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Key named PHS Teacher of the Year

By Susie A. Wolfe

Kessie Key was named Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Teacher of the Year at the October 22 football game. A full-time resident of Pelahatchie along with her family, husband Austin Key, and daughters Bailey Joy and Olivia, Pelahatchie Elementary students, she is a product of Pelahatchie High School, graduating class of 2001. Mrs. Key holds a hometown passion that is evident in all she does.

Providing an insight to the community and showing others the great things that are happening at PHS is a genuine passion for Key. She thrives to help everyone see the potential in moving the town's students, school, and community from great to BEST.

"When you truly invest in our small town, you realize all is has to offer."

Along with teaching at PHS, Key also

trains teachers across the state of Mississippi on the latest Computer Science curriculum, Cyber Foundations 1 & 2 and Exploring Computer Science.

"I have had the amazing opportunity to meet teachers all across our great state and bring the latest technologies and techniques back into the classroom for my students. Through these lead training opportunities, I have built relationships and resources to help shift who I am as an educator and person."

While working with the MSU Research and Curriculum Unit, Key was also offered the opportunity to join a team of educators at the International Institute of MSU on a current project for Uzbekistan Education for Excellence. On this team, Key has helped create and lead training for educational leaders and teachers in the country of Uzbekistan on the subject of Computer Science.

"All of the learning experiences that

I have gained over the past 14 years of my educational journey have been nothing short of amazing. As I sit and reflect on being awarded teacher of the year, so many faces, names, and moments come to mind of what steered me into this honor. In a recent PLC small group discussion one of my amazing co-workers stated, 'Education goes far beyond our four walls; it goes beyond knowledge. Education is not effective without relationships.' I am thankful and blessed for the relationships and knowledge God has blessed me with throughout my journey, and I look forward to what comes next. I say it often, but I mean it wholeheartedly... We are blessed with the BEST at PHS."

Her colleagues said the following on learning of her award: "Mrs. Key is a standout among her colleagues - always willing to step up and fill whatever role is needed, whenever and wherev-



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er. She goes above and beyond in our school and community, and we appreciate everything that she does for those around her. Please help us congratulate Mrs. Kessie Key as Pelahatchie High School's 2021-22 Teacher of the Year!"

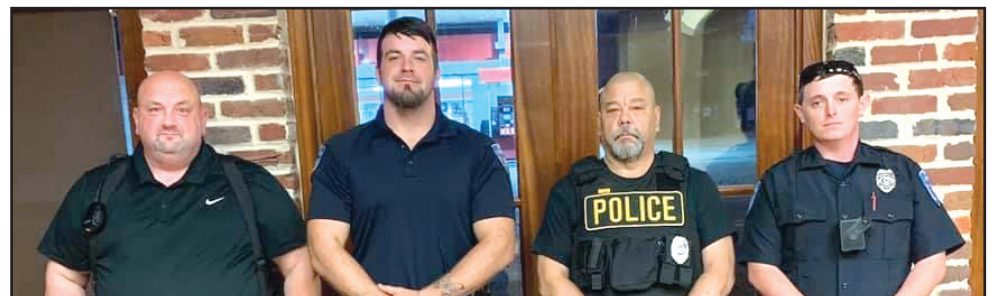
ERA wins Old Capitol Government Bowl



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The East Rankin Academy (ERA) Government Bowl Team successfully competed against Brandon High School in the semi-finals and Jackson Prep in the finals to win the 2021 Old Capitol Bowl Competition. Pictured (l to r) are Colby Stewart, Dylan Davis, Will Price, Audrey Mayatte, and Abram Rowell.

Police Force adds new officers



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New Pelahatchie police officers pictured (l to r) are: Officer L.J. May, Officer Dustin Sims, Officer David Soto, and Officer Garrett Irwin.

By Guest Columnist Chief Robert Mahaffey, Pelahatchie Police Chief

Please join me in welcoming our newly-hired Pelahatchie patrolmen. With this addition, we will soon be operating 24 hours a day once again. Since April of this year, we have hired seven new officers who were each carefully selected through multiple interviews, background investigations, references, and profes-

sional experience. Our staff at the Pelahatchie Police Department has worked diligently to provide the best service possible to the town, and we continue to make improvements weekly. As always, the staff and I are available to address any and all issues in town. If you see one of these officers in their daily service, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the community. We are very glad to have them, and they are ready to work!



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Patton wins at Mississippi State Fair



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PHS recognizes Pearson for her initiative



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS)'s Character Trait of the Month for September was initiative. School Counselor Brandi Johns said that Brianna Pearson represents this characteristic on campus daily. This month, Pearson assisted in campus beautification. She was also seen on campus maintaining the plants and ensuring things were top-notch for students, faculty, and guests.



