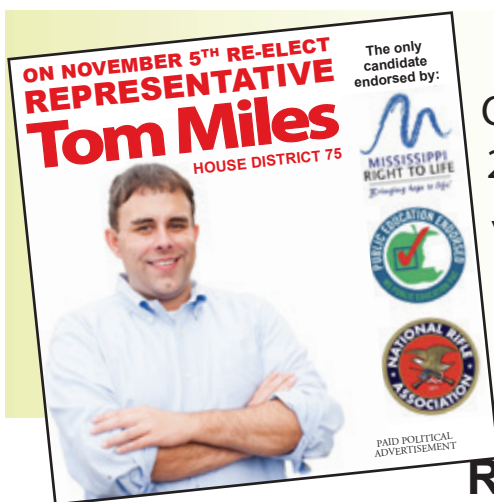




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"Congratulations to all of our students, parents, educators, school board, and each community for our schools' test scores. The Rankin County School District (RCSD) is an "A" rated school district again and we are one of the TOP TEN districts in the state of Mississippi! Our students are continuing our 'tradition of excellence!' said Dr. Sue Townsend, Superintendent of Education.

- The district grew 17 points from a 690/A to a 707/A (TOP TEN IN MS).
- Graduation rate grew from 88.9 percent to 90.3 percent.
- Reading proficiency grew from

53.1 to 55.4.

- Math proficiency grew from 58.2 to 62.7.
- Acceleration grew from 69.9 to 71.4. These are the students who are getting college credit with dual credit or Advanced Placement courses.
- History proficiency grew from 70.8 to 72.3
- Math growth of lowest performing students grew from 59.7 to 61.8.

"We are very proud of all our accomplishments, but the test scores also showed a decrease of 6.2 points in English Language Arts Low Performing Growth. We will increase our intentional focus even more on this group to help them move to the next level," shared



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Dr. Townsend.

"While we all know the RCSD has a multitude of "non-tested" accomplish-

ments to celebrate daily, we also know that academic achievement and accountability are important and are used as a measuring stick for our schools," elaborated Dr. Townsend, "Our mission each day is to intentionally focus on empowering our students to reach their maximum potential in all areas. Our students continue to set high goals, and they strive to reach those goals."

As the third largest school district in Mississippi, seven out of eight zones are A and B zones. One zone (Richland) is a B and C zone. The high school is a B and the two elementary schools received a C rating.

All 11 of the RCSD high schools and middle schools are A's and B's while 11 elementary schools are A's, 3 B's, and 2 C's.

Willie Haven wins 2019 RAM 1500 Classic

By Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie resident Willie Haven won the grand prize in the FCA US LLC 2019 National Sweepstakes on August 28. Haven is one of nearly 374,300 registrants to participate in the annual sweepstakes.

As the winner, Haven received a \$45,000 voucher to put toward his choice of any Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep®, RAM or FIAT brand vehicle. Almost immediately, Haven selected the RAM 1500 Classic Big Horn Edition pickup in metallic granite crystal. RAM was the title sponsor at the 2019 Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, a stop on the RAM Rodeo Series, where Haven's official registration into the giveaway took place.

"I have to drive a good distance to my job working on an oil rig out of state, so this is a true blessing," said Willie



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Willie Haven selected the RAM 1500 Classic Big Horn Edition pickup in metallic granite crystal as the grand prize winner in the yearly FCA National Sweepstakes. RAM was the title sponsor at the 2019 Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, where he registered.

Haven. "I simply took a few minutes of time to enter and low and, behold, I am now the winner and proud owner of a RAM 1500 Classic pickup truck. I am still shocked, but I am also extremely excited and thankful for this opportunity for myself and my family. We will be sure to enjoy its luxury, safety and security features."

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Jason Russ, Head of Experiential Marketing, FCA US, said, "We couldn't be happier to select a new winner - it's still my favorite part of the process. We were thrilled to outfit him with a vehicle that accommodates both his family and lifestyle."



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Tyler Betts, ERA, named National Merit Semifinalist



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East Rankin Academy student Tyler Betts was named a National Merit Semifinalist. Betts is a senior, and he made a 36 on the ACT. He is a member of the varsity basketball team, robotics team, chess club, quiz bowl team, history bowl team, and the science bowl team.

Lady Patriot softball wins tournament



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East Rankin Academy's Lady Patriot softball team won the Sylva Bay Tournament with victories over Sylva Bay Academy, Columbia Academy, and Presbyterian Christian School.



