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Pelahatchie bond issue projects underway

By Susie A. Wolfe

As part of the \$178,504,389 Rankin County Bond Issue passed on March 7, 2017, Pelahatchie schools, serving approximately 870 students, are currently adding or renovating utilizing almost \$10 million of that figure. Plans are to complete the Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) projects in July 2019, and Pelahatchie High School (PHS) projects by December 2019.

Rankin County School District (RCSD) is the third largest school district in the state with nearly 19,500 students in eight communities that house 28 schools. These communities are Brandon, Florence, McLaurin, Northwest Rankin in Flowood, Pelahatchie, Pisgah, Puckett, and Richland.

The RCSD is in the midst of upgrading all 28 schools within the next five years,



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The almost 60-year-old PHS is currently undergoing \$7.2M in additions and improvements including a new secure entryway shown. At the same time, PES is receiving \$2.7M upgrades and additions (pg 2).

according to Shane Sanders, assistant superintendent, buildings and grounds, who oversees all construction projects.

"We looked and listened to the stakeholders," said Sanders, who served as principal and in other positions for 21 years. "I'm excited [about] what's coming. We have a good architect and two good contractors to make these improvements to security and aesthetics. All needs are being addressed so the students, parents and community will benefit."

PHS, built in 1959, will get \$7.2M in improvements, including a new front secure entry fine arts facility, as well as a new band hall and chorus room addition. Additions also include a multipurpose facility, new science lab, two new classrooms, two career academies, a new intercom/fire alarm/security cam-

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Explosion rocks Pelahatchie



Photo by Pelahatchie News

There was an explosion around noon on September 13 in downtown Pelahatchie on Mimosa Street at the railroad tracks. The Jackson Commodities Building under construction blew up when a worker was welding, but there was no fire, and no one was hurt. The owner, Cindy Jackson, said she can't confirm the cause.

Town increases sewer rates

By Susie A. Wolfe

In a Special Session on September 13, the Town of Pelahatchie Board of Aldermen passed an increase in water and sewer rates effective November 1. The Board approved increasing residential water and sewer rates from \$21 to \$22 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$2.36 to \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons of water over 2,000, and \$3.48 to \$4.10 per 1,000 gallons over 2,000.

They also created a commercial rate of \$25 for the first 2,000 gallons of water and sewer, and \$3.25 for water and \$4.75 for sewer per 1,000 gallons over 2,000.

Waggoner Engineering presented a water and sewer rate study, requested by Mayor Ryshonda Beechem, that showed an increase in water and sewer rates was needed to generate the funds necessary



Photo by Pelahatchie News

RCSD's Shane Sanders, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, is shown giving Mayor Ryshonda Beechem \$20,000 for Milltown Park at City Hall. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen expressed appreciation to Rankin County School District for their continued support in the Town of Pelahatchie.

to cover general operating expenses associated with improvements necessary to meet the new limits enforced by MDEQ. The new rates will help offset increased cost associated with commercial users, stated the Board minutes.

In other business, the Board took no action at the September 4 Regular Meeting or the September 13 Special Session on the request from Pelahatchie

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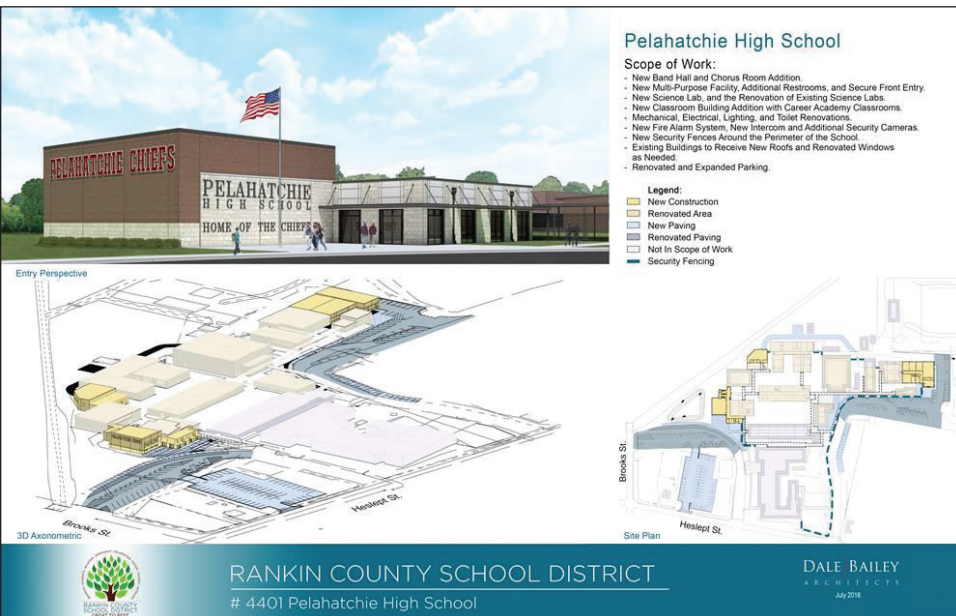


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eras system, plus upgrades in electrical, windows, lights, flooring and ceilings as needed.

Sanders said the academies are designed to be flexible, but that the two new ones added will be industrial maintenance for the collaboration with Multicraft International, and a teacher academy.