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Bucking Bronc Bash raises money for local groups



Photo by Natasha Childers

The October 10 Rankin County Bucking Bronc Bash raised \$7500. The annual benefit rodeo is a fund-raiser for the Leesburg Fire Department and the Ever Reaching Community Outreach. Organizer Cole Bilbro wanted to thank the sponsors and all the people that helped plus the fans for making it a successful event.

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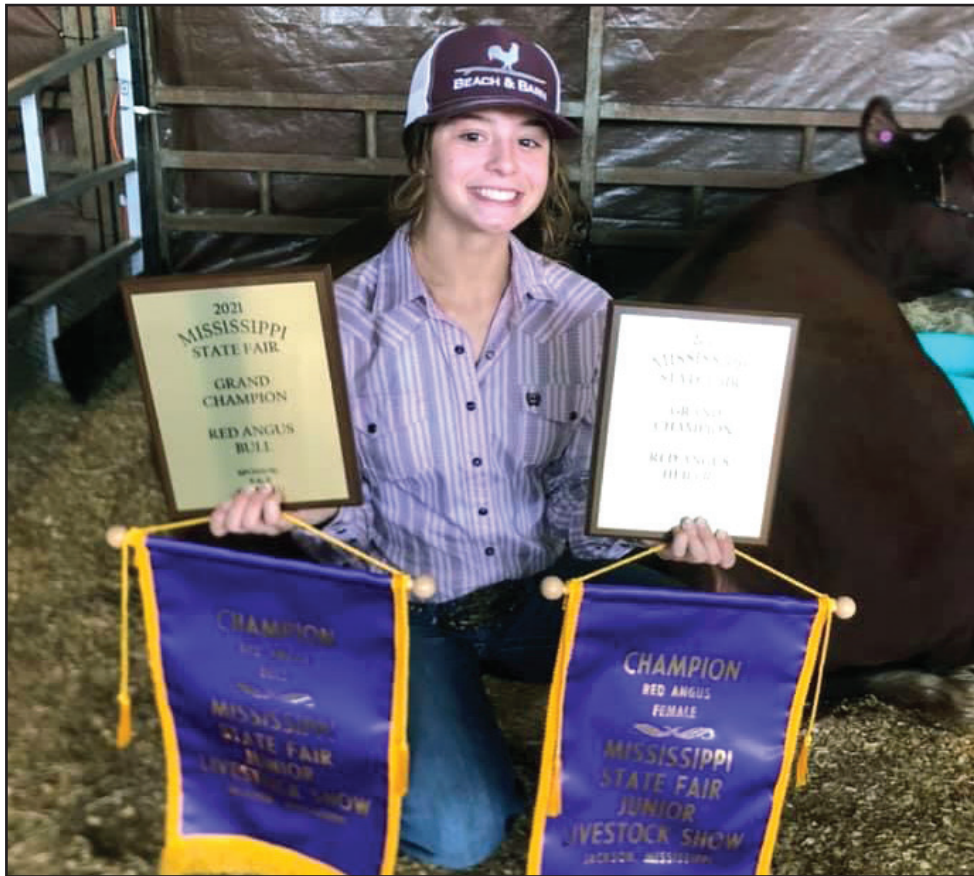


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Maddie Walters wins at State Fair



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Maddie Grace Walters won Grand Champion Red Angus Heifer and Grand Champion Red Angus Bull at the Mississippi State Fair in October.

Creative ways to help those in need



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

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The month of October brought to Pelahatchie High School the WAPT Channel 16 Food for Families Football Challenge. This event called for every zone in the Rankin County School District to donate canned

goods for those in need. Pelahatchie High School gladly accepted the challenge!

The event started as we closed the first nine weeks by celebrating excellent attendance, academics, and attitudes during our "Chief Challenge." Students and teachers alike enjoyed a competitive obstacle course while also witnessing Mr. Hust, Mr. Nelson, and myself get "pied" in the face. Proceeds from the concession stand went to the purchase of canned goods for the "Challenge."

Each week during the month of October, we asked our students to compete by grade level to see who could donate the most canned goods. Through competition, each grade level was able to push each other for the "Challenge." Not to be outdone, Pelahatchie Elementary

joined in the event as well and served wonderfully.

To close the month of October, as well as to complete the "Challenge," clubs, organizations, as well as athletic teams developed a "Candy in the Courtyard" event for Pelahatchie Elementary School. Entry to the event was simply bringing a canned good to the event. This "Fall Festival" event was a fun opportunity for elementary students to play games and earn candy during the



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event. Later that day, the baseball and softball teams put together a co-ed softball game to assist in the event, as well. And, like the "Candy in the Courtyard" event, admission to the softball game was simply bringing a canned good to donate. All who were in attendance had a great time of service and fellowship.