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2019 Miss Muscadine winners announced at Jubilee



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The 2019 Muscadine Pageant was held on August 31, and the winners were announced at the Muscadine Jubilee on September 7. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Little Miss Muscadine Kylie Sullivan; Baby Miss Muscadine Skyla Hughes held by mom Rachel Hughes; Miss Muscadine Mini Supreme Londyn Christian; Teeny Miss Muscadine Anna Kate Denton; Miss Muscadine Grand Supreme Emalynn Atkinson, and Tiny Miss Muscadine Tinley Taylor; and back row: Tom Miles, emcee, Crowning Hostess Miss Sweet Pea Amber Williams; Miss Muscadine Mini Supreme Conswala Rudd; Miss Muscadine Overall Most Beautiful Katie Grace Easterling; Miss Junior Miss Muscadine Abbey Lane Kelly; Mrs. Muscadine Kyesha Clark-Morgan; and Young Miss Muscadine Alyssa McMurtrey. Miss Muscadine Overall Most Photogenic Willow Rayburn is in the inset photo.

14th Annual Pelahatchie Cancer Walk scheduled for October 12



Special to Pelahatchie News

The Margaret Beeman McBride Memorial Cancer Walk will be held Saturday, October 12, from 9 to 5 at Muscadine Park. Everyone, adults and children, are invited to attend the event and learn valuable health and life information including hands-only CPR. There will be crafts and games booths and other family-oriented activities and entertainment. For more information, call 601-503-0636.

Update on acorn production



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

Thirty-four different native oak species (and numerous hybrids) are found in Mississippi. Oaks are divided into two groups, red oak species and white oak species. There are several physiological differences regarding acorn production. One of the most distinctive difference between red and white oaks is the length of time required to produce acorns. Red oak acorns take 15 months (two growing seasons), and white oak acorns take three months (one growing season) to mature. If you look closely at the twigs of red oak species, you will notice small, immature acorns on the current year's growth and mature acorns on last year's growth. The mature acorns were formed last year, and the smaller, immature acorns will be next year's crop. For this reason, sometimes red oak species have a good acorn crop, when white oak acorns are nearly nonexistent due to a late freeze earlier in the year.

In natural settings, oaks usually take somewhere in the neighborhood of 25-35 years to produce acorns consistently. However, acorn crops are highly inconsistent. This is from a variety of factors, including poor pollination, late spring freezes/frosts, drought, acorn weevil population levels, soil productivity, and genetic makeup of individual trees. While annual acorn production is difficult to predict, larger diameter trees with large crowns typically produce greater amounts of acorns than smaller diameter trees with smaller crowns.

Members of the oak genus are monoecious, meaning both male and female flowers are on the same tree. However, wind pollination and some variation in timing of male and female flowers on an individual tree ensures cross-pollination among nearby trees. Male flowers are pollen-producing stamens on catkins, and female flowers are the short spikes on lead axils. For this reason, acorns are produced on the ends of twigs. Consequently, trees with large, well developed, exposed dominant or codominant

crowns have a greater likelihood of being good acorn producers compared to small-crowned, shaded trees.

Hard mast is a term that applies to the fruit (nuts) of oak (acorns), hickory, pecan, walnut, and beech trees. Hard mast is an important food source used by a variety of wildlife species, including white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, squirrels, ducks, and many nongame birds and mammals. While available primarily during fall and winter months, acorns and nuts are an important source of food for wildlife due to their widespread occurrence, palatability, nutritive quality, and availability during a time when other food sources are not available.

Most folks concerned with increasing mast production for wildlife food are only concerned with increasing acorn production (oak species) and pay relatively little attention to other hard mast species (hickory, walnuts, beeches, etc.). Many of these landowners attempt to supplement their properties with non-native oak species such as sawtooth oak (native to eastern Asia) in an effort to produce greater quantities of acorns during hunting seasons. While sawtooth oak has these attributes, the tree may not serve this role as well as some believe. Mississippi hunting seasons usually start in early October, and, by then, the typical sawtooth acorn crop will either be gone or in the last stages of acorn drop. Most sawtooth trees start acorn drop in mid-August to early September and are finished by the time hunters enter the woods to hunt over the year's crop.

Several native species can provide desired wildlife food sources while providing acorns during later periods of the year, which will be more beneficial to hunters and wildlife. An example is Nuttall oak. It is one of the fastest growing-oak species in Mississippi, drops acorns late in the fall and winter (October and December), and has relatively heavy mast crops. With fertilization and irrigation, acorns can be produced in as little as 5-10 years (more typically 25-30 years). Other oak species that should be considered as alternatives to sawtooth include, swamp chestnut oak, Shumard oak, and others.

Nutt receives high honor at Neshoba County Fair Beef Show

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On July 30, Rankin Countian Thomas Nutt received the Otis Nicholson, Jr. Award, the highest honor of the annual Neshoba County Fair Beef Show.

This award, named after the late Otis Nicholson Jr., is awarded every year to a senior exhibitor who shows the most leadership, serves and assists other exhibitors, and displays the most responsibility for their animal at the fair. After witnessing great success in the show ring accompanied by seeing Nutt treat others in such a respectful fashion, the Neshoba County 4H chose Nutt for this year's award.

Nutt, a 2019 graduate of Pisgah High School, is a member of Rankin County 4-Hand is currently attending the Hinds-Rankin Campus.



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Thomas Nutt received the Otis Nicholson, Jr. Award at the Neshoba County Fair beef Show in July. Pictured (l to r) is Kim Nicholson Baysinger, the late Otis Nicholson, Jr.'s daughter, who presented the award to Nutt.

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ERA names 2019 Homecoming Court



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, October 25. The 2019 Homecoming presentation will be during half time of the game that begins at 7 p.m. against Lamar School. Members of East Rankin's 2019 Homecoming court pictured (l to r) front row, are: Sarah Sullivan, Lexey Stuart, Anna Claire Shamburger, and Madalyn Edwards; and back row: Anna Hutson, Kate Betts, Breanna Harrison, and Anna Castle Peden.

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By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield, Principal,
Pelahatchie High School

What does it take to produce a successful school year? In his book, *What Works in*

Schools, Robert Marzano highlights five areas that must exist for schools to reach their potential. First, schools must provide its students with a "Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum." This is simply delivering the appropriate content and ensuring that those standards are learned. Second, "Challenging Goals and Effective Feedback" must be present to promote growth in student learning.

Only through a vision of positive outcomes and a challenge to pursue personal bests can a school progress academically. "Parental and Community Involvement" is also vital for positive outcomes in a school. Parental involvement adds another avenue of accountability and is critical for student success. Fourth, schools must exhibit a "Safe and Orderly Environment." At the foundation of learning is safety and discipline; without it, chaos exists, and opportunities for learning are diminished. Last, successful schools model "Collegiality and Professionalism." A first-class environment is one that is

effective in communication, proactive, and empathetic towards each other and their students.

The Mississippi Department of Education recently released statewide accountability ratings, and Pelahatchie High School is extremely proud to announce its B rating for the 2018-2019 school year! Thanks to a narrowed focus on standards, ambitious goal setting, increased awareness and communication between the school and home, a structured and disciplined school setting, and an inviting school culture, the faculty, staff, and students of Pelahatchie High School performed with great success last year. While we are excited about last year's victory, we look forward to many more just like it.

To close and with homecoming festivities around the corner, I would like to highlight a couple of events that you and your family are welcome to attend. First, we hope to see you all at 6 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, October 10, for our community-wide parade through the Town of Pelahatchie and closing with a pep rally at the football field. The events continue with our homecoming football game vs. South Delta at 7 p.m. and homecoming dance (students grades 9-12) to follow. As always, thank you ALL for your support of Pelahatchie High School. You are an integral part of "What Works at Pelahatchie High School!"

Walters Fish Fry is October 12



Special to Pelahatchie News

Walters Vol. Fire Dept., located at 125 Walters Rd in Pelahatchie, will be hosting their Fall Fish Fry fundraiser on Saturday, October 12, from 4-7 p.m. Mississippi farm-raised catfish, hushpuppies, fries, and cole slaw will be served. Plates are \$10 each. Dine in or carry out. Donations are welcomed.

Harrell recognized for years of service



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In September, the Pelahatchie Branch celebrated Lynn Harrell and her 20-year work anniversary with PriorityOne Bank. Harrell was recognized for her dedication to both her customers and her work staff.



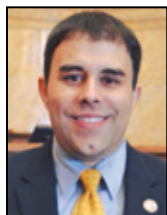
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Tom Miles

By Tom Miles,
Representative

Dear Friends, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your State Representative since 2012.

When I ran for office, I made the commitment that I would always put you, the people, first in every decision I made and every vote I took. I said when you needed my help, I would always be there to help you and your family. I promised I would always take a stand for what is right, that I wouldn't be a "Yes Man" to anyone. I said I would always support our schools in every way possible, support and protect our

local communities, and protect our conservative hometown Christian values.

I have lived up to those commitments. We've appropriated more funding for our local police and fire departments, giving them the proper equipment and providing their families with decent benefits if they die in the line of duty. I've fought for fully funding education, for encouraging economic development, for bringing over 1,000 new jobs to our area, and for making sure our local community hospitals remain viable. And, I've worked with other local leaders to get the job done.

I'm endorsed by the Mississippi Public Education PAC, Mississippi Teachers, the NRA, and Mississippi Right to Life. Among others recognizing

my efforts are The National Federation of The Blind for the sponsorship and passing of The Blind Persons Literacy Rights and Education Act; Prevent Child Abuse in Mississippi, as a Champion for Children for passage of Erin's Law; and the Mississippi Firefighter's Association for championing legislation for our Firefighters.

I have led the charge to end excessive testing of our students and to free up classroom time so our teachers can teach. I've also supported bringing back classic vocational training to our schools.

I fought to protect our hunting and fishing rights, Second Amendment rights, and the sanctity of life

I've worked hard to make sure your thoughts, ideas, and wishes for Pelahatchie were expressed and not overlooked. I've worked to make sure children in both schools in Pelahatchie get the education they deserve.

As your Representative, I've been available to you when you need me. I've listened to your concerns and ideas, and most of all, I've represented you with our hometown conservative moral values. I've stood up for what we believe in, even if it wasn't the most popular thing at the Capitol. If you choose to return me to Jackson, I'll still work hard for you whether we're in session or not, and I'll never be a YES man or sell you out.

I humbly ask for your support, vote, and prayers on November 5. My door is open, and my telephone is always on. I'll welcome your call.

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Carter reflects on her breast cancer journey

By Susie A. Wolfe

Wendy Carter survived breast cancer and had the support of her God, her family, her school and her community to help her. She said they loved her through it.

"God used my entire journey to show me how gracious He is," said Carter. "He not only held my hand and walked threw it with me; He took care of everything."

Carter, who has been a teacher at Pelahatchie schools for 27 years and now serves as an eighth-grade science teacher, also attended Pelahatchie schools for 12 years. She laid out each step and showed how God made her way easier to handle at each stage. For example, she found a lump in her breast in May, 2017, and, within a 5 to 7-day period, she had seen four doctors—a family physician, gynecologist, radiologist and surgeon.

"God hand-picked my doctors, the right ones to help me," she said. "He also had my friends and colleagues there at the right time, to pray and support me and my family."

She said she was most worried about telling her daughters and losing her hair, but God took care of those things, too.

She says these three scriptures helped her then and still sustain her now:

- Second Corinthians 12:9-10: My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
- Philippians 4:6-7: Do not be anx-

ious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Exodus 14:14: The Lord will fight for you; you need only be still.

She discovered a lump in her breast in May 2017, and Carter's sister, Lee Ware, a nurse who is now a stay-at-home mom, took her to every appointment and was there all along the way. Carter had a double mastectomy with reconstructive surgery on June 15. After dealing with a staph infection, she had chemo, September through the end December.

She started back to school January 9 after being out six months. She didn't have the sick leave to cover all that time, so instead of having to pay for benefits, her colleagues donated their time to help her keep her insurance and pension.

Since that time, Carter has had bloodwork and PET scans done every few months at first, now every six months. She will continue yearly for the next 5-10 years.

Carter and her husband, Doug, live outside of Pelahatchie with their two daughters, Anna Grace, 17, and Leah Kathryn, 15. She recommends giving to breast cancer research through the American Cancer Society or to the St. Dominic's Cancer Center/Jackson Oncology.



Wendy Carter said that her God, family and friends "loved her through" her battle with breast cancer. Carter is shown here with her daughters Leah Kathryn (left), 15, and Anna Grace (right), 17.



Photos special to Pelahatchie News

Carter with fellow Pelahatchie teachers Tedra Sirmon (center) and Kelsey Nobles (right).



Shown with Carter (center) are her mother, Sue Patrick (left), of Pelahatchie and sister, Lee Ware (right), at her last chemo appointment.



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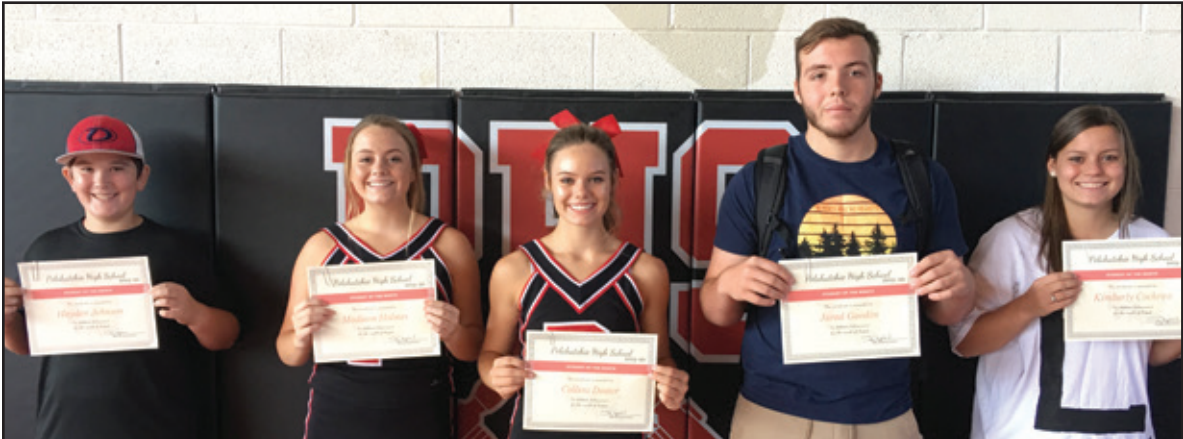
PHS names August's award recipients



The Pelahatchie High School (PHS) recognizes students for achievement in various areas of school performance. The August's Winners for Academic Achievement pictured (l to r) are: Sam Till, Arrianna Beeman, Malcolm McGee, Kenned Dixon, and Holden Gray. Not pictured is John Perkins.



August's Winners for Excellence in Attendance pictured (l to r) are: Kaden Alvarez, Chloe Hamilton, and Kaitlyn White. Not pictured are Addison Archie, Haley Adams, and Hannah Steadham.



August's Winners for Athletic Achievement pictured (l to r) are: Hayden Johnson, Madison Holmes, Collins Doster, Jared Goddin, and Kimberly Cochran. Not pictured is Shelby Surkin.



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August's Winner for Teacher of Innovation is Patrick Creel.



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Pelahatchie HS names Homecoming Court



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The 2019 Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Homecoming Court pictured (l to r) front row, are: Crown Bearer Bentley Stringer and Flower Girl Ava Lane Townsend; second row: Katie Belle Boyer, Aaliyah Coghlan, Collins Doster, Brianna Galbraith, Gracie Jones, Brooklyn Coghlan, Airrianna Beeman, and Aliya Ward; third row: Aliza Myers, Kayla Hobson, Adlyn Till, Kimberly Cochran, Abigail Dawson, Isabella Rust, Camden Patton, and Kyndal Patton; and fourth row: Victoria Thornton, Sharetha Hobbs, Chloe Walters, Olivia Sirmon, Jacey Cooper, Chrystianna Beeman, and Reagan Sanders.

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Muscadine Jubilee held September 7



Photos by Pelahatchie News and Rod Beechem

The thirty-ninth annual Muscadine Jubilee was held on Saturday, September 7, at Muscadine Park. Events included performances by Chieftacular, Jazzy Os, Grady Champion, Troy Laz and the Fair River Band. Though it was warm, the crowd sat in the shade and had fans while enjoying the food and entertainment. A number of vendors exhibited their wares along Brooks Street and the park area. Tom Miles emceed the annual Muscadine Stomp that was won by Mary of Pearl. The Pelahatchie High School ROTC, Chieftacular and the Jazz Ensemble Jazzy Os also performed.



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Emergency funds protect against disasters

By Guest Columnist Carolyn Higgins
of PriorityOne Bank

One of the most effective tools for preventing a large-scale financial disaster is an emergency fund, an amount of money that is set aside to cover unexpected expenses, or to keep you afloat if no regular income is coming in.

Even if you have a great handle on your finances, unexpected challenges can come along that threaten your financial stability – losing a job, dealing with an injury or illness, or having to help a family member who is in need. If you're not collecting a paycheck, or if you have large, out-of-the-ordinary costs to cover, that can throw your monthly budget completely off track.

The goal is not to touch the money except in a real emergency. If you have it at the ready when you really need it, ideally it will last long enough to get you back on your financial feet.

Putting It Together:

To create your emergency fund, multiply your monthly take-home pay times six to find the amount you should ideally save.

It's usually not practical or possible to create a fully funded emergency fund in one shot. Instead, plan to add to it on a regular basis, in an amount you can reasonably afford, until it reaches your goal value. If you do have to dip into the fund, it's important to start building it back up as soon as you have the resources to do so.

Where the Money Should Be:

The whole point of an emergency fund is that you should be able to get your hands on the money quickly, and

without risking losing money by using those funds—which might be the case if you had to sell off stocks or other investment holdings.

A standard savings account makes good sense as a place for your emergency funds. It is a straightforward way to put away money that you can access easily. An added bonus is that a balance in a savings account can reduce or even eliminate charges on your checking account.

Instead, liquid investments, or those that you can turn quickly and easily into cash, can be a good place to park the money that's in your emergency fund. A combination of relatively short-term certificates of deposit (CDs) and US treasury bills will generally work well.

Ladder to Safety:

If you are using CDs as the holding place for your emergency fund, one smart approach is to use a technique known as laddering. Instead of putting a large sum into a single CD with a specific term, you split your principal into three or more CDs that mature in a stepped pattern—perhaps every six months over an 18-month period. Each time a CD matures, you roll it over for another year so the ladder continues. That means that you have a lump sum available every six months if you need the cash, without having to pay any penalties.

EDITOR'S NOTE: PriorityOne Bank, based in Magee, Mississippi, operates fifteen offices in eleven Mississippi communities: Collins, Seminary, Hattiesburg, Magee, Mendenhall, Richland, Brandon, Ridgeland, Flowood, Pearl, Pelahatchie, and Morton.

Yogi starts Trail of Terror on Oct. 4



Special to Pelahatchie News

Halloween decorations at Yogi on the Lake in 2018. The Trail of Terror runs every Friday and Saturday in October plus Halloween night from 7:30-10 p.m.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Yogi Trail of Terror Coordinator Tammy Atkinson said this year's "Insanity in the Woods" has new animatronics, new props and a whole new layout. It opens Friday, October 4, and runs every Friday and Saturday in October plus Thursday, October 31.

It is open to everyone 18 or older, but if parents want to sign a waiver to let those who are younger attend, they

need to go to the Clubhouse at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Yogi on the Lake co-manager Nikki Ammons said they are also asking for volunteers from schools where the participant can get community service hours. Those interested need to call Atkinson at 601-854-6621.

Admission is \$10 per person. Guests at the Park receive one ticket per guest free with their stay. For more information, visit jellystonems.com/activities/.

AT THE LIBRARY IN PELAHATCHIE

OCTOBER LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Friends of the Pelahatchie Public Library Membership Drive

October 21 – October 24

Join our Friends during this week and receive a voucher in the amount of your membership fee to exchange for donated books.

TeenTober - In celebration of TeenTober, post a blurb or review of a young adult novel on social media with the hashtag #phteensread. Each post will be entered into a prize drawing.

Adult Book Club

Wednesday, October 16, 9:30 a.m., Discussing Alice Walker's novel, *The Color Purple* (Enter through rear entrance.)

Fall's Beautiful Colors

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PES names August Students of the Month



Special by Pelahatchie News

Pictured are the August 2019 Students of the Month (l to r), front row: Karlie Hodges, Ava Lane Townsend, Riley Jordan, Emalynn Atkinson, Paisley Cupstid, Yordin Martinez, and Aaron Griffin; second row: Chyna Bowie, Noelle Gardner, Edward Coleman, Blake Till, Bethany Pilgrim, Abel Lamb, JaRiyah Eubanks, and Trenton Blue; and third row: Mallory Myers, Mary Taylor Nutt, Ethan Goolsby, Jayla McKinnis, Izzie Davis, Kaylee Renfroe, Rylee Watson, Arianna Gipson, Ethan Butler, and Bresean Bowie. Not pictured are Julian Wash and Isabella Lopez.

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Austin Holden	34	Forest, MS	8/27/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Hubert Shoemaker	94	Lena, MS	9/3/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Opal McCoy	76	Morton, MS	9/2/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Michael Walden	28	Forest, MS	9/10/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Brandon Lewis	21	Pelahatchie, MS	9/8/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.



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ERA National Honor Society Inductees

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The following students, who attend East Rankin Academy, have been inducted into the 2019 National Honor Society: Anslee Boyd, Kelly Boydston, Kellar Brown, Macy Brunt, Barron Burnham, Ben Carter, Kobi Denson, Ethan Ezelle, Will Freeman, Carson



French, Breanna Harrison, Halle Huffman, Taylor Irby, Emily Loe, Brandyn Luke, Patrick Martin, Joanna McCollum, Elijah Moore, Sydney Phillips, Brennan Rials, Brodi Rials, Jessica Ries, Knox Ross, Elijah Rowell, Rylie Smith, Maile Tubbs, Brock Tullis, Elijah Vining, John Thomas White, West Winstead, and Carson Wofford.

Pelahatchie forms first Mayor's Youth Council

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The 2019-2020 Pelahatchie Mayor's Youth Council is the first such group in Pelahatchie. The following students were chosen by their schools to represent the Town.

The East Rankin Academy students are: Tyler Betts, Kealey Bradford, Neely Brunt, Ethan Crain, Garrett Duckworth, Jacob Gardner, Colburn Jones, Ethan Reiss, Jessica Ries, Maile Tubbs, Dana Watkins, and Trent Wuestefeld.

The Pelahatchie High School students are: Isabella Atkinson, Greg Beemon, Justin Beemon, Given Boydston, Katie Belle Boyer, Anna Grace Carter, Abigail Dawson, Holden Gray, Kayla Hobson, Devin Irvin, Ian Jackson, Aliza Myers, Elsi Munoz RAMos, Reagan Sanders, Olivia Sirmon, and Chloe Walters.

The officers are: Ethan Crain, president; Garrett Duckworth, vice president; Colburn Jones, secretary; Tyler Betts, treasurer; and Abigail Dawson, media.



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Pastor's perspective: I am the vine, and you are the branches



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

Special to Pelahatchie News

During most of the sixteen years that we served as missionaries to Brazil, we lived in the city of Caxias do Sul in

the southernmost state of Rio Grande do Sul. The area was settled by Italian immigrants in the 1800s. Even today, there are pockets of people out in the country who still speak Italian in their family conversations. Many customs and traditions that were brought from the "Old Country" are still being followed with conviction and almost a sense of reverence.

When the settlers came from Italy, not only did they bring their language and cultural customs with them, they also brought grape vines, because the area of Italy where they came from was prominently known for producing grapes and wine. The countryside in the Northeastern section of Rio Grande do Sul was also similar to their native land, with high rolling hills and rushing rivers in the valleys.

So, the settlers soon had large vineyards producing abundant grapes. Even today, a drive through the grape producing hills is very picturesque, with grape trellises stretching as far as you can see. And there are family vineyards that are proud of the fact that they still have some of vines that were brought to Brazil by their forefathers.

When we built our home in the Crossroads Community, I planted some muscadine vines in our back yard. They produce great tasting fruit which we enjoy eating. Sometimes I will just stand under the trellis and eat muscadines till I get my fill. And some years Kathy will make jelly from our own little vineyard. Of course, by the time you read this, muscadine season will be over. In fact, even as I write this, the last fruit is drying up on the vines.

Apparently, we are not alone in enjoying the muscadines straight from the vines. Almost every night, I can hear my little pack of Teddy Roosevelt Terriers barking like crazy in the back yard. This summer they have treed both a raccoon and a 'possum in one of my pear trees. But most nights, they are under the muscadine vines. And it's because there is

a rat hiding among the vines! I'm not sure if the rats actually like to eat muscadines, or the vines just serve as a hiding place for them!

I go out to the muscadine vines with my flashlight and pellet pistol. My arriv-



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al makes the dogs get even more excited. They will all be barking and jumping as high as they can toward the vines. A few times, I have spotted the varmint, and my pellet pistol never misses! The dogs go into a frenzy when the rat hits the ground! A few times, the rat has taken the leap of faith, and jumps to ground. If the dogs see him do that, there follows a mad dash toward the pile of pallets that are stacked nearby as the rat seeks refuge underneath them. But most nights, I can never find the rat. Those nights, I usually end up carrying one or more of

the dogs to their overnight kennels, because they won't leave their prey.

Several times during his ministry, Jesus spoke about the vineyard and the grapes that are produced there. In chapter 15 of John's Gospel, Jesus talks at length about the vine and the branches on the vine. He talks about the importance of the branches producing fruit. He also explains what should be done with branches that do not bear fruit.

Jesus said in John 15:5-6, "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned."

If you are a follower of Jesus, you must be careful to remain connected to Him! And you must also do what he expects you to do, and that is to "bear much fruit." If you are not doing those things, maybe it's time for you get started! And if you are not a follower of Jesus, there would be no better time than today to get connected to Him! Be sure to take your family to church on Sunday!



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8:30 - Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 - Bible Study for all ages
11:00 - Blended Worship Service
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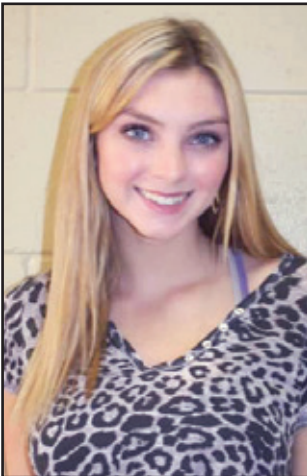
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Pelahatchie Student Council 2019-2020

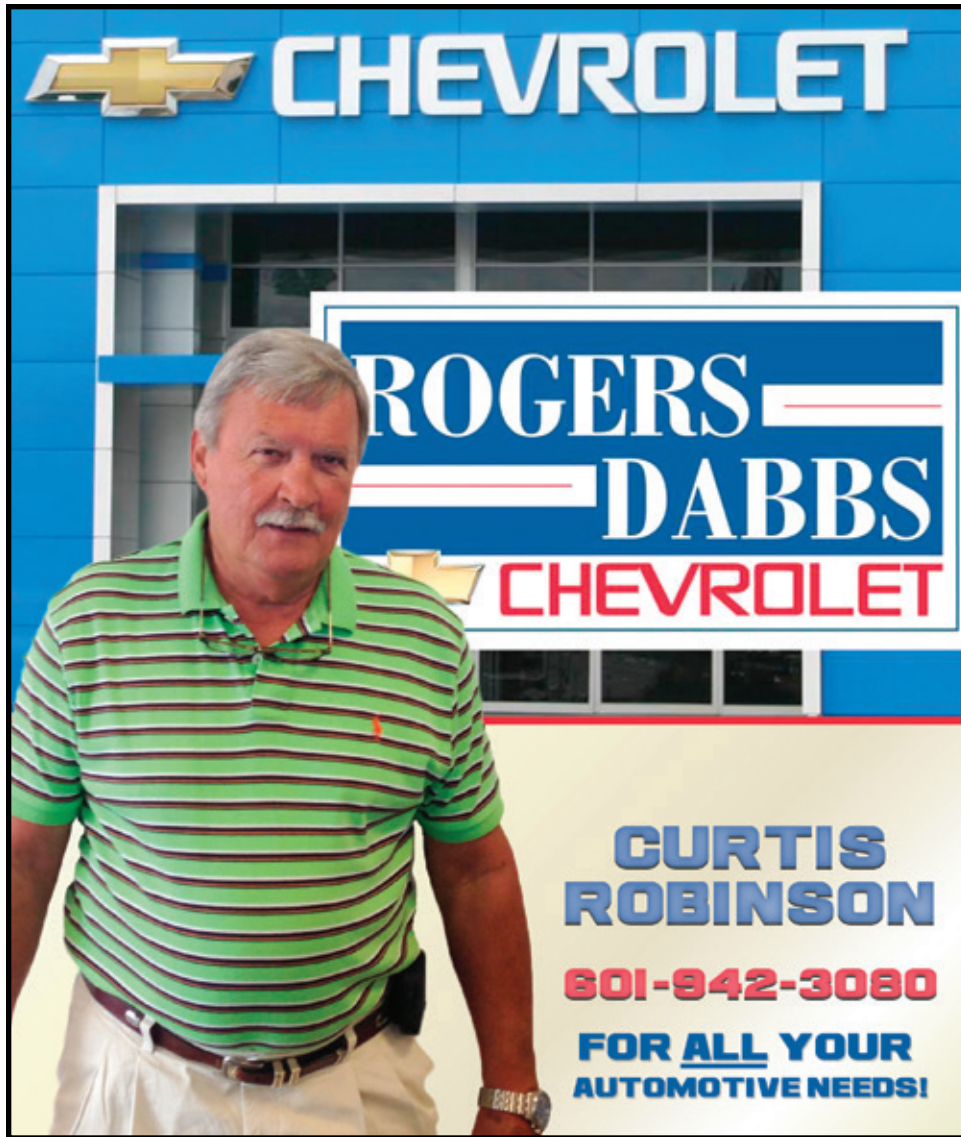
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The 2019-2020 Pelahatchie High School (PHS) student council and its officers are pictured. In the group shot, pictured (l to r) front row, are: Holden Gray, Reagan Sanders, Abigail Dawson, Sydni Goldman, Adlyn Till, Katie Bell Boyer, and Ella Tucker; and back row: Justin Beeman, Telaiah Lewis, Anna Grace Carter, Kaitlyn White, Chloe Walters, McKinley Goodin, Holly White, Marie Valentine, Elsi Muñoz, Greg Beeman, and Camden Patton. The officers pictured (l to r) are: President Abigail Dawson, Vice President Sydni Goldman, Treasurer Reagan Sanders, Secretary Holden Gray, and Reporter Adlyn Till.



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Members of Pelahatchie and Monterey Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD) completed their Volunteer Firefighter Certification Level 1 class in September at the Mississippi Fire Academy. Pictured (l to r) are: James White and Haley Butler from Monterey VFD, and Jordan Sarrett, and Joshua Creason from Pelahatchie VFD.



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