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Robotics team places in state competition

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The East Rankin Academy Robotics Team competed at the Mississippi BEST Robotics competition held at Mississippi State University. The BEST competition is designed to motivate students to join the field of engineering, science and technology through allowing students to compete in a sports-like atmosphere.

Each team has only six weeks to build a fully-functional robot with only materials that are provided to them. This is to help the students to understand the challenges faced by real-life engineers during projects. The robot must be capable of picking up



The ERA Robotics team placed third at the BEST State Competition held at Mississippi State University. Pictured from (l to r), front row, Leslie Trigg (Mentor), David Herz, Lauren Robertson, Kelli Phillips, Amber Dupree, Hayden Hawk, Joseph Talley, and Angela Trigg (Coach); and back row, Geoffrey Hunt, Chance Gaddis, Jack Langford, Ward Winstead, Brandon Evans, Will Denson, and Catherine Teh. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

dowel rods and hangers.

After six weeks of hard work, the ERA Robotics Team successfully completed their robot. The team consisted of 13 high school students; and, during the competition, the team worked together as spotters and drivers to complete the required tasks for the competition.

The team's efforts paid off when they received third place overall in the competition. This earned ERA's team the opportunity to continue on and compete in December at the BEST Regional Competition held at Auburn University. At the competition, ERA will face 56 other teams from all over the United States.

Snake Grabbers featured in Pelahatchie

By Kristen J. Rials

When confronted with creepy, crawly creatures like snakes, most people would run in fear. However, the team at Grab U One Outfitters, Inc.

adventure. From there, the trips grew bigger and bigger, which led to videos and productions of snake grabbing fun. Soon, the pro-staff was developed, and Brent Shorter, Joey Mayes, Shane Gibson, Joey Rigby and Brad Vincent



Photo by Rachael Boyer

does not even blink an eye. In fact, they do it for fun.

The business started back in 1990 when Jimmie Nichols and Rayford Palmer went on a fishing trip to Lake St. John in Louisiana. It started out as a friendly enough fishing trip, but it quickly turned into a snake grabbing

were all bitten by the snake catching bug.

Now, the grabbers are back at it; and they are putting Pelahatchie on the map with their antics. With plans to be on television sets everywhere, the snake grabbin' crew has teamed

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Parade Grand Marshals named

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For the 2013 Pelahatchie Christmas Parade, the Town of Pelahatchie has chosen Bobby and Margie Warren to serve as the Grand Marshals for the event.

The Warrens are graduates of Pelahatchie Attendance Center, and both have lived most of their lives in Pelahatchie. Both are major supporters of all community activities and have each served as Alderman. Margie Warren is currently serving her sixth term as Alderman.

Margie is a retired hairstylist, and Bobby is a semi-retired sporting goods sales representative. They are both avid sports fans and rarely miss

any opportunity to attend local sporting events.

The Warrens currently attend Pelahatchie Baptist Church. Margie serves as treasurer, Sunday school teacher, Bible drill instructor, choir member and also helps with the Wednesday night children's program. Bobby is a retired volunteer firefighter and a summer baseball coach.

The Warrens have been advocates and servants of the Pelahatchie community.

Representatives of the Town of Pelahatchie said that they are honored to have the Warrens

serve as the 2013 Grand Marshals for the Pelahatchie Christmas Parade on Dec. 7.



The grand marshals of the Pelahatchie Christmas Parade, Margie and Bobby Warren. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



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The Hot Spot: Fire Department News

By Jenny Coward,
Assistant Fire Chief

Winter time has arrived in Pelahatchie, and the temperatures range from wearing shorts to a parka at any given time. It was a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, and we are looking forward to the Christmas holiday. The Delta District wants to give some helpful holiday safety tips in hopes everyone will stay in good health until Santa's arrival.

Every holiday season, fires claim the lives of over 400 people and cause over \$990 million in damage. You can keep your family safe by using non-flammable decorations, not overloading electrical sockets and avoiding the use of lit candles. If you decide on a real Christmas tree, make sure you buy it fresh, water the tree daily, keep your tree at least 3 feet away from heat sources and never use lit candles to decorate your tree.

When lighting the tree, use lights that have the label of Underwriter's Landmark (UL) mark. It means engineers have tested samples for fire and shock hazards. Lights with the green

holographic UL label are for indoor use, and lights with the red UL mark can be used either inside or outside. Before stringing the lights on your tree, make sure they are in working order with no frayed wires, broken sockets or missing lights. Don't use more than three standard size sets of lights per extension cord, or you may overload electrical circuits. Make sure to turn off all lights when you are away from your home or while you sleep. The lights could short out, causing a fire. One of every three home's Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they have a higher chance to be deadly.

When decorating the outside of your home, make sure the lights are

in proper working order and installed properly. Make sure to use lights and extension cords marked for outside use. The misuse of these items could cause a short circuit or a power surge, which could cause a fire to the outside and even the inside electrical panels.

Remember Christmas lights add cheer and beauty to the season, but if not properly installed and cared for, they become a hazard inside or outside the home.

If our temperatures allow for those roaring fires during the Christmas season, make sure to remove all hazards like decorations and ornaments on the mantle that may be hanging too close to the fire. Also, remember to keep your tree a safe distance from the fireplace. The fireplace should be covered completely by a fire screen,

and never burn anything but wood in your fireplace. Gift wrapping and evergreen branches can burn very quickly, throwing off sparks and burning debris. This could cause a house fire or even personal injury.

The Christmas holidays are a time that the members of the Delta District try to have some fun by attending parades and Christmas parties and enjoy the company of friends and family. However, this doesn't mean they are not ready to respond at a moment's notice should an emergency arise.

This past month, four departments of the Delta District responded to 81 calls. Pelahatchie Fire Department responded to 31 calls. Lake Harbor Fire Department responded to 25 calls. Walters Fire Department responded to 16 calls, and Evergreen Fire Department responded to nine calls.

During this holiday season, we want to encourage everyone that can to go give blood. I know there is always a shortage of blood supply, and with all the holiday travels, there is an increase in the number of motor vehicle crashes, which makes the need for

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Representative visits Government class



Representative Tom Miles visited with students from Donna McMillian's Government class at Pelahatchie High School on Nov. 19. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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blood even greater. So if you get a moment while out doing your Christmas shopping, go give the greatest gift of all. GIVE BLOOD.

The Delta District wants to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and generosity during this past year. We hope to be even stronger in our response time and training in the upcoming year to be able to help our fellow man even more. We also want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until 2014 finds us, I want to wish everyone a holiday season filled with family time, love, laughter, happiness, joy, health and, most of all, safety. Also I want to remind everyone the true meaning of this season, the birth of our Savior and King, Jesus.

Finally, I wish everyone safe travels, loose pants to able to eat a lot of good food, big hearts and minds to store all the love and memories created, and most of all, remember help is only three numbers away 9-1-1.



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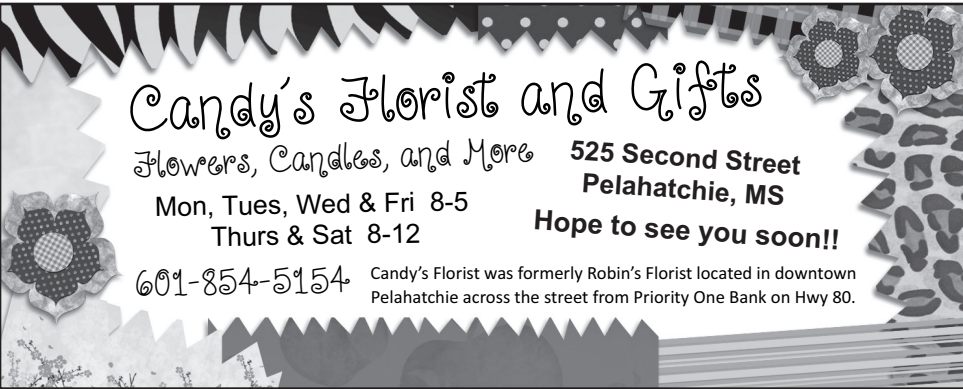
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Sports Calendar

Basketball

Dec. 3	Columbia	JH/HS	Home	4:00
Dec. 4, 5 & 7	MRA Tournament	HS	Away	TBA
Dec. 10	Presbyterian Christian	JH/HS	Home	4:00
Dec. 12	Jackson Prep	JH/HS	Away	4:00
Dec. 14	Simpson	7th/JH/HS	Home	11:00
Dec. 20	Columbia	JH/HS	Away	4:00
Dec. 27, 28 & 30	Brookhaven Tourn.	HS	Away	TBA

Boys Soccer

Dec. 5	Copiah	Home	5:00
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Christmas play and cantata at Pelahatchie United Methodist

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Christmas is in the air at Pelahatchie United Methodist Church with a special Christmas play and cantata.

The Christmas play will be performed by the Pelahatchie United Methodist Church youth group, on December 8 at 6 p.m. Ages 4 and up have been warming up their vocal cords and learning their lines. The title of the play is *Meet Me at the Manger*. It was created by Celeste Clysdale and arranged by David T. Clysdale.

The musical play creatively explains the gifts from the three wise men - in modern-day time. All will

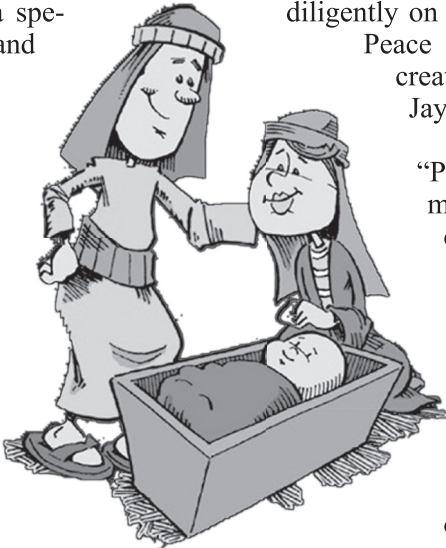


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learn the importance of focusing on Jesus, instead of material wants.

The Pelahatchie United Methodist Church choir has been practicing diligently on the Christmas Cantata, *Peace in the World Tonight*, created by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse.

In relation, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27.

The choir will perform during Sunday worship, on December 15 at 11 a.m.

Both performances are sure to fill the air with the spirit of Christmas.

For more information, contact Pelahatchie United Methodist Church at 601-813-3992.



Pelahatchie Attendance Center Sports Calendar

High School Basketball

Dec. 2-7	Rankin County Tourn.	Pisgah	TBA
Dec. 10	Puckett	Home	TBA
Dec. 12-14	Mize Tournament	Mize	TBA
Dec. 17	Piney Woods	Home	TBA
Dec. 27	McLaurin	Home	TBA

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Hinds CC recognizes scholarship recipients



Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

By Kristen J. Rials

The Hinds Community College Foundation recognized its 2013-2014 scholarship recipients and donors at a scholarship reception at the Clyde Muse Center on the Rankin Campus.

Among those recognized were front row (from l to r): Katelyn Corley of Florence, Liles & Ruth Ann Williams Scholarship; Danielle Powe of Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Cochran Scholarship; Trevor Dann of Brandon, Ed, Mattie & Douglas Woolley Scholarship; Lacy Ainsworth of Brandon, Ed, Mattie & Douglas Woolley Scholarship; Brittney Windham of Morton, Ed, Mattie & Douglas Woolley Scholarship; back row, Caleb Jones of Pelahatchie, Ed, Mattie & Douglas Woolley Scholarship; Michael Carpenter of

Brandon, Parker Hannifin Foundation Scholarship; Tyler Cox of Brandon, David C. Barton Scholarship; Roger Murphy of Brandon, Chase Wroten Scholarship and Joseph Houston of Pelahatchie, Jackson Touchdown Club Gene May Scholarship.

Hinds Community College is thankful for the ongoing generosity of their donors. The Hinds Community College Foundation awarded more than 500 scholarships with a total value of more than \$500,000. Most scholarship awards range from \$500 to full-tuition scholarships for the school year.

The deadline to apply for a Hinds Community College Foundation scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year is March 1, 2014. For more information, see the Hinds website.

Shiloh Methodist performs live nativity

By Kristen J. Rials

Shiloh United Methodist Church will be showcasing a live drive-through nativity titled, "Journey Through Bethlehem: The Meaning of Christmas Comes to Life" on Dec. 14 and 15. For the program, the Shiloh campground, located at 2394 Shiloh Road, will be transformed to look like the streets of Bethlehem, and attendees will experience firsthand a replication of the events that led to the birth of Jesus. The scenes will feature live characters and live animals, and the event is open to the public for free.

The nativity will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will last until 8:30 p.m. on both nights. For more information, contact Shiloh United Methodist Church's office at (601) 854-8158, or visit the website at www.shilohunitedmethodist.org.



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Mini Mermaids raise money for Angel Paws



The Mini Mermaid Running Club along with Pelahatchie Elementary School raised \$354.54 for Angel Paws of Pelahatchie. The members of the Mini Mermaid Running Club presented Misty Harris, the founder of Angel Paws, with the donation. Pictured (l to r) are; (front row) Katie Boyer, Payton Sanders, Kyndal Patton and Misty Harris; and (back row) Reagan Sanders, Camden Patton, Keona Gipson, Jamie Hawkins and Isabella Rust. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Pastor's Perspective: "Waiting on Christmas"

By Leslie Trigg
East Rankin Academy Chaplain



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As I was checking the mail the other day, an astonishing realization occurred to me. Christmas is a month away! When I crossed the street to the mailbox, it seemed like it was only early October. Now, Thanksgiving has passed. Where did the time go? If I blink, it will be Christmas Day.

Looking back at my pre-DVD, Beta Max vs. VHS, rabbit-eared childhood, it seemed that my life was in a constant longing for that one magical and wonderful day... Christmas. It seemed that Christmas would never get here. However, I knew it was almost here when Frosty, Rudolph, the Grinch and Charlie Brown had their yearly appearance on my television screen. My wish list would have been finished for weeks, but every day until Christmas still felt like a life time away.

I wonder if this how Simeon felt while longing to see the coming Messiah. Did each day at the temple

seem like a lifetime waiting for that day when God would send us a Savior? Can you imagine the day when Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple? What a marvelous day that was when Simeon held baby Jesus in his arms (Luke 2:21-35). God had

God had sent the greatest gift of all time: Emmanuel, God with us.

All that waiting and longing was fulfilled in that one moment when Simeon was in the very presence of God.

sent the greatest gift of all time: Emmanuel, God with us. All that waiting and longing was fulfilled in that one moment when Simeon was in the very presence of God.

My prayer is that you have that same longing to be in the very presence of God. My hope is that it is not a longing that only surfaces once a year or even once a week, but each and every day. For God sent us the greatest gift of all, Jesus. He is Emmanuel – God with us.



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Mississippi Snake Grabbers filming takes place in Pelahatchie

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Snake Grabbers featured in Pelahatchie

up with CMT television to create their very own show, called *Mississippi Snake Grabbers*. Some of the filming for their episodes was recently done in Pelahatchie.

“We chose the town of Pelahatchie because it is a beautiful location,” said Nichols. “The mayor, Knox Ross, was very helpful through the process, and we greatly appreciated all of his help.”

“We have a lot of promising things going on, and we are very excited,” said Jimmie Nichols. “When we have played back the episodes, we have

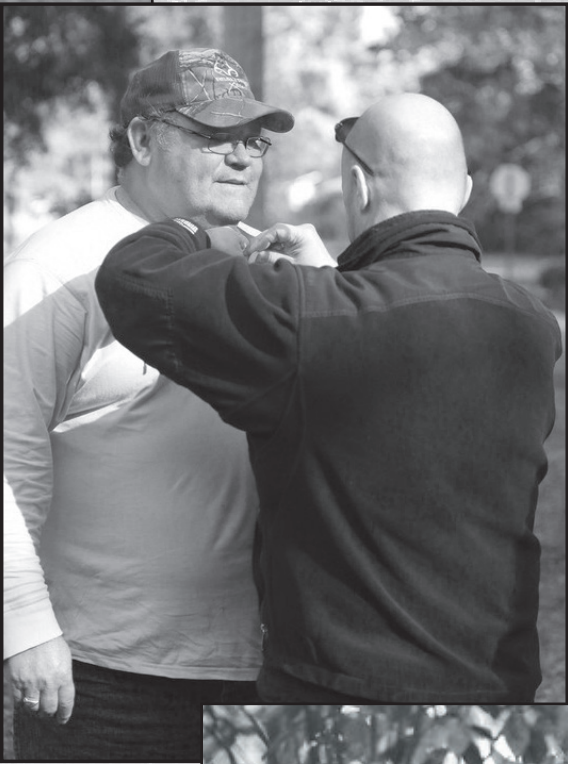
tried to look at the show like a viewer would. If we were flipping through the channels, would we stop and watch it. We found that people will watch because it is crazy to watch a bunch of guys grabbing snakes.”

When filming some of the scenes for the show, Grab U One Outfitters, Inc. chose Pelahatchie as one of their locations to shoot.

For more information, photos and videos, visit the Grab U One Outfitters website at www.grabuone.com, or visit their Facebook page.



The CMT television film crew reviewing some of the footage.



Grab U One Outfitters members, Joey Rigby and Jimmie Nichols working on filming some segments for the show.



Photos by Rachael Boyer

Tips and tricks to save Christmas

By Kristen J. Riels

It is the season to be jolly. With chestnuts roasting over an open fire and presents lining the tree, the Christmas scenes portray nothing but joyful, stress-free days ahead. It is too bad that most Christmas scenes do not show the cat climbing the tree and breaking the ornaments or the in-laws dropping in unexpectedly. The truth is, the holidays are far from tranquil and light-hearted. They can be down-right messy. So, how do you manage one of the most stressful times of the year? Here are three tips to save the Christmas holidays:

1) Start planning the menu ahead of time. Food is one of the greatest things about the holidays. However, for the one preparing Christmas dinner, it can be quite the hassle. To make things easy, talk to everyone in the family, and get the order list of everyone's favorite goodies. Then, go ahead and start buying the ingredients at least three weeks ahead of time. If any foods can be prepared ahead of time and frozen, go ahead and prepare those items. This will save the long hours on Christmas



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Eve and keep the smiles on everyone's face, including your own.

2) Create a budget for gifts, and stick to it. It is easy to get carried away and spend a lot of money on the whole family. Instead of breaking the bank, take the time to pick out a gift for each person and check online to see how much the gift will cost. This will curb unwanted splurge spending while sparing the wallet.

3) Accept family members for who they are. The holidays are that one time of year when all of the family members are all in one central location. This can be quite trying on everyone's nerves, because there are always those annoying in-laws or aggravating cousins from the other branch of the family tree. The best thing to do is to just accept that there is nothing that can be done to change them. Chances are they are just as stressed about the holiday togetherness as everyone else; so, try to remember it is only for a short time, and make the best of the situation.

While the holidays can be difficult, using these three tips will help save time, money and sanity. Happy holidays, and good luck!

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Hinds CC recognizes Harmon



The Hinds Community College Foundation recognized its 2013-2014 scholarship recipients, donors and honorees at a scholarship reception Oct. 4 at the Clyde Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Among those recognized were Kaitlyn Harmon of Pelahatchie and Anna Netherland of Brandon, recipients of the Rankin County Alumni Chapter Scholarship. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Varner Student of the Month



Zac Varner, a Pelahatchie Attendance Center Senior, was selected as Student of the Month for the Rankin County School District. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Comfort receives Trustmark scholarship



Cliff Comfort of Pelahatchie received the Trustmark Rankin Division Scholarship. Gail Twiner of Brandon served as the Trustmark representative. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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11/25
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12/20

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This time, for our Christmas Shop Local Contest, we are asking Facebook Fans to take photos of themselves while shopping in Pelahatchie and message 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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10/19 - OLIVIA HARPOLE & JASON WEATHERFORD
10/20 - MEAGAN MILLIS & CODY ROBERTS
10/26 - DANA BROWNING & JOHN MCMORRIS
10/26 - GILLIAN PATRICK & REED ROBINSON
10/27 - JAMIE WRIGHT & CLINT WALKER
11/2 - LYNN MARSHALL & BRANDON MCKAY
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11/25 - ASHLEY STUART & CAMERON RADOSKY
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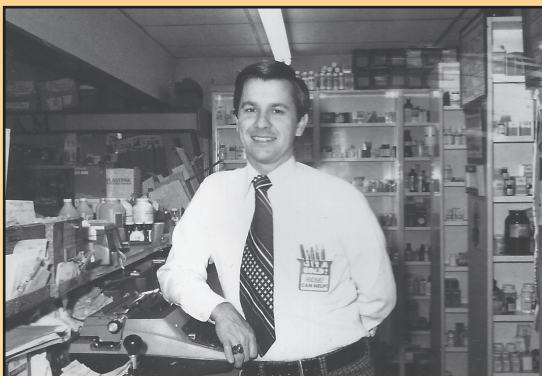
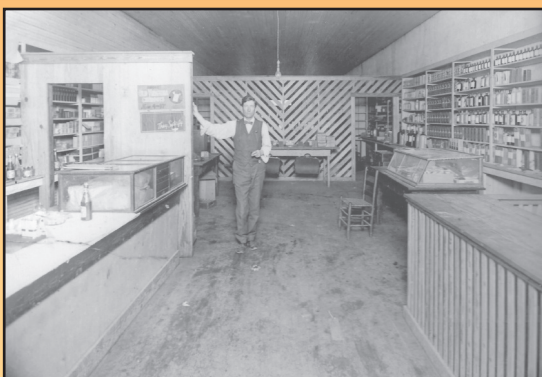
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