What a great opportunity Pelahatchie High School had to provide such a worthy service to those in need. Our students, faculty, staff, and community should feel proud for their efforts! As we transition to the season of Thanksgiving, let's be grateful for all that we have as well as the opportunity to provide for others in their time of need. On behalf of Pelahatchie High School, Happy Thanksgiving, and Go Chiefs!

OBITUARY

Sam T. Means Sr.

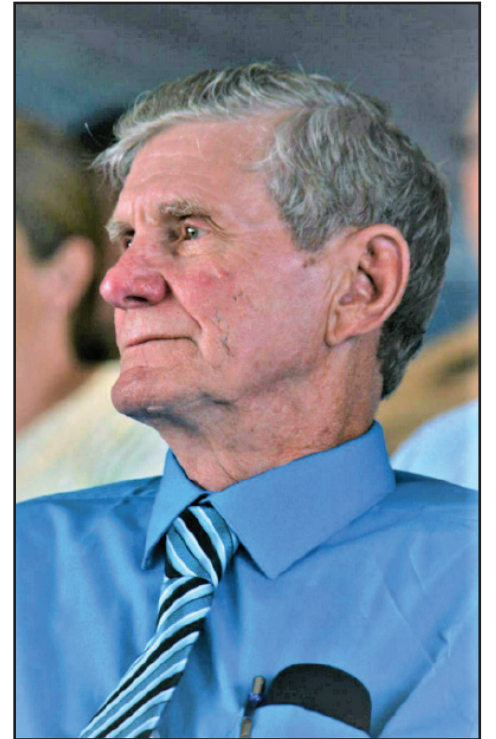
May 31, 1944-October 22, 2021

Sam T. Means Sr. of Pelahatchie passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family and friends. A memorial service was held on Friday, October 29, 2021, at Ott and Lee Funeral Home in Brandon, MS with interment in Concord Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was also held Friday at the funeral home.

Sam was born May 31, 1944, in Rankin County, MS to Luther and Grace Huff Means. He served 6 years in the Army National Guard. He devoted his life to his community as a mechanic and welder. He enjoyed visiting with his children, grandchildren, friends, and many others when he had the downtime. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

Preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Grace Huff Means and his sister, Betty Dyess.

Sam is survived by his life partner, Betty Means; daughter, Melissa (David) Pate; sons, Sam (Angela) Means, Jr. and Tim (Tabatha) Means, and daughter, Samatha Wolf; grandsons: Dustin, Cody, Ripley, Zachary, Wyatt and Hunter (Megan) Wolf; granddaughter: Jocelyn; 2 great grandchildren, Huntley and Sam



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Wolf; brothers, Jackie (Beverly) Means, Rufus (Linda) Means, and Johnny (Suzanne) Means; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

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10 tips on practicing good hunting safety



By Doug Carter, Rankin
County Extension Agent

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With many hunting seasons opening this month, I want to stress hunting safety. The 10 commandments of firearms safety are:

1. **Always watch the muzzle!** Keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times.
2. **Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.** It may be loaded, even if you think it is not.
3. **Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.** Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Make sure you have an adequate backstop, don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
4. **The best way to prevent an accidental discharge is to keep your finger outside of the trigger guard, until you are ready to shoot.**
5. **Make sure the barrel and action are free of obstructions, and carry only the proper ammunition for your firearm.**
6. **Unload firearms when not in use.** Leave actions open, and carry firearms in cases and unloaded to and from the shooting area.



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7. **Only point a firearm at something you intend to shoot.** Avoid horseplay with a gun.
8. **Don't run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.** Unload a firearm before you climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch. Pull a firearm toward you by the butt, not the muzzle.
9. **Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.** Store each in a secured location beyond the reach of children and careless adults.
10. **Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during shooting activities.** Also avoid mind- or behavior-altering medicines or drugs.

Also, more and more hunters are using tree stands, so I want to stress tree stand safety. Most deer hunters in Mississippi know someone who has been involved in a fall from a tree stand. There are hunters who are now confined to a wheelchair and many others who have lost their lives due to tree stand falls. While the number of firearm-related accidents has dropped dramatically in the past two decades, the number of tree stand accidents has risen sharply.

Seventy percent of tree stand falls occur when hunters are climbing up and into the stand or getting down from the stand. Almost the same percentage of hunters

don't wear a fall restraint system during this critical time. Failure to wear a fall restraint system is the most important factor in tree stand falls.

I sometimes wonder why hunters climb 20 feet off the ground without any fall restraint system. Some people are willing to take more risks than others. Just maybe it's the same thing that draws hunters to wild places.

Another problem is financial in nature. Many hunters just don't want to spend a lot of money on a fall restraint system. Some hunters will pay thousands of dollars each year to participate in the sport they love. They spend money on hunting gear, leases or licenses, but, when it comes to climbing safety, that willingness disappears.

Tree stands are a popular and effective method of hunting. However, they also pose a significant safety risk. If you choose to hunt from a tree stand, you alone must be responsible for your own safety. Knowing and practicing safe tree stand procedures can minimize these risks and ensure your time afield will be both safe and enjoyable.

Source: *Today's Mississippi Hunter*, "Mississippi's Guide to Hunting Responsibly and Safely" Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks.



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Dog and owner reunited at Crooked Creek after five years apart

By Diane Purvis, Crooked Creek Animal Hospital

If you think miracles don't happen, then you need to keep reading. This is a story that is over five years in the making. It's a story about Derek and Darby Carroll, Rhonda Martin, and Crooked Creek Animal Hospital. Together, they all made a miracle happen.

Six years ago, Derek was living in Oxford, Mississippi, and decided he wanted a dog. He went to the local animal rescue and adopted a sweet Schnauzer puppy, naming her Darby. From that very day, the two become inseparable and were known to family and friends as Derek and Darby. One year later, Derek and his wife moved to Jackson with Darby and their three other dogs. Darby went everywhere with Derek, especially when playing golf. Darby would sit on the golf cart and cheer him on. Then in May, 2016, Derek let Darby and his three other dogs out to his fenced back yard. Fifteen minutes later, he let his dogs back inside his house with Darby not among them. For over a year, Derek searched for Darby, driving around the neighborhood, putting up posters, making social media posts, everything he could think to do to find Darby, with no success. Darby was gone, and Derek was left with a broken heart.

Fast forward to September 2021: Rhonda Martin was driving by a gas station on Highway 43 in Pelahatchie

and noticed a stray dog walking on the side of the road. She pulled over and was able to get the dog to come to her. She could tell the dog was not homeless but was lost and missing from her home. She took the dog home, gave her food and water and comfort care. Rhonda made a social media post about the sweet dog she had found, hoping maybe someone would recognize her and claim her. But no one did.



The next day, Rhonda called Crooked Creek Animal Hospital, explaining she had found the dog and was wondering what she could do to possibly find the owner. Rhonda was asked if she could bring the dog to the clinic so she could be checked for a microchip. The dog did have a microchip with the information about the owner. Thinking the dog had only been missing for a day or two and a phone call was being made to the recent owner of the missing dog, a phone call was actually made to Derek Carroll. Derek was asked if he is missing a Schnauzer dog. Dumbfounded,



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Crooked Creek Animal Hospital helped reunite a dog with its owner five years after it went missing. Dr. Staci Rhodes wanted to share this story for our November paper as a reminder to be thankful for family and furry friends during the Thanksgiving season. Pictured, Derek Carroll holding Darby.

he explained he has been missing one for over five years. Now everyone involved was in awe that a dog that has been missing for over five years has

been found alive and in good health and is going home, home to her original family. Home to her first friend that loves her and has been missing her for five long years.

Derek was given directions to Crooked Creek Animal Hospital and was on his way to an uncertainty if Darby would remember him. A happy nervousness was sensed as Darby was placed in Derek's arms. Derek, being overwhelmed with joy, had to take a seat and just soak the blessed moment in. It didn't take long before Darby began to recognize she was being reunited with her very first friend. Derek was so grateful to Rhonda and Crooked Creek Animal Hospital and could not wait to get Darby home so he could spend time getting reacquainted with Darby. That afternoon was filled with lots of licks, hugs, and tears of joy. Derek and Darby were once again, Derek and Darby.

This is not just a story of a lost dog being reunited with her owner because the owner was caring enough to microchip his dog. This is miracle story which could have had a tragic ending or no ending at all. Darby could have never gone missing from where she was living. Darby could have not been found on the side of a busy highway. Darby could have not had a microchip. But Darby was found, and her ending is just the beginning of a long and happy life, with her Derek.



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Joetta Watson carrying on Pelahatchie tradition

By Susie A. Wolfe

Joetta Watson is continuing her family's tradition of living in a small town and raising her children in Pelahatchie. Her parents, Joe and Patsy Watson, were born and raised in Pelahatchie, as were her 11 siblings, many still living in the area.

Watson talked about why she chooses to live in Pelahatchie.

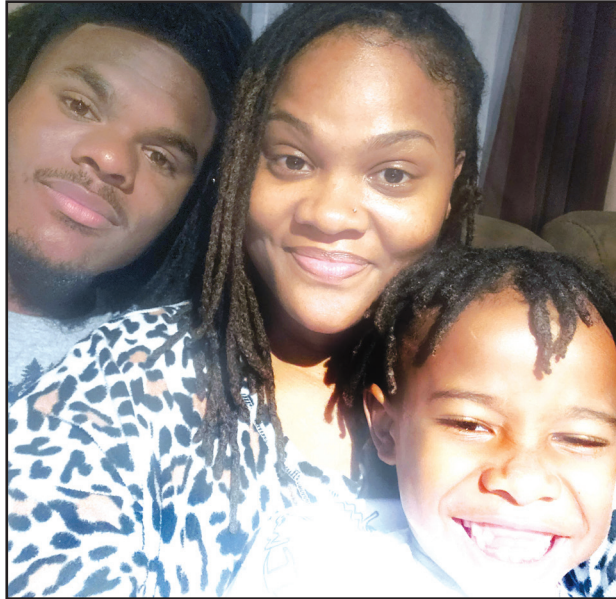
"It's about family. Just small town living where everyone knows everyone and looks out for everyone. I wanted to stay close to my family and raise my children in the same close-knit community."

Watson is a Lead Title Specialist with Insurance Auto Options where she has worked for five years. She has two sons, Elijah Watson, 17, a junior at Pelahatchie High School, and Edan Williams, 6, a kindergartner at Pelahatchie

Elementary. She said that the Pelahatchie School System is "awesome."

A 2003 graduate of Pelahatchie High School, Watson said, "Pelahatchie High School will always hold a special place in my heart, and those memories will always bring me joy." She was active in almost every school sport, including cheerleading, when she was there.

Her memories on growing up in Pelahatchie include "the summers of playing kickball with cousins and friends and taking a break to drink water from the hydrant and enjoy the sweet taste of honey suckles. Some days, we would walk around the community picking plums



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Joetta Watson is raising her sons the same way she was raised in the close-knit community of Pelahatchie. Pictured (l to r) are: Elijah, Joetta, and Edan.

from the trees and simply enjoying the hot summer days. PYA baseball/softball played a huge part in my childhood, as well as Girl Scouts."

The Watsons are a close clan who get together often for cookouts, bar-b-ques and annual family trips to places like Las Vegas and Gatlinburg. They often have 20-25 people on their annual trips.

Her siblings include John Earl Watson, Morton, deceased; Gerald Watson, Pelahatchie; twins Kenneth and Kent Watson, Morton; Alethea Watson, Pearl; Jeffrey Watson, Pelahatchie; Orenthal (Flip) Watson, Pelahatchie; Eric Watson, Chicago, Illinois; Jacqueline Watson-Loggins, Powder Springs, Georgia; Mitchell Watson, Byram; and Jack Watson, Jackson.

"I am forever grateful to call Pelahatchie my hometown...to raise a family and live this small-town Pelahatchie life," said Watson.

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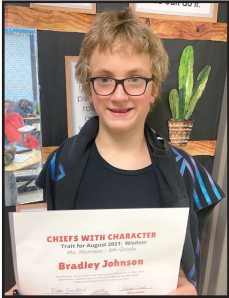
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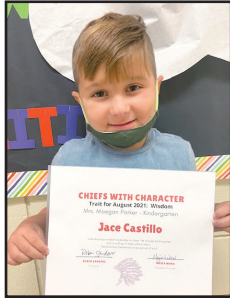
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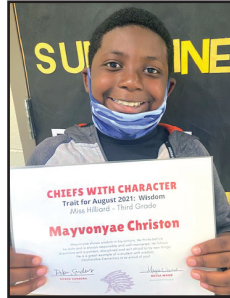
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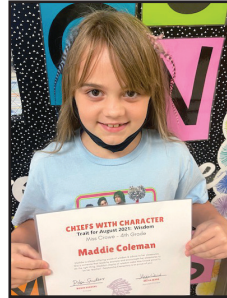
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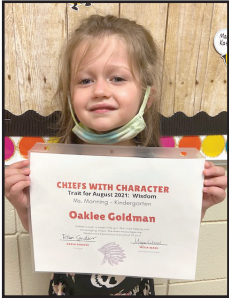
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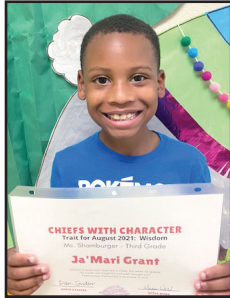
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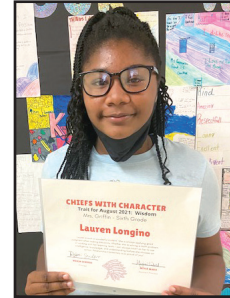
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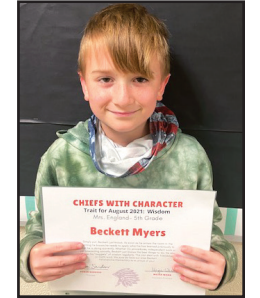
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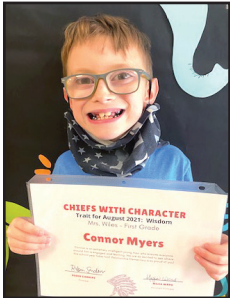
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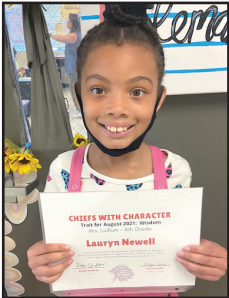
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School attendance = student success



By Guest Columnist,
Robin Sanders,
Principal, Pelahatchie
Elementary

Attendance is an important factor in student achievement. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. The effects of lost school days build up one absence at a time.

One of the most important things your child can do to reach the goal of success is also one of the most basic: attend school every day, on time. Students are required to be present for at least 63% of the school day, so coming late or leaving early also results in missed instructional time. By attending class regularly, children are more likely to keep up with daily lessons and assignments and take assessments on time. Research has shown that regular attendance may be the greatest factor influencing students' academic success.

The facts below were reported by Attendance Works, a leading national organization providing tools and resources for schools to reduce chronic absenteeism.

1. Absenteeism in the first month of

school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

2. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.

3. By sixth grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

4. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school (about 18 days) negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

5. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

The average daily attendance rate for August at Pelahatchie Elementary is the highest it's been since the 2017-2018 school year. This is a direct result of families valuing the importance of being at school each day on time. We appreciate the support and ask that you continue to make school attendance a priority to ensure success for all students. Attendance matters at Pelahatchie Elementary! Go Chiefs!

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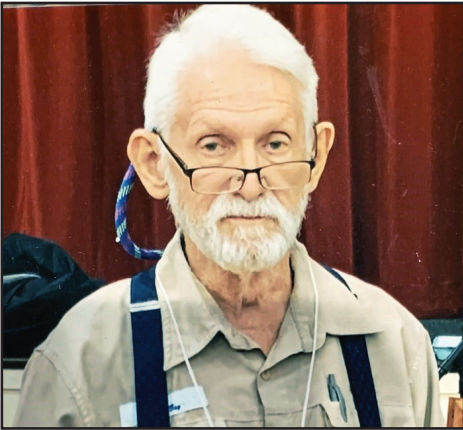
Ralph Lynn Ludke

July 14, 1937-October 22, 2021

Ralph Lynn Ludke, age 84, a resident of Pelahatchie, MS passed away Friday, October 22, 2021, in Pelahatchie, MS. A celebration of life service will be held 11 a.m., November 13, 2021, in the Christian Life Center at First Baptist Church Jackson.

Mr. Ludke was born July 14, 1937, in Vicksburg, MS to Alexander Adolph Ludke and Mary Opal Caldwell Ludke. He was married to Martha Jones Ludke. Mr. Ludke was an Electrical Engineer and worked many years before retiring. He received his Bachelor of Science from Mississippi College. He enjoyed wood working and carving, reading about history, and being on the chicken farm. He loved singing in the Reflections Choir at First Baptist Church in Jackson where he and Martha are members. Traveling was a great pass time to him as he traveled a great deal with New Directions at St. Dominic. He loved his family very much and spending time with them brought great joy to his life. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

Mr. Ludke was preceded in death by his parents, Alexander Adolph Ludke



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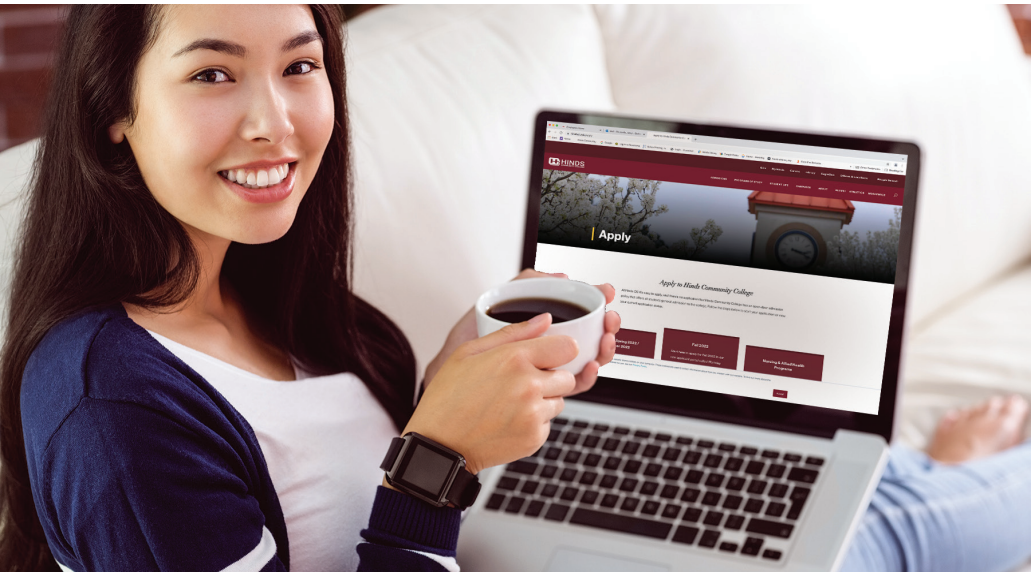
and Mary Opal Caldwell Ludke.

Mr. Ludke is survived by his wife, Martha Jones Ludke; children, Mark (Cathey) Ludke, Matthew Ludke, Rebecca Carraway, James Musgrove, and Pamela (Rick) Kirby; brother, Larry (Patricia) Ludke; grandchildren, Hannah (Chris) Browers and Katie Mae Rials; niece, Erin; nephew, Ryan and a host of friends.

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Pastor's Perspective: Every day is Thanksgiving Day



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

Well, here we are, heading quickly to the end of the year. But first, we need to slow down enough this month to enjoy Thanksgiving.

The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings," or days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as a military victory or the end of a drought. The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October, 1621. This feast lasted three days, and was attended by 90 Native Americans from the Wampanoag Tribe and 53 Pilgrims. [Source: Wikipedia]

Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a proclamation by President George Washington after a request by Congress. The date varied through the years, until 1942, when Thanksgiving earned a permanent date by an act of Congress. Beginning then, Thanksgiving is always observed on the Fourth Thursday of November.

But shouldn't every day be a day of thanksgiving? I Chronicles 16:34 is one of the most beautiful verses in all of Scripture. It says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." This precious teaching runs throughout the Bible. Sometimes it's repeated word for word - as in 1 and 2 Chronicles, Psalms, and Jeremiah. At other times, its meaning is clearly present - and that is the case in every Bible book.

The Bible is filled with commands to give thanks to God. Many passages give reasons why we should thank Him, such as "His love endures forever" (Psalm 136:3), "He is good" (Psalm 118:29), and "His mercy is everlasting" (Psalm 100:5). Thanksgiving and praise always go together. We cannot adequately praise and worship God without also being thankful.

Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. Like any wise father, God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts He has given us. We should



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remember that everything we have is a gift from Him. Without gratitude, we become arrogant and self-centered. We begin to believe that we have achieved everything on our own. But "Thankfulness" keeps our hearts in right relationship to God, the Giver of all good gifts.

Giving thanks also reminds us of how much we do have. As human beings, we tend to focus on what we don't have. By giving thanks continually, we are reminded of how much we do have. When we focus on blessings rather than wants, we are happier. When we start thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize that we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We are to be thankful not only for the things we like, but for the circumstances we don't like. When we purpose to thank God for everything that He allows to come into our lives, we keep bitterness at bay. We cannot be both thankful and bitter at the same time. We do not thank Him for evil, but that He is sustaining us through it. We don't thank Him for harm He did not cause, but we thank Him when He gives us the strength to endure it. We thank Him for His promise in Romans 8:28 that "all things will work together for the good, to those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

We can have thankful hearts toward God even when we do not feel thankful for the circumstance. We can grieve and still be thankful. We can hurt and still be thankful. We can be angry at sin and still be thankful toward God. Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him and saves us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience.

When we learn to be thankful "in everything," then every day becomes Thanksgiving Day! Be sure to take your family to Church on Sunday!



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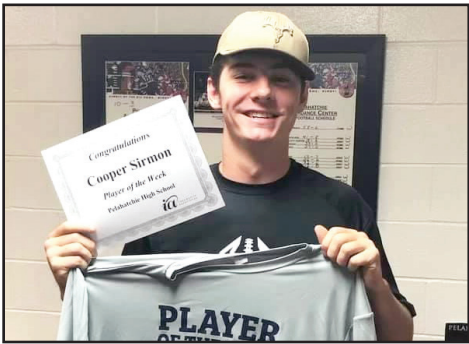
Kaylan Cooper was named PHS September Teacher of the Month. She teaches seventh through twelfth grade Art 1 and 2, Ceramics, and Junior High art.



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The PHS September Students of the Month, All Around and Athletic, pictured (l to r) front row, are: Isabell Davis, Abby Grace Hemeter, Hannah Runnels, and Devin Lott; and back row: Maddie Grace Walters, Carsyn Kate Baughman, Hayden Johnson, DeMarion Snow, Caleb Walters, and Tyson Beeman.

Schools name Players of the Week



Steven Wallace with Insurance Associates of Rankin County is shown honoring the Players of the Week at both Pelahatchie schools. The Pelahatchie High School (PHS) winners include Calab Moore for the September 17 game against Morton; Quay Ragsdale for the October 1 game against Velma Jackson; Kenner Doster for the September 24 game against Newton; and Cooper Sirmon for the October 8 game against Scott Central.



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The East Rankin Academy winners include Caleb Leach for the September 10 game against Park Place; Walker Floyd against the September 17 game against Ethel; Bryson Loe for the September 24 game against West Lincoln; and Tanner Rhodes for the October 1 game against Lamar.



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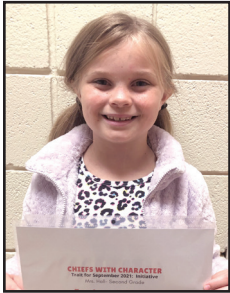


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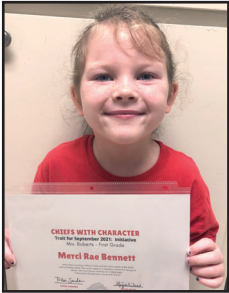
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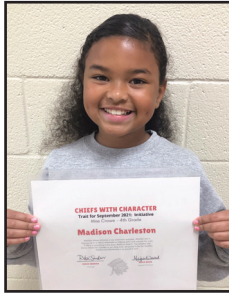
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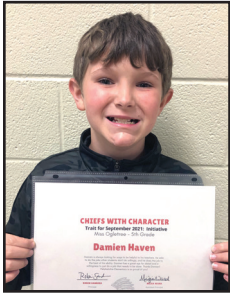
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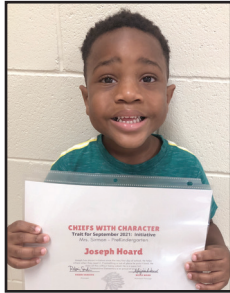
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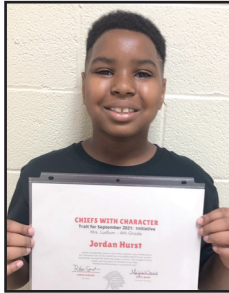
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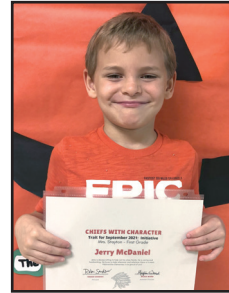
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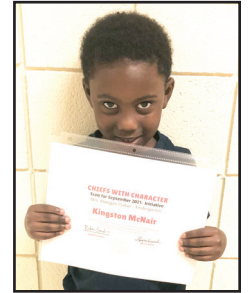
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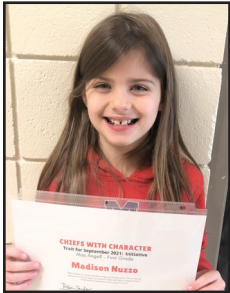
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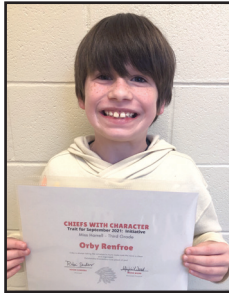
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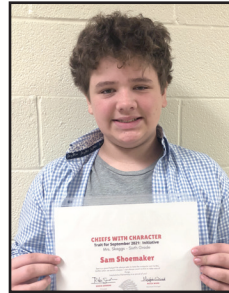
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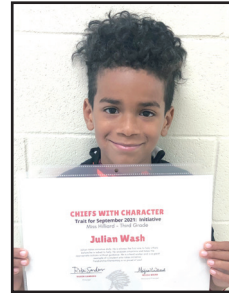
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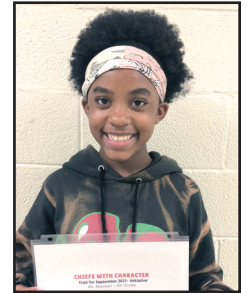
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