PES, K-6, was built in 1997. Two new classrooms, a P.E. room and music room

will be added, as well as a cafeteria expansion. The \$2.7M project will also include the new intercom/fire alarm/security cameras system, plus upgrades in electrical, mechanical and plumbing. There will also be re-roofing and new ceilings, lights and flooring, as needed.

Sanders said there will be some temporary rearranging traffic patterns but asks for patience during the construction.

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Town increases sewer rates

High School to waive the fee for use of Town Center for the Prom on October 5, as they have done in the past. They also took no action on hiring a police dispatcher.

Margie Warren made a motion to hire Joe Davis as the Zoning Administrator after Ricky Harrell resigned citing personal reasons. Mayor Beechem vetoed that motion because "a number of citizens indicated interest in the position, including members of the zoning com-

mission, who were not given the opportunity to apply or be considered."

Mayor Beechem also vetoed the motion to spend \$49,000 for lawn care services for the Town with Thompson Lawn and Landscaping because "no bids were publicly solicited."

All Aldermen voted to approve the budget for fiscal year 2019 and to adopt a four-and-a-half day work week as a money-saving measure, starting October 5.

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ERA names 2018 Homecoming Court



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, October 19. The 2018 Homecoming presentation will be during half time of the game that begins at 7 p.m. against Presbyterian Christian School. Members of East Rankin's 2018 Homecoming Court pictured (l to r) front row, are: Morgan Rhodes, Hannah Howard, Bailey Thompson, and Taylor Turman; and back row: Kealey Bradford, Anna Claire Shamburger, Breanna Harrison, and Anna Castle Peden.

"Evening of Elegance" pageant at ERA



Photo by Pelahatchie News

The 2018 East Rankin Academy Beauty Pageant, an "Evening of Elegance" was held on Tuesday, September 11. Bailey Thompson was selected as ERA's Most Beautiful. Selected as beauties were (left to right) Hannah Howard, Ady Copley, Bailey Thompson-Most Beautiful, Taylor Hudson and Anna Claire Shamburger.



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Hunting season opening soon: Practice hunting safety



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

With hunting seasons opening this month, I wanted to stress hunting safety. The ten commandments of firearm safety are:

1. **Watch the muzzle, keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times.** Never ever, ever point it at anything you do not want to kill.
2. **Treat every firearm with respect due a loaded gun.** It may be loaded even if you think it is not.
3. **Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.** Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Make sure you have an adequate backstop, don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
4. **The best way to prevent an accidental discharge is to keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.**
5. **Make sure the barrel and action are free of obstructions, and carry only the proper ammunition for your firearm.** Before you fire the firearm,

make sure your barrel is free of obstructions.

6. **Unload firearms when not in use.** Leave actions open, and carry firearms in cases and unloaded to and from the shooting area.

7. **Only point a firearm at something you intend to shoot.** Avoid horseplay with a gun.

8. **Don't run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.** Unload a firearm before you climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch. Pull a firearm toward you by the butt, not the muzzle.

9. **Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.** Store each in secured locations beyond the reach of children and careless adults.

10. **Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during shooting.** Also avoid mind-or behavior-altering medicines or drugs.

Also, more and more hunters are using tree stands, so I want to stress tree



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stand safety. Most deer hunters in Mississippi know someone who has been involved in a fall from a tree stand. There are many hunters who are now confined to a wheelchair and many others who have lost their lives due to tree stand falls. While the number of firearm-related hunting accidents has dropped dramatically in the past

two-decades, the number of tree stand accidents has risen sharply.

Even though 70 percent of tree stand falls occur when hunters are climbing up and into the stand or getting out or down from it, almost the same percentage of hunters don't wear a fall restraint system during this critical time. Failure to wear an adequate fall restraint system is the most important factor in tree stand falls.

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

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

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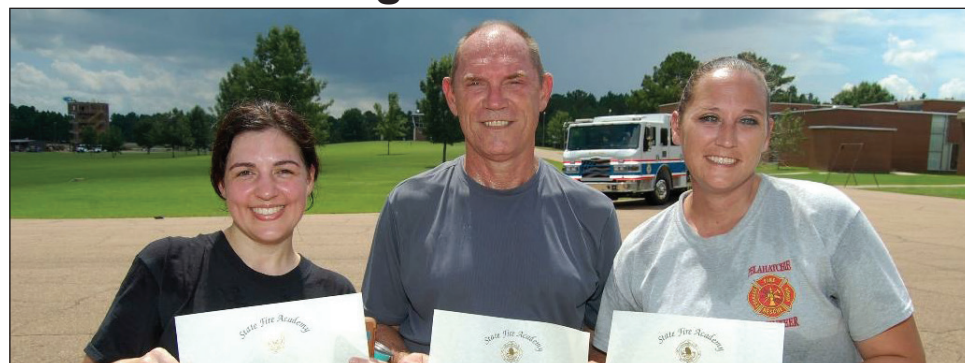
White named August 2018 RCSD Student of the Month



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At the September 12 board meeting, the Rankin County School District (RCSD) recognized the August 2018 Administrators, District Office Employee, Certified Employees, Classified Employees, Substitute, and Students of the Month. These awards are sponsored by the Community Bank and the Foundation for the Rankin County Public Schools. Giving out the awards this morning were First Lady Deborah Bryant with Community Bank and Shane Dubois with Community Bank and the Foundation for the Rankin County Public Schools. Pictured (l to r) are White with First Lady Deborah Bryant.

