Mills resigned. On June 14, the Board voted to hire Michael Wolf as the new attorney. Mayor Ryshonda Beechem called another Special Session on June 18 to discuss the 2018 Muscadine Jubilee, but none of the aldermen showed up, leaving the annual event in question.

Mayor Beechem's actions of changing of the City Hall locks after being told not to by aldermen and having a wall built at Milltown Park without Board approval are currently in question with the Board.

The Board stressed that any Muscadine Jubilee commitments by the Town must be pre-approved by the Board.

Beechem is proposing Southern Rock band Cadillac Three as the headline entertainment at a cost of \$25,000. She also recommended hiring Stagelite Entertainment as the booking agent, along with Lari Johnson for \$3,500 and Bishop Gunn for \$3,000. The mayor is also putting together a committee of residents to help promote the Thirty-Eighth Annual Muscadine Jubilee scheduled for September 8.

As the thirty-day window for responding to the Office of the State Auditor's (OSA's) demands happened in June, the case is still open and in the process of being turned over to the Attorney

General's office for enforcement. Though there was no embezzlement or criminal activity, the Auditor's findings do indicate that funds were misappropriated and need to be repaid to the police department's budget.

Former Mayor Knox Ross said, "We completely disagree with it [OSA demands], and our CPA assured us we have done nothing wrong." The former Mayor, City Clerk and Board



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members, as well as the new mayor and two new Board members, are named in the OSA report as being responsible for misappropriated funds of \$421,688.10 from June 2015 to June 2017, and of \$80,694.97 for July 2017 to December 2017.

The City Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Utility Clerk, and Police Chief, as well as other officers, court clerks and dispatchers are bonded under a surety bond for \$50,000 each, whereas the Town Mayor and Board also have \$50,000 coverage for unethical service. The Board's coverage is reimbursed through the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan, whereas the Town pays for the mayor's coverage. How this translates to the officials out-of-pocket cost is still to be determined.

Burchfield named new PHS principal

By Susie A. Wolfe

Seventeen-year education veteran Dr. Teague Burchfield is the new principal at Pelahatchie High School (PHS). The former Brandon High School assistant principal started on June 13.

A Mississippi College and University of Southern Mississippi graduate, Burchfield spent nine years as a social studies teacher and coach, and eight as an administrator. He previously served as assistant basketball coach at Madison Central and head basketball coach at Lafayette High School in Oxford. He was assistant principal at Vicksburg, Warren County Schools, Ridgeland High School and Brandon High School.

He is from an education family, both his father and mother, Phil Burchfield and Bobbye Taylor, his step-parents,



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Dr. Teague Burchfield is PHS' new principal. A former coach and social studies teacher, Burchfield is from a family of educators.

Nita Burchfield and the former Mickey Taylor, and his siblings, Jodie Burchfield and Shea Taylor, are either teachers or administrators. Even his wife, Robyn, works for the Foundation at Hinds Community College. His father, Phil Burchfield, retired as superintendent at the Clinton Public School District in 2017 and is now the director of the Missis-

issippi Association of School Superintendents.

Burchfield is an avid sportsman who was involved in baseball, basketball, track and golf at Enterprise High School, a town and school similar in size to Pelahatchie. He had 41 in his graduating class.

He said he is a "big family guy" and believes working together is the key to success.

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Shoultz competed for Miss Mississippi

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Maggie Shoultz, 22, of Pelahatchie participated in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg, June 20-23, as the reigning Miss Rankin County.

The daughter of Virginia Davis and John Shoultz and granddaughter of Margaret Davis Clay, Shoultz is currently majoring in dentistry with a minor in vocal performance at East Central Community College. The East Rankin Academy graduate plans to attend Meridian Community College's dentistry program next.

Here's a Q & A to learn more about Shoultz.

List scholastic honors: Sigma Sigma Mu Tau officer; Julliard honors student.

What is your hometown like? I was raised in a small Southern town with its unique qualities. Pelahatchie is a hidden gem that offers quiet but personable hospitality.

Greatest non-academic accomplishment: Full scholarship lead vocalist in Collegians; Earned the Patriot Award for leadership skills; Mentoring



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Shoultz, right, is shown with her grandmother, Margaret Davis Clay, at a reception in Vicksburg during the pageant.

at risk children to make positive choices; Promoted South Sudan Water Well donations; X-factor finalist; American Idol finalist.

One thing I'd like to try that is out of character for me: Living in a small city, I would like to live in a large city like Nashville, Tennessee, where there is more than one traffic light and plenty of opportunities.

Describe one defining moment in
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Chief's Comments: Practice safety



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By Guest
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Kevin Poole,
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Whether trying to beat the heat, avoid being stung or shooting fireworks, safety is the name of the game in July.

Our Town ordinance states that no fireworks are to be shot within 250 feet of a gas pump, and since

July 4th is on a weekday, the noise ordinance says that there is to be no noise after 10 p.m. weekdays and midnight on weekends.

Be watchful for seniors in the heat, and kids walking or riding bikes around Milltown Park and Town. Horseflies are bad this year, so watch both seniors and kids who are allergic and need assistance.

