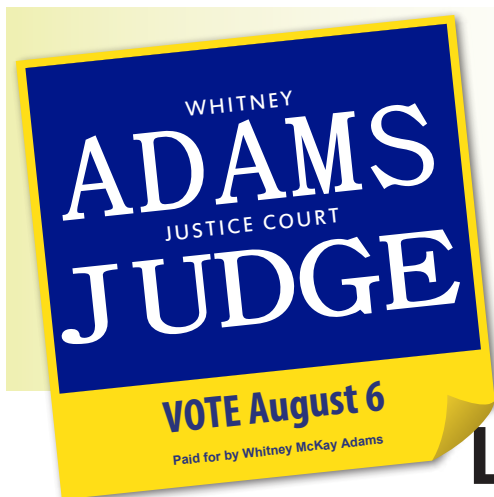




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Linda Brewer retires, and will be missed

By Susie A. Wolfe

Linda Brewer retired June 6 after more than 20 years serving the Pelahatchie community as a nurse practitioner, most recently at the St. Dominic's Pelahatchie Family Clinic. It was previously the Brewer HealthCARE Clinic.

"I had planned to retire at the end of the year," said Brewer, "but my mother was ill, and I felt I needed to be with her." Cleta Brewer passed away on June 10.

Brewer started her nursing career at Mississippi Baptist Medical after receiving a BSN from Mississippi College and an MSN from University Medical Center. As a nurse practitioner, Brewer had certification in adult geriatrics, family and acute

care. Originally from Mars Hill in Amite County, Brewer also served as adjunct faculty, teaching both family and cardiac care.

After serving at the Scott Regional Clinic in Forest and the Clark Clinic in Morton, she began serving in Pelahatchie.

Brewer said, "Pelahatchie is family. I love them, and will miss not only my clinic family, but also my sweet patients. I love the Town. It is such a



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Linda Brewer is pictured here with former Pelahatchie Lady Chiefs Basketball Coach Pearlene Fairly who is shown recognizing Brewer for support and contribution in October 2017.

special place."

Retirement for Brewer includes working with the Shell Road Volunteer Fire Department, for which she has served with since 2000. She will also work with the Mother's Grace Animal Sanctuary in Rural Central Mississippi. Both are always in need of volunteers, according to Brewer. She is also involved with the Silver Alert Program that she helped establish in Mississippi. They have had more than 20 saves in nine years, according to Brewer.

Some of the Townsfolk that worked alongside Brewer through the years included former Police Chief Glenda Shoemaker, deceased, and the ones who offer their tributes below.

Jack and Rosie Rhodes - Linda came to Pelahatchie at the right time.
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Troy Laz returns to the Muscadine Jubilee

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Troy Laz, a high energy entertainer, is performing at the Muscadine Jubilee for the fifth time. A popular performer, Laz said he loves performing in Pelahatchie because it is one of the few places that he feels at home.

"Music is powerful," said Laz. "It crosses racial, economic and religious barriers."

From New Orleans, Louisiana, The Troy Laz Band performs at casinos, wedding receptions, corporate events, college parties, nightclubs, festivals and private parties throughout the Southeast. The Troy Laz Band plays a unique blend of music from James Brown to Bruno Mars and from Wilson Pickett to Prince.



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With superb showmanship and power packed performances, Troy Laz returns to the Muscadine Jubilee for the fifth time.

Fair River Band to play Muscadine Jubilee again



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The Fair River Band plays Country, Bluegrass and Gospel music around the US from Florida to Oklahoma and all states in between. Pictured (l to r) are: Tim Hathorn, Sammy Matheny, Glen Scarberry, Wayne Turnage, Johnny Morris, Ronnie McCraney, and Chuck White.

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Fair River Band will be taking the stage again at the Muscadine Jubilee on September 7 at Muscadine Park. Pelahatchie native Glen Scarberry said the regional band is a working man group,

made up of truck drivers, oil field workers, welders and heavy equipment operator. The group that formed around 1992 have played the Jubilee one time before.