Volunteer Fire Fighters receive certification



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Three members of the Pelahatchie Fire Department completed the Volunteer Firefighter Level - One certification. Pictured (l to r) are: Kristen Payne Robinson, Steve Duran, and Kimberly Minyard.

Walters Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry



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Walters Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry will be held October 20 from 4-7 p.m. at Station One located 125 Walters Rd., Pelahatchie, Mississippi. Dinners include farm raised catfish, hushpuppies, cole slaw, and fries. Eat in or take out. Support this local fire department.

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Farm Bureau gives PHS monthly awards

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In August, Farm Bureau started a year-long program to recognize achievements by students and faculty at Pelahatchie High School (PHS). The Athletes of the Month awards were presented PHS student athletes Gunner Till and Brianna Galbraith for excelling on and off the field.

Farm Bureau representative Tanner Wilson of the Brandon office said, "We are proud of the winners and the things you are achieving."

Duncan Tucker received the "Handled It" Award given to a teacher by the administration for modeling professionalism; exhibiting exemplary character, as well as a "do right" attitude and the ability to problem solve, according to PHS Principal Teague Burchfield. Bob Robinson was awarded the "Big Time" Award, given to a teacher from another teacher for lending a helping hand or fulfilling a duty for a peer or student in need, said Burchfield.

"To personalize it, we ask the recipient to sign it and to add decoration to it," said Burchfield.



August Farm Bureau Athletes of the Month. Pictured (l to r) are: Head Football Coach Sam Williams, Gunner Till, Brianna Galbraith, and Tanner Wilson.



August Farm Bureau "Handled It" award. Pictured (l to r) are: Principal Dr. Teague Burchfield, Duncan Tucker, and Tanner Wilson.



August Farm Bureau "Big Time" award. Pictured (l to r) are: PHS School Counselor Brandi Johns, Bob Robinson, and Tanner Wilson.

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Paul joins Morton Senior Care

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Kimberley Paul has just joined Morton Senior Care as their new Intensive Outpatient Program therapist. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 20+ years of experience in social work, with the last ten as a licensed therapist. She grew up and currently resides in Rankin County and still has family and friends in the Pelahatchie community.

"Getting older comes with many challenges, from losing loved ones to losing the ability to do the things that you once enjoyed. If a senior does not adequately handle the challenges, it can lead to symptoms of de-

pression and anxiety. I am excited about the opportunity to support the seniors in the Morton and surrounding areas as

they navigate the many life changes they are facing."

If you know someone who is struggling with depression and anxiety or unresolved grief and they are 55 years of age and older, they may be appropriate for Morton Senior Care Intensive Outpatient Program. Patients receive group therapy three days a week, individual therapy as needed and see a Psychiatrist monthly. Transportation is provided within a 25 mile radius of Scott Regional Hospital.

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Kimberley Paul, Morton Senior Care, Intensive Outpatient Program therapist



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PES names August Students of the Month



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The Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) Students of the Month for August are pictured (l to r), front row: Ty Bowie, Parker Jones, Lauren French, Jayla McInnis, Tori Kilgore, Alaina Jordan, Dannea Hicks, Aubriana Key, Luke Massey, Brayden Reuben, and Wezley Walters; and back row: Jack Herrington, Izzy Davis, Lucas Gardner, Samantha Adams, Javeon Banks, Carter Edwards, Ana Walters, Kaydence Hesseltine, Noelle Gardner, Savannah Massey, Madden Renfro, and Tyson Beeman. Not pictured are Rylan Bradley, Aaron Griffin, Khloe Sherrill and Chase Parker.

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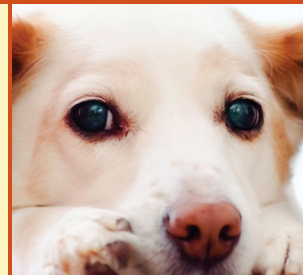
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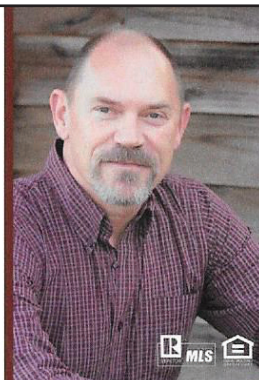
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Community journalism matters because communities matter

By Guest Columnist Matt Geiger

"Everything in this newspaper is important to someone."

It's become something of a mantra for me, in recent years.

Weekly community newspapers are eclectic, to say the least. We publish photos of ribbons being cut at bakeries, and donations being dropped off at local food pantries. We print the school honor roll, the court report, and in-depth stories on decisions made by planning commissions and town boards. Sometimes we cover murders, abuse, and horrific car crashes, and when we do our community journalists often experience these tragedies as both reporters and neighbors — as both professionals and human beings. We cover the referendum that will determine whether a new school is built and our readers' taxes will rise. We publish birth announcements, obituaries, and the various things that, when wedged between those two bookends, make up the lives that make up our communities.

I've learned more than I ever wanted to know about sewage, in order to cover the approval and construction of a new treatment plant. I interviewed a survivor of the Iran hostage crisis about

what it's like to be held prisoner in a foreign land while the world looks on. I've interviewed grandmothers about their favorite holiday recipes. Perhaps most importantly, I've interviewed little kids about what they want to be when they grow up, and what type of world they hope to inhabit.

I've even eaten *lutefisk* — a type of gelatinous Scandinavian fish that is usually only consumed as part of a dare — in the warm hum of a local church's kitchen. (I even liked it, which I think qualifies as a kind of small-town gonzo journalism.)

People sometimes ask me why community newspapers are important. My reply is always the same. It's because everything in those pages is important to someone. Maybe the ribbon cutting isn't flashy enough to go viral, and the Thanksgiving turkey recipe is not going to change culinary trends across the nation. But these things, these small things in communities across the coun-

ty and across the world, are what give meaning and purpose to all of our lives.

The ribbon cutting is the culmination of a childhood dream. The donations

again.

The new school being paid for with the referendum is where a young student might develop an interest in science, growing up and developing a treatment for cancer or Alzheimer's, allowing millions of people to live a little longer, and have their faces kissed by those who love them a few more times.

Journalism matters, now more than ever, because people

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matter. Community journalism matters, now more than ever, because roughly half the world's population lives in small communities, and in the pages of their newspapers, they see themselves and the ones they love.

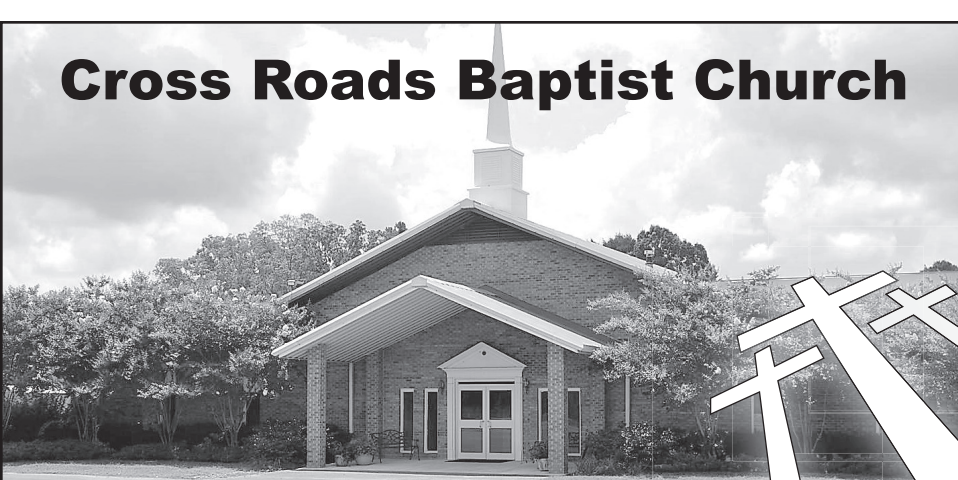
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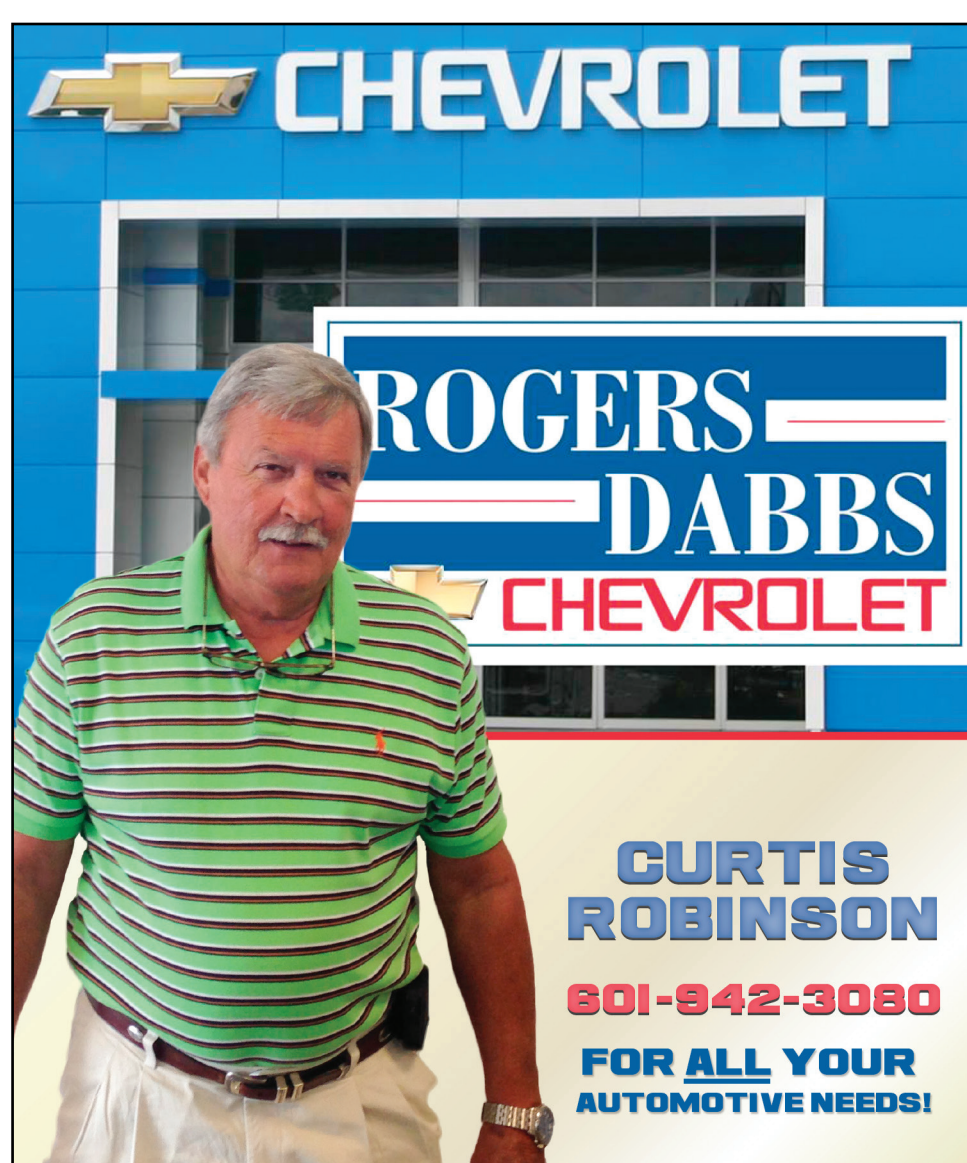
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American Legion donates flag



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The American Legion Post 171 donated a flag to the Town of Pelahatchie to be flown at the Gazebo downtown. There was a flag raising ceremony on September 7. Pictured (l to r) are: American Legion Central Area Commander James Till of Pelahatchie, City Clerk Tommy Lyle, a veteran, and Pelahatchie Post Commander Wayne Hanson.

PHS Student Council reps announced



PHS students representing the student body in 2018-2019 pictured (l to r), front row, are: Makenzie Hester, Camden Patton, Kyndal Patton, Tyler Johns, Jimmy Holifield, Payton Sanders, and Tiara Collier; middle row: Reagan Sanders, Chloe Walters, Meghan Herrington, Malori Scherer, Adlyn Till, Sydni Goldman, Abigail Dawson, Jordan White, Kimberly Cochran, and Christina Flores; and back row: Justin Beeman, Makaylee Hester, McKinley Goodin, Keyanna Flores, Anna Grace Carter, Harrison Till, Hannah Whitney, and Katie Bayliss. Not pictured are Olivia Laseter, Madi Holmes, Ashton Jones, Nicole Rainer, Holly White, Haley Mills, Gregory Beemon, Olivia Sirmon, and Morgan Boyd.



Photos special to Pelahatchie News

PHS Student Council Officers for 2018-2019 pictured (l to r) are: Jordan White, president; Harrison Till, vice president; Reagan Sanders, secretary; Abigail Dawson, treasurer; and Anna Grace Carter, reporter.

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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) announced the students who will serve the school and the community on the 2018-2019 Student Council. Each class will also have a class president as indicated next to that student's name.

Seventh grade representatives include Olivia Laseter; Jimmy Holifield; Tyler Johns; Kyndal Patton, president; and Payton Sanders.

Eighth grade representatives include Madi Holmes; Ashton Jones; Camden Patton, president; Nicole Rainer; and Holly White.

Ninth grade representatives include

Justin Beeman; Christina Flores; McKinley Goodin; Haley Mills; and Adlyn Till, president.

Tenth grade representatives include Meghan Herrington; MaKaylee Hester; MaKenzie Hester; Reagan Sanders; Malori Scherer; and Chloe Walters, president.

Eleventh grade representatives include Gregory Beemon, president; Anna Grace Carter; Kimberly Cochran; Abby Dawson; Sydni Goldman; and Olivia Sirmon.

Twelfth grade representatives include Katie Bayliss; Morgan Boyd, president; Tiara Collier; Keyanna Flores; Harrison Till; Jordan White; and Hannah Whitney.

Bray promoted to Trustmark vice president

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Trustmark announced that Sharon Bray has been promoted to vice president. She serves as Branch Manager for both the Rankin County Main and Pelahatchie offices.

Bray has 34 years of banking experience, 12 of which are with Trustmark. She is a graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking and earned an Associate of Arts in Business and Accounting from Hinds Community College.

Bray is a member of the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce and Pelahatchie Lion's Club. She serves as an Adopt-A-School coordinator for Pelahatchie High School and Brandon High School. Bray is a member of Cross Roads Baptist Church, where she participates in the Praise Team.



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Sharon Bray was promoted to vice president at Trustmark. She has 34 years of banking experience.



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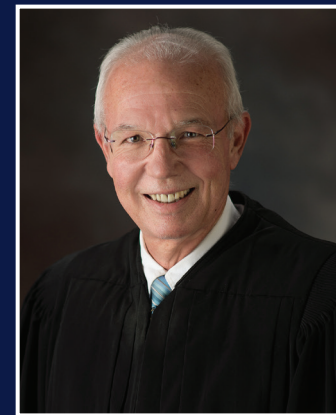
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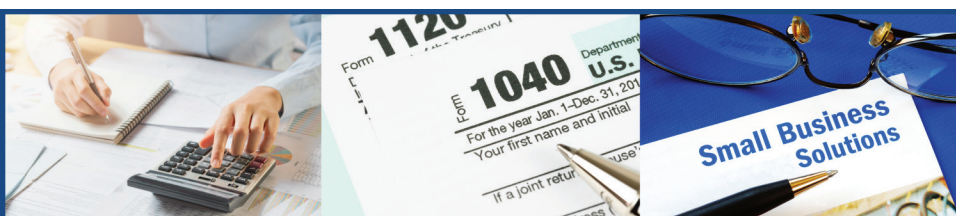
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PHS names 2018 Homecoming Court



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The 2018 Pelahatchie High School Homecoming Queen will be crowned during the halftime presentation of the Homecoming game on Friday, October 5. Pictured (l to r), front row, are: Flower Girl Bailee Goodin and Crown Bearer Ethan Quick; middle row: Morgan Boyd, Linda Gandarilla, Sandra Lewis, Lakindria Rideout, Zharia Holifield, Tiara Collier, Collins Doster, Adlyn Till, Katie Belle Boyer, and Gracie Jones; and back row: Olivia Sirmon, Aliza Myers, Kimberly Cochran, Kyndal Patton, Keyanna Flores, Chloe Walters, Makayla McClure, Kiaieshi Stokes, Brooklyn Johnson, Abigail Dawson, Jacey Cooper, and Camden Patton. Not pictured is Isabella Rust.



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That teacher...



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By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School

We all remember the teacher that made a difference in our lives growing up. They were fun to be around. They attended our extracurricular events with a smile on their face. They held us to a high standard while also allowing us to loosen up on occasion. They would not think twice about calling our parents if they felt we were out of line. Today, they would even acknowledge and remember us when they saw us in public.

While these qualities were present in each of our favorite teachers, they also brought a delivery to the classroom that was second to none. Their intentional approach in the classroom involved planning, management, and instruction. This approach is still crucial in our present-day classrooms as well. With that being said, what is exemplary work as it relates to planning, management, and instruction? In other words, what separates the **GREAT** from the **REST**?

First of all, great teachers **PLAN**. Planning starts by identifying the appropriate content that is required for a course. Beginning with the end in mind, quality instructors pace the selected content over the scope of a course. Once this content is identified and paced, the best teachers are able to

create multiple tasks to assist in exploring the meaning of the content. These tasks move beyond basic recall; the best teachers allow their students to apply their learning as well.

Second, great classroom teachers PROBLEM SOLVE through effective management practices. Quality management begins with the teacher and their ability to keep and maintain an appropriate frame of mind as they educate their students. Next, quality classroom managers establish expectations, policies, and procedures. If they see a need to restate rules, they do so. Effective managers of the classroom enforce their rules and carry out progressive disciplinary action as needed. The best teachers build a solid rapport with their students and maintain that relationship throughout the year as well as beyond the classroom.

Last, great teachers **TEACH**. Like management, instruction begins by communicating objectives and providing feedback as needed. Endurance is coached, effort is reinforced, and recognition is practiced. The best educators understand that students learn best through and with others. Strategic questioning, compare/contrast, research hypotheses, work stations, debate/dialogue, and many more are all differentiation techniques that the best teachers use to move their students through their learning. At Pelahatchie High School, all of our teachers want and strive to be **"That Teacher."**

Pelahatchie High School names August Students of the Month



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Seventh and eighth grade SOTM for August pictured (l to r) front row, are: Landon Moore, Ja'Leah Ford, Ella Tucker, and Tyler Johns; and back row: Nicole Rainer, Eriberto Banuelas, Hunter Cain and Macy Bowman.



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The Pelahatchie High School (PHS) ninth and tenth grade Students of The Month (SOTM) for August pictured, (l to r) front row, are: Collins Doster, Chloe Walters, and Faith Smith; and back row: Justin Beeman, Deuce Ward, Jacob Thompson, and Holden Gray; Not pictured: Brianna Pearson; and e

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Gregory Villafane	54	Morton, MS	8/23/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Cheryl Marler	60	Morton, MS	9/2/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Mary Williams	77	Lawrence, MS	9/6/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Katie Ritchie	79	Forest, MS	9/8/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Shelby Maner	86	Morton, MS	9/11/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Elmer Harville	43	Conehatta, MS	9/17/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.



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Eleventh and twelfth grade SOTM for August pictured (l to r) front row, are: Cheyla Munoz-Ramos, Abby Dawson, Jessica White, and Aliza Myers; and back row: Greg Beemon, Harrison Till, Quay Archie, and Kelreiz Stokes.

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County Judge Tom Broome qualifies for re-election



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Judge Tom
Broome

By Tom Broome, Rankin County Judge, Place 2

Judge Tom Broome is seeking re-election for the position of Rankin County Judge, Place Two which serves as the County Youth Court Judge. Since 2002, his leadership has helped the Court to be recognized nationally as a model court for its innovative and collaborative programs, such as the Juvenile and Family Drug Treatment Courts; its ZERO TO THREE Safe Babies Court Team; and the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

Judge Broome has been recognized by the bench and bar for his dedication

to protecting the best interest of children and promoting public safety and accountability. He has received the MS Supreme Court Chief Justice Award, the MS Bar Judicial Excellence Award, the Southern Christian Services Award, the Judicial Innovation Award, and the One Loud Voice Champion of Children Award. He is the Chair of the MS Council of Youth Court Judges, the Co-Chair of the Commission on Children's Justice, and a member of the US Department of Justice Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. He is a Director and the past Secretary of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Judge Broome also serves on the Drug Court Advisory Committee and the Statewide Steering Committee for the Mississippi Family

First Initiative.

Judge Broome graduated with highest honors from Mississippi College School of Law, where he served on the Law Review, Moot Court, and was President of the Law Student Bar Association. He is an active member in the Rankin County Bar, Capital Area Bar Association, MS Bar and the ABA Judicial Division. Broome is an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law and is the former Rankin County Prosecutor.

Judge Broome is married to Paula Henderson Broome, the Chief of the MS Attorney General's Bureau of Victims Assistance. He is the son of retired school teacher Betty Broome and the late Circuit Judge Rufus Broome. He is an honor graduate of Pearl High

School and Mississippi State University where he was inducted in the Hall of Fame. Broome has also served as President of the Methodist Men at McLaurin Heights United Methodist Church. He is a Rankin County Forestry Association board member and a Master Mason at the Pelahatchie Lodge. Judge Broome is a graduate of the first Leadership Rankin Class for the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce and has served on the Board of Directors for the Pearl Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Broome has the experience, judicial temperament, and integrity that Rankin County needs in a Youth Court Judge. On November 6th, please vote to keep Judge Tom Broome, Rankin County Court Judge, Place Two.



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On the eighth of September, Pelahatchie celebrated its thirty-eighth annual Muscadine Jubilee. This family friendly event was held on a clear and sunny day—a perfect time to enjoy everything offered at the Jubilee such as the street-style vendors, food, live music, and fun for the kids. A head count of 2,000 people attended the Jubilee, and many promised to return. Amy Parker, 30, is a mother to her one-year old daughter and said, "I've lived here all my life... my favorite part is how everyone in the community comes together...I'll definitely be back."

Fun was offered not only for the adult but for the kiddos as well. There were opportunities to ride Frank the Camel, from Frank & Friends Camel

Dairy, as well as ponies that allowed the kids to get a taste of the wild side. Not only that, but bouncy houses as well as free waterslides let the kids have a chance to burn off steam and cool down. Lastly, there was a carnival ride offered that was a major hit—Pirate Revenue. There was fun offered for children ranging from all ages—some things even fun for the adults.

Though there were many things aimed for kid's enjoyment, the Muscadine Jubilee offered great fun for the adults, too. Live music was performed by the Cross Roads Baptist Church Praise Team, the Last-Minute Band, and Lari Johnson and his band. Seven different food trucks and stations made their appearance

and offered food for all kinds of hankering. Carnival associated favorites such as chicken on a stick and funnel cakes were available for purchase and a sure favorite of the festival! One first time vendor, Milan and Antonio McCoy, owners of T&M Dogs food truck and parents to a nine, five, two, and eight-month year old, said, "I love how family-oriented it is. My kids love the slides and the music...we would love to come back."

Not only that, but there were twenty-seven street-style vendors open for business, with products ranging from t-shirts, candles, and the famed muscadine. And of course, the Jubilee would not be the same without the famed Muscadine Stomp. This event took place at noon with an array of contestants ranging from politicians

to
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hatchie
High School's very own princi-
pal. Contestants gathered around in
and in the same fashion of a famed
I Love Lucy episode and stomped
muscadines to obtain the most juice.
The winner of the Muscadine Stomp
was Nic Lott, Director of Special
Compliance Operations, Mississippi
Development Authority.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Hailey Reeder is
a Pisgah High School student, who
shadowed Susie Wolfe, Pelahatchie
News editor, at the Muscadine Jubi-
lee.*

Pelahatchie Band continues to grow in year four

By Susie A. Wolfe

Now in its fourth year, the Pelahatchie Band has more than 80 kids participating-- 35 high schoolers, 15 intermediate, and 33 beginners. Band Director Helen Rettger started with 30 kids the first year and has seen the program be recognized for their work.

"The students are hardworking, follow direction and are considerate," said Rettger. "I am very proud of them."

Last year, Drum Major Syndi Goldman was named a superior drum major, and the band also received a superior in sight reading at a concert festival. The group also received a superior at an East Central Community College competition. At first the band played the fight song at football games, but now plays four songs in their half-time performance at games, according to Rettger.

On September 8, seven band students performed at halftime and during the game with the Pride of Mississippi Band in the Southern Miss All South Marching Band Day. On September 29, the band competed in a marching festival at West Lauderdale High School and earned a Superior Rating for drum major and color guard, and Excellent

rating for band. "Better than last year," said Rettger.

For the final home game on October 26 against Mize, the band will host a Pelahatchie Band Alumni Tailgating event at 7 p.m., where they encourage former members to join the current band in playing the old fight song "Washington and Lee Swing."

Rettger encourages former band members and the community to support the band so it can continue to grow. They have a GoFundMe site where they are raising \$5,000 for a band trailer to carry their instruments. She said that they also need instruments for the younger class, including saxophones, trumpets, flutes, clarinets, trombones and any sort of drum equipment. To respond, contact Rettger at hel200@rcds.ms or contact her through Pelahatchie High School.



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These PHS students performed halftime and during the game with the Pride of Mississippi Band in the Southern Miss All South Marching Band Day. Pictured (l to r) are: Brenna Renfro, Laura Renfro, Ricky Beard, Caleb Watkins, Cameron Rayborn, Holden Gray, and Ayden Stewart.



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Showcasing the new color guard uniforms are (l to r): Drum Major Sydni Goldman with Color Guard members Michelle Moore, Gracie Thompson, Mackenzie Waggoner, MaKaylee Hester, and Cheyla Munoz-Ramos.



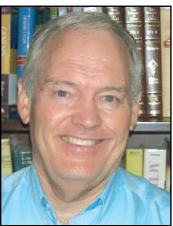
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Pastor's perspective: Encourage children in spiritual growth



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

Recently, I was asked to conduct a funeral for a dear lady from Scooba, my hometown. I was honored and humbled that her children would ask me to participate, much less deliver the message. At her funeral, I shared about the influence that Mrs. Dudley had on my life as I was growing up.

Each week, I would see the Dudley station wagon pull up in front of the church and the five Dudley children climb out and run into the building. Then Mr. and Mrs. Dudley would get out of the car with arms full of bibles, piano music and other materials they needed to fulfill their responsibilities at church that day. My parents did not attend church, but we lived just two houses from the Baptist church, so I was able to walk. I grew up participating in every service and activity that was offered by our little church.

Since my parents did not attend

church, they did not know what a Christian family life should look like. And, they did not understand their responsibility to instill spiritual values in the lives of their children. My parents were good, hardworking people, but they didn't participate in Christian activities. So the spiritual foundations that have guided my life for over 65 years, and my ministry for almost 40 years, were learned from those members of the church who understood the importance of ministering to children, especially those like me, who attended church without their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley, and others, invested much time and energy by teaching Sunday School and church training classes, leading children's and youth choirs, working in Vacation Bible School, and providing other opportunities to children and young people to be involved in church. And, I was one of those who benefited from that investment.

I determined, either consciously or subconsciously, that when I grew up and started a family of my own, I wanted



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to follow the pattern that was modeled for me by families like the Dudley family. A family where the parents attended church with their children; where the whole family participated in worship and ministry together; where the Lord was honored and Jesus was served by each one in the family.

As I prepared the message for Mrs. Dudley's funeral, thoughts and memories flooded my brain, and my heart was full of gratitude to her for the example she provided me. My thoughts also turned to those around me today. Those who may be reading these words now. I have some challenges for you:

- Make sure that your children are in church on a regular basis, and that you are with them!

- Let your children see you reading the Bible and praying. That example will help them learn the importance of those spiritual virtues in their lives.

- Make it a priority to be in church together as a family. With so many other activities pulling on each member of the family, it is easy to let

other things replace the church on the priority list for your family.

- Finally, be alert to children who may be in your church without their parents. Encourage them and challenge them in their spiritual development. You never know when God may use that child that you invest in to be a pastor or a missionary. That's what He did with me! And, that probably would not have happened, had it not been for Mrs. Dudley, and others who invested in me.

Be sure to take your family to church on Sunday! Blessings!

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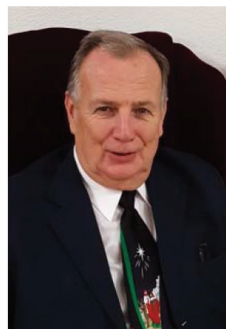
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Concord Baptist Church reaching out to youth



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By Susie A. Wolfe

Concord Baptist Church on Concord Road south of Pelahatchie has started two new programs, The CREW and BLAST, to encourage youth to come to church.

"It is a great place to go," said Pastor Christian Pruett, who started in April 2018. "We are a welcoming group that have about 50 in Sunday morning worship."

The CREW, Christians Ready, Equipped and Willing, is for teenagers and young adults fifteen to twenty-one who meet each Sunday afternoon for Bible study and will often go on field trips, said Pruett.

Pruett said that this group encourages one another and is creating lifelong friendships.

BLAST, Building Lives Around Solid Truth, is a time of fellowship and Bible study on Wednesdays for ages five to eighteen.

The two church vans bring young people in from Pelahatchie, Polkville and other surrounding communities to play basketball and study the Bible.

Concord has Sunday School at 9 a.m. on Sunday followed by Worship Services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service is at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Concord at 601-546-2370, or visit them at church on Sundays.

Third Annual Bronc Bash to be held October 7

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Third Annual Rankin County Bucking Bronc Bash will be held on Sunday, October 7 at 2 p.m. eight miles north of Pelahatchie on Highway 43. Organized by local bronc rider/farmer Cole Bilbro.

"I thank God for the opportunity to help our community and first responders," said Bilbro, who raised around \$3,500 at last year's event.

This year, the recipients are Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO) and the Leesburg Fire Department. More than 600 folks attended the 2017 event. The premiere sponsor is Lyle's Power Equipment. Other sponsors include Helena Chemical, Runnels Plastic Surgery Center,

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There will also be a Kid's Zone with ponies to pet or ride and fire vehicles for the kids to explore. Admission is \$10 admission with kids 12 and under free.



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