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Citizen committee putting on Muscadine Jubilee

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Muscadine Committee is coordinating the thirty-eighth annual Muscadine Jubilee, set for the first Saturday in September since the Board of Aldermen decided they "couldn't afford it" this year. Amanda Alman-Newby is the chairperson of the committee.

The Town budget has \$10,714.85 in a Muscadine Jubilee account that will be transferred to the committee, plus they have received ten company sponsorships, and vendors are reserving booths for the September 8 event.

The committee is still confirming entertainment but had proposed Cadillac Three as the main act and Larry Johnston from the Mississippi Mass Choir,

who sang at last year's Prayer Breakfast, as another act. Some local groups have also expressed interest in performing. Any interested group needs to contact the committee.

The committee is led by Amanda Alman-Newby, chairperson; Shemecka Johnson, co-chair; Pasty Watson, co-



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chair; and Judy Duke;. Members include Sandra Harvey, Catherine Poarch, Kathy Mosley, Ryan Harrell, Joetta Watson, Howard Beman, Will Allen, Kordia Mosley, Jearleen Holly, Jessica Cupstid, Alicia Weems, Amy Harper Langley, Casey Bynum, Michael Langley, Rodrick Beechem,

Kevin Poole, Miranda Allen, Ryshonda Beechem, and Marie Harper.

Sponsors, at present, include at the \$1,000 level, Mid-South Baking Company; at the \$500 level, Jackson Commodities and Insurance Associates; at the \$250 level, Rhodes & Robby Drug Store, St. D Medical Clinic, Crooked Creek Animal Hospital, Multicraft International, HBG Academy Inc. 2, and Marathon/Dickerson; and at the \$100 level are ReChelle's Pet Parlor and BEW Enterprises.

For more information, see the event Facebook page or email muscadinejubilee@gmail.com. Anyone interested in working with the committee or sponsoring the event, contact Mrs. Alman-Newby at 601-896-2673.

Shoemaker honored with memorial

By Susie A. Wolfe

More than 75 folks showed up to honor former police chief Glenda Shoemaker on a hot Thursday morning at Muscadine Park. Mayor Ryshonda Beechem and town clerks and police officers as well as Rankin County Sheriff Bryan Bailey and other people that knew and worked with her gathered as a memorial sign was unveiled behind the library in the east end of the park.

Her brother and sisters were there as well as her husband, Willie Shoemaker, and her children, Sabrina Frith, Catherine Poarch, Brandi Till, and Keith Shoemaker, and their families.

The family had a few remembrances for the Chief, who passed in 2016. Others shared these thoughts:



Photo by Pelahatchie News

The Shoemaker family gathered at the sign unveiling on July 19, at Muscadine Park. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Sabrina Frith, Willie Shoemaker, Brandi Till, Keith Shoemaker, and Catherine Poarch.

"The chief was not about locking up. She gave people a second chance, and for many of those, it paid off. The chief created a legacy of love for the people in this town. Her love didn't die. It will live on forever." ~Patsy Watson

"Thank you to the community for coming together. Chief Glenda was special to everyone." ~Mayor Ryshonda Beechem

"This is a momentous occasion. She loved and showed us how to love." ~Officer Wil-

lie Robinson

"She was the female version of Andy Griffith. She was a shining example of serving and helping people." ~Rankin County Sheriff Bryan Bailey

Robinson wins Special Olympics' Medal

By Susie A. Wolfe

Luke Robinson brought home the bronze medal in unified flag football from the Special Olympics held in Seattle June 30-July 7. He is the son of Connie and Joe Robinson of the Shiloh community in Pelahatchie.

The Mississippi team, who played seven games in four days, was made up of six Special Olympic athletes: Robinson, Dan Arata, Daniel Arata, Bill Holden, Madison Dennis, and Ben Rogers, and four partners from Ole Miss, including Trey Skocy, Josh Obregon, Marcus Thornton, and Dalton Sheffield. The coaches were Mary Evelyn Webb and Amanda Alpert.

Robinson, 37, who works at the Pelahatchie Elementary cafeteria, has been participating in Special Olympic athletic events since he was nine. He has participated in bowling, softball skills, softball team, unified flag football and bocce ball.

He has attended both world and national games and brought home medals previously. In 2010, Robinson won gold in team and doubles in Nebraska



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While in Seattle, Robinson was able to attend a Seattle Mariners baseball game and take a duck boat tour.

National Games playing bocce ball or yard bowling. In World Games in North Carolina, he also won bronze in singles and doubles in bocce ball. In Kansas and Iowa, he placed in softball.

His mother, Connie, said that Luke, who works out of the Capitol Region Special Olympics' office, spends a lot of time practicing at locations around the state, and that they have built a bocce ball court in their front yard. Those who see Luke at school are encouraged to ask to see his big medal.

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Message from the Mayor: Welcome back to school



By Ryshonda
Beechem, Mayor
of Pelahatchie

It's that time of year again; summer is winding down, and students are preparing for another year of school.

I can remember, quite fondly, the start of a new school year. From the brand new clothes to the latest shoes to reconnecting with my friends, the start of the new school year is brimming with many possibilities of learning something new and making new friends.

As the year begins, it is my sincerest hope that you all go into it with the confidence to put your best foot forward and to aim high. Your education is the cornerstone to your future successes. Take every opportunity to learn something new. Don't be afraid to ask questions and to seek knowledge at all costs. The things that you learn this year will help to propel you forward in your academic careers.

To the freshmen, congratulations, you've made it! You're a big time

high schooler now. You are now in one of the most critical stages of your education. This is your starting point for laying the foundation that leads to college. Take everything that you learn, and do it seriously. Use this year to really hone in on what it is that interests you. Before you know it, you'll be a senior, and you will want to be able to look back on your high school years knowing that you did your best.

To the sophomores, you have already made it through one year of high school, so you pretty much know the ropes. I encourage you to be kind to the incoming freshmen, as you know all too well



how unnerving the first day of high school can be. Make it a point to be helpful to the freshmen. Consider it an exercise in leadership. We all need a little encouragement, and I believe that you all are in the right position to do just that. So be leaders, and do all that you can to be of service to others.

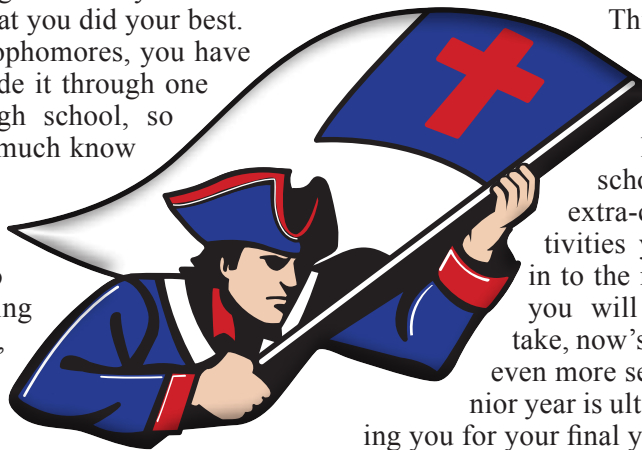
To the juniors, you're at the halfway mark.

This is the year that you really start to consider life after high school. From the extra-curricular activities you participate in to the many tests that you will prep for and take, now's the time to get even more serious. Your junior year is ultimately preparing you for your final year. So, go into

it with faith and confidence needed to accomplish your academic goals.

To the seniors, the light at the end of the tunnel is finally starting to appear, can you see it? You have made it this far, so there is no excuse for not finishing strong. This is the time to reflect on the many wonderful things that you have learned over the years as well as the friends and teachers that have inspired you along the way. This is an exciting time for you. Take this final year to get serious about the direction that you want your academic careers to go. Work on disciplining your minds so that when you begin college, you can make a smooth transition. I have all the faith that you all will finish strong. I am rooting for you all, and I look forward to seeing your cap and gown photos hanging from the walls of the school.

High school is like a family. If you go through it with that mindset, then you all will come out much stronger and more connected. I am proud to be a Pelahatchie Chief and honored to impart this back to school message to my fellow Chiefs and to the East Rankin Patriots. Let's make this school year one of the best!



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Chief Poole resigns from police department

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Police Chief Kevin Poole resigned as of July 13 to pursue a private business opportunity that will benefit his family, he said. He has been with the department three years and was sworn in as chief May 9, 2016.

A Pelahatchie native who graduated from East Rankin Academy, Poole served with the Rankin County Sheriff's Office for 15 years prior to joining the Pelahatchie PD in 2015.

He said, "I wish the Town well and thank you for allowing me the privilege

of serving this town I love for three years."

Timothy Fikes was named interim chief. He has been a member of the Pelahatchie Police Department for two years. Prior to that, he worked with the Rankin County Sheriff's Department for six and a half years.



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Spartan Mosquito presents the Mosquito Eradicator

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On a hot summer afternoon, Jeremy Hirsch watched his pregnant wife apply bug spray. He wanted a better way to protect his family from mosquitoes, so he invented the Spartan Mosquito Eradicator. With a mission to help prevent the negative effects of mosquitoes worldwide, Spartan Mosquito stands to revolutionize the mosquito control industry.

How Do Eradicators Work?

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High School Football Schedule

Aug. 10	Raleigh	Home	7:00 p.m.
Aug. 17	Lake	Away	7:00 p.m.
Aug. 25	Mobile Christian	Away	TBA
Aug. 31	Richland	Away	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	West Lincoln	Away	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Mount Olive	Home	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Morton	Home	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	St. Joe	Away	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Puckett	Home	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Pisgah	Away	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Scott Central	Away	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Mize	Away	7:00 p.m.

Lady Chiefs Slow-Pitch

Aug. 11	Lake Classic	Away	12:45 3:15
Aug. 13	Florence	Home	4:00 5:30
Aug. 14	Richland	Home	4:00 5:30
Aug. 20	Stringer	Home	4:00 5:30
Aug. 23	Enterprise	Away	7:00 6:00
Aug. 27	Clarksdale	Away	7:00 6:00
Aug. 28	Bay Springs	Away	6:00 5:00
Aug. 30	Raymond	Away	6:00 5:00
Sept. 4	Lake	Away	6:00 5:00
Sept. 6	Newton	Home	4:00 5:30
Sept. 10	Morton	Home	4:00 5:30
Sept. 11	Bay Springs	Home	4:00 5:30
Sept. 13	Stringer	Away	6:00 5:00
Sept. 15	Leake Central Tourn.	Away	2:00 3:30
Sept. 17	Enterprise	Home	4:00 5:30
Sept. 20	Clarksdale	Home	4:00 5:30
Sept. 24	Florence	Away	6:00 5:00
Sept. 25	Raymond	Home	4:00 5:30
Sept. 27	Lake	Home	4:00 5:30
Sept. 29	Richland	Away	TBA
Oct. 1	Newton	Away	6:00 5:00



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VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 17	Jackson Prep	V	Home	TBA
August 24	River Oaks, LA	V	Home	7:00
August 31	Washington School	V	Away	7:00
September 7	Leake Academy	V	Home	7:00
September 14	Winston Academy	V	Away	7:00
September 21	Simpson Academy	V	Home	7:00
September 28	Lamar School	V	Home	7:00
October 5	Copiah Academy	V	Away	7:00
October 12	Hartfield Academy	V	Away	7:00
October 19	P.C.S.	V	Homecoming	7:00
October 26	Pillow Academy	V	Away	7:00
November 2, 9, 16	MAIS AAAA Div. 2	V	TBA	

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 10	Jr. High Jamboree	JV	Cent. Homes	TBA
August 14	"Meet the Patriots"	JV	Home (Gym)	6:30
August 16	Leake Academy	JV (7/8th)	Away	5:30 7:00
August 23	Central Hinds	JV (8/9th)	Home	5:30 7:00
August 30	Lamar School	JV	Home	5:30 7:00
September 6	Jackson Prep	JV	Home	5:30 7:00
September 13	Simpson Academy	JV	Away	6:30 7:00
September 20	Sylva-Bay Academy	JV (8/9th)	Away	6:00
September 27	Copiah Academy	JV	Away	5:30 7:00
October 4	Hartfield Academy	JV	Homr	5:30 7:00

GIRLS SOCCER SCHEDULE

August 3	Pillow	JV V	Home	4:00 5:30
August 6	Jackson Prep	JV V	Away	5:00 6:30
August 9	ACCS	JV V	Home	3:30 5:00
August 13	Discovery Christian		Home	5:00
August 14	"Meet the Patriots"		Gym	6:30
August 16	Pillow	JV V	Away	4:00 5:30
August 18	ACCS		Away	TBA
August 21	Hartfield Academy	V	Away	5:00
August 23	Manchester Academy	V		3:00
August 28	Lamar Academy			5:00
August 30	Park Place Academy			5:00

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

August 2	Canton Academy	JV V	Away	5:00 6:30
August 6	St. Aloysius	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
August 7	Jackson Academy	V	Home	6:00
August 11	Sylva-Bay Academy	JV V	Away	12:00 1:30
August 13	Hartfield Academy	JV V	Away	5:00 6:30
August 14	Simpson Academy	V	Home	4:00
August 14	"Meet the Patriots"		Gym	6:30
August 18	Tri-County Academy		Away	TBA
August 20	Copiah Academy	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
August 21	Hartfield Academy	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
August 27	Sylva-Bay Tournament	JV V	Home	5:00 6:30
August 28	Simpson Tournament	JV V	Away	5:00 6:30

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Michael Hord	55	Pelahatchie, MS	6/20/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Daisy Lyons	85	Brandon, MS	6/23/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Betty Hornsby	65	Forest, MS	6/26/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Charles Carlisle	60	Polkville, MS	6/27/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Irmgard Horvath	81	Forest, MS	6/29/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Gregory Puckett	47	Morton, MS	7/14/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Larry Leach	66	Lawrence, MS	7/15/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.

Pelahatchie Library has two winners



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Georgia Massey, 9, was the winner of the Kindle Fire at the Pelahatchie Library in July. Pictured is Branch Manager Tina Mauney, Massey, and CMRLS Director Mara Polk.



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Livy Glassmire also won a Kindle Fire as part of the CMRLS Read Challenge during the summer. She is pictured in the center with Branch Manager Tina Mauney and CMRLS Director Mara Polk.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Livy Glassmire and Georgia Massey, 9, a Pelahatchie Elementary student and daughter of Steve and Amanda Massey, were two of the eight winners of the Kindle Fires based on this year's Summer Library Program. The contest was extended to all 20 libraries of the Central Mississippi Regional Library System (CMRLS) serving public libraries of Rankin, Scott, Simpson, and Smith Counties.

CMRLS introduced a new contest ele-

ment to this year's Summer Library Program – Beanstack, a Fitbit® for reading! The 2018 reading goal for all aged participants was 400 minutes reading time to be completed during the six-week program. All ages that completed the 400-minute goal of reading or being read to were entered into a random drawing for one of eight Kindle Fire tablets. The goal of the contest was to encourage reading, at any age...and to have fun reading, at any age! The Beanstack Tracker may be used all year for personal reading goals, and future contests are planned.

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How to get rid of Chinese Tallow trees



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

Chinese tallow tree is an invasive deciduous tree that can reach up to 60 feet in height and up to 3 feet in diameter.

This invasive species is also commonly known as a "popcorn tree" because of its distinctive fruit. Chinese tallow trees are native to China, Japan, and Korea. It was introduced to the U.S. in the 1850s for ornamental purposes and seed production. It is considered a state noxious weed in several southern states.

Chinese tallow tree has a wide range of adaption from wet areas such as stream banks and ditches, to dryer hill land. It can tolerate water logged soil and dry soil. It is very competitive in shade or full sun conditions. This tree can displace other types of vegetation. This is due to the ability to alter soil conditions through the leaf litter deposition, which contains high amounts of tannins.

Some of the unique characteristics to identify this invasive species are

the alternately arranged, heart shaped leaves, with a long pointed tip. Leaves tend to be bright green in the summer. Chinese tallow is one of the earliest woody plants to change to fiery red in the fall. Chinese tallow tree produces long, dangling yellow flowers from April to June. Once the

flowers are pollinated, they produce a three-lobed, greenish fruit that forms clusters at the end of branches. Once the fruit matures in September and October, it becomes dark brown to black and opens to expose the white wax covered seeds. This is why it is often called a "popcorn tree." A Chinese tallow tree can become reproductive in 3 years. It can produce up to 100,000 seeds per year and seeds have shown



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to have a high germination rate. Water and birds spread the seeds. Tallow trees also spread by producing suckers from shallow roots.

As I travel throughout Rankin County, I see more and more tallow trees. I have had several phone calls about tallow trees. Folks have cut them down just to watch the trees sprout from the stump. Tallow trees have been pushed to dozer piles, and young trees have

sprouted from the scattered seeds creating bigger problems.

Cattle will not graze tallow trees, goats will, but do not prefer them. Mowing saplings will allow the plant to go from a single stemmed plant to multiple stem plants.

Several herbicides provide excellent control. One method is to treat the stump immediately after you cut it. Don't cut the tree down one day and come back and treat the stump with herbicide the next. The stump needs to be treated immediately after cutting the tree. Treat the stump with triclopyr (Garlon 3A), or imazapyr (Arsenal AC).

Another way to treat is to treat seedlings and saplings. Herbicide is foliar applied to the leaves. Use imazapyr (Arsenal AC), Garlon 4, or imazamox (Clearcast).

A third way to treat is the injection method. Simply take an ax or hatchet, one swipe per three inches of tree diameter, and spray herbicide in the cut. Use Arsenal AC or Garlon 3A.

Remember to read herbicide labels for recommended rates. Some herbicides will damage other plants and forages, and there may be grazing and planting restrictions of forage crops.



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PLACE 2

PHS Class of 1968 celebrates fiftieth reunion

By Susie A. Wolfe

Thirty-three graduated from Pelahatchie High School (PHS) in 1968, and at their fiftieth reunion in June, the close-knit group met once again to tell stories, celebrate victories over cancer, and mourn the ten that had passed. Seventeen classmates attended and prayed for those who were not able to be there.

"I think we've had more class reunions than any class at Pelahatchie," said Tommy Moore, who still resides in the Cross Roads community south of town. Many still live in the area and are still friends with classmates from school at Pelahatchie.

Three of their teachers also attended to help the group mark the occasion, Coach Leon Boone, Coach Johnny Carter and Jewel Carter. In retrospect, one student told Mr. Carter that his shop class "taught me more that I was able to use these last 50 years."

At every mention of Mrs. Carter's class, students said one of two things, "she taught diagramming sentences," or "she taught me how to type."

As part of reminiscing, the group answered questions about their senior year. The most popular hamburger joint in Pelahatchie in 1968 was the Big Oak.

Tommy Moore was the president of four different organizations. John Patrick was the school quarterback. Kathy Varner's father was the town constable. Sandra Miller dyed her hair pink to match her prom dress. Agnes Goldman married during the senior year and has celebrated her fiftieth wedding anniversary to Glen Moore. Mike Myers was the class valedictorian who had a 100 average and never missed a day of school. Brenda Ragan and Wayne Ainsworth were voted Most Athletic. Roger Jones was president of the student body in 1968.

There was a moment of silence to remember those that had passed, including George Bounds, Johnny McGee, Martha Bynum Hall, Maria Sheely Huff, Daniel Benton Myers, Jr., Patricia Prestage, Bill Ross, Mike Myers, Jr., Sherry Derrick and Betty Sexton Davis.



Photo by Pelahatchie News

The Pelahatchie High School Class of 1968 had their fiftieth Class Reunion June 30. Pictured (l to r) first row, are: Kaye Keeton, Sandra Glassmire, Glenda Vickers, Gracie Crotwell, and Agnes Moore; second row: Coach Leon Boone, instructor, Tommy Moore, John Patrick, Susan Adair, Brenda Nalepa, Ann Mims, and Richard Gray; third row: Roger Jones, Kathy French, Scott Cooper, Dempsey Amacker, Wayne Ainsworth, and Ronald Crotwell.



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Let's develop a circle of trust this year



By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School

As a junior in college, I was given the task of creating a philosophy of education based on my educational experiences. It was the first assignment that I was given in my educational course load and, with a limited amount of experiences to reflect upon, I was struggling to pull together the assignment. In a desperate move to complete the assignment, I relied on a hobby of mine to get me through the assignment.

An avid fan of movies, I found direction in what was then a new release at the theater. Ben Stiller and Robert DeNiro, stars of the movie *Meet the Parents*, would be the answer to my struggles. Not long into the movie, DeNiro's character introduces his family's "Circle of Trust" to his prospective son-in-law. This entity, which Stiller's character seems to bounce in and out of throughout the movie, would be the model (by title only) for the theme of my assignment.

A firm believer of communication and responsibility, my philosophy of education introduced an active and engaged "Circle of Trust" involving the student, the parent, and the educator. Students' roles in the circle were to prepare themselves physically, socially, emotionally, and academically. A good night's rest, an appropriate diet, positive relationships, and good study habits were just a few of many examples of how students could fulfill their role in this "Circle of Trust." Roles for parents in this process were to foster an environment of safety, a climate of learning, an expectation of achievement, and an open line of communication with their child and their educators. These proactive parental measures were imperative for success in the circle. Educators had responsibilities in the circle, as well. A viable curriculum, challenging goals, an open-door policy, well-managed classrooms, as well as unwavering professionalism were all sufficient traits that sealed the bond of the educational "Circle of Trust."

Upon completion of this assignment years ago, I was honestly just glad to turn the assignment in on time as well as receive an adequate grade from my professor. Little did I know that, over



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the past 18 years, time and time again, I would find myself confirming the validity of what was then just a theoretical assignment. It has been my experience over the years that when a cohesive bond among students, parents, and educators exists, successful outcomes follow. On the other hand, when one or more of the members of the circle falls short of meeting their responsibilities as described earlier, concerns can arise, and success can give way to struggles.

As a staff, we will begin the year with the idea "The things that matter, we can't leave to chance." This absolutely applies to each of our roles in our "Circle of Trust." Our students, your children, and their future, matter. We must all be intentional in our obligations to the educational process to ensure the positive

outcomes that we so desire.

In an attempt to create that bond of trust, we invite each of you to Pelahatchie High School for several "Back to School" activities. Orientation for our seventh graders on August 2, Open House on August 9, Meet the Chiefs with a Jamboree vs. Raleigh following on August 10, and our first regular season home game vs. Mt. Olive on September 14, are all opportunities in the near future to come by and visit.

I will also take this time to mention how excited we are about the prospects of the upcoming bond issue projects on our campus. You may follow progress by viewing www.rcsd.ms/Page/50115 for bond issue updates and information. Ground breaking will begin in the near future; we ask that all citizens, stakeholders, and passersby "pardon our progress" as we transition into this ambitious phase of development on our campus.

We are anxiously awaiting the start of the 2018-19 school year. Great things are happening here at Pelahatchie High School, and we are eager to continue building on our current successes. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you all soon!

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CMRLS launching fine free library card

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The Central Mississippi Regional Library System (CMRLS) is launching a new, fine free library card starting October 1, 2018. This library card is called the Acorn Card, after Acorn Squirrel, the six-foot CMRLS mascot. Youth, aged 18 years or younger, and vulnerable adults throughout the system including Pelahatchie are eligible

for the Acorn Card. This card will allow the owner to check out two items at a time; and when items are returned, others may be checked out. There are no late fees.

A contest was held for the artwork on the front of the Acorn Card. The contest was open to anyone with a CMRLS Library Card in the CMRLS four-county service area; Rankin, Scott, Simpson, and Smith counties. More than

100 library card holders entered the contest. The winner of the contest is Ruby Kaura, age 10, the daughter of Rajiv and Asha Kaura. Ruby attends Pearl Public School.



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Pictured (l to r) is Morgan Lee, Pearl Public Library Branch Manager, Ruby Kaura, and Mara Villa Polk, Director of Central Mississippi Regional Library System.

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Mid-South Baking Company receives ABA safety award



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Safety Manager Mark Eldridge is shown with the ABA safety award awarded for excellence in workplace safety.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Mid South Baking Company was recently recognized by the American Bakers Association (ABA) in recognition for excellence in workplace safety for 2017, according to Safety Manager Mark Eldridge.

"The plant had 361 days without a lost time accident," said Eldridge. "Our 144 employees at this plant, and the 148 at the Bryan, Texas plant, contribute to

keep safety a priority. And, management is committed to take care of our employees. We have a safety committee and publish monthly safety newsletters."

Exclusive supplier to about 3,400 McDonald's locations, Mid South Baking runs round-the-clock operations to roll out more than one-million buns a day. Mid South Baking Company was founded in Texas in 1979 and expanded to Mississippi in 1995 where it opened the Pelahatchie plant.

Bowman awarded scholarship



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Annabeth Bowman was awarded a scholarship from the Mississippi Trucking Association (MTA). She will begin Nursing School in August at Holmes Community College. Pictured (l to r) are: Hal Miller, President of MTA, Bowman, and right Craig Savell, MTA Foundation Board Chairman. Bowman is the daughter of Dwayne and Ann Bowman of Pelahatchie.



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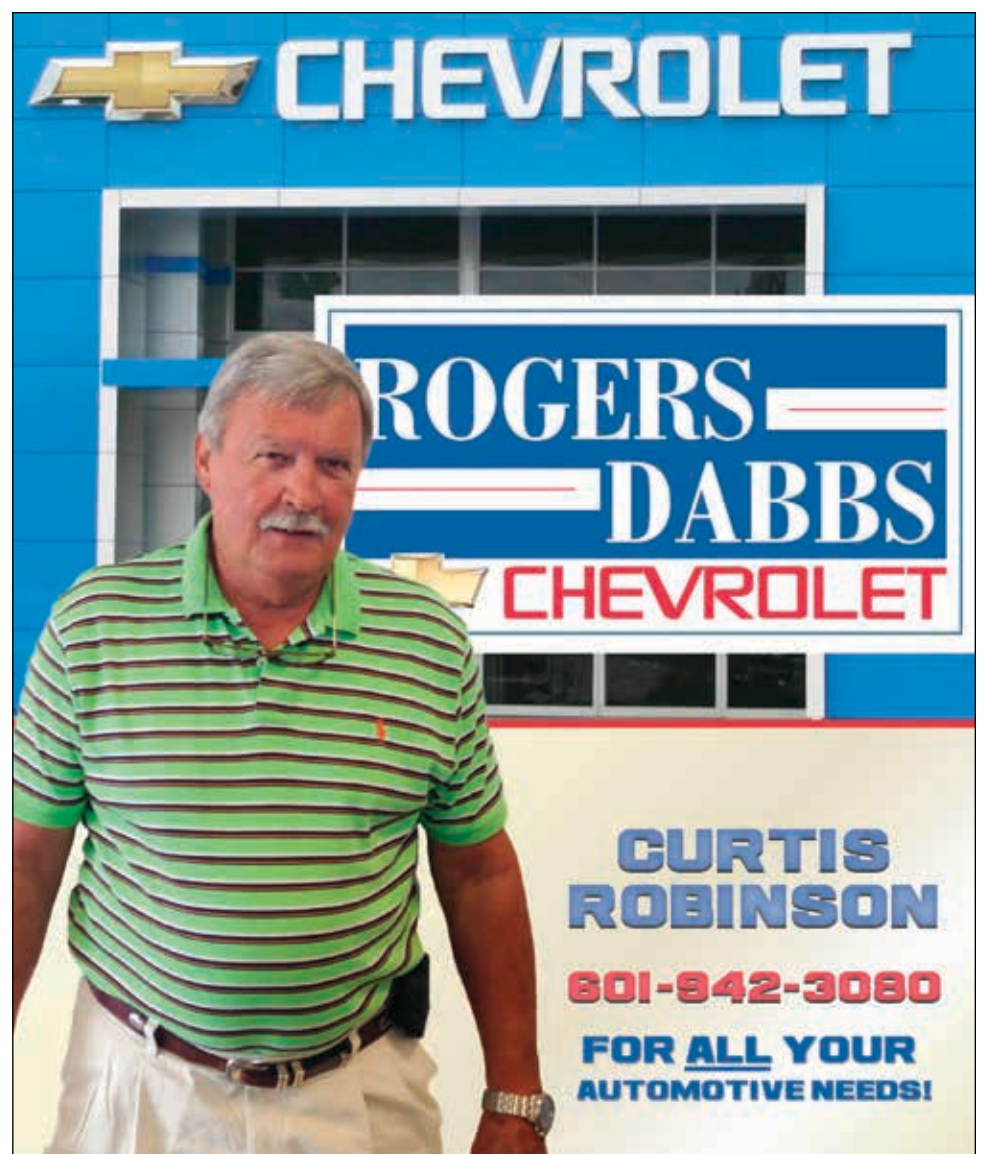
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Garcia wins at equestrian competition



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Rosa Garcia won her first buckle at the June APHA Youth World Championship in Fort Worth.

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Rosa Garcia and her horse, Kentucky's Dually Moon, won multiple awards at the APHA Youth World Championship show in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 29 and 30. It was held at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center.

Garcia received four trophy buckles,

Reserve World Champion in Novice Youth Barrel Racing, Novice Youth Pole Bending, Novice Youth Stake Race, and Novice Youth Goat Tying, and \$2,050 in scholarship money, trophy halters, ribbons and gift certificates.

The eleven-year-old sixth grader at East Rankin Academy is the daughter of Summer Hudson.

Outback BBQ opens in Texaco



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Pictured (l to r) are: James Gilmore, Tammy Smith, and Kathy Tritt.

By Susie A. Wolfe

James Gilmore opened his second Outback BBQ in the Texaco at the interstate on July 20. He has operated his original Outback BBQ in the Cefco in Flowood for eight years. Originally from the Delta, Gilmore moved to Jackson in 1984.

The restaurant will operate Monday-Saturday from 5:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. serving dry ribs, rib tips, pulled

pork sandwiches, as well as smoked chicken, smoked sausage, smoked chops, and smoked steaks. They will also carry fried chicken, sausage dogs, burgers, breakfast biscuits, regular sides and peach cobbler. Self-serve products will also be available 24 hours when the restaurant is not open. Kathy Tritt is the store manager.

"We will serve great food in a friendly atmosphere," said Gilmore. "And, we will be involved in the community."



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HBG Academy 2 opens in Pelahatchie

By Susie A. Wolfe

HBG Academy 2 has opened its second location at 205 North Avenue in Pelahatchie. Owners Roderick and Pelahatchie's Mayor Ryshonda Beechem also operate a childcare facility on Raymond Road in Jackson, which they started in 2014-2015 and currently serve 40 to 45 children during the summer and 55 to 60 during school. They currently have five children enrolled in Pelahatchie but are waiting for a state walkthrough at this time to determine the number they can care for.

The facility on North Avenue is the old Headstart Center where Ryshonda, who was born in 1980, attended soon after it opened in the late 1970s. She said she is glad they are able to open their school in that location.

The childcare facility works with ages 6 weeks to 12 years old, but according to Ryshonda, "we like to think of it as a school, because we teach the children from an early age." HBG, which stands for Honored By God according to the couple, focuses on academics, foreign language, computer technology, multimedia, and afterschool program. They developed a curriculum "to help children learn early because they retain more before the age of five."

The goal and motto of the HBG childcare facilities is "Where Education Ex-

ceeds Excellence." They also seek to teach the children to be smart and athletic at the same time.

Rod is a middle and high school referee, so he includes sports training for the facility's children. He was one of the state's top basketball players as well as a baseball player when he attended Jim Hill High School in Jackson in 1996 and 1997. He had a full scholarship to Texas Southern in Houston, Texas, where he studied electronic engineering and multimedia, which he also teaches to the children at their facilities.

Children three and up have time in the computer room where "they can't wait to get there and create a cartoon character that talks and moves. Rod, who worked in master control and production at WAPT for eight years, has developed a kids' DVD called "Learning is Fun Volume One" and is currently working on Volume Two.

Ryshonda also played basketball before she graduated from Pelahatchie High School (PHS) in 1998. She and current PHS Coach Pearlene Fairley were teammates on the team that made it to the semi-finals of state that year.

In addition to the two childcare centers, the Beechams also operate Harper Beechem Group, an accounting practice, and StaTuned Multimedia. For more information on HBG Academy 2, call 601-273-5478.



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Roderick and Ryshonda Beechem, above, opened HBG Academy 2 in the old Headstart Building in Pelahatchie. They teach multimedia computer programs to the kids, like the one shown.

MDE, IHL partner to increase opportunities for students to be better prepared for college

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The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) have collaborated to create opportunities for students to earn college credit before they enter the state's public universities. Beginning in 2022, freshmen entering Mississippi's public universities who earn an academic or distinguished academic diploma endorsement from the state's public school districts will receive automatic enrollment into any of the state's public universities and will be placed in credit-bearing courses.

Also, effective in the fall of 2019, all eight public universities in Mississippi will award three hours of college credit for an Advanced Placement (AP) score of three or higher on an AP exam. IHLs may provide up to six credit hours, per exam, depending on the subject and AP exam for students scoring a four or 5. As a result, students who are taking college-level courses in high school in the 2018-19 school year can start earning credit for those courses in a uniform manner among all the state's

public universities.

Both initiatives provide a pathway for students to be better prepared for college-level work, without the need for remedial coursework. This will lead to increased opportunities for students who wish to attend one of Mississippi's public universities to earn credits while in high school.

"We want to ensure that every student that enters one of our universities finishes with a diploma in hand," said Dr. Glenn Boyce, Commissioner of Higher Education. "Both of these changes will allow students to get a good start on completing college while still in high school. I am pleased that we were able to partner with the Mississippi Department of Education to benefit Mississippi's students."

Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education, said the initiatives are examples of how K-12 education and IHLs can partner to align the classes students take in high school with their college courses.

"We thank the IHL for recognizing that we are raising the bar for academic achievement in Mississippi and for, most importantly, recognizing those

students who go above and beyond to prepare themselves for the rigors of college study," she said.

IHL recently revised the requirements for admission to their universities and aligned required and recommended admission policies with the Mississippi Diploma Academic and Distinguished Endorsement Options developed by MDE. The required College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) for full admission to public universities now aligns with the course recommendations for the MDE Academic Endorsement, and the recommended CPC for full admission aligns with the course recommendations for the Mississippi Department of Education Distinguished Endorsement.

The IHL wanted to ensure that admission policies are aligned to the college readiness endorsements that MDE adopted and will be available for freshmen entering Mississippi's public high schools and any other high school students who meet the requirements for an academic or distinguished academic diploma endorsement.

"This really makes it a seamless transition," said Jean Massey, execu-

tive director of secondary education at MDE.

In 2017, the Mississippi State Board of Education approved diploma options that take effect in the 2018-19 school year. The traditional diploma will require all students graduating from Mississippi high schools to have the same basic requirements and to earn 24 Carnegie Units.

After meeting the traditional diploma requirements, students can take additional career and technical education coursework to meet the requirements for the CTE endorsement or advanced, college-preparation coursework to earn an academic or distinguished academic endorsement. The CTE and academic endorsements require students to earn 26 Carnegie Units. Students must earn 28 Carnegie Units to qualify for the distinguished academic endorsement.

"The diploma endorsement options will encourage students to take advantage of their high school education to earn a credential that will benefit them in college, postsecondary training or the workforce," said Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education.

Backroad Outlaws Outdoors and ATV opens downtown



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The ribbon cutting for Backroad Outlaws Outdoors & ATV was held Saturday, July 21, in downtown Pelahatchie.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Backroad Outlaws Outdoors & ATV opened in July downtown next to Muscadine Park. A ribbon cutting was held on July 21. Owners Andy and Shelly Thompson have been selling all-terrain vehicle (ATV) parts for a year and a half through Facebook and a web-site.

A Pelahatchie native who works in accounting and human resources at the

Plastic Surgical Center in Flowood, Shelly Thompson said that their store is just down from where her grandfather, Lavelle Purvis, had a grocery store in the 1950s. Her parents, Bill and Cissy Bearden, also own Crawbilly's downtown. Andy Thompson, who is an electric lineman, grew up in the Leesburg area.

The store carries four-wheeler tires/wheels and after-market accessories,

Wiley-X sunglasses, Mossy Oak products, Gator Waders, K-2 coolers, Lazy Lizard, Legacy Distributing parts, Super ATV accessories and parts, Outdoor Edge knives, Southern Style Traditions shirts and Backroad Outlaws t-shirts and caps. What they don't have in stock, they will be able to get in three to five business days, Thompson said.

Shelly said she is the deer hunter and

even got a gator tag this year. Andy enjoys hunting and riding the four-wheeler. They have two daughters, Justice Renfroe, 22, an East Rankin Academy (ERA) graduate who is currently an RN at Bolivar Hospital in Cleveland, and Brooke Renfroe, 14, an ERA ninth grader.

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"Rev. Alford had a compassion for the people of this community, and that passion is still alive today in the present pastor Rev. Jerry Hamilton," said Ann Hamilton, who grew up in the church.

The various ministries of the Heslep Street church include Sunday school classes for all age groups; actively supporting missions for missionaries around the world reaching out to others with the gospel of Jesus Christ; the JAM group in the church represents Just Awesome Members who are 50 years old and above who enjoy outings; the ladies ministry in the church has various activities; a choir and musicians who love to worship God in song and music; a puppet ministry; and Sunday night fellowships after

service twice a month.

The church has enjoyed participating in community events and the Christmas parades in town.

"We love the people in this community and believe in our savior who loves us all, and we welcome you with open arms," said Pastor Hamilton. "We are all part of the family of God, and we invite you to be a part of our family at First Apostolic Church."



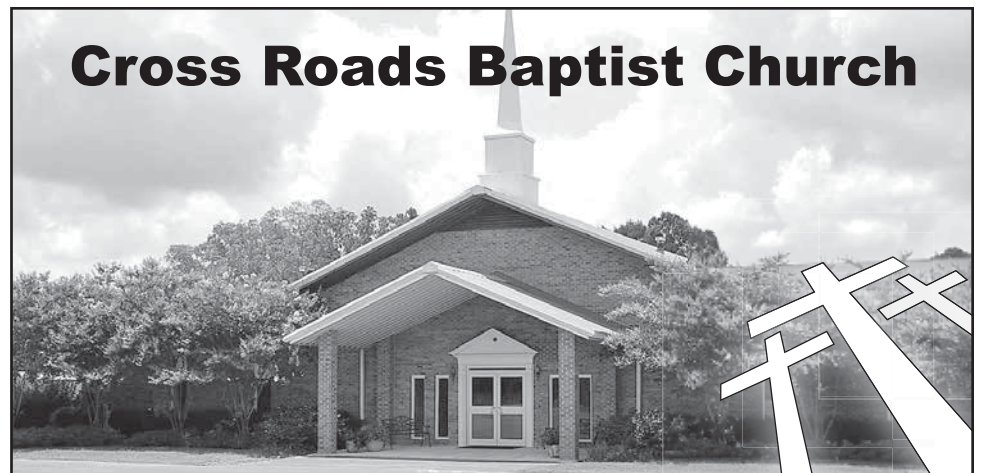
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First Apostolic church participates in the town's annual Christmas Parade in 2017.

List of local churches in the Pelahatchie area

- Antioch Baptist Church
- Barefoot Springs Baptist Church
- Concord Baptist Church
- Cross Roads Baptist Church
- Eastside Baptist Church
- Ever Reaching Community Outreach
- Farris Hill Baptist Church
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I don't spend a lot of time on social media sites, but from time to time, a title will get my attention and I'll check it out. That's where the following comes from. It was a post on Facebook a couple of years ago from someone named Jessica LaRosa. I hope you enjoy it.

"We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough, and we'll be more content when they are.

After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our partner gets his or her act together, when we get a nicer car, are able to go on a nice vacation, when we retire.

The truth is, there's no better time



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to be happy than right now. If not now, when? Your life will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway.

A quote comes from Alfred D. Souza. He said, 'For a long time it had seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life. But, there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served,

or a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life.'

This perspective has helped me to see that there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.

So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with...and remember that time waits for no one.

So, stop waiting until you lose ten

pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until winter, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink.... there is no better time than right now to be happy.

Happiness is a journey, not a destination. Work like you don't need money; Love like you've never been hurt; And dance like no one's watching."

I would only add the words of James 4:13-15, "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'"

Hope you have a great day! Be sure to take your family to church this Sunday!



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On Sunday, August 19, at 10:30 a.m., Antioch Baptist Church will host the ladies from Teen Challenge. The la-

dies share songs and testimonies with Antioch. Love offerings are collected to support the ministry. The ladies also sell crosses and other items to help fund their ministry.

Family Reunification Day celebrated at Youth Court

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The Rankin County Youth Court celebrated Family Reunification Day on June 29 with a ceremony and activities starting at the Rankin County Juvenile Justice Center in Pelahatchie. Judge Thomas Broome announced that the Rankin County Youth Court was able to reduce the number of children in foster care in the county by 46% this year.

The Rankin County Board of Supervisors had issued a proclamation declaring June 29 Family Reunification Day. Reunification of children with parents is the goal of Youth Court proceedings when children are removed from parents' custody.

The June 18 proclamation of the Rankin County Board of Supervisors said, in part, "WHEREAS, a child removed from their home deserves that the child protection system works diligently and promptly with the parents to address the family service plan so that reunification with their family can be achieved safely and timely to promote their well-being and permanency;

WHEREAS, all children need the care, love, security and stability of family unity, including parents, siblings,

grandparents and other extended family members to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development and maturity;

WHEREAS, reunification takes work, commitment, and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, the Court and the community."

The Family Reunification Day celebration was made possible with the support of the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce, the Rankin County Sheriff's Department, the Rankin County Office of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services, the Mississippi Youth Court Guardians for Justice Program, and numerous community and faith-based sponsors in conjunction with County Judge Thomas H. Broome and the staff of the Rankin County Youth Court.

The families enjoyed hamburgers and more, plus space jumps and petting ponies from the community. Organizers say they wish to offer thanks to the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce, Mid-South Baking Company, Crooked Creek Animal Hospital, Priority One Bank, Pelahatchie Volunteer Fire Department and other sponsors.



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Everyone enjoyed a lunch of burgers and hot dogs cooked on site and a host of family friendly activities including playing on space jumps, face painting, bean bag toss, touring the Sheriff's MRAP vehicle, Pelahatchie Volunteer firetruck and rescue vehicle, with miniature ponies, and other activities.

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