Scarberry even claims to have been the original live music at the Jubilee, then
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Civil War Relic Show raises money for Wounded Warriors



Photo by Pelahatchie News

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) Camp #265 raised \$1,000 for the Wounded Warriors of Mississippi at their Annual Civil War Relic Show in Brandon this past June. Pictured (l to r) are: Tim Cupit of SCV Camp #265, Cheryl Bruce of the Wounded Warriors of Mississippi, and Brandi Gray of the Mississippi Order of the Confederate Rose Chapter #23. For more information, contact Tim Cupit at 769-234-2966 or timcupit@comcast.net.

Chambless receives outstanding coach award



Special to Pelahatchie News

Coach Mike Chambless received the Roy Garcia Outstanding Coach Award on July 19 at the 2019 Mississippi Association of Coaches Conference. The award said, "...for exemplifying the 'best of the best' in high school athletics." Pictured (l to r) are: Coach Chambless, Pelahatchie High School ladies softball coach, with Roy Garcia.



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We needed medical professionals, and she more than provided this. She is not only very professional, but also very knowledgeable with a great business acumen. She is easy to work with and has such a caring heart. She has contributed so much to Pelahatchie and will be greatly missed. Linda is a person of substance, and we love her very much.

Knox Ross - Linda has been the definition of a servant to this town. She has provided care for both the body and soul. I am so grateful that she chose to spend so much of her career with us. Pelahatchie is a better place because of her.

Patsy Watson - Mrs. Brewer has a heart for people she served. She took care of me and my family and is so knowledgeable. Doctors she referred us to also speak highly of her.

Her name is a household word in Pelahatchie. She has deep concern for the Town's people.

She loves this community and will be dearly missed.

Sharon Bray - I met Linda Brewer when I first began working in Pelahatchie around 14 years ago. (Luck-

ily, I didn't meet her at the clinic for sickness!) We met at the Charter Lions Club meeting and hit it off as friends right off. She is one of the most genuine, caring, giving, loving and special people that I know. I felt that she cared about me personally and would always ask about my family. I will miss knowing that she is in Pelahatchie, but I wish her all the best in her retirement! She will always hold a special place in my heart as well as with many other people far and wide whom she helped! Good luck, Linda!

Laverne Harper - Linda Brewer is a good friend, a wonderful person and I wish her well. She will be missed dearly!

Pearlene Fairley - Linda Brewer will be missed at St. Dominic's Clinic. All the countless hours and the love she put into her job was amazing. Linda was one of the Lady Chiefs basketball team's biggest supporters and donor. She loves female sports, and she would always send her well wishes when she couldn't make it to a game. Enjoy your retirement and a special thank you for all you did for me and the Lady Chiefs!!

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called Pelahatchie Day. *Pelahatchie News* asked his mom, Charlotte Scarberry, if she has pictures to prove his claim, and she said "they are in the Pelahatchie museum."

"Music is a wonderful tool to meet new people," said Scarberry, who moved to Pelahatchie when he was eight, now

lives near the Tip Toe Inn outside of town. "It's clean fun in a family atmosphere."

The Fair River Band was started by Wayne Turnage from Monticello where they have a Fair Creek close to town. The members play guitar, bass, fiddle, banjo, mandolin and dobro.

Trustmark volunteers to help ERCO



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Employees at the Pelahatchie Branch of Trustmark National Bank volunteered to help at the Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO) location in Pelahatchie in July. They cleaned and organized items so they would be ready for the families who come for assistance. Pictured (l to r) are: Christy Wraight, Addison Wraight, Camden Patton, Kyndal Patton, Dawson Edwards, Kimberly Bass, Misty Edwards, and Sharon Bray.