Also in July, we expect the Safe Room to be open, and on July 28, there will be a Back to School Bash at Muscadine Park that will provide free backpacks and school supplies.

Nickles and Jones recognized for ECCC student-athlete academic performance

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Seventy-five East Central Community College (ECCC) student-athletes were honored by either the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) or the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC), or both organizations, for their academic performance during the 2017-18 academic year.

In all, 45 ECCC student-athletes were recognized by the NJCAA, and 75 were honored by the MACJC. East Central was third among all 15 community and junior colleges in Mississippi in the number of student-athletes honored by the NJCAA.

The NJCAA presents awards in three categories: First Team NJCAA All-Academic (for those achieving a perfect 4.0 grade-point average), Second Team NJCAA All-Academic (3.80 to 3.99 GPA), and Third Team NJCAA All-Academic (3.60 to 3.79 GPA).

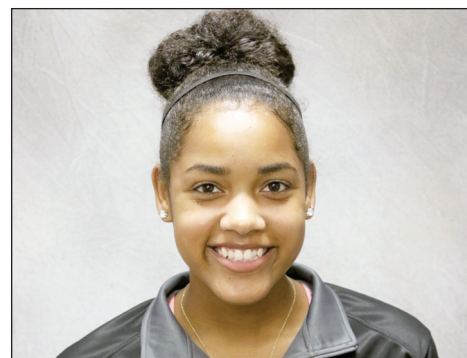
Among those receiving Second Team NJCAA All-Academic was Carolyn Nickles (women's soccer) from East Rankin Academy.

Those receiving MACJC Academic



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Carolyn Nickles



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Haley Jones

All-State included Haley Jones (women's soccer) from Pelahatchie High School.



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Little Chiefs develop basketball skills



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Pelahatchie's youth fundamentals skill developmental camp for ages 8-13 was held at the high school gym in June. Coach Lavadius Lyles Coach Pearlene Fairley had a great time working with the future Basketball Chiefs.

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Shoultz competed in Miss. Miss. Pageant

your own life, other than winning your local title: At the age of 12, while attending Mississippi College music camp, I was chosen as the lead vocalist in the featured show for ages 12-18. This adventure encouraged me to pursue a musical career. That was the start of this wonderful dream of mine.

What is your secret wish or dream? To perform on the Grand Ole Opry stage and be inducted into the Grand Ole Opry.

If you are crowned Miss Mississippi, what do you want to accomplish during your Year of Service? I want to accomplish as much as possible during my reign as Miss Mississippi; this title would be an important chapter in my life. I also would want to encourage adoptions for all our Mississippi chil-

dren who need a forever home.

Is there a personal connection that made you pick your personal platform? As an adopted child, my platform centers around decreasing the number of children placed in the foster care system in the U.S. It is my desire for all children to be raised in a loving and supportive family, as I was. My desire is to bring adoption to the forefront of many caring adults so that it might light a fire in their heart to reach out and become that loving and caring home for that child who deserves to have a forever home.

Something interesting about my family: My mother found out she was pregnant during my adoption process. As a result, my sister and I are four months apart in age.

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Renfrow new ERA baseball, softball coach

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Coach Steve Renfrow, a Jackson native and Belhaven University graduate, has been named the new fast-pitch softball and head baseball coach at East Rankin Academy (ERA). He was formerly general manager at Jackson's Smith-Wills Stadium.

Coach Renfrow has coached at both the college and high school level for 20 plus years. He was the head baseball coach at Clarke College, Jackson Academy, Oak Hill Academy, and Indianola Academy. He started the fast-pitch softball program at Gulfport High School while serving as Gulfport's head baseball coach and director of the physical education program at Eastward Elementary on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

He had an outstanding career as a

baseball player from Jackson's Wingfield High School playing for legendary coach Willis Steenhuis. He also played at Belhaven University.

Coach Renfrow has been the MAIS Coach of the Year and *The Clarion Ledger* Metro Coach of the Year, as well as coached several All-Star teams and the Olympic State Games of Mississippi. He is also a member of the Mississippi Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame.



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Coach Steve Renfrow, who assisted ERA in both softball and baseball program last year, was named head baseball coach.

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Burchfield named new PHS principal

"I am a people person," said Burchfield, who thinks this is more than a job here. "It starts with relationships and understanding. We will work together and be proactive."

Burchfield's administrative team includes Assistant Principal Lewis Bradford, Counselor Brandi Johns, Athletic

Director Sam Williams, and Transportation Director Russ Granberry. They have the month of July to prepare for the school year, which starts with orientation on August 2.

Burchfield and his wife, Robyn, and two children, Phillip, 12, and Ellyn, 10, live in Clinton.

ERA Important Dates

August 2-7.....	Orientation and Preparation Days (All Staff and Faculty)
August 7.....	K3-4th Grade Parent-Teacher Orientation 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
August 8.....	First Day for K3, K4, and K-5 7:45-11:00 a.m. 9th Grade Students and Parents Orientation 8:00-9:30 a.m.
August 9.....	High School Orientation - 10th-12th Grade • Senior Prayer Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. • 10th-12th Students Only (12th-9:45-10:30 a.m.) • 11th-10:45-11:30 a.m. • 10th-11:45-12:30 a.m.
August 9.....	5th-8th Parent-Teacher Orientation 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
August 10.....	Regular School Day K3-12th Grade
August 14.....	"Meet the Patriots"
September 3.....	Labor Day Holiday
October 8.....	Columbus Day Holiday
October 15.....	Beginning of 2nd Nine Weeks
October 19.....	Homecoming School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.
November 8.....	Veterans Day Program
November 9.....	"Grandparents Day" at ERA
Nov. 19-23.....	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 24-Jan. 7.....	Christmas Holidays
January 7.....	Professional Development (Holiday for Students)
January 8.....	Beginning of 3rd Nine Weeks and Second Semester
January 21.....	Martin Luther King Holiday
February 18.....	Presidents Day Holiday
March 8.....	Teachers Meeting (Holiday for Students)
March 11-15.....	Spring Holidays
March 18.....	Beginning of 4th Nine Weeks
April 19-22.....	Easter Holidays
May 5.....	Kindergarten Graduation Program
May 6.....	Awards Night (7th-12th)
May 7.....	Awards Night (4th-6th)
May 17.....	Last Day of School
May 19.....	High School Graduation
May 20-21.....	Make-up Days (if needed)

CMRLS offers digital resources for all ages

By Susie A. Wolfe

Central Mississippi Regional Library System serves approximately 216,000 citizens in 20 branches in Rankin, Scott, Simpson, and Smith counties. There are many services that all ages can use online and thus have access 24/7/365.

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Grow your own homegrown fresh vegetables



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

There are many good reasons for growing a vegetable garden in Mississippi. A garden offers the opportunity to enjoy vegetables at their freshest.

Sometimes only minutes elapse between harvest, preparation, and eating. On the other hand, most fresh vegetables available at the grocery store travel about 1,800 miles between producer and consumer, and this travel often occurs over a period of several days. So, there's a lot to be said about "home-grown" freshness.

Vegetable gardens are traditional in Mississippi. When the state was more rural, most of the family food was grown at home. Even now, many older Mississippians grow gardens that are much too large for their own use, just to have fresh vegetables for family, friends, and others who are unable to garden.

We select vegetables and the amount



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to plant by looking forward to harvest and how we will use the vegetables. There is no sense in planting something which will not be used.

When looking for something to grow, consider your available garden space. Some vegetables take a lot of garden space for a long time, while others are planted and harvested in a short time period, producing a lot, in

a little space. Melons, pumpkins, vining types of squash, and sweet potatoes are in the garden for a long time, yet the harvest period is short. Okra, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and pole beans are also in the garden a long time, but these produce a continuous supply of food.

Sweet corn is another example of a vegetable that takes much space, but

many folks plant it because it is so good.

Vegetables to consider for small gardens are bush snap and lima beans; leafy greens like lettuce, spinach, mustard, and turnips, green onions, tomatoes, sweet peppers, and eggplant. As space permits, add broccoli, cabbage, hot peppers, okra, summer squash, southern peas, and pole beans.

Plant varieties recommended for growing in Mississippi. Don't continue to plant old vegetable varieties, when there are new varieties that resist disease and give higher yields and quality.

Also, the amount of sunlight your garden receives is important. Ideally, the garden should receive full sun all day.

Sometimes, full sun is just not possible. Vegetables grown for their fruit or seeds, such as corn, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, beans, and peas, should be planted in the sunniest spots.

Vegetables grown for their leaves or roots, such as beets, cabbage, lettuce, mustard, spinach, and turnips, can grow in partial shade, but do better in direct sunlight.

Hinds Community College names spring scholars

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Hinds Community College announced the President's Scholars and Deans' Scholars for the Spring 2018 semester. President's Scholars from Pelahatchie who had a 4.0 grade point average include: Aubree Beeman, Madison Bradford, Madelyn Cordell, John Gunn, Kelsey Jernigan, Lona Perrett, Noah Smith, Bailey Tullos, and Jonathan Winstead.

Deans' Scholars are those students

with a cumulative 3.5 to 3.9 grade point average. Pelahatchie students include: Jesse Edwards, Christina Hamilton, Melissa Ingle, Kirby King, Raven McNair, Sheridan Morris, Christopher Taylor, Morgan Weaver, and Kali Wilcher.

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Obituaries

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Dora Nell Lindsey	89	Morton, MS	5/31/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Maxine Craig	91	Morton, MS	6/7/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Bobby Stroud	76	Lake, MS	6/10/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Don Hall	70	Lake, MS	6/14/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Truman Moore	53	Forest, MS	6/14/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Wanda Steward	64	Morton, MS	6/16/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Michael Hoard	55	Morton, MS	6/20/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Daisy Lyons	85	Brandon, MS	6/23/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.



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Wolf named town City Attorney

By Susie A. Wolfe

Michael J. Wolf has been appointed the new City Attorney for Pelahatchie. He was approved by the Board in a Special Session on June 12. He formerly served as City Deputy Attorney for the City of Jackson.

Wolf, originally from California, was admitted to California Bar in 1992 and to the Mississippi Bar in 1999. A graduate of the University of California at Irvine and the University of

LaVerne College of Law, Wolf is an author and speaker at numerous Continuing Education Seminars.

"The law is an equalizer," said Wolf. "I look forward to leading the Town to follow the paths laid out."

Wolf has also worked with courts in Central District of California, U.S. Southern District of Mississippi, U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Northern District of Mississippi, and United States Supreme Court. He is a member of The Mississippi Bar and California

Bar Associations; The Rankin Bar, Capital Area Bar Association, and Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association. He served on the executive committee for the Mississippi Bar Government Law Section Committee, 2007-2013. He is past chairman of the Government Law Section and past committee chair of the Mississippi Claims Association and Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Annual Joint Seminar, 2009 and 2010.



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Michael Wolf has been a member of the Mississippi Bar for 19 years.

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PHS Important Dates

August 2	7th Grade Orientation (6-7 p.m.)
	Laptop Rollout (5-6 p.m. & 7-8 p.m.)
August 9	Open House, Auditorium (6-7 p.m.)
September 10	Meet the Chiefs (5:30) and Jamboree vs. Raleigh (6 p.m.)
September 14	First Regular Season Home Game Vs. Mt. Olive

2018-19 Pelahatchie Baseball Teams

High School	Trey Atwood	Colton Bierman
Bryce Jones	Nathan Atwood	Antwon Collier
Jared Goodin	Nick Boykin	Mason Ingram
Zay Taylor	Kody Watson	Xander Stewart
Jon King	Sterling Simmons	Braden Laughlin
Hunter Westbrooks	Trace Spangler	Lawton Burnham
John Houston	Hayden West-	Landon Moore
Elliott	brooks	Tyler Johns
Matthew Day	Hayden Huff	Daniel Flores
Gregory Beemon	Cooper Sirmon	Chase Falcon
Levi Goldman		Christian Gray
Ethan White	Junior High	Issac White
Gavin Spears	JT Magee	Corbin Haven
Colby Henderson	Hunter Cain	Levi Renfroe

2018- 2019 Pelahatchie Chiefs Soccer

Trey Atwood	JD Williams
Isaac Norwood	Benjamin Stribling
Christian Irby	Jimmy Holifield
Ian Jackson	Austin Tucker
Chance Boone	Chevelle Haven
Cameron Watkins	Kaleb Evans
Garrett Day	
Matthew Day	
Blake Ferguson	
Jacob Jordan	
Sterling Simmons	
Noah Brock	
Kenner Doster	

There will be a tryout in August for all athletes who did not tryout during this period.

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Kayden Haden
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Mister Lott
Jeterrius Magee
Symon Stringer
Elijah Williams

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ERA's Herring had great softball career at Belhaven

By Susie A. Wolfe

Jordan Herring, daughter of Cheryl and Richard Herring and an East Rankin Academy graduate, was a nursing major at Belhaven University in spring 2018 known for playing softball. A second-generation Belhaven Blazer, Herring received numerous recognitions including ASC Softball Sportsman Athlete of the Year and the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association (NCCAA) Student-Athlete of the Week, but what was most memorable was making it to the big show.

An overview of Herring's vital role for the Blazers at the NCCAA Softball World Series includes: she started every game and pitched every inning for the Blazers, who went 4-1 in the tournament, with the only loss coming in

the championship game against Central Baptist College. She finished with a 2.60 ERA and 32 strikeouts in her 35 innings of work.

On the season, Herring led the pitching rotation with a 17-7 overall record and tossed 18 complete games. The Forest native had 169.0 innings pitched and recorded 114 strikeouts.

Herring's mom, Cheryl, a 12-year Pelahatchie Post Office service associate, said "...we couldn't more proud of her and her accomplishments. No matter how many pitches she has thrown, how many innings she's pitched or how many strike-outs she's had, (the Sportsman Athlete of the Year) award is the most meaningful to us. Her heart, her attitude, and her character on and off the field are the qualities that will take her far beyond this game."



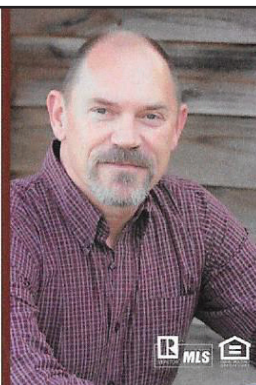
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A second-generation Blazer, ERA graduate Jordan Herring's father Richard played for Belhaven in baseball. Pictured is Herring with parents, Richard, left, and Cheryl, far right.

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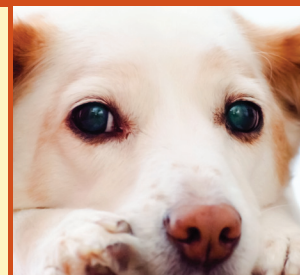
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Hands UP Outreach (Christian Women's Job Corp and Christian Men's Job Corp) offers free classes for the fall semester, September 6 – December 6, in computer training, job skills, life skills, and GED Prep in the Pelahatchie area.

Each class is scheduled to meet individual needs. Registration is now

through September 4 for those 18 and above. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday day classes meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hands UP Outreach at 301 Church Street across from Pelahatchie Baptist Church. New classes start on Thursday, September 6, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Night classes available upon request.

Call Mary for ladies at 601-826-0442 or Roy for men at 601-826-0449 to register.

Students attend leadership conference



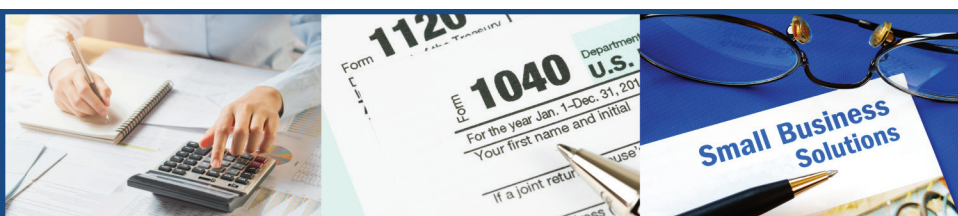
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Anna Grace Carter of Pelahatchie High School attended the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference in June at Millsaps College. She also attended the 4-H State Congress and the FFA State Convention, both held at Mississippi State University.



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East Rankin Academy students served as delegates to the Mississippi Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar held on the campus of Millsaps College in June. Pictured (l to r) are: Cole Jones, Ethan Crain, Kariana Simmons, and Jacob Gardner. The students participated in various leadership opportunities, including service projects in downtown Jackson.



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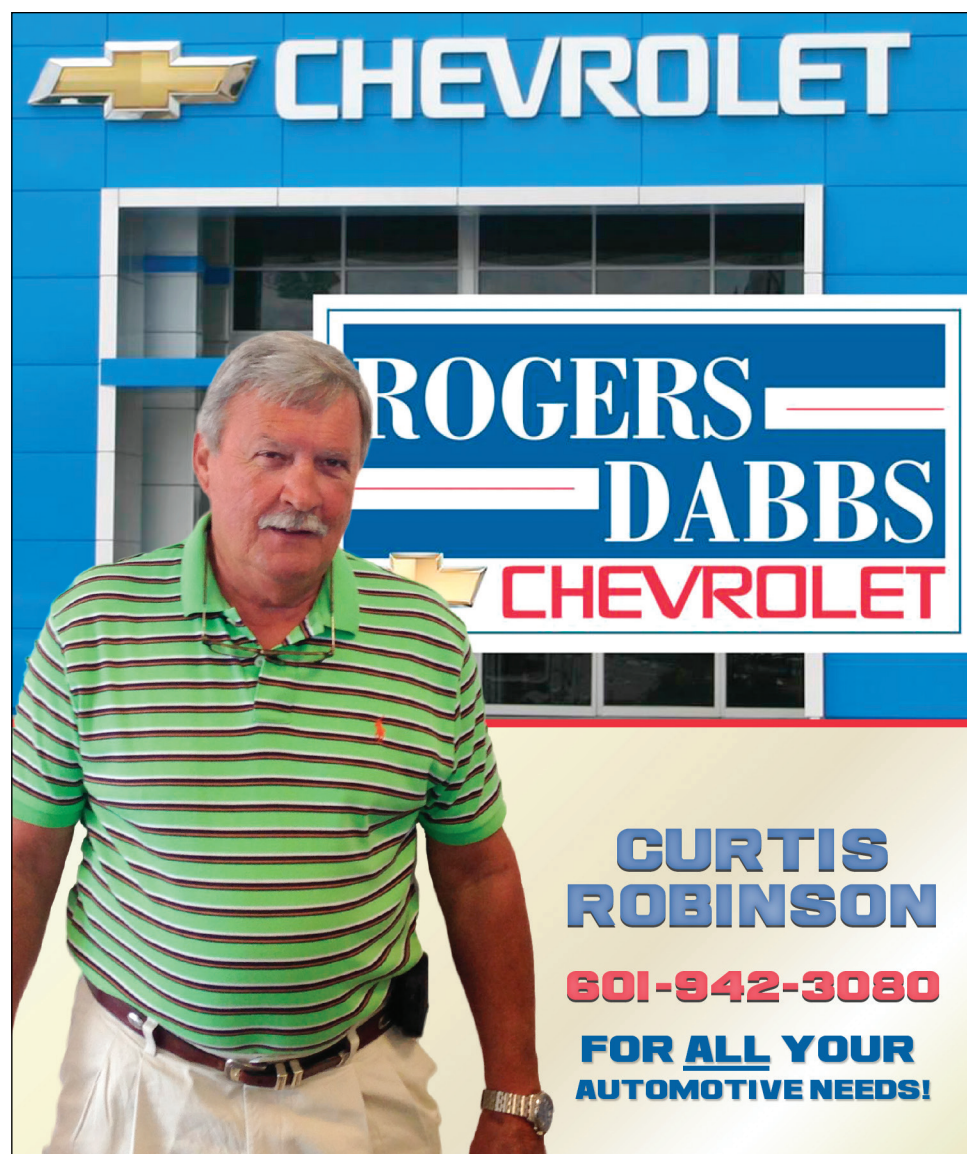
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Enjoy moments together this Fourth



By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School

When thinking of the Fourth of July, the first thoughts that come to mind are certainly those of patriotism, freedom and opportunity. We are reminded of these qualities annually during this time of year through celebration with family and friends. As I grow older, I am reminded of my childhood and the fun I had with my family and friends during the Fourth of July holiday. Shooting fireworks, fishing at my grandparents' pond, swimming with cousins, as well as enjoying the contents of the grill all seemed to be realistic opportunities each and every year for myself.

Regarding opportunity, this Fourth of July holiday will be a rather special one as well, but for very different reasons. First and foremost, the opportunity to spend quality time with my wife, Robyn, and two kids, Phillip and Ellyn,

allows me to revisit my childhood, albeit from a different viewpoint. As a husband and father, I know that quality time with our young children is rapidly diminishing, and holidays such as these allow us to create memories for our kids that they can cling to for years to come as well. Last, and on a professional note, I cannot say enough about how grateful I am to be blessed with the opportunity to serve this community in an administrative capacity. Having met with several community members, staff, parents and students in this short amount of time, all of the great things that have been said regarding the Town of Pelahatchie and her school system have been validated. Words cannot express how eager I am to serve this community in the years to come.

In closing, let us all be reminded to slow down and enjoy the moments we have together as friends and family as we celebrate the Fourth of July. Opportunities like these are too valuable for us not to take advantage. On behalf of my family, as well as Pelahatchie High School, I wish you all a happy Fourth of July. Go Chiefs!

Lady Chiefs Car Show a success



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Members of the Lady Chiefs softball team and parents are shown with Coach Michael Chambless at the car show held at the PHS softball field.



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The truck that won Best of Show is owned by Randy Stinson of Terry, Mississippi. Pictured by the orange 1952 Ford F1 truck (l to r) are: Kim Cochran, Lajuan Stinson, owner, and Camden Patton.

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The Lady Chiefs first annual Car Show and Shine had 33 cars entered. Best of Show was awarded to Randy Stinson of Terry, Mississippi, who had an orange 1952 Ford F1 truck.

The Lady Chiefs Choice was a light blue 1965 Chevelle owned by Richard Stevenson of Morton. Danny Slay won the 50/50 pot and donated it back to the team.

The Sweet Sixteen cars that were recognized are listed with the owners and hometowns:

- Tommy and Cynthia Smith, Brookhaven, MS, Purple/White 1935 Ford Sedan
- John Bolden, Raymond, MS, Purple 1935 Ford Sedan
- Richard Morrison, Clinton, MS, Blue/Silver 1955 Chevy
- Clayton Morris, Raymond, MS, Silver 1939 Chevy Master Deluxe
- Barbara Eldridge Brandon, MS

- Cream 1987 Chevy Silverado
- Ronnie Niehaus, Vicksburg, MS, Green 1930 Ford Model A
- Earl Brewer, "2017 Street Rodder Of The Year," Vicksburg, MS, Blue/Silver 1937 Chevy Extended-cab Truck
- Larry Pierce, Brandon, MS, Yellow 1947 International Truck
- Gary Blackmon, Pearl, MS, Black 1948 Ford Truck
- Danny Slay, Pearl, MS, Black 1931 Model A Coupe
- Randy Williams, Pearl, MS, Black 1955 Chevy
- Lloyd Smith, Brandon, MS, white/red 1960 Corvette
- Sam Hupperich, Raymond, MS, Red 1964 Ford Falcon
- Joe Bolan, Loivn, MS, 1938 Chevy Truck
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PHS cheerleaders getting ready for fall



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On June 14, Dr. Burchfield and Mr. Bradford talked to the Pelahatchie High School (PHS) cheerleaders on Parent Watch Day.

2018 Pelahatchie Jr. High Cheer

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Camden Patton
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2018 Pelahatchie High School Cheer

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Abbie Davis
Haley Mills (Alt)

Avoid the summer slide



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By Guest Columnist Lisa Attkisson, Pelahatchie Elementary School Principal

The first day of school is just around the corner, and we are hard at work getting ready for the upcoming year! We are anticipating an exciting year as we move our school from GREAT TO BEST and wanted to make you aware of several exciting things happening here at PES.

Did you know that when kids don't read over the summer they are likely to fall behind when they head back to school? These learning losses are often called the "Summer Slide," and our school has made it a priority to keep our students' skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long. Over the summer, each student is expected to complete the required summer reading for his/her upcoming grade level to be fully prepared for back-to-school activities. Summer reading books were sent home with every student prior to summer break.

In addition to the required summer reading, students were also invited to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge, a free online reading program where they can log their reading minutes. A Reading Celebration was held for each grade, where students were given two to three books to kick start their summer reading. Please encourage your child to read and log his or her minutes every day at www.scholastic.com/summer. If our school logs the most minutes of any participating school, we'll win a visit from a bestselling children's book author!

Here are a couple of ideas to help you and your child keep the reading momentum going all summer:

- Read books that make you laugh. Try titles like *Dr. Seuss* (3-5 yrs), *Junie B. Jones* (6-7 yrs), *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (8-10), and *Sisters* (11-13).

- Read together. Kids love to be read to, no matter what age they are! Find a time this summer to read together.

- Set a goal and see how many books you can read with your child in one summer. Read aloud the sports section, a comic book, or your favorite children's book.

Our library will be open Tuesday, July 10, 17, and 24 from 4-7 p.m. for students to read, log into their Scholastic reading program, complete Achieve3000 articles, and/or use a computer for educational purposes. An adult must accompany students at all times.

Registration for new students will begin July 18. To register a new kindergarten student, you will need to provide: child's birth certificate, social security card, and shot record (Form 121) two Proofs of Residency (a lease/mortgage and a utility bill).

All other registrations will require: withdrawal paperwork from previous school; two Proofs of Residency (a lease/mortgage and a utility bill).

Parents and students are invited to join us for a "Sneak Peek" of the upcoming school year. This will be a time to meet teachers, tour classrooms, drop off school supplies, and learn how to get involved.

Date	Time	Grades
Thur., Aug. 2	5:30-7 p.m.	PreK, 1, 3, 5
Mon., Aug. 6	5:30-7 p.m.	K, 2, 4, 6

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting Literacy and Math Nights throughout the school year. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities tied to students' classroom learning goals. We hope that through these events, parents and teachers can partner together to help each child reach their full potential. More information to come.

We can hardly wait to welcome our Little Chiefs back to school on August 7 and encourage every student/parent to be active participants in making this the best school year possible!

Pelahatchie High School graduates 54 seniors



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The Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Class of 2018 includes: Anna Grace Attkisson, Cecil James Ballard, Joanna Caitlin Bowman, Lanie Danielle Burkes, Alyssa Re' Coker, David Davonta Collier, Enfinaty Deaujhone Collier, Warren Brady Davis, Devon Bradley Day, Joseph Blake Easterling, Carlie Janea Edwards, Christopher Bailey Edwards, Maggie Maleigh Edwards, Bailey Nicole Ferguson, Dwight Stewart Garlett, William Matthew Garver, Anna Renae Gill, Tamkeria Shonteanna Gipson, Wesley David Goss, William James Goss, Jordan Lee Gray, Michael Alexander Harvey, Kenyatta Mechelle Hobson, Morghan Jai Hobson, Kanosha Alize Holifield, Jerry Michael Holmes, Jarrett Kee Horton, Amber Nicole Howell, Austin Michael Huff, ChaRay LaGale Johnson, Jadarious, Rayshun Johnson, Jaymon Cortez Johnson, Tyra Nicole Jones, Clayton Joseph Kilgore, Kasey Lyn King, Makia Arvella Lewis, William Alexander Millings, Cody Austin Myers, Mary Elizabeth Pinter, Kevin Javier, Romero-Leyva, Peyton Lane Scoggins, Bailey Hannah Smith, Rebecca Lynn Spangler, Zachary L. Tadlock, Trey Douglas Till, Krishuan Malik Twine, Destiny Marie Underwood, Kallie Alexis Wade, Gabbi Lee Walters, Blaine Carter White, Jake Elijah White, Logan Taylor White, Joshua Daquan Wilson, and Zoey Joy Zamora.

ERA graduated 47 in Class of 2018



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) had 47 seniors graduate recently, including: Abi Baggett, Cody Batte, Turner Boykin, Hanna Caldwell, Jacob Cordell, Madelyn Cordell, Gabbi Franklin, Katelyn Gaddis, Colt Gibbs, Andrew Harrell, Jayson Harris, Brooks Holifield, Haley Hudgens, Daniel Jones, Dusty King, Ashley Laster, Macy Leach, Kayleigh Long, Owen Mabry, Blaine Martin, Sam Martin, Destiny Moses, Emily Myers, Reid Nelson, Madison Newman, Haley Parker, Lauren Parker, Lona Perrett, Gabby Perry, Ally Purvis, Destiny Register, Duncan Russell, Kaley Saxton, Lauren Shoemaker, Troy Stokes, Tyler Stringer, Emilee Tadlock, Case Taylor, Kaeleigh Thompson, Bailey Tullis, Brooke Tunrage, Peyton Vinzant, Krissy Watkins, Olivia Watkins, Reeve Watson, Bryce Woitt, and Joshua Yates.

Trustmark recognized for highest customer satisfaction score in the South Central Region



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The U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction

Study, now in its thirteenth year, is the longest-running and most in-depth survey of the U.S. retail banking industry. The study measures satisfaction in six factors, including: channel activities, communication and advice, convenience, new account opening, problem resolution, and products and fees. The channel activities factor includes seven sub-factors: assisted online service, ATM, branch service, call center service, Interactive Voice Response/automated phone service, mobile banking and online banking. Satisfaction is measured on a 1,000-point scale, and Trustmark received a score of 856.

The 2018 study is based on responses from more than 88,000 retail banking customers belonging to 200 of the largest banks in the U.S. across regarding their experiences with their retail bank from April 2017 to February 2018.

Rankin Portable Buildings opens



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Will Allen is building his inventory at his Highway 80 at Highway 43 location next to Allie-Macs.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Will Allen opened Rankin Portable Buildings on Highway 80 next to Allie-Macs on June 21. The Forest native will be selling Derksen Portable Buildings and Eagle Carports and will be the Authorized U-Haul dealership for the area.

"I learned about the Derksen Portable Buildings from my brother, Phillip, who owns the Derksen dealership in Forest. They are good quality because

they have studs like a house," said Allen who previously worked with Gray Daniels Toyota in Brandon and was a fireman in Forest for seven years.

He said that buildings can be purchased from the lot or custom ordered. They have metal or painted buildings, playhouses and much more. To introduce his business, Allen is holding a drawing for an Akorn Kamado Kooker Charcoal Grill on July 1. For more information, visit Rankin Portable Buildings on Facebook or call 601-497-5684.

Jones receives \$1,000 scholarship



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Tyra Jones from Pelahatchie HS received a \$1,000 scholarship to continue her education at the Rankin County Chamber's Salute to Education event. She plans to attend Hinds Community College.

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8:30 - Contemporary Worship Service
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Pastor's perspective: Found your flip, but lost your flop?



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By Guest Columnist
 John Vaughn, Pastor,
 Cross Roads Baptist
 Church

When my granddaughter, Abigail, was three to four years old, she appeared in the living room door one morning obviously frustrated. She had dressed herself, but her attitude revealed that she was not happy about something. Her mother asked, "What's wrong, Abigail?"

"Mama," she said in an anguished voice while holding up one of her little shoes. "I found my 'flip,' but I can't find my 'flop'!"

In life, we have all experienced similar anxiety. It comes at different times and in various ways to each of us. It may be when things are not working out the way we had hoped or expected, or when it seems that we are all alone with no support or encouragement, or when we have tried but failed to resolve issues that leave us bewildered.

Martha had such an experience. When Jesus stopped by one day to visit with her and her sister, Mary, she got busy in the kitchen preparing something for Jesus to eat. Mary, on the other hand, simply sat at the feet of Jesus so she could learn important spiritual lessons from Him.

Finally, in total frustration, Martha

spoke to Jesus. "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus' reply helps us understand how we need to deal with frustrations when they come into our lives. "Martha, Martha," Jesus answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

When you are anxious and frustrated by events in life, it is important to slow down and listen to what Jesus has to say about your situation. Jesus once told his disciples not to worry about things in life that they could not control. Rather, He gave instructions to seek first God's kingdom, and He will provide everything else you need.

Paul gave a similar word of instruction in Philippians, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7.

The next time you find your 'flip' but can't find your 'flop,' or some similar situation, be sure to take it to the Lord. He'll help you go through whatever life brings your way. God bless, and be sure to take your family to church on Sunday!

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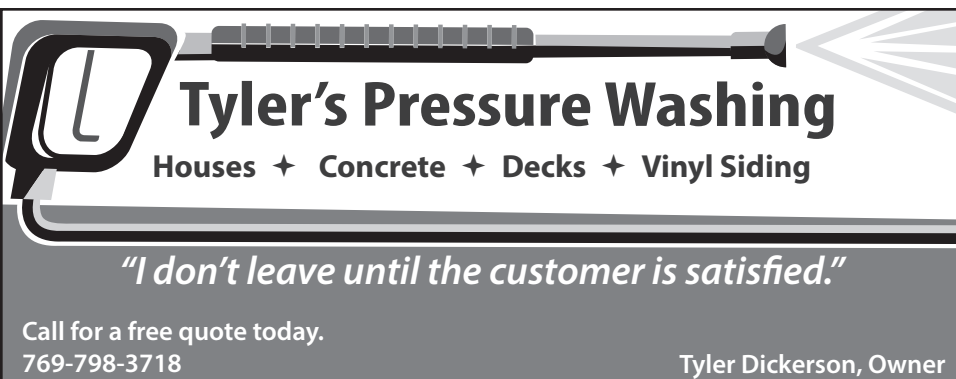
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Pelahatchie Library brings exotic animals to its reading program



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More than 70 kids and adults attended the Summer Reading Program at the Pelahatchie Library on June 19 to see *Animal Tales*. Trainer John Ham introduced Kermit the tree frog, a wolf hybrid, a 4-eyed possum, a kookaburra, and a boa constrictor that the kids are shown holding. Pictured (l to r) are: Luke Massey, Noelle Gardner and Savannah Massey.

Goss twins play in All-Star game



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The Goss twins, Wes, left, and Will, were chosen to play in the 2018 Crossroads Diamond Club All-Star Baseball game that was held at William Carey University in Hattiesburg June 9. Only 18 players were chosen from the state

in 1A/2A, nine from each division. The boys, who recently graduated from Pelahatchie, were among those chosen by the Mississippi Association of Coaches committee and voted on by 1A/2A coaches. Both players made All-District, and Will made All-State.

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