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Legislators visit Rankin Juvenile Justice Center

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Twenty-seven legislators from across the country visited the Rankin County Juvenile Justice Center on Oct. 17. Legislators from as far away as Alaska and Puerto Rico came to learn about a model program that provides days packed with activities and classroom instruction and little time spent in a cell.

The Rankin County program works to change behavior rather than punish, to keep the detention stay as short as possible and to set youth on a path that won't lead them back to juvenile court and into adult prison.

Rankin County Sheriff Bryan Bailey, whose department oversees the detention facility, told the visitors, "My mind-set has changed over the last 25 years. At one time, I would have said lock them up and throw away the key.

That's not going to work. We are just going to fill up the jails. Some of them we can help. Some of them we can't help. We need to help those that we can."

Noting Mississippi's long history at the bottom of national rankings, Bailey said, "It's great that we have something that people from the outside would want to come look at."

The visiting legislators are members of the National Conference of State Legislatures Quad Caucus. The Quad Caucus is made up of members African American, Asian, Hispanic and Native American legislative caucuses from across the country. Their visit was part of a collaborative effort to address racism and policies that can increase disparities in education, health and economic stability in the family. The three-year program, funded by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation,

seeks to address structural racism and works toward racial healing.

Rankin County is one of five Mississippi counties which participate in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). JDAI is a national program which seeks to eliminate inappropriate or unnecessary use of secure detention, reduce racial and ethnic disparities, minimize re-arrest and failure to appear rates, ensure appropriate conditions of confinement in secure detention and redirect resources to sustain successful reforms.

Lt. Michelle Rhodes, director of the Rankin County Juvenile Detention Center, said, "Anything that we are doing here, we want to pass on."

The Rankin County Juvenile Detention Center deals with juvenile offenders from Rankin and about 20 other counties.

"Detention is not something that

you use for the wrong reason," said Rankin County Youth Court Judge Thomas Broome, vice-chair of the state Juvenile Detention and Alternatives Task Force.

The Mississippi Legislature created the task force to explore alternatives to juvenile detention, formulate recommendations for licensing standards for juvenile detention facilities and seek funding sources to improve juvenile programs.

The Rankin County program seeks to improve behavior by assessing the youths' needs, evaluating their education level, mental health and family environment and applying a healthy dose of care and attention.

"These kids need to be built up," Rhodes said. "What we are trying to do here is give them hope. We deal with a lot of kids that are hurting and have

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First Habitat for Humanity House Build Planned for Pelahatchie

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Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HHMCA) and Pelahatchie are joining together for the city's first Habitat for Humanity House Build.

"Since 1992, Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area has worked with communities in Rankin County to build 21 houses for families in need of better housing," said Cindy Griffin, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA). "We are pleased that we will be collaborating with community leaders in Pelahatchie and building there in the near future, working together to provide a brighter future for a Pelahatchie family."

Mayor Knox Ross Jr. and Andrew Mallinson, chief executive officer of Multicraft International, have been instrumental in setting the stage for this first house build.

"This is an excellent opportunity for community members to come together to do something positive for our community and for a family in need," Ross said. "This collaboration spotlights to the entire metro Jackson area the caring community and quality of life in Pelahatchie. We are excited about the response we have received in Pelahatchie and throughout Rankin County."

HFHMCA has been working with the mayor, the City of Pelahatchie staff, and the Mississippi Secretary of State's office to secure the property rights to a vacant lot.

In May, a coalition of Methodist men's ministry groups organized a Wild Game Banquet at the Brandon Civic Center to benefit the HFHMCA Rankin County Build. The proceeds from that event were designated for the Pelahatchie build. Participating churches were St. Marks United Meth-

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Businesses decorate the town

By Kristen J. Rials

The Pelahatchie News was excited to host the annual Fall for Pelahatchie Decorating Contest for the businesses of Pelahatchie. Letters were sent out to all of the local businesses after the launch of the October issue asking them to participate in decorating the town for the fall season. On Oct. 18, the businesses were judged by Danny Husbands, postmaster of Pelahatchie Post Office. Five categories were designated for the decorations: Lavish Lawn, Spectacular Door, Best Business Entrance and Fabulous Facade.

All of the categories had first-, second- and third-place winners.

The winners included:

Lavish Lawn

1st place - PriorityOne Bank
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Fabulous Facade

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Best Business Entrance

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Spectacular Door

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The Hot Spot: Fire Department News

By Jenny Coward,
Assistant Fire Chief

Cool weather has finally found its way to Pelahatchie, and the cool crisp mornings are so nice to wake up to. The cool weather is better on firefighters but still can present more work for them, too. The cool weather means people will be using fireplaces, heating units and space heaters. Unfortunately, some will not use them properly or smart, therefore causing a fire. The Delta District wants to offer a few tips for safe heating practices.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment and/or fire places, and have a three-foot child and pet-free zone around open fires and space heaters.
- Only purchase and use portable space heaters from recognized testing laboratories with an automatic shut off, so if they tip over they will shut off.
- Turn space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug space heaters directly into the

wall socket and never into an extension cord or power strip.

- When refilling a fuel-burning space heater, allow the appliance to cool first and then fill it outside. Always use proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace, and keep it in place.

For the month of October, four out of six departments in the Delta District responded to 90 calls. Pelahatchie Fire Department responded to 33 calls. Lake Harbor Fire Department responded to 26 calls. Leesburg Fire Department responded to 16 calls, and Walters Fire Department responded to 15 calls.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, Pelahatchie and Walters Fire Departments re-

sponded to a tractor trailer fire at Cefco on Hwy 43 in Pelahatchie. When units arrived on scene, they found a fully involved tractor trailer fire inside the wash bay behind the store. With the quick response and thinking of the experienced personnel of

both departments, the fire was able to be contained to the wash bay, and though the vehicle was a complete loss, they were able to keep the fire from spreading to the fuel pumps and store. No one was injured during the five hours of working this scene and that is always a plus in fighting such a fire scene as this one..

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, the fire safety education team of Pelahatchie Fire De-

partment along with American Medical Response (AMR) provided fire prevention and safety tips to the children of the McCall Center head start and the pre-K-3 graders of Pelahatchie Elementary School. The group showed the children the fire truck, rescue and ambulance, talked to them about fire safety, what to do should their house catch fire, explained a proper escape plan and smoke detectors and told them not to play with matches or lighters and the 911 system. The team and children had a great time. The children of Pelahatchie Elementary wrote letters and drew pictures for the team where Ms. Bossy (Jenny Coward) responds to their questions and then places them in a binder to be displayed at the Pelahatchie Fire Station.

The holiday season is about to be upon us with lots of traveling, cooking and decorating. The Delta District wants to encourage everyone to stop, think and be safe with doing these things. So until next month, stay safe, stay warm and remember help is only three numbers away 9-1-1.



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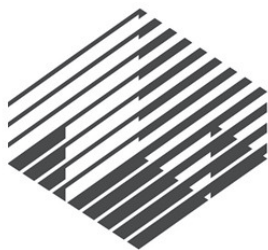
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Local spending benefits community with more than just tax dollars

By Chance McDavid



How often do you shop at home? Do you really know what your local stores have to offer? In an effort to try and reverse the trend of residents always think-

ing they have to leave town to buy just about everything, many communities launch campaigns to remind residents to shop at home.

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas accounts for a lot of the sales revenue for local businesses, and spending your hard-earned dollars with these businesses is a terrific way to help boost your local economy. However, the holiday season should not be the only time to think about shopping locally. Communities should create a culture that emphasizes the

importance of spending money within their borders all year long.

Most people tend to think that purchasing local goods and services are important because of the tax revenues that are generated so municipalities will have the funds needed to provide essential services to residents. This is certainly important, but it's not the only reason folks should shop in their hometowns.

There's no question that municipalities rely on local sales tax collections to fund critical and basic needs, such as fire and police protection, schools and water/sewer infrastructure. Did you know that sales tax revenues also help fund the quality of life amenities that are essential to attracting residents and visitors such as parks, recreational facilities and vibrant downtowns? More and more people are choosing where to live based on quality of life factors, especially with the rise in tele-

commuting options for many workers today.

According to the U. S. Small Business Administration, small businesses represent nearly 97 percent of all employers in Mississippi, and over 81 percent of these businesses have no employees. When you hear that small businesses are the backbone of the local economy, there's certainly truth in that statement. In fact, an organization called Local First suggests that \$73 out of every \$100 spent at a locally-owned business stays in the community, but only \$43 stays if the money is spent at a business not rooted there. Many research studies also show that consumer spending at locally-owned businesses helps the local economy by recirculating those dollars even more.

Aside from simply generating much-needed revenue, local businesses are vested in the communities they serve. It's a nice feeling when

your friends and neighbors greet you when you visit their stores and are genuinely appreciative you're there. Many times, the owners and employees live there and are concerned about the overall prosperity and sustainability of the community. They are quite knowledgeable and passionate about the products and services they provide and can provide a great customer experience before, during and after the sale.

Think about it. The local businesses that you shop at are the very ones who make all kinds of charitable donations to fund everything from youth events to church functions to citywide celebrations. Collectively, these donations provide the fundamental resources that enhance the quality of life for everyone. If residents don't support local commerce, many businesses simply won't have extra cash or even in-kind

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Boyd selected to Rankin County youth leadership



Juleah Boyd, a junior at Pelahatchie Attendance Center, was selected to participate in the 2013-2014 Rankin County Youth Leadership that is sponsored by the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

Biggert-Waters Act impacts flood insurance policies nationwide

Special to The Pelahatchie News

The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 made significant changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that began to take effect this year. This law requires that increased flood insurance premiums be phased in and existing premium subsidies be phased out.

As a result, property owners in "Special Flood Hazard Areas" may see more expensive insurance rates, in some cases significantly more, than what they are currently paying. Increases in premium rates for previously subsidized non-primary residences were implemented this past January. Beginning on October 1, 2014, premiums for business properties with subsidized premiums and residences that have had "severe repetitive loss" will increase when a flood insurance policy is renewed.

"PriorityOne recognizes the impact the Biggert-Waters Act will have on households and business owners throughout our community, and we are committed to helping property owners prepare for this additional financial pressure in any way we can," said Robert Barnes, President and CEO of PriorityOne Bank.

The new premiums are designed to reflect the true flood risk of homes and businesses. Premiums have the potential to increase by as much as 25 percent per year for the next four years, until full-risk rates are reached. Flood insurance premiums are calculated based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps and the minimum "base flood elevation" for that region. An owner whose home or business is built at or above the base flood elevation, or "BFE," will be at an advantage. Their premiums may still go up but will be lower than those for homes that do not meet the minimum requirements. Property owners that live in special flood hazard areas will need to know the elevation of their home or business in relation to the BFE. An insurance agent cannot calculate the new premium without an

elevation certificate.

"If you're rebuilding after a flood, be sure to consult FEMA maps prior to construction," said Barnes "Building in compliance with base flood elevation standards could protect your financial future."

You can expect the following five things from the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act:

- Automatic increases- Policy rates for primary residences are automatically subject to increases if there has been change in ownership, a lapse in coverage, a change in flood risk according to new FEMA flood maps or substantial damage or improvement to a building.
- Diminishing discounts- Existing subsidies for second homes, rental homes, businesses or repetitive loss properties are eliminated. "Grandfather" clauses will also be eliminated, meaning all rates will be based on the building's compliance with current flood zone recommendations, not the standards when the building was first built.
- Updated flood zones maps- FEMA is redrawing flood zone maps across the country. That means buildings might now be in a flood zone that weren't before, or they're now in a higher-risk zone. These zones determine minimum building requirements and whether you meet these minimums determines what your insurance will cost.
- Higher annual increases- In the past, annual premium increases were limited to ten percent; that limit is now 20 percent.
- Programs are available to help- FEMA offers three programs to reduce your risk and help you save money on flood insurance. To see if you qualify, visit fema.gov.

For more details on the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, visit <http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance-reform-act-2012> or call the National Flood Insurance Program Help Center at (800) 427-4661.

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Pelahatchie Attendance Center Sports Calendar

High School Basketball

Nov. 7	Pelahatchie Girls Classic	TBA	5:00 PM
Nov. 14	Lake	Home	5:00 PM
Nov. 19	Pisgah	Away	5:00 PM
Nov. 21	Puckett	Away	5:00 PM
Dec. 2	Rankin County Tournament	Away	5:00 PM

Junior High Basketball

Nov. 4	McLaurin	Home	5:00 PM
Nov. 14	Lake	Home	4:00 PM
Nov. 19	Pisgah	Away	4:00 PM
Nov. 21	Puckett	Away	4:00 PM
Dec. 16	McLaurin	Away	5:00 PM

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Local spending benefits community

donations to support these events.

Local businesses also have the opportunity to find and fill a niche because they know folks on a personal basis and understand their needs and expectations. Often, they will provide a selection of specialty items that you may not find anywhere else. Furthermore, they may purchase the products and services they need from other local businesses, causing local dollars to circulate in the community. In a nutshell, more money stays put enabling the community to more adequately fund the services that businesses and residents need and want.

A healthy balance of locally-owned businesses helps to create a community's unique sense of place that is partially defined by the businesses that reside there. These one-of-a-kind businesses are assets and can serve as magnets to draw additional people to town seeking out these destination businesses that are not available where they live.

You can even be more environmentally friendly by shopping at home because it requires less gas to travel and generates less pollution!

It's important that communities use a variety of strategies for telling their local business story. In small towns, it's easy to post business listings on local websites and social media pages. Print them periodically in newspapers and directories. Keep a list of them in public places around town for locals and visitors to find. Mail them

to each household that receives a water bill. Basically, use a variety of creative ways to help market your local businesses, but remember to keep the listings current!

No matter if you call it shop local, spend local, or buy local, patronize your local business community whenever you can. No matter where you choose to shop, remember to keep as many dollars as you can in your town - not just during the holiday season, but all year long. Keeping your money in your town really does a lot more than just help pave roads and fill pot holes.

As a parting thought, I'll leave you with a quote from Michael H. Shuman, who wrote the book *Going Local*. "Going local does not mean walling off the outside world. It means nurturing locally-owned businesses, which use local resources sustainably, employ local workers at decent wages and serve primarily local consumers. It means becoming more self-sufficient and less dependent on imports. Control moves from the boardrooms of distant corporations and back into the community where it belongs."

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Legislators visit Rankin Juvenile Justice Center

been abused. We have a lot of kids that come in here that have been beaten down. They are beaten down by their family. They are beaten down by their environment. Some of them are raised by the streets."

Judge Broome said many come from families in turmoil. "Many of the children come from what I call 'hot boxes' with family members struggling with alcohol, drugs, untreated mental health issues and domestic violence. The kids are far better if they can get the services they need and learn how

to navigate the home environment."

The Rankin County program seeks to invest time and money in intervention on the front end in an effort to turn youths' lives around.

"When you invest any time with a child in a positive way, it pays off tenfold," Judge Broome said.

Representative Scott Kawasaki of Alaska was studying ideas for reform. "The jails are just filling up," Kawasaki said. "It is positive to see this model working here. This is a model that can be replicated."

Pelahatchie head coach elected vice president

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Bill Ward, Pelahatchie Attendance Center's (PAC) head coach, was elected as the vice president of the Mississippi Association of Coaches.



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Ward also serves on the Mississippi High School Association Legislative Council. Ward has coached for 35 years, and 30 of those years have been at PAC.



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The Pastor's Perspective: "The Overcomer"

By David Brewer
Pastor of Holmes Assembly of God

Jeremiah 1:5-9

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Some people just have natural talents such as speaking, singing, playing instruments etc. But looking at Jeremiah as The Lord had called him to preach the Gospel, we find out where true talent comes from. The Lord told Jeremiah that he knew him before he was ever formed in his mother's belly,

and He ordained him before he came out of her womb to be a prophet to the nations. God gave Jeremiah his talent before he was ever born. Praise God!! Isn't that amazing! The Lord told him not to be afraid of their faces, which means don't back down because others come against you. Jeremiah was timid and not one to talk to the crowds.

He said "Lord God, I cannot speak!" God came back with a powerful reply in verse 9, "You WILL GO where I send thee and SHALL speak whatever I command thee." God was not just commanding him but was telling him, through me you can do this.

I found out in the last 20 years of ministry that God can take anyone, save them from sin, place a calling in their life, qualify them and use them in ways we can never imagine.

Jeremiah didn't have any qualifications, but he did have a humble and sincere heart, which God loves more than anything.

You may feel useless in your life today, but God can turn everything around and amaze you in what he has in store for you. Let Jesus have all of you today!

Pets of the Month

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Crooked Creek Animal Hospital is seeking good homes for four thirteen-week-old puppies. They are black with a touch of white on either their chest or chin. The puppies are



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very sweet, playful and get along with other dogs. They have received their first set of shots and are dewormed regularly. For more information, please contact Crooked Creek Animal Hospital at (601)854-7808.



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ERA wins Old Capitol Bowl



East Rankin Academy is the winner of the second annual Old Capitol Bowl Scholars Competition. Five high schools participated in the academic competition hosted by the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson on Thursday, October 10. Pictured from (l to r) are Jake McMillan, Katie Simmons, Alex Dupree, Amber Dupree and Ward Winstead. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

East Rankin Academy Sports Calendar

Basketball

Nov. 4, 5 & 7	ER Girls Invitational	Home	TBA
Nov. 12	Hillcrest	Away	4:00 PM
Nov. 14	Central Hinds	Away	4:00 PM
Nov. 19	Columbia	7:00	4:00 PM
Nov. 23	Copiah	7:00	11:00 AM

Football

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Pelahatchie Baptist to host Holiday Marketplace

Special to The Pelahatchie News

Pelahatchie Baptist Church is scheduled to host the annual Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

This year's theme, "Winter Wonderland," will make a decorative statement and will feature complimentary spiced cider that will definitely get everyone in the mood for Christmas. For sale, there will be the cakes, pies, candies, jellies and other canned goods along with great gifts for loved ones, friends and teachers.



The event will include Christmas decorations, beautiful platters, cake plates and other serving pieces, Santas, snowmen, Christmas pillows, elegant year-round pillow covers, outdoor decorations and more, as well as the Christian novella collection, "Plantation Christmas Weddings," stories and books donated by a member of the church. It will be on sale for a special price of \$5.

For hungry festival-goers, hamburger plates with dessert and tea will be available for \$5. The church invites the entire community to experience the wonder of Christmas with Pelahatchie Baptist Church.



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Veterans, families, and friends...

You are cordially invited to join East Rankin Academy in celebrating Veterans Day at a program honoring all veterans on Monday, November 11, 2013, at 9:00 A.M. in the Coach Billy Rhodes Gymnasium.

Refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall beginning at 8:30.



Veterans Day

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 14



8:00 am - 10:30 am
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Jellystone gives back

Special to The Pelahatchie News

The Seth Harris Childhood Cancer Foundation (SHCCF) strives to put smiles on the faces of cancer's smallest warriors. Most children that are

affected by pediatric cancer are given the opportunity through one of many generous organizations to experience a once-in-a-lifetime trip or other "dream" that they might not otherwise be able to enjoy. It gives them wonderful memories, a stress-free time away from doctors, gives their parents a time to relax and gives the entire family an opportunity to enjoy their loved one.

The organizations that provide these dreams operate within parameters, just as the SHCCF does. Some-

times, even though a child is very deserving, circumstances prevent them from being provided with one of these dreams. The SHCCF became aware of one child that, because of her age at the time of treatment and the date of

her remission, had been denied this opportunity. Her name was Kendyll King.

Through the efforts of Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp and Resort, SHCCF was able to give the family a short respite from stress and celebrate her remission. They graciously offered to provide a cabin for the weekend of Oct. 25 - 27 for

the family. Volunteers kept the family entertained with cookouts, Halloween fun and campfires all weekend. For more information on the SHCCF or the weekend, visit www.shccf.org.



Kendyll King enjoying her weekend at Jellystone. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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First Habitat for Humanity House

odist Church, Crossgates United Methodist Church, the Pointe and Brandon First United Methodist Church.

Local businessman Mallinson is assisting with fundraising efforts in the community. Over half of the funds needed for the house build have been pledged or donated.

"We are within striking distance of meeting that goal and are hoping to reach this goal soon so construction can begin in early 2014," said Griffin.

HFHMCA staff members, meeting with Ross and interested leaders on August 22, said there are several ways that residents can support the project.

Supporters can get involved individually or through churches, businesses,

and civic and school organizations by visiting the HFHMCA web site at www.habitatjackson.org, or making checks payable to HFHMCA (designating the donation for the Pelahatchie Build) and mailing to HFHMCA, P.O. Box 55634, Jackson, MS 39296-5634. Individuals interested in becoming a homeowner are encouraged to contact Karen Pickett, HFHMCA family services director, at kpickett@habitat-jackson.org or 601-353-6060.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our community and a way to build community spirit while helping a deserving family," Ross said. "We hope everyone will find a way to get involved."

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Business Spotlight: Pelahatchie Medical Clinic

By Kristen J. Rials

With colder weather come the sniffles, the aches, the pains and the most-dreaded flu. So, what do you do when you want to keep viruses and bacteria at bay? Stop by Pelahatchie Family Medical Clinic (PFMC) located in the Dollar General Shopping Center today! They will make sure you get the proper care you need to keep you and your family safe during the season of sickness.

When you walk into PFMC, you will be greeted by a top-notch health-care team that will help you every step of the way. Behind the scenes, keeping the team on the right track is Kim Risher, clinic manager. She has the caring and friendly voice that you hear on the phone when making appointments and asking questions; you may never see her face, but you will never forget her voice. To greet you at the door will be Florence Measells; she has been a fixture of PFMC for quite some time, and she makes sure to get patients the proper paperwork needed to start the process to recovery. Next in your trip through the clinic, you will see the smiling face of Nurse Tracie Bass. Bass is noted for

her bedside manner, and she will keep your spirits up even during the most difficult of illnesses. Mary Ann Griffin, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, is the last stop. She is the person to get

every step of the way, making sure you feel comfortable.

Pelahatchie Medical Clinic is the one place where you can get quality care all in one spot. PFMC can provide

cal businesses as well as handle minor emergency injuries. The clinic also offers a medically supervised weight loss program, so if you need to lose a few pounds before holiday parties begin or get the pounds off after the holidays, they can help get you on track. From babies just born to the oldest of people, PFMC is able to provide the right care for all ages.

"We see everything from minor runny noses to sending people out in ambulances from heart attacks," said Griffin.

The main goal of PFMC is to ensure that all patients receive the care they need to make sure they get back to their daily lives. If a patient needs to see a specialist, they make sure to direct them to the best professional in the field. If the patient needs home services, the staff of PFMC works with the patient's insurance company to make that happen. They treat patients like family.

"We love our patients," said Griffin. "We treat them as if they were our own family."

For more information about PFMC or to schedule your appointment today, call (601) 854-8002.



The staff and a staff family member of Pelahatchie Family Medical Center from (l to r): Holland Griffin (Mary Ann Griffin's daughter), Florence Measells, Kim Risher and Mary Ann Griffin. Not pictured is Tracie Bass. (Photo by Kristen J. Rials)

you back on your feet with the right set of treatment physically. From the moment you walk through the door until the time you exit, friendly, professional faces are there to walk you through

all immunizations for children who are uninsured or who have Medicaid through the Vaccine for Children Program, do wellness exams for all insurances, conduct drug screenings for lo-

Hall receives realty awards



Megan Hall, alderman of Pelahatchie, received two prestigious awards for her hard work in the field of realty. She earned the Mississippi REALTOR® Under 40 Award, which honors REALTORS® under the age of 40 for their distinctive contributions to Mississippi REALTOR® at the state and national level. Hall also earned the prominent title of REALTOR® of the Year from the Jackson Association of REALTORS® for her business accomplishments and activities on a local, state and national level. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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For many people, Christmas shopping has already begun! To encourage people to shop local this Christmas Season, *Pelahatchie News* will be running a Shop Local photo contest on our Facebook Page!

This time, for our Christmas Shop Local Contest, we are asking Facebook Fans to take photos of themselves while shopping in Pelahatchie and messaging them to our Facebook Page!

The winner with the most "likes" by December 20th will win a gift basket of items from local retail stores, worth over \$100!

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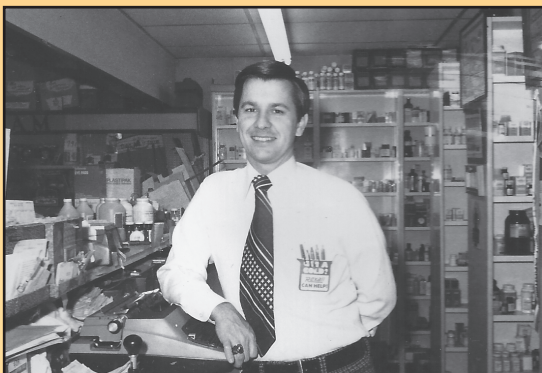
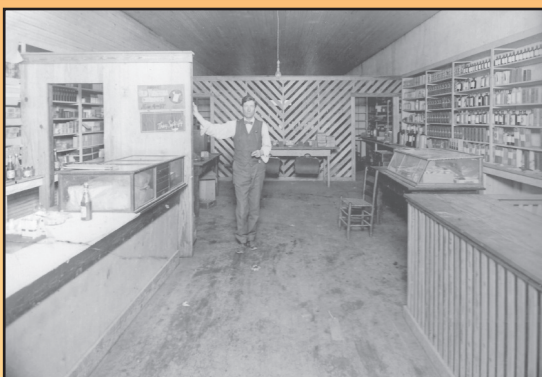
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