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Cross Roads hosting Beth Moore Simulcast

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Cross Roads Baptist Church will be hosting the Living Proof Simulcast event with Beth Moore on September 28. Beth Moore is one of today's top women's leaders and will be joined by worship leader Travis Cottrell. Since it began more than 20 years ago, over two million women have experienced Living Proof Live events and simulcasts around the world. The theme for the Simulcast is Strong Sisters. Women's Ministry Coordinator Katrina Phillips said, "We are looking forward to becoming Strong Sisters and having women from all walks of life coming together for a day of biblical teaching, worship, encouragement, fellowship, and fun!" She wants to emphasize that this is open to all women of all ages, with or without a church connection.

Doors open for at 7 a.m., and the simulcast begins at 8 a.m. The event is expected to conclude at 3:15 p.m.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Tickets are \$25 each. All tickets purchased before September 15



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Beth Moore, one of today's top Christian women's leaders, has been conducting Living Proof Live events and simulcasts around the world for more than 20 years to over two million women.

will include lunch. Lots of door prizes will be given away. Additional information and to purchase tickets visit the website at www.crossroadspel.org or call the church office at 601-546-2297. Cross Roads Baptist Church is located at 104 Crossroads Road, Pelahatchie.

Atkinson is Personality Plus winner



Special to Pelahatchie News

Emalynn Atkinson, a five-year old from Pelahatchie, is the 2020 World Our Little Miss La Petite Personality Plus winner. She competed at the national level in St. Augustine, Florida in July. She will begin kindergarten at Pelahatchie Elementary in August. Parents are Ricky and Sherree Atkinson. She has a brother, Jacob, and sister, Haylee.

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Miss Muscadine Pageant to be held August 31

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The 2019 Miss Muscadine Pageant will be held Saturday, August 31, at 3 p.m. at Pelahatchie Attendance Center. Registration is from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

The Miss Muscadine pageant is an "All Crown Pageant" where all contestants will receive at least one crown, banner, and gift. Age Groups - 0-23 months, 2-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-15 years, and 16 and up. Call for boys groups.

There will be a winner in each age group. There will also be a photogenic winner in each age group and an Overall Photogenic Winner. There will be two Mini Supremes and an Overall Supreme and Overall Most Beautiful. Pageant wear will be Mother's Choice for ages 0 - 9, Pageant dress for 10 & up.

The winners in each group will be recognized at the Muscadine Festival on Saturday, September 7.

Everyone will pay a \$10 door fee except for the contestants and children 3 and under.

For more information, contact Melissa McDonald at 601-759-0888 or email: mmcdonald@scott.k12.ms.us.



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Winners from the 2018 Miss Muscadine Pageant. Pictured front row, are: Mini Supreme Tiny Miss Muscadine Londyn Christion, and Mini Supreme Miss Muscadine Anna Leah Jolly; and second row: Baby Miss Muscadine Bayler Cade, Miss Muscadine Patricia Adcox, Overall Most Beautiful Muscadine Haylee Atkinson, Miss Teen Muscadine Kiersten Martin, and Overall Grand Supreme Miss Muscadine Emmalynn Atkinson. Not Pictured Pre-Teen Miss Muscadine Rachel Brinlee Smith.



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Camacho accepted into dental scholarship program

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Isaura Diana Camacho, a recent graduate of Hinds Community College, a junior at the Mississippi University for Women and native of Pelahatchie, was recently selected to participate in the undergraduate portion of the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program (MRDSP). She is the daughter of Calixto Camacho Reyes and Elena Camacho Morales of Clinton.

Created in 2013 by the Mississippi Legislature, MRDSP identifies up to seven college sophomores and juniors who demonstrate the necessary commitment and academic achievement to become competent, well-trained rural pediatric or general dentists in our state. The program offers two years of undergraduate academic enrichment including DAT (Dental Admission Test) preparation and clinical experience in a rural setting. Upon completion of all dental admissions requirements, the student can be admitted to the University of MS School of Dentistry.

