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HCC gives alumni awards, Krebs named to HCC Sports Hall of Fame

By Susie A. Wolfe

Phyllis Rhodes Krebs was inducted into the Hinds Community College (HCC) Sports Hall of Fame on October 29. From the Shiloh community of Pelahatchie, she played high school basketball at East Rankin Academy (ERA), and then at HCC, 1981-1983, where she was the first female to receive the Eagle Award for Most Outstanding Athlete in any sport. She was also voted Most Valuable Player and All-State.

The 1981 ERA valedictorian, Krebs played basketball at ERA under her father, Coach Billy Rhodes, from the ninth to twelfth grades. She was named an All-State basketball player.

"I am honored and most humbled by this award," said Krebs, a University of Southern Mississippi graduate who has taught high school math for 34 years. She first taught at Brandon High School, where she retired in 2015, and

is currently teaching at Hartfield Academy.

Other Sports Hall of Fame inductees included Mike Burch, of Mobile, Ala., football, 1986-1987; Jeffrey Fields, of Baton Rouge, La., football, 1986-1987; Dwayne Green, of Fayetteville, Ga., soccer, 1984-1987; and Jeff Long, of Meadville, baseball, 1987-1989.

Non-sports award winners given by the Alumni Association and Hinds Community College Foundation include the two new awards Foundation/Alumni Hall of Fame and the Young Alumnus of the Year.

President Emeritus Dr. Clyde Muse of Raymond received the inaugural Foundation Alumni Hall of Fame Award recognizing someone who has demonstrated over an extended period of time genuine interest and support of Hinds Community College. It's the highest honor presented by the Foundation and Alumni Association.



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Phyllis Rhodes Krebs was inducted into the Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame on October 29. The 34-year high school math teacher played high school basketball at East Rankin before Hinds.

Dr. Christy Granberry Barrick of Madison received the Young Alumnus of the Year award, which recognizes an alumnus under the age of 40 who has attained significant professional, personal or community success.

Receiving the Alumnus of the Year Award was William Dunlap, who has a Mississippi residence in Mathiston as well as in McLean, Va., and Coral Gables, Fla.

The Alumni Service Award recipient was Ken Coomes of Brandon.

From the desk of the Mayor: Honor our own



By Guest Columnist Mayor
Ryshonda Beechem

Pelahatchie's Police Chief, Joseph Daughtry (above, left), was recently elected Second Vice President of the Mississippi Association of Police Chiefs. Town officials expressed praise and congratulations to Daughtry for the



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honor.

Pelahatchie Court Clerk, Shannin Jones was awarded Employee of the Year at the Town of Pelahatchie October 5 Board meeting. Jones was presented the Star Performer for her efforts and dedication to the Town of Pelahatchie. Jones, right, is shown with Mayor Ryshonda Beechem, left.

Coach Walters named PHS Teacher of the Year



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Dr. Teague Burchfield, PHS principal, is shown awarding Coach Tyler Walters the Teacher of the Year award.

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Coach Tyler Walters was named the Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021. He was rec-

ognized at Homecoming in October. He is in his second year as teacher of honors geometry and honors algebra 2 classes. He also coaches the football offensive
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Bucking Bronc Bash raises \$9,000 for local charities



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The Rankin County Bucking Bronc Bash, an annual Pelahatchie rodeo, was held October 4 just north of town. More than \$9,000 was raised with two local charities benefitting, The Ever Reaching

Community Outreach and the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Department. Organizer Cole Bilbro thanks the sponsors and the ones behind the scenes that made it happen; the fans that come out and support and make it a success; "and, most importantly, thank the LORD!"

Hall to serve on NAR committees



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Megan Hall with TurnKey Properties will continue to serve with the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) in 2021. She will be a member of the Real Property Valuation Committee and serve another term on the Federal Finance and Housing Policy Committee.



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Coach Walters named PHS Teacher of the Year

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and defensive line, the power lifting team, and the golf team.

According to PHS teachers, "Many of his students say that they truly understand math for the first time; he makes learning relevant and interactive - helping them understand difficult concepts. He consistently and proudly posts student work in the hallway for others to see the amazing things he is doing inside his classroom. This year, Coach Walters was forced to embrace technology in new and innovative ways. Almost daily, he excitedly shares 'new-found' interactive tools and websites with his colleagues."

Beyond the classroom, Coach Walters is constantly "coaching up" kids – from behavior and academics to football and powerlifting and everything in between. In addition to coaching both offensive

and defensive lines in football, he coordinates team meals and trip tickets. He and his family routinely provide goody bags for football players and the cheer team.

Handwritten notes of encouragement from Coach Tyler Walters can be found all around campus – written to students, teachers, administrators, and even other coaches. However, these notes and cards cannot come close to matching the amount of verbal affirmations and encouragements from Coach Walters.

PHS expressed thanks to their sponsors, Fairway Foods and Country Boys for their sponsorship of the Teacher of the Year Award. Fairway Foods is honoring Coach Walters with a steak dinner, and Country Boys provided an Igloo drink cooler.

ERA 2020-2021 Student Council



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East Rankin Academy recently announced members of our 2020-2021 Student Council. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: West Winstead, Student Council Secretary; Mary Kellan Sartin, 9th Grade Representative; Breanna Harrison, Student Council Vice-President; Tucker Loper, Student Council President; and back row: Stephens Bulger, 11th Grade Representative; Barron Burnham, 12th Grade Representative; Elijah Moore, Student Council Treasurer; and Aiden Boyd, 10th Grade Representative.

Pelahatchie High School Students of the Month for September



Graphic design image by Laura Renfro

The Students of the Month for September at Pelahatchie High School pictured (l to r) first row, are: Madison Broome, Maggi Gilliam, JaDeryk McKinnis, Micah Walters, JaLeah Ford, and Nick Henderson; back row: Izzie Davis, Mckinley Goodin, Julia Myers, Telaiah Lewis, and JT Magee. Not pictured are Wyatt Renfro and Holly White.

Breanna Harrison named 2020 ERA Homecoming Queen



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Breanna Harrison was named 2020 East Rankin Academy (ERA) Homecoming Queen at halftime of the game against Leake Academy on October 16. She is the daughter of Will and Joanne Jones and Danny Harrison. She resides in Forest and attends Forest Baptist Church.

Three ERA ladies named All-District in volleyball



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Three ladies off the East Rankin Academy (ERA) winning girls volleyball team were named to the All-District team. They played in October at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland. Pictured (l to r) are: Halle Huffman, Breanna Harrison, and Adyson Tadlock.








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Boyer named PHS Homecoming Queen PHS October 2 Crowning Ceremony



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At halftime of the Homecoming game on October 2, Katie Belle Boyer was crowned Homecoming Queen. The senior is a member of the cheer squad, FFA, ACT Honors and Student Council. She plans to attend Ole Miss and major in secondary education. Pictured with her parents (l to r) is Blake Boyer, Katie Belle, and Rachael Boyer.



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Homecoming was held on October 2. Pictured (l to r) are: Assistant Principal Philip Nelson, Blake Boyer, 2020 Homecoming Queen Katie Belle Boyer, 2019 Homecoming Queen Aliza Myers, Principal Dr. Teague Burchfield, Crown Bearer Da'Zavion Snow, and Flower Girl Claire Burns.

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PHS showcases its 2020 Homecoming Court



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The 2020 Pelahatchie High School Homecoming Court was showcased at the October 2 Homecoming game. Pictured (l to r), first row, are: Flower Girl Claire Burns and Crown Bearer Da'Zavion Snow; second row: Bailey Johnson, Brooklyn Johnson, Faith Smith, Chloe Walters, and Katie Belle Boyer; third row: Savannah Carlino, Brooklyn Coghlan, Chrystianna Beeman, Collins Doster, Alana Hobson, Kaitlyn White, Aaliyah Coghlan, and Aliyah Butler; and fourth row: Gracie Jones, Holly White, Airrianna Beeman, Shelby Surkin, JaLeah Ford, and Leah Carter.

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PHS names October Teachers of Innovation



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Farm Bureau recently announced the Pelahatchie High School Teachers of Innovation for the month of October. There was a tie for the month of October. The winners are Patti Baughman and Luke Cotnam. Coach Cotnam teaches Middle School History, and Mrs. Baughman teaches Health Science Academy, Human A&P, and Dual Credit Biology. Pictured (l to r) are: Dr. Teague Burchfield, principal; Tanner Wilson, Farm Bureau sponsor; Cotnam, Baughman, and Leslie Hebert, instructional coach.

Three lady chiefs named All-District in volleyball



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Three Lady Chiefs were named District 6 All District Volleyball players for Pelahatchie High School. Pictured (l to r) are: Collins Doster, Reagan Sanders and Chrystianna Beeman. According to Coach Nikki Nutt, the Lady Chiefs volleyball season went 6-11, a huge improvement from last year where they only won two games. She said she is very proud of the team's progress and growth, and that they are headed in the right direction and look forward to next season.

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Legislative Update: Federal COVID-19 relief dollars



By Guest Columnist
Miss. Representative
Tom Miles

The first week in October, the legislature returned to reallocate federal COVID-19 relief dollars to ensure that they're spent efficiently before the end of the year (at which point unspent funds are returned to the federal government). Using the over \$1 billion in federal aid we've received to-date, we have passed \$300 million in grants for Mississippi's small businesses, made historic investments in education, distance learning, and wireless connectivity across the state, and provided assistance to veterans' homes, farmers, hospitals, and more.

Here's a list of the things we worked on in the final meetings of the session

dealing with finalizing the CARES Act funds:

- **COVID Vaccine** - SB3056 is known as the Uniformed Control Substance. This will allow for COVID vaccines to be prescribed to people when a vaccine is made available.

- **First Responders** - \$10 million to help with needed improvements to our Mississippi Wireless Network State Radio system for our first responders across the State.

- **Poultry Farmers** - \$10 million for farmers — including \$3 million specifically for poultry and \$500,000 for sweet potato farmers. Farmers will need to show they have suffered losses from the pandemic.

- **Veterans** - \$10 million for state veterans' homes, which have been hard-hit by coronavirus cases. The money will largely go toward personal protective equipment and additional nurses.

- **Hospitals** - \$10 million for hospitals to beef up their number of ICU beds, isolation rooms and negative pressure rooms, as they prepare for another surge of virus cases. The Department of Health will administer the program and determine which facilities receive funding.

- **Loss of Rent** - \$20 million for loss of rent to property owners. Under the bill, landlords can get up to \$30,000 to cover losses they received after they were unable to evict renters who stopped paying during the pandemic. An amendment to the bill says commercial landlords can receive no more than 25% out of the \$20 million total relief.

Money was also set aside to help with pandemic expenses reimbursement for businesses like photographers and others left out of the Back to Business plan, farmers, volunteer fire departments non profits & food pantries.

- **Education Funding** - SB3057 clears up where our schools can pre pay for hot spots ahead of time for our students that was passed earlier in the year.

And with that, the 2020 legislative session has finally come to an end—about five months later than anticipated. This was a historic session in so many ways, and it has been an incredible privilege to represent the people of Scott and Rankin Counties in Jackson!

We will be returning to the Capitol in just three months for the 2021 session, and it's sure to be another challenging year as we continue dealing with the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm already ready to get to back to work—there is much to be done!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of any service to you in person at my office, email at tmiles@house.ms.gov or call me at 601-469-7886.

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RC team attends October Commission on Children's Justice presentations

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The Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice attended presentations by Chan Hellman, Ph.D. on October 20, 21 and 22 in Jackson at the Gartin Justice Building and the Department of Child Protection Services. Katrina Phillips represented Rankin County Youth Court at the presentations.

Dr. Hellman, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a professor of social work at the University of Oklahoma and Director of The Hope Research Center. His research is focused on hope as a psychological strength helping children and adults overcome trauma and adversity. He is the co-author of the book *Hope Rising: How the Science of Hope Can Change Your Life*.

"Our overall goal is to create a culture of hope that is grounded in evidence-based practices," Hellman told the co-chairs of the Commission on Children's Justice and the HOPE training development committee in a virtual meeting on October 8.

"When you expose people to the awareness of trauma and adversity, the question is what do we do about it. The answer is hope," Hellman said. "Individuals who are in crisis, who have a history of trauma, tend to set goals of avoidance. Higher hope individuals

set achievement goals."

Commission on Children's Justice Co-Chair Justice Dawn Beam said, "We are excited to welcome *Hope Rising* author Dr. Hellman to Mississippi. He will challenge all of us to think outside the box on how to help struggling families in our state. My prayer is that he helps all of us to see hope: hope for our state leaders to see a way to improve services to our families, hope to service providers that have been workers in the trenches for years, but especially hope to our families and children to see their way out of poverty, helplessness and despair."

Taylor Cheeseman, Interim Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services, said, "Ensuring child and family wellbeing is the ultimate goal for all who serve in Mississippi's child welfare system. And I believe Dr. Hellman's research and training on hope will be an effective tool for fostering the resilience families who have experienced significant trauma need to move towards a state of



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Speaker Dr. Chan Hellman, author of *Hope Rising*, is shown with Katrina Phillips, Deputy Court Administrator of the Rankin County Youth Court.

long-term wellbeing."

The Commission on Children's Justice recently established Programs of HOPE to continue to address child neglect prevention. Five multi-disciplinary committees were established to identify and recommend actions which can fill gaps, strengthen opportunities and lift up Mississippi families to a place where they can see a path toward better lives.

Programs of HOPE committees include Housing and Transportation; Opportunities for Treatment; Parent, Child and Family Supports; Economic Security; and Pathways of HOPE.

The Mississippi Supreme Court created the Commission on Children's Justice in 2006 and tasked it to develop a statewide, comprehensive approach to improving the child welfare system; coordinate the three branches of government; and recommend changes to improve children's safety, strengthen and support families, and promote public trust and confidence in the child welfare system.

Hope is more than a wish, and giving hope can make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children and their families, says an Oklahoma psychologist who met with Mississippi officials.

Dr. Hellman is scheduled to present a series of hope-centered lectures to judges, court staff and Department of Child Protection Services social workers during three regional trainings on April 13, 14, and 15, 2021, in Oxford, Madison and Gulfport as part of the Court Improvement Program.

Providing hope is part of the work of those charged with ensuring the wellbeing of children and families. Hope is a pathway to helping people find employment and find solutions to problems, such as acquiring transportation to reach jobs or gain access to services. People need hope that there is a way out of their circumstances.



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Pelahatchie High School Ag students help Shiloh UMC



Lawton Burnham is shown working on a shelf that the Pelahatchie High School Ag class built for the youth room at Shiloh UMC.



Finished Shiloh Shelf.

Photos special to Pelahatchie News

PHS Ag students built shelves for Shiloh United Methodist Church (UMC). Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Jimmy Holifield, Kaylee Hall, Olivia Laseter, Maddie Grace Walters, Landon Moore, and Tyler Johns; middle row: Linda Gandarilla, Holly White, Colton Nickles, and Caleb Moore; and back row: Kendall Jones, Lake Ward, Brayden Centeno, Cooper Sirmon, Hunter Cotton, Hayden Huff, and Hayden Westbrooks.

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The Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Ag class taught by Bob Robinson recently built the shelves that went in the Shiloh United Methodist Church (UMC) youth

room.

According to Robinson, "this was a project the young ladies in particular enjoyed. Paul Thompson led the students in working on the shelves and was very knowledgeable and patient in working with the students."

Pelahatchie Elementary A Honor Roll

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Students at Pelahatchie Elementary who made the all A Honor Roll for the first nine weeks are:

Sixth Grade:

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Pelahatchie Elementary, the best kept secret in Rankin County



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*By Guest Columnist,
Robin Sanders,
Principal, Pelahatchie
Elementary*

The start of this school year was certainly different from years past, but Pelahatchie Elementary staff, students, and parents have helped to make this the best start possible! With many new faces in administration, faculty and staff, and students, we have spent time getting to know each other and establish friendships that will last a lifetime.

Each month, we will honor our "Chiefs with Character." This is an opportunity to recognize students for displaying positive character. For August and September, we recognized students who exhibited resilience and friendship. Our Pelahatchie family has consistently demonstrated an enormous amount of resiliency and friendliness, and everyone is determined to make this year a success!

We are also very proud of our virtu-

al learning Chiefs and are recognizing their efforts each month. It has been nothing short of amazing to observe classroom instruction as teachers seamlessly include their virtual learners into the physical class lessons and discussions.

Another endeavor we are focused on this school year is to increase parent contact to celebrate our students. Our teachers and bus drivers continuously communicate with the administration team about students who are demonstrating excellence and/or improvement at school and on the bus. It is the goal of the administration team to communicate with parents through phone or notes to let parents know that we are so proud of their child. In getting started with this new practice, we are just as proud to call and write parents and brag on their child as parents are to receive the communication. We can't wait to brag on your student next!

We are excited to see what lies ahead for Pelahatchie Elementary, the best kept secret in Rankin County. We are Pelahatchie Strong. Go Chiefs!

An open letter for Thanksgiving



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*By Guest Columnist
Dr. Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School*

Looking back, our return to school from the 2019 Christmas Holidays was quite a comical one. I could not wait to address you all with what at the time seemed like such a hopeful message for the upcoming year. "2020 Vision" was the message (I still give credit to Mr. Bryan Collins for coining the phrase first) and it didn't take long to see that message become a worthy one for so many to start the year. What a solid message it was!

In retrospect, imagine the irony of "2020 Vision." As we transitioned into the new year, clarity for the Spring semester was present. We felt great about the direction we were heading as well as how well our students were following through with the expectations that were laid out. We wrapped up the third nine weeks with a faculty/student basketball game on the Friday before spring break with high hopes for what the fourth nine weeks would bring. From that point forward, the COVID-19 pandemic entered the picture and "2020 Vision" ceased to exist, and in many ways, clarity has been what we've all longed for ever since. How ironic!

While this lack of clarity has dominated so many areas of our profession,

what is clear is your absolute devotion to this profession. These past few months have revealed so much about the faculty and staff of Pelahatchie High School. Your willingness to uproot decades old classroom habits and embrace what we thought would be impossible have been nothing short of astonishing. You have found ways to "problem solve" when there really wasn't an answer for what at the time was unknown. Through troubleshooting, trial and error, and most importantly, collaboration with each other, you have not only survived some of the toughest educational terrain imaginable, in my honest opinion, you have thrived. And so, because of your efforts, clarity is revealing itself once again.

While all I have to provide are words, they are simply not enough to say how much I appreciate these efforts. Our "Tribe" is a phenomenal one. I am so thankful to be able to walk the halls on a daily basis and greet educators from very different backgrounds that truly enjoy their peers and the young adults they teach. Pelahatchie High School is quite fortunate to have teachers who are masterful at integrating healthy relationships with their students while pushing them to appropriate academic limits. Pelahatchie High School couldn't have a more superb collection of educators to face the obstacles that exist in today's classroom. Pelahatchie High School is fortunate to have such a dedicated teachers and staff!

Merit Health Woman's Hospital now offering FDA-approved automated breast ultrasound system for screening

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Merit Health Woman's Hospital announced in September that they are on the forefront of breast care by now offering the Invenia™ ABUS 2.0 (Automated Breast Ultrasound System), approved by the FDA for breast cancer screening as an adjunct to mammography for women with dense breast tissue.

"We are excited to add the Automated Breast Ultrasound system to our comprehensive breast cancer screening program. By offering ABUS in addition to mammography for our patients with dense breast tissue, we anticipate improving detection for small cancers that cannot be seen on a mammogram alone in these women. We believe ABUS will become an integral part of our practice for the detection of breast cancer," said Bryan Lantrip, MD, Radiologist at Merit Health.

Dense breast tissue has been found to be the most common risk factor for the development of cancer (Engmann, et al., JAMA, February 2017) and also makes cancer more difficult to detect us-

ing mammography, according to multiple large studies. As breast density goes up, the accuracy of mammograms goes down (Kolb et al Radiology, October 2002). The difficulty radiologists experience when reading mammograms is that both dense tissue and cancer appear white on a mammogram. With ABUS, suspicious masses appear black against the white dense tissue.

In early 2019, a national density inform law was passed that mandates that the FDA update mammography reporting so that women be notified if their breasts are dense. Providers may offer supplemental imaging as appropriate to help find cancers hiding in dense breast tissue.

"Mammography is the gold standard for the detection of breast cancer; however, it doesn't work equally well in all women, particularly those with dense breast tissue," added Edgar Barham,



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MD, Radiologist at Merit Health. "Designed and built specifically for screening, research shows that ABUS technology as an adjunct to mammography has the potential to find 35.7 percent additional cancers that would not have been found with mammography alone," said Dr. Barham.

The Invenia ABUS 2.0 system is FDA-approved for breast cancer screening in the United States as an adjunct to mammography for women with dense breast tissue. The Invenia ABUS 2.0 system is designed to enhance the consistency, reproducibility, and sensitivity of breast ultrasound, demonstrating a 35.7 percent improvement in cancer

detection (sensitivity) in women with dense breasts without prior breast intervention. (FDA PMA Approval P110006, Sept. 18, 2012.)

The unique challenges of breast cancer screening led to important technology innovations that result high resolution images that can be acquired rapidly. Clinically, this offers an efficient option that provides enhanced resolution and contrast, making the Invenia ABUS 2.0 system well positioned to address the workflow challenges of breast cancer screening and improve the detection of breast cancer, in women with dense breasts.

Drs. Lantrip & Barham recommend that women get regular mammograms as suggested by their doctor, and if they have been informed that they have dense breast tissue, they should talk to their doctor or radiologist about their specific risk and additional screening tests that might be appropriate.

For further information about Invenia ABUS 2.0, visit www.merithealthwomanshospital.com/automated-breast-ultrasound.

ERA continues to excel in cross country



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East Rankin Academy (ERA)'s women varsity and JV cross country teams won October 15's Rankin County Championships with five girls in the Top 10 of both races. ERA JV boys were fourth with two Top 10 finishers. Twelve ERA athletes were named to the All Rankin County team. The meet was hosted by Northwest Rankin and featured men and women's varsity and JV teams from NW Rankin HS, Brandon HS, Puckett HS, Pisgah HS and Richland HS.



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Pastor's Perspective: He has blessed us through the difficulties



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

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It's official! 2020 has been a strange year! And it's not over yet. During the year, we have faced the COVID Crisis, hurricanes, wildfires, flooding, riots, killer hornets, and probably other issues that I can't think of right now. In addition, as you read this, we will have concluded a very contentious election year. Whatever the outcome of the Presidential race, about fifty percent of the population will not be happy with the results. On top of all this, every individual has had your own personal struggles and difficulties to deal with. Yes, 2020 has been a strange and challenging year.

When the COVID Crisis hit in March, we all had to shift gears and do things we had never done before. Churches, schools and many businesses closed their doors. Online activities increased and became the norm overnight. We all quickly learned what "Zoom" was. And although things are not now, and perhaps never will be back to what "normal" was before the crisis, at least most churches, schools and businesses have been able to resume activities.

Some people tend to ask things like, "So where has God been through all of this? Why did He let it all happen? Why didn't He stop it? What is He doing now?"

The answer is that God is right where He has always been. He is still sovereign and ultimately, He will prove vic-



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torious over all things that we face.

At our church, we sing the song "Way Maker," which was written by and first recorded by the Nigerian Gospel singer, Sinach, in 2015. It has since been translated into over 50 languages and has been recorded by a number of different artists in the United States. Part of the lyrics of "Way Maker" say, "You are here, moving in our midst, I

worship You, I worship You. You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You. Waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness; My God, that is who You are...Even when I don't see it, You're working, Even when I can't feel it, You're working; You never stop, You

faced in 2020, we have a God who is faithful to us and will continue to work on our behalf and for our good.

Even with the problems and challenges we have encountered this year, we all know that we have also been blessed in so many ways and should do as the old hymn says and "Count our Blessings."

November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a time for us to count our blessings and remember all the things we should be thankful for. And we should remember to give thanks to the Lord for all of those blessings we enjoy. And that's what I would like to challenge you to do this month, to be thankful!

Find a notebook or just a sheet of paper, and every day, write down at least one thing you are thankful for, or some way that God has blessed your life. You may think of several things each day, but be sure to write them all down. On Thanksgiving Day, read back over your list and be reminded of all of the things you have to be thankful for.

Year 2020 has been a difficult year, but because we know a faithful God, He has blessed us in spite of, and sometimes through, the difficulties. Be thankful for Him and to Him. And be sure to take your family to church on Sunday.



FALL SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service

9:00 a.m. - In Person Worship Service with Limited Seating in the Sanctuary. Overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall and Student Center. No Childcare or Sunday School. Service broadcast live on the Cross Roads Baptist Church Facebook page.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. on the Cross Roads Baptist Church Facebook page

Morning Devotions

7:30 a.m. on the Cross Roads Baptist Church Facebook Page

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Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Craig Thompson	60	Forest, MS	9/22/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
John Cornelison	64	Pelahatchie, MS	9/26/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Milton Ethridge	89	Florence, MS	9/27/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Wanda Walters	59	Pelahatchie, MS	9/30/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Bill Jones	83	Pulaski, MS	10/2/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Peggy Rawson	83	Forest, MS	10/5/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Gayle Aycock	56	Lena, MS	10/9/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Manuel Vera	58	Morton, MS	10/14/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
JoAnn Gray	86	Morton, MS	10/17/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Frances Jewel Brown	79	Newton, MS	10/18/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Mattie Sue Baugh	97	Morton, MS	10/19/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Mary Earline Mitchell	76	Morton, MS	10/20/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Billy Chambers	77	Newton, MS	10/22/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Betty Easterling	75	Morton, MS	10/22/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Joey Trest	63	Ludlow, MS	10/25/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.



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Buddy Walk veterans come back through Pelahatchie

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Buddy Watch Walk group came back through Pelahatchie to draw attention to veteran issues like suicide and PTSD. They have 601 more miles and plan to arrive back in Savannah by December 3.

John Ring and fellow veterans continued their walk east after spending the night as guests of Yogi on the Lake on October 4. Pelahatchie natives James Till, commander of the Mississippi American Legion, and Wayne Hanson, head of American Legion Post 171 in Pelahatchie, assisted the group while they were in Town, and Alderman Eddie Jones came to say hello.

To donate to this veteran's group, go to buddywatchwalk.com.



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Veteran John Ring has picked up fellow veterans along the way as he is headed back walking to the East Coast after traveling to the West Coast. Pictured (l to r) are: U.S. Army Veteran Paco Baltazar; U.S. Army Veteran Kim Hogg; Jill Byers; U.S. Air Force Bernadette Marie Meehl; U.S. Army John Ring; U.S. Army Jimmy Mathews; U.S. Air Force Charity Winkler; and U.S. Navy Veteran Jason Hanner; and in back left is Willie Myers.

America's tech giants are not the problem, and an antitrust lawsuit is not the solution

By Chip Pickering

America's tech giants are not the problem, and antitrust is not the solution. As we enter into a new age of competition and rivalry with China on strategic, on national security, on economic grounds, we have a lot of people in Washington who are wanting to now either break up or heavily regulate the internet companies just at the wrong time and in the wrong way. As you look at every measurement of consumer welfare – lower prices, more innovation, greater investment across all parts of the economy – American tech companies are creating greater growth, lower prices, better services – and that's a hallmark of a very competitive market and not a concentrated monopolistic market.

Ask yourself, is it not the American way to encourage innovation with our brightest minds? Do we want to stifle our ideas and productivity, which is what I would argue is the very thing that has put us on top. Fourteen of the world's top twenty tech companies are American; we are in a new age of competition and rivalry with China. The U.S. tech industry's global market position is at risk and has huge ramifications for re-starting the American economy and our long-term prospects. It's clear the American technology and e-commerce sector drives U.S. growth. States are aggressively competing on a daily basis for good technology jobs. Our universities and colleges are investing in more and more technology and public-private partnerships. Lawsuits will definitely damage our fastest growing industry and threaten these American jobs.

With a global pandemic threatening the entire world, again ask yourself where would we have been over the last six months without technology to assist our businesses to continue to operate, to educate

our children with distance learning, and to provide much needed health care by the use of telehealth? In a recent nationwide survey by the Connected Commerce Council, 93% of small businesses reported they were disrupted by COVID-19 and nearly three in four increased their use of digital tools with COVID-19. A majority of small businesses found digital tools more helpful during COVID-19 than before it. Most also plan to continue to use more digital tools after the pandemic.

By attacking U.S. companies like Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google, the Justice Department, members of Congress, and some state attorneys general have taken a step back in time and are forgetting the hard work that has been done on the issue of antitrust. Companies being too large or successful is not a violation of antitrust laws. Antitrust was established to focus on the consumer and there is a robust consumer welfare standard in our antitrust laws now. Plus, many of the technology companies that are currently being attacked provide free services to our families, services that we use every day in our lives. Comments have been made about political bias within our technology companies from both sides of the aisle. There are solutions to political bias, but mistakenly using antitrust is not the right way to encourage free speech.

Politicizing antitrust by attacking our technology companies and filing federal and state antitrust lawsuits are not the way to go for our country's future. Lawsuits are a distraction from real issues that need to be addressed and a waste of taxpayers' money. Solutions are out there; decision makers and our technology companies can find them together. Lawsuits will only cause delay, distraction and economic losses. Our technology jobs and our future are at stake.

Pickering currently serves as CEO of INCOMPAS.

PHS names student council



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The 2020-2021 Pelahatchie High School (PHS) student council was recently elected. Officers pictured (l to r) include: Kaitlyn White, secretary; Payton Sanders, reporter; Reagan Sanders, president; Adlyn Till, vice president and MaKaylee Hester, Treasurer.

Goodin named PHS Student Athlete of the Month



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) October's Farm Bureau Student Athlete of the Month is Jared Goodin. Pictured (l to r) are: Tanner Wilson, Farm Bureau; Goodin; and PHS Principal Dr. Teague Burchfield. Students are nominated each month based on academics, behavior, and attendance. There are two categories for each grade level, and the students with the most nominations receive the award.

Pelahatchie ladies finish strong at State Fair

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Pelahatchie was well represented in October at the State Fair Beef show by Maddie Grace Walters, Holly White, Camden Patton, and Addison Lindsey.

Camden Patton won grand champion percentage Simmental heifer, reserve grand champion AOB heifer, and supreme overall grand champion heifer.

Maddie Walters placed first in her red angus heifer class, reserve grand champion, reserve grand champion in the Mississippi bred red angus heifers, as well as eleventh in overall showmanship.

Holly White placed eighth in showmanship and second in her heat for American cross commercial heifer.

Addison Lindsey showed her English steer, American heifer, and Angus bull.



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Camden Patton won grand champion, reserve grand champion and supreme overall grand champion awards at the Mississippi State Fair in October. Others in the Pelahatchie group also showed well.

Town improving Wastewater Treatment



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By Guest Columnist
Ryshonda Beechem,
Mayor of Pelahatchie

The Town worked on our Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement. I met with Waggoner Engineers over the course of weeks to submit necessary documents to MDEQ. We submitted:

1. Financing Statement
2. Memorandum of Loan Agreement
3. GAAP Certification
4. Fiscal Sustainability Plan Certification
5. Loan Application
6. The minutes from March 2, 2020 board meeting authorizing the submission of application

The Town moved to advertise for pro-

fessional services during the October 5 board meeting. The plan is to utilize USDA funds for professional services; however, the Town wants to follow all MDEQ procedures.

The Town is working on procuring professional services and will ensure the items requested are submitted as soon as contracts are in place. The USDA application, Preliminary Engineering Report, and Environmental Report have been completed. The only remaining task is submitting an audit so the USDA application can move forward. The audit is underway and should allow for funds to be secured per the proposed schedule; however, not having all the tools and/or competent people to meet the task could potentially not only slow the town's progress but could cause the town to receive tremendous fines.

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PBC hosts Holiday Market Place



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Pelahatchie Baptist Church (PBC) will host its annual Holiday Market Place on Saturday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featured items include Christmas décor, canned goods, jellies,

baked goods, pies, etc.

Due to COVID-19, the Holiday Market will be held outside on the church grounds. Masks and social distancing will be in effect.

Admission is free. Take-out lunch will also be available for \$5 a plate.

Johns named RCSD Secondary Employee



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Brandi Johns was named the Rankin County School District (RCSD)'s Secondary Certified employee for September. She said, "I've been blessed to be part of the Rankin County School District at Pelahatchie High School for 20 years. I learn more every day, and it is a true joy to serve my students and their families alongside awesome colleagues and administrators."



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