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Police Chief Glenda Shoemaker had a burning desire to make Pelahatchie better for everyone

By Susie A. Wolfe

Police Chief Glenda Shoemaker, 64, died in her sleep the night of April 25 in her home from a heart attack. A Pelahatchie resident for more than 45 years, Shoemaker had suffered an earlier heart attack in February.

Shoemaker was the first female police officer in Rankin County, and the longest running chief of police in Pelahatchie, male or female, according to state records. She served 17 years in that position. Her daughter said that she had always wanted to be police chief in Pelahatchie. It was what she aspired to be, so she could help people.

Originally from Bastrop, Louisiana and Pickens, Mississippi, Shoemaker became a police officer in 1977 at the Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield. She also worked at police departments in Pelahatchie and Brandon police and



More than 50 law enforcement officers from around Mississippi participated in Police Chief Glenda Shoemaker's funeral in downtown Pelahatchie April 28. The 39-year-veteran police officer was the first woman to serve in that position in the State of Mississippi. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

with the Rankin County Ambulance Service. Shoemaker also started the Pelahatchie Ambulance Service, local chapter of the Lions Club, and other key community events.

Mayor Knox Ross said, "Glenda made an effort to make our community better for everyone. She organized for children to be given toys at Christmas and seniors to have food at Thanksgiving. She had a burning desire to make our community better for ev-

everyone."

The chief, as she was known to most in town, received the prestigious Jefferson Award in June, 2015, awarded by WJTV to honor individuals for their

achievements and contributions they have made towards their community. Though also awarded nationally, this WJTV Jefferson Award was given to twelve out of 1,500 local people who do "ordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward."

"It's rare to see one person have such a wide impact on a community as Glenda had on Pelahatchie," said Mayor Ross. "In a quiet way, she made a difference for the everyday person."

She is survived by her husband Willie and four children, Sabrina Frith, Catherine Poarch, Brandi Till, David Shoemaker, and one deceased. There are also 14 grandchildren and one deceased, and seven great grandchildren.

Her daughter said that she hopes that Pelahatchie will keep up the good work her mother started in the community. All the children live in Pelahatchie except Sabrina, who lives in Morton.

Frank and Friends Camel Dairy growing in Pelahatchie

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Jimmy and Toni Godby, both full-time employees with the Martin Blough Company, started learning about camels five years ago when they got Frank as a five-week old from Texas. Since then, they have added others for a total herd of eight today.

The Godbys operate the only camel dairy in the Southeast, and one of only eight in the country. All the others are Amish, except for the one in California. There are only around 4,000 camels in the United States.

"We are learning as we go along," said Jimmy. "The camels are more like dogs than horses...like a Great Dane puppy. We took a fun hobby and are turning it into a business."

"A Mississippi College law student from Saudi Arabia will be working with us this summer," said Toni. "His family

has camels and knows how to manage them."

Frank and Moe are the bulls, and Sally has a baby named Buddy Ray, Pesto's baby is Olaf Valentino, and Coco's baby is Betty Lou. Their goal is to have 10 mothers, five to milk and five pregnant, so they can coordinate being able to produce milk all the time.

Camel milk has been found to be a major weapon against many human illnesses. It has a high level of insulin and antibodies that enable it to penetrate deeper into the human tissue and cells. It is good for eczema, Crohn's disease, autism, and liver and digestive issues.

Examples of how the camel milk has improved quality of life include helping an autistic child, who didn't make eye contact, to be able to speak. He had camel milk every day for 32 days. Another case is of a diabetic who took four shots a day, who became able to take



Toni and Jimmy Godby, owners of Frank and Friends Camel Dairy. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

only one shot a day after drinking 3 oz. a day of camel milk.

"We have people who don't do without it," said Toni. "It helps with diges-

tive issues like relieving cramping for those with Crohn's Disease or allow those who are lactose intolerant to drink

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milk again."

Toni said the camel milk is like cow milk with a salty aftertaste. Jimmy said camel milk is the same consistency as cow milk with a nutty taste. The State Health Department oversees the camel dairy and does monthly inspections. Currently, they are making about a gallon a day from two camels. The camel milk sells for \$16 a pint and has a 15-day shelf life.

The Godbys said they are also looking into other products that can be made from camels, such as cheese, soap, hand lotion and lip balm. They have also heard that camel urine (from a young female that has not had a baby) mixed with camel milk is good for skin conditions like eczema and is often used like Neosporin.

Frank, who weighs 1,500 lbs., is a gentle giant. He loves kids, is friendly and fun. Currently, Frank is the only camel available to attend events in the area. Next summer, they plan to offer rides. Cost starts at \$250, depending on the occasion.

Camels are gentle, huge creatures that make a variety of sounds ranging from a low pitch growl to bubbly sounds, or grinding its teeth, that communicate their wants and needs.



Frank and Friend's camel herd. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

Toni said "it sounds like Jurassic Park around feeding time."

Camels like Mississippi because "it is the ultimate buffet," said Jimmy. "The camels are used to desert and eating thistles, whereas our land is green most of the year."

Living in the desert, camels have padded feet with no hooves. They have

triple eye lids and can close their ears and nose and use their eye lashes to take cover from sand. Since it is often wet here, Toni said they bring the camels into the barn each night to give their feet a chance to dry out.

Camels are like horses in that they have various breeds, said Toni. "We love the animals and plan to continue to

grow our herd and business. If others are interested in raising camels, Olaf is for sale," she said.

Frank & Friends Camel Dairy is located on Barker Road in Pelahatchie. The Godbys have two sons, Cody, who is active with the camels, and Clint. For more information, visit Frank Camel on Facebook or call 769-243-5872.

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Cholesterol 10mg	3%
Sodium 140mg	6%
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Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
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Dietary Fiber	25g 30g
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Camel milk label (Image special to The Pelahatchie News)



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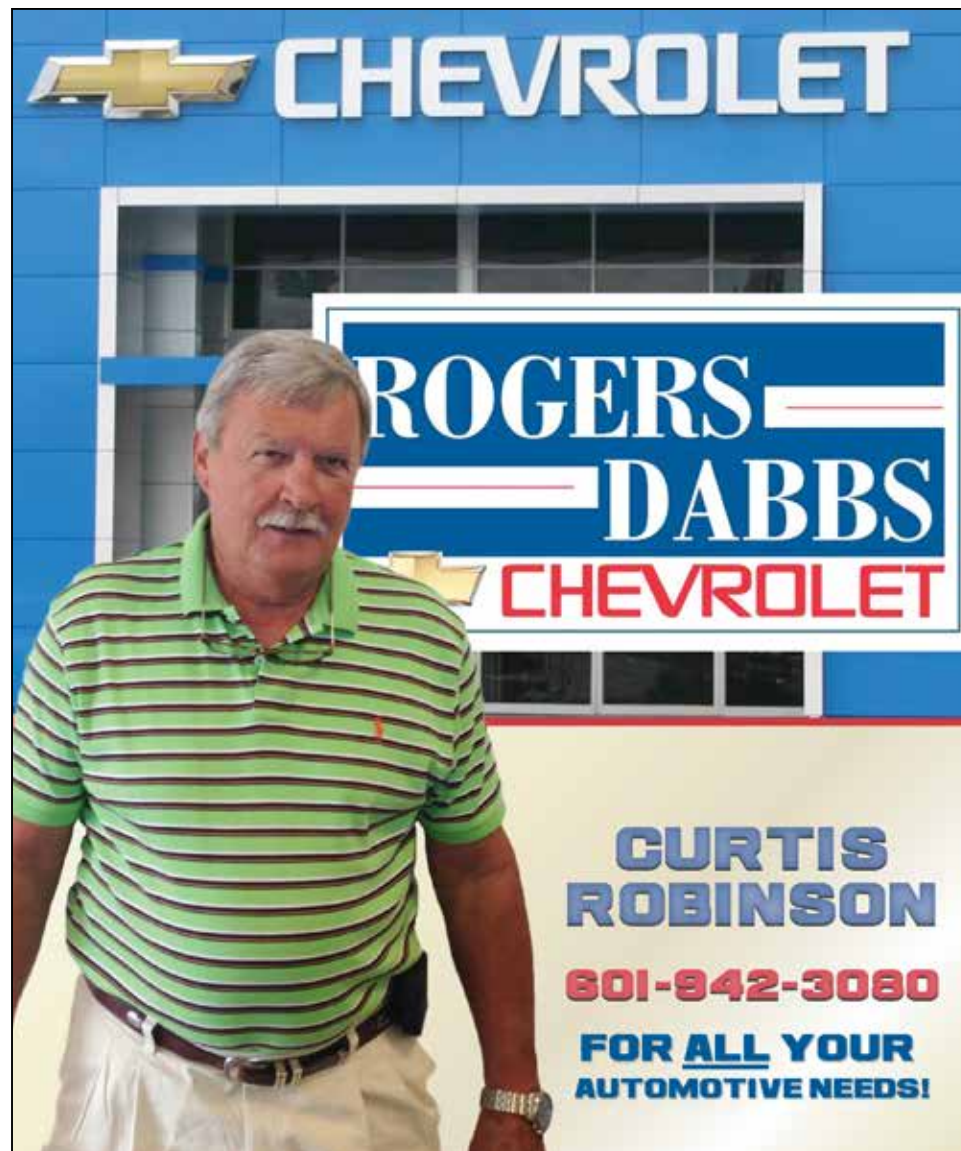
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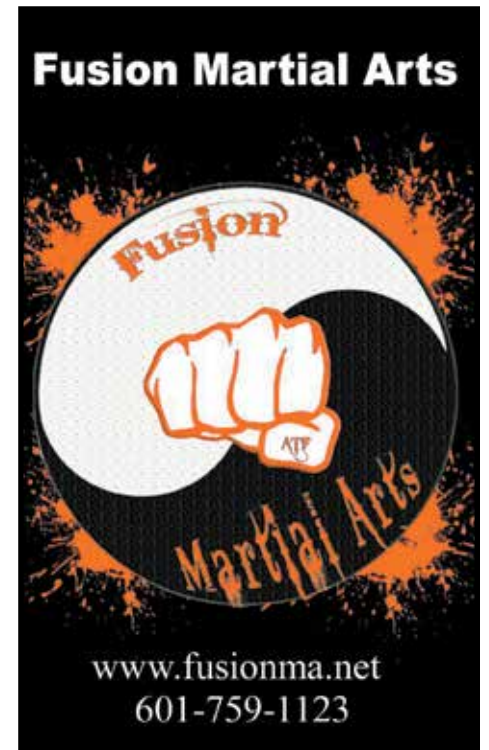
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Legislative updates: End of a difficult legislative session



By: Tom Miles, State Representative, House District #75

We have now adjourned the 2016 session, and I believe every one of us who serve will agree that it was one of the most difficult and contentious sessions ever. Long-time observers of the process say that this session will go down in history because of the secrecy and heavy-handedness displayed by those in charge of the process.

Our budget woes were the final matters that created a difficult atmosphere. We are over \$200 million down in projected revenues. Some believe that tax considerations provided to economic development projects were the reason. Whatever caused the downturn, it re-

mains a fact that important budgets that provide necessary state services to our citizens were slashed. It also remains a fact that other states in our region are faring better than we are economically.

For example, we have roughly \$358 million in our State reserves or rainy day fund (which is your tax dollars), but there are some that want to cut our most vulnerable citizens in our state – those who need Mental Health services. The budget for Mental Health was proposed to be cut for around \$7 million for this year, and with matching funds from the federal level cut proportionately, this meant the State Department of Mental Health will lose roughly \$25 million. I held the bill on a motion to reconsider on the final Sunday night of the session, hoping that we can get this agency the funding they need to survive.

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Pictured are Rep. Tom Miles and CPL. Wilard "Bubba" Holifield of Leesburg. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



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Lions Club hosts car show May 21

By: Susie A. Wolfe

The Pelahatchie Lions Club will host the tenth annual Crooked Creek Car Show on Saturday, May 21, at Muscadine Park. Car enthusiasts from around the state will be on hand to show their cars and possibly win prizes, including Top Cars, Best in Show, and Top Trucks, which are chosen by the registered participants.

Cars will be on display from 9 a.m. to noon, and judging is from noon to 2 p.m. The cost to register a vehicle is \$20. To register or for more information, contact Brian Hall at 601-954-1009 or Gary Windham at 601-613-2328.

The car show is the Pelahatchie Lions Club's largest fundraiser of the year. The money raised is to benefit



Image originally designed as a contribution to the Pelahatchie Lion's Club by The Pelahatchie News and its staff.

Pelahatchie residents that need eye exams, glasses and hearing aids.

For more information on qualifications, contact Lions Club Secretary Sharon Bray with Trustmark Bank at 601-854-8112.



In preparation for the upcoming Crooked Creek Car Show on Sat., May 21, a group met today at Muscadine Park. From left, Mayor Knox Ross standing with Billy Smith and his '57 Chevy; Willie Shoemaker with his '87 El Camino; Lions Club members Chief Glenda Shoemaker and Constable Gary Windham; Jerry Henry with his '61 Ranchero; and Walter Hudson brought Richard Ritter's '46 Ford. The local Lions Club sponsors the annual event. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

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Legislative updates: End of a difficult legislative session

Agencies that have been basically self-supporting due to collections of so-called "special funds" must now turn over those funds to put in the general fund. Their appropriations will be taken from the general fund now. What this means is that the money that these agencies, like the State Auditor's Office, depended on to operate will now be spread out across other agencies.

We were unable to craft a plan to provide on-going maintenance and repair of our state highways and bridges – despite the fact that about 900 bridges across the state are listed as dangerous. Some of us worked hard and supported several measures that would have provided funding

to make our roads and bridges safer.

Highway and bridge programs got caught in a crossfire between a demand for massive tax cuts in the Senate and the House's plan to fund maintenance and repairs. A number of measures were passed despite strong objections from me and others. One of these was the measure that allows students to travel across school district lines for the purpose of attending charter schools. These students must be from C and below districts. The catch, to many of us, is that they will carry their designated tax dollars with them. In other words, troubled districts will be losing even more money needed to help them improve. I voted against this idea.

Once again, we were unable to fully fund MAEP, and there was even an effort to reconstruct that formula to make it even less likely that we would fund the program.

In this District, we are justifiably proud of our schools. Our students consistently score high on important measures, and they contribute to the well-being and closeness of our communities. Our schools should be fully funded.

On April 13, the Mississippi House of Representatives paid tribute to four of our law enforcement officers for their service to our state when they faced grave danger to help a mother and child caught in a domestic violence situation

in Tishomingo County in February. We paid tribute to the memory of Special Agent Lee Tartt of Grenada, who lost his life, and honored our hometown hero, my dear friend, CPL Wilard Bubba Holified, Jr., who was terribly injured. Bubba was present at the ceremony, where we also honored Lt. Trae Staples and TFC Deandre Dixon. All of these men are members of the MHP's SWAT team.

In next month's column, I will give a full detail of what bills passed and have been signed into law. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Voice in Jackson. Feel free to reach out to me anytime at 601-469-7886 or email me at tmiles@house.ms.gov.

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Make the most of your summer

By: Dr. Bryan Marshall, Pelahatchie High School Principal

Parents and guardians, this letter is to each of you. First, let me say thank you to all of you for the support you give your children, the time you devote to their education, and the passion we all have for the success of the Pelahatchie community. We have had a highly successful year. No matter what test scores say, student reading ability has grown tremendously, the rigor of the classroom is high, and students have learned the things set forth in the standards.

With that, we face the summer challenge. Students want to spend lazy days at the lake taking in the sunshine. They want to spend days playing games or doing things that they enjoy. Most of the time that doesn't involve school. And to some degree, I have to agree that I have a hard time focusing during the summer months myself. However, each school year, there seems to be a drop in student literacy from the previous year, because students forget to refresh the reading skills from the school year during the summer. Parents and guardians, please help us with this issue. Generally, it takes us two and a half months to catch kids up from the summer. So the importance of reading in the summer is very high. Pay attention to the school website and Facebook accounts for more information on summer reading.

This year, we are pleased to offer several programs for your students here on campus, with transportation provided. The first is the ACT Workshop that will be conducted for current ninth and tenth grade students. The workshop will focus on the key aspects and testing strategies

for the ACT. The students will be required to take the June ACT assessment at the completion of this course. The course will run from May 25 to June

10 from 8 a.m. to noon each day, with the ACT administration being July 11. Secondly, we will offer a summer bridge session for all current sixth graders moving to seventh grade. This course will focus on key reading strategies to enhance Lexiles prior to seventh grade. The program will run the same times as the ACT workshop. Lastly, a credit recovery program will be conducted to help catch students up if they have fallen behind. The program will run in conjunction with the other programs. All programs are free of charge, except the actual ACT assessment on July 11. Please sign up for the ACT program as soon as possible, because space will be limited.

Thank each of you for a wonderful year, and I hope that each of you has a fun and productive summer. To each of the graduating seniors, it has been a pleasure to have you on campus, and we hope for the best for you and your future families. If there is ever anything Pelahatchie High can do for you in the future, please do not hesitate to call, and of course, come visit us. GO CHIEFS!



Photo special to The Pelahatchie News

Brewer Healthcare joins St. Dominic

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Brewer Healthcare Clinic is joining with St. Dominic Health Services effective May 1. This provides the opportunity to expand services to include specialty physicians coming to Pelahatchie, said Linda Brewer, as well as adding a second nurse practitioner to offer a five-day-a-week clinic. Long range plans are to build a

clinic in Pelahatchie which will offer even more access to specialty physicians and on-site laboratory and x-rays.

"It has been my honor to provide quality and caring healthcare to the good people of Pelahatchie for over 15 years," said Brewer. "I look forward to the expansion of services to this community!"



St. Dominic's
Family Medicine

Wolfe named to CMRLS Board of Trustees

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The Rankin County Board of Supervisors has appointed Susan Wolfe to serve on the Central Mississippi Regional Library System (CMRLS) Board of Trustees as a representative from Rankin County. She will serve a five-year term. Wolfe is the editor of *The Pelahatchie News*.

The CMRLS has 20 branches serving approximately 216,000 citizens of Rankin, Scott, Simpson, and Smith counties. Other members of the Board include Terry Cannon from Rankin County, Randy Martin from Scott County, Peggy Kelly and Margie Harper from Simpson County.



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Business Spotlight: Rankin Quality Logistics ships nationally



RQL employees, from left, Cliff Horton, Jake Anders, Signe Creason, Richard Skinner, Heather Boyd, Aaron Feisel, Anna Houston, James Truitt and Steven Capistran. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

By Susie A. Wolfe

Rankin Quality Logistics (RQL), downtown Pelahatchie, is a locally-owned business that acts as a go-between with customers that have transportation needs and carriers with capacity to ship freight. The eight-year-old company that works in 48 states typically deals with smaller companies that have nine or ten trucks.

The company, which works from

an Internet load board that is an active search engine that carriers, customers and drivers utilize, has 12 employees in their Pelahatchie office and three in a new office in Florida. Rates are determined by what the market will allow.

Governed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, "RQL is always conscious of safety and legal regulations," said senior broker Cliff Horton of Scott County. "And we deliver in a safe and timely manner."

East Rankin Envirothon Team scores high in overall competition



Team members pictured from left to right: Jack Langford, Payton Baker, Zachary Nettles, Tanner Guy, Bryce Overby, Forrest Russell, Sponsor-Steven Harrell (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The East Rankin Academy Envirothon Team competed in the Central Area Competition on March 23 at Chautauqua Park in Crystal Springs.

The Mississippi Envirothon is a hands-on natural resource competition designed to challenge students in grades 9-12 to explore the natural world around them, testing their knowledge

in the categories of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and current issues.

In this year's competition, the East Rankin team finished second in the overall competition and also had the highest score in the Wildlife Division and Forestry Division part of the competition.

The team also qualified to compete at the state level of the competition, to be held on May 6.

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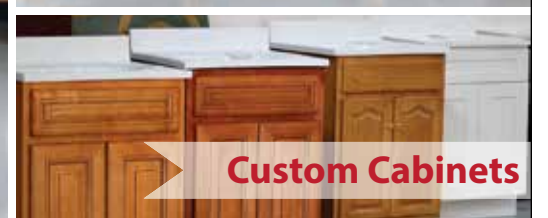
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Family Fun Day Benefit set for June

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The public is invited to a Family Fun Day on June 4 from 10 until 4 p.m. in Muscadine Park to benefit Sheila (Bynum) Bowman of Pelahatchie. Bowman has a rare type of brain cancer, which is treatable, and needs assistance with medical and drug bills. Bowman has to have an MRI every six weeks, as well as some radiation and chemo monthly. All donations are greatly appreciated, said Martha Hall from H & H Electrical, who is related to Bowman.

Earl from Pearl's one-man band will provide entertainment at the event. Tickets for hamburger plates are \$10, which includes a hamburger, potato salad, baked beans, a cookie and a drink. Transformers will be available to have photos made with kids for \$3 each, and face painting will be offered for \$1. There will also be a Jump Zone that is free. There will also be a Jump Zone that is free. To purchase tickets or make a donation call Martha Hall 601-613-1523



Sheila (Bynum) Bowman (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Linnie Mayo	72	Lake, MS	4/1/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Max Alman	83	Pelahatchie, MS	4/4/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Rodney Perkins	67	Lake, MS	4/5/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Robert "Shannon" Irby	50	Morton, MS	4/12/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Henry Allen Jeffcoats	66	French Camp, MS	4/17/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Bobby Reeves	57	Forest, MS	4/26/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Glenda Shoemaker	64	Pelahatchie, MS	4/26/2016	Wolf Funeral Serv.
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- Aim for 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate aerobic activity each week. Moderate activity includes things like walking fast, dancing, swimming, and raking leaves.
- Do muscle-strengthening activities – like lifting weights or using exercise bands – at least 2 days a week.

Physical activity is for everyone. No matter what shape you are in, you can find activities that work for you. Together, we can rise to the challenge and get more active during the month of May!

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Pelahatchie Elementary sixth graders perform Magic of Motown



On April 12, under the direction of Shelia Sharplin, Pelahatchie Elementary Music Teacher, the Pelahatchie Elementary sixth graders performed a Magic of Motown concert for parents, teachers and members of the community. They performed some of Motown's greatest hits such as "My Guy," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" and "My Girl" - just to name a few. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Take steps to prevent scald burns in children

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Merit Health Central, located off of I-20 in Jackson, is home to the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction Center, the state's only designated burn center by the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Mississippi Trauma Care System, and staff at the facility are passionate about providing prevention advice to area residents, especially to parents.

Dr. William Lineaweaver, chief of surgery at Merit Health Central and medical director of the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstructive Center, said, "Children have thinner skin than adults, so they are much more susceptible to the types of injuries we call 'scalds.'"

"If a scald occurs, parents may think it is appropriate to apply ice to the injury, but actually, applying ice can cause further damage," said Dr. Lineaweaver. "I would advise parents to cool the scald for about twenty minutes with cool or lukewarm water, such as water from a faucet."

"Scalds can occur so easily. If a child takes something out of the microwave that's too hot or turns on a

faucet without a parent checking the temperature first, the child can be susceptible to this type of burn injury," said Dr. Lineaweaver.

Parents can make their homes safer by employing the following strategies:

- Always test the water before it touches a child.
- Set the home's hot water heater no higher than 120 degrees.
- Create a three-foot "safe zone" around appliances in the kitchen.
- Never leave any unattended items on the stovetop, and make sure all handles are out of the reach of children.
- Never drink or carry hot liquids while carrying or holding a child.
- Keep all hot items away from the sides of the table.
- Remember, items heated in the microwave can be exceptionally hot and cause internal burns.
- Try to avoid using tablecloths, which could allow a child to pull hot liquids off a table.
- Use back burners, and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove, so children cannot pull them down.

Pelahatchie Elementary announces Honor Roll

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The following students made the all-A Honor Roll for the third nine weeks:

- **Third grade** - Bristol Jennings, Abigail Johnson, Savannah Massey, Cooper Scherer and Adyson Wraight.
- **Fourth grade** - Emma Allen, Tyler Johns, Grayson Lee and Payton Sanders.
- **Sixth grade** - Sarah Bayliss, Kenner Doster, Brianna Pearson, Marie Valentine and Kaitlyn White.

The following students made A/B Honor Roll:

- **Third grade** - Kaden Alvarez, Melanie Ball, Jacob Buckner, Benjamin Burnham, Jessica Ellis, Dameon Flores, Keeleigh Goodson, Caleb Gray, Kaydence Hesseltine, Hayden Johnson, Alexis Jordan, Lawrence McDiffett, Jayonna McDonald, Carter Moore, Brooke Paal, Logan Quick, Madden

Renfroe, Sam Rogers, Myles Stringer, Serenity Terrell, Ava Till, Sam Till and Kenlee Valentine.

- **Fourth grade** - Gabriel Ainsworth, Lawton Burnham, Christian Gray, Jimmy Holifield, Mason Ingram, Tristen Jennings, Olivia Laseter, Madyson McGee, Kyle Mitchell, Linzy Myers, Kyndal Patton, Revonda Renfroe, Jacob Rogers, Ivanna Stingley, Shelby Surkin and Aliya Ward.
- **Fifth Grade** - Eli Boyer, Hunter Cain, William Cummins, Madison Holmes, Makenzie Johnson, Ashton Jones, Addison Lindsey, Mariah McGill, Camden Patton, Devan Sinclair, Ella Tucker and Maddie Grace Walters.
- **Sixth grade** - Justin Beeman, Madelyn Cain, James Courtney, Avery Demuth, Collins Doster, Christina Flores, Levi Goldman, Alyssa Hill, Brooklyn Luke, Haley Mills, Quay Ragsdale, Cooper Sirmon, Randy Thompson, Adlyn Till, Deuce Ward, Tinly Watkins and Callie Weems

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Muscadine Park to become a memorial for Chief Shoemaker



Chief Glenda Shoemaker (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Town is in the planning stages of developing a memorial for Chief Shoemaker to be placed in Muscadine Park.

Muscadine Park is being renovated, and this memorial will be placed in the park. Contributions may be made to Town of Pelahatchie, P.O. Box 229, Pelahatchie, MS 39145-designated to Memorial.

Ridgeland Natchez Trace Century Ride



The Century Ride is presented by The Bike Crossing and is an event of Ridgeland Recreation & Parks. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Natchez Trace Century Ride will take place on Saturday, May 7, at 7:00 a.m., and will start at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. With choice of distances from 25, 50, 62 and 100 miles with mild to moderate elevation, the ride includes countryside stretches in Madison County and Pelahatchie, which will allow riders to steady the pedals for reflection, as well as enjoy spins around town.

The oldest person riding is 76 years old, and the youngest is 11. Current-

ly, there are 401 registrants from 13 states, including Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, Arizona, Colorado and Illinois.

For complete event details, routes and to register, go to www.active.com. For more information on the ride, contact Ridgeland Recreation and Parks at 601-853-2011 or go to www.ridgelandms.org.

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East Rankin Robotics



Team members (l to r) are, Christian Barnes, Catherine Teh, Troy Stokes, Ward Winstead, Joseph Crawford, Back Row: Daniel Jones, Cody Batte, Hayden Hawk, and Brandon Evans. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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First Tech Challenge in Mississippi focuses on engaging students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The East Rankin Academy Robotics Team competed in the First Tech Challenge Flowood Qualifier Tournament at Hartfield Academy on January 17.

The ERA Robotics Team won the "Motivate Award" for best exemplifying the First Tech Challenge competition through team building, team spirit, and exhibited enthusiasm and the "Fi-

nalist Alliance" Award.

On February 13, at the First Tech Challenge Northern MS Qualifier, the East Rankin Robotics team finished second place and received the "Winning Alliance" Award, which qualified the team to compete in the state competition in the Mississippi First Tech Challenge on the campus of The University of Mississippi.

At the state competition, the team again received the "Winning Alliance" Award and finished third place in the overall Mississippi First Tech Challenge Competition.

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Pastor's perspective: thoughts on Mother's Day



By: John Vaughn, Pastor,
Cross Roads Baptist
Church in Pelahatchie

The modern American holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would have to proclaim also a "Mother-in-law's Day." However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911, all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

As I think about Mother's Day, I re-

member the mothers who have impacted my life the most. First would be my own mother. Of course, she gave me life, and her influence helped to determine the type person I would become. Then, when I had a serious health condition at age seven, which required bed rest for almost a year, she lovingly cared for me and faithfully tried to provide for my needs.

Though my mother has been dead for over 20 years, I remember all she did for me and honor her memory this Mother's Day. The mother of my wife is also very important to me. She is still living, but is facing more health challenges as time goes by. This requires more assistance from her children, which they gladly attempt to provide. My mother-in-law has been a part of my life for over 42 years, and on this Mother's Day, I honor her.

Another mother who is very special to me is the mother of my children. She gave birth to two of our children, and raised all three of them. She always looked at motherhood as a privilege and

a great blessing. She was still a college student when our first child was born, just one semester short of graduating. But she wanted to stay home and fulfill her responsibilities as a mother, so she did not go back to school. Only later, after we had two children, did she finally decide to go to night classes to finish her degree work. But, even then, she

did not want to leave them to go to work. So she stayed home and provided the nurture and care that our family needed. So on Mother's Day,

I honor the mother of my children.

Another mother who has touched my life is the birth mother of our adopted son. She lived in the poorest section of a small town in a remote region of Brazil. We would refer to it as a slum area, as indeed it was. She was a single mom who lived with her parents and already had two children at home.

She was uneducated, and the only work she could find was to be a maid in the home of someone else. She wanted something better for her new son, so she did one of the most loving things that a

mother could do. She allowed her son to be adopted by a family that might be able to provide for him what she wanted for him but could not provide herself. We were the fortunate family that received her son. He was twenty-three hours old when we left the hospital with him. So on Mother's Day, I honor the birth mother of our third child. We will forever be grateful to her.

Two other mothers that I would honor are the mothers of my grandchildren; my daughter and daughter-in-law. As young mothers, they are faced with many challenges, but are diligent in meeting them and providing for their children an example of how to be faithful in a busy world. On this Mother's Day, I honor them.

The writer of Proverbs speaks about the character of a noble woman. In part, he says, "She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the city gate," - Proverbs



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Milltown Minutes

By Jennifer Poole

Hello! My name is Jennifer Poole. I am honored to hold the position of youth sports coordinator for Milltown Park. I am very excited to be a resource and participant of our community outreach program. Through organized sports, I hope to teach the importance of physical fitness, teamwork, and accountability to the youth.

Ball season is in full swing at Milltown Park. From our tiny

tees to our age 11/12 teams, everyone is enjoying having youth baseball and softball league back in Pelahatchie. Milltown Park is still in need of additional fields so that everyone can play together at one location. Thanks to Dr. Bryan Marshall at PHS, we were allowed to use the baseball field located at the high school to accommodate our older teams. We are hoping to get some sidewalks provided so that individuals using power chairs will have easier access to the fields. The

team season will end the last week of May. Games are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week. A game schedule is posted on the park website pelahatchiemilltownpark.org or pelahatchie.org.

Our first annual Pelahatchie Day is Saturday, May 14 at 8 a.m. at Milltown Park. Activities will include baseball and softball games, vendors, YETI cooler and Costa

raffle, Kona Ice, space jumps,

and concessions. For mothers, grandmothers, daughters,

and granddaughters, we will have a 80s themed mother/daughter dance Friday, May 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center.

We are so excited to see our youth and the community having such a wonderful time together. We are always in need of volunteers and would love to have your help to better the park.

Please contact Jennifer Poole for at 601-503-0332 or email me at pelahatchiemilltownpark@gmail.com.



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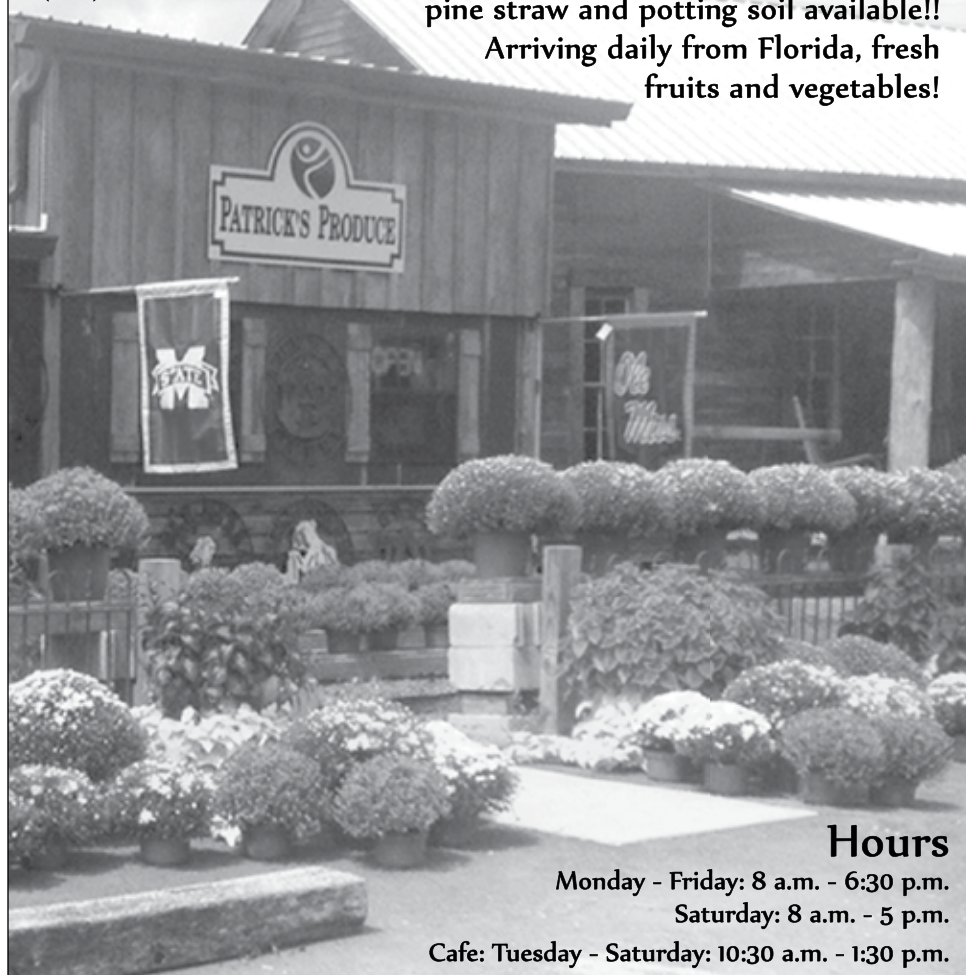


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Students recognized for their selection to the Rankin Youth Leadership Program

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East Rankin Academy students, Ward Winstead, Hayden Hawk, Blaine Hill and Jean Ross have been recognized for their selection to the Rankin Youth Leadership Program.

Students at schools from across Rankin County are invited to apply to this program sponsored by the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce. The selection process is based on student applications and interviews. The chamber sponsors this program to identify and develop a group of young leaders



Pictured (l to r) are, Ward Winstead, Hayden Hawk, Blaine Hill and Jean Ross. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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