During dental school, each MRDSP scholar may receive \$35,000 per year based on available funding. The program will award nine scholarships in 2019-2020 totaling \$315,000. With continued

legislative support, the program hopes to grow to 12 scholarship totaling \$420,000 by 2020. Additional benefits include personalized mentoring from practicing rural dentists and academic support.

After completing dental school, MRDSP scholars must practice general or pediatric dentistry in a rural, medically underserved community. The MRDSP scholar must provide dental services as determined by the MRDSP in a full-time clinical practice in an approved Mississippi community of 10,000 or fewer population located more than 20 miles from a medically served area.

The MRDSP provides a means for rural Mississippi students to receive DAT preparation, benefit from mentoring, learn the art of oral healthcare from practicing rural dentists, and earn a \$140,000 dental school scholarship in return for four years of service.

For more information, contact MRDSP Associate Director at 601-815-9022, jdc Coleman@umc.edu or umc.edu/mrdsp.



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Isaura Dianan Camacho

2019-2020 RCSD Calendar

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2019	2020
August 1, 2, 5 & 6	January 1-6
August 7	January 6
September 2	January 7
September 5	January 9
October 11	January 20
October 14	February 6
October 15	February 17
October 17	March 6
November 14	March 9-13
November 25-29	March 16
December 17-20	March 19
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December 20	April 10, 13
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Student attends Sharkhead's Shark Fest Week at Southern University



Photos special to Pelahatchie News

Ella Tucker, ninth grader at Pelahatchie High School, attended Sharkhead's Shark Fest Week at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Coast Research Lab in Ocean Springs. Tucker was able to go out with USM students to catch, identify and tag sharks off the Gulf Coast. She is the daughter of Duncan and Paige Tucker.

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Message from the Mayor: Welcome back to school



By Ryshonda
Beechem, Mayor
of Pelahatchie

It's that time of year again; summer is winding down, and students are preparing for another year of school.

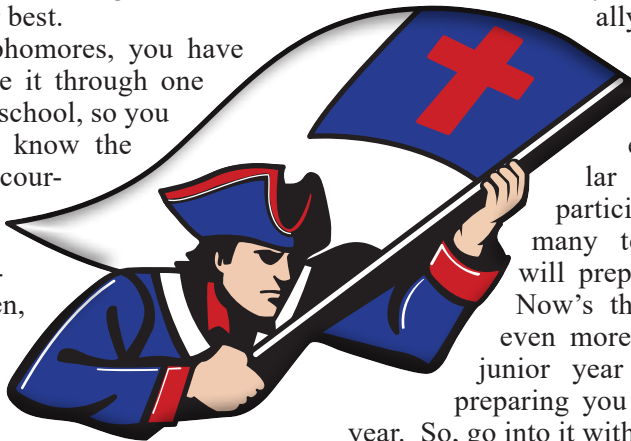
I can remember, quite fondly, the start of a new school year. From the brand new clothes, to the latest shoes to reconnecting with my friends, the start of the new school year is brimming with many possibilities of learning something new and making new friends.

As the year begins, it is my sincerest hope that you all go into it with the confidence to put your best foot forward and to aim high. Your education is the cornerstone to your future successes. Take every opportunity to learn something new. Don't be afraid to ask questions and to seek knowledge at all cost. The things that you learn this year will help to propel you forward in your academic careers.

To the freshmen, congratulations; you've made it! You're a big time high

schooler now. You are now in one of the most critical stages of your education. This is your starting point for laying the foundation that leads to college. Take everything that you learn and do seriously. Use this year to really hone in on what it is that interests you. Before you know it, you'll be a senior, and you will want to be able to look back on your high school years knowing that you did your best.

To the sophomores, you have already made it through one year of high school, so you pretty much know the ropes. I encourage you to be kind to the incoming freshmen, as you know all too well how unnerving the



first day of high school can be. Make it a point to be helpful to the freshmen. Consider it an exercise in leadership. We all need a little encouragement, and I believe that you all are in the right position to do just that. So be leaders and do all that you can to be of service to others.

To the juniors, you're at the halfway mark. This is the year that you really start to consider life after high school.

From the extra-curricular activities you participate in to the many tests that you will prep for and take. Now's the time to get even more serious. Your junior year is ultimately preparing you for your final year. So, go into it with faith and con-

fidence needed to accomplish your academic goals.

To the seniors, the light at the end of the tunnel is finally starting to appear, can you see it? You have made it this far, so there is no excuse for not finishing strong. This is the time to reflect on the many wonderful things that you have learned over the years as well as the friends and teachers that have inspired you along the way. This is an exciting time for you. Take this final year to get serious about the direction that you want your academic careers to go. Work on disciplining your minds so that when you begin college, you can make a smooth transition. I have all the faith that you all will finish strong. I am rooting for you all, and I look forward to seeing your cap and gown photos hanging from the walls of the school.

High school is like a family. If you go through it with that mindset, then you all will come out much stronger and more connected. I am proud to be a Pelahatchie Chief and honored to impart this back to school message to my fellow Chiefs and to the East Rankin Patriots. Let's make this school year one of the best!

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July 30	St. Aloysius	Away	5:00 JV/6:30 V	
August 1	Clinton Christian	Home	4:30 JV/ 6:00 V	
August 3	Hartfield AcademyTournament	Away	TBA	
August 5	Jackson Prep	Away	5:30 JV/7:00 V	
August 9	Newton Academy	Home	5:00 JV/6:30 V	
August 10	Canton Academy Tournament	Away	TBA	
August 12	Leake Academy	Home	5:00 JV/ 6:30 V	
August 15	Heritage Academy	Away	6:30 V	
August 19	Copiah Academy	Away	5:00 JV/ 6:30 V	
August 22	Winston Academy	Home	5:00 JV/ 6:30 V	
August 26	Starkville Academy	Away	4:30 JV/ 6:00 V	
August 27	Leake Academy	Away	5:00 JV/ 7:00 V	
September 3	Heritage Academy	Home	6:30 V	
September 7	Sylva Bay Tournament	Away	TBA	
September 9	Canton Academy	Home	5:00 JV/ 6:30 V	
September 10	Winston Academy	Away	5:00 JV/ 6:30 V	
September 12	Hartfield Academy	Home	5:00 JV/ 6:30 V	
September 16	Starkville Academy	Home	5:00 J V/ 6:30 V	
September 17	Sylva Bay Academy	Home	4:30 JV/5:30 V	
September 21, 23	MAIS AAAA North District Tournament	TBA		
September 28, 30	MAIS AAAA State Tournament	TBA		

2019 Varsity Football Schedule				
August 23	Central Holmes Christian School	Home	7:00 p.m.	
August 30	River Oaks School	Away	7:00 p.m.	
September 6	Winston Academy	Home	7:00 p.m.	
September 13	• Simpson County Academy	Away	7:00 p.m.	
September 20	• Park Place Christian Academy	Away	7:00 p.m.	
September 27	Canton Academy	Home	7:00 p.m.	
October 4	• Hartfield Academy	Home	7:00 p.m.	
October 11	Jackson Academy	Away	7:00 p.m.	
October 18	• Leake Academy	Away	7:00 p.m.	
October 25	• Lamar School	Home	7:00 p.m.	
• District Game				

2019 Junior Varsity Football Schedule				
August 29	Hillcrest Christian School	Home	6:30 p.m.	
September 5	•Lamar School	Away	6:30 p.m.	
September 12	•Simpson County Academy	Away	6:30 p.m.	
September 19	•Hartfield Academy	Away	6:30 p.m.	
September 26	•Park Place Christian Academy	Away	6:30 p.m.	
October 3	• Leake Academy	Home	6:30 p.m.	
October 10	Jackson Prep School	Home	6:30 p.m.	
October 17	Sylva Bay Academy	Away	6:30 p.m.	
• District Game				

2019 Elementary Football Schedule				
August 27	Madison Ridgeland Academy	Home	6:00/7:00	
September 3	Hartfield Academy	Home	6:00/7:00	
September 10	First Presbyterian	Away	6:00/7:00	
September 17	Central Hinds Academy	Away	6:00	
September 24	Copiah Academy	Away	6:00/7:00	
October 1	Simpson County Academy	Home	6:00/7:00	
October 7/8	Playoff Game #1	TBA	TBA	
October 15	Championship	TBA	TBA	

2019 Girls Soccer Schedule				
July 26	Washington School	Away	4:30 Varsity	
July 30	Manchester	Home	10:00 Varsity	
August 1	Lamar School	Home	4:30 Junior Varsity 6:00 Varsity	
August 6	Presbyterian Christian School	Home	2:00 Junior Varsity 3:30 Varsity	
August 8	Park Place Christian Academy	Home	3:00 Varsity	
August 13	St. Aloysius High School	Away	5:00 Varsity	
August 19	Central Hinds Academy	Home	3:00 Varsity	
August 22	Hartfield Academy	Away	5:30 Varsity	
August 26	Starkville Academy	Away	5:00 Varsity	
August 29	Lamar School	Away	4:30 Varsity 6:00 Junior Varsity	
September 5	Discovery Christian School	Home	5:00 Varsity	
September 10	Central Hinds Academy	Away	4:00 Varsity	
September 12	St. Aloysius School	Home	5:00 Varsity	
September 17	Starkville Academy	Home	5:00 Varsity	
September 19	Hartfield Academy	Home	5:30 Varsity	
September 26	Park Place Christian Academy	Away	4:00 Varsity	
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Aug. 30	Puckett	Away
Sept. 6	Scott Central	Home
Sept. 13	Forest	Away
Sept. 20	Bay Springs	Home
Sept. 27	Jackson Academy	Home
Oct. 4	Riverside*	Away
Oct. 11	South Delta*	Home
Oct. 18	Pisgah*	Away
Oct. 24 (Thurs.)	St. Joe*	Home
Nov. 1	Morton	Home

*District Game

ERA celebrates 50 years of education

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As school bells ring for the 2019-2020 session, East Rankin Academy (ERA) is preparing to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the school.

"God has truly blessed ERA through the years," said Headmaster Robyn Winstead.

East Rankin Academy endeavors to achieve excellence in academics. For several years, the academic quiz bowl teams have won the Mississippi Regional Science Bowl and the Mississippi State History Bowl Championship to earn students the opportunity to compete at the national level in Washington D.C. The school's ACT average is well above both the state and national average.

As part of their fiftieth celebration, they want to recognize their recent academic accomplishments during the past year. The academic quiz bowl team won the overall MAIS Academic Quiz Bowl Tournament, the Old Capitol Government Bowl Tournament, and finished first place in the team competition of the Mississippi College Science and Mathematics Tournament. The Junior Varsity Quiz Bowl Team again won the Missis-

issippi State History Bowl Tournament, and the elementary and middle school again had MAIS District and Overall State Spelling Bee winners this year.

Students were recognized for their academic accomplishments with induction into the ERA chapter of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and ACT Academic Team. Each year, the school honors multiple students for their outstanding ACT scores with inclusion in the "ACT 30 and Above Team." They currently have two juniors this year with 36 on the ACT, and ERA graduates are offered thousands of dollars in academic scholarships, providing them many opportunities after graduation.

Over the last fifty years, ERA has been able to enhance our athletic facilities and opportunities. From a humble beginning with only a football field and a gymnasium, the current facilities now include two gymnasiums, four tennis courts, football/soccer stadium, baseball stadium, softball stadium, practice field, and two weight rooms. They also currently have athletic construction projects ongoing to add more facilities on campus.

The school offers athletic programs for students in all grades. The K3-fourth

grade students attend Physical Education (P.E.) each day with certified P.E. instructors. Elementary students may be a part of the Little Dribblers, Patriot Dribblers, and Petite Cheerleaders. Beginning in fifth and sixth grade, students are offered opportunities to participate in team sports such as football, basketball, and cheerleading. This year tennis and soccer academies will also be offered for elementary students.

The school's strong history in junior varsity and varsity athletic programs will continue. As they celebrate the school's anniversary, they will be recognizing the many district, state, and overall MAIS championships won over the years. As they continue to add new competitive programs, they are very excited that the recently formed Sporting Clays Team has already won a state championship, and the school is now looking forward to adding archery for younger students.

"We feel blessed to have the coaching staff, vision, and athletic facilities to continue with expectation of excellence in athletics," said Headmaster Winstead. Extracurricular offerings at East Rankin have grown over the years. Students may join the Spanish Club, Chess Club,

FCA, or Photography Club. They may choose to compete on the award-winning Robotics Team.

The school's tradition in the quest for excellence continues in the area of fine arts. Each year they have winners in the District and Overall MAIS Art Competition for grades K4-twelve. In recent years, they have added a 30-member High School Choir and now have a 40-member Band who recently received a superior rating at the MAIS Spring Band Festival. Students of all ages are offered an opportunity to participate in various musical programs held on stage in the Activities Center. A long-standing school tradition each year is the half-time musical-drama presentation by over 200 ERA students during the Homecoming celebration.

Over forty years ago, ERA committed to providing students with a non-denominational Christian education. All K3-twelfth grade students participate in Bible class daily and are offered a college preparatory curriculum from a Christian perspective. Students are instructed in all areas from a Biblical worldview and are given multiple opportunities to share their faith beyond

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By Guest Columnist
Lisa Attkisson,
Pelahatchie Elementary
School Principal

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I hope you enjoyed a summer filled with fun and exciting memories with your loved ones. We are thrilled to welcome all of you back to a new school year of learning and growing.

Personally, I am grateful and elated to continue this journey with you as your principal. I look forward to building a strong relationship with all of you in the upcoming year. As we enter this new school year, I want

to let you know that our staff will be engaging in conversations around having a growth mindset, both for themselves and all students. We believe that every person in our school should always be growing and learning. Despite obstacles that may arise, we must always believe in our ability to rise above challenges and come out stronger on the other end.

Our tribe system will continue – bears,

eagles, and foxes. Ask your child about his or her tribe. We will continue to have big events that reward children for working hard and for doing their best.

I want to personally invite you to attend our Open House on Monday, August 5 from 12:30-3:00. Pre K Open House will be from 6:00-7:00 that same evening. This will be a great time to strengthen our Pelahatchie community, meet teachers and other families, and learn about the upcoming school year.

Proof of residency is due each year. When you register and prove residency by July 31, your child is placed on a class roll. By completing residency and registration, you will get to find out the name of your child's teacher in advance to

Open House.

Construction is still going on at our school. Please be patient with us as we continue our progress. The safety of our children, staff, and families is our top priority, and we will always do everything we can to keep your students safe, healthy, and happy.

I am looking forward to our BEST year ever!



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Let's make positive experiences lead to positive outcomes



By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield, Principal,
Pelahatchie High School

Welcome back! It was not too long ago that we completed another tremendous school year at Pelahatchie High School (PHS). I am mindful of the cliché "time flies when you're having fun." This was certainly the case with our school year.

The year can be summed in one word-POSITIVE. Overall, your children were prompt to school on a daily basis and performed well behaviorally and academically. Your children represented our school and community well through numerous extracurricular activities, clubs, and organizations. Your children were willing to compete for themselves and for Pelahatchie High School in all of their "End of Course" testing. Your students were filled with pride regarding "All Things Pelahatchie High School."

Positive experiences lead to positive outcomes. Last year, we challenged our students to focus on the state's "tested" areas and to compete within our district to achieve better results. Our students met that challenge and we are eager to share the accountability results with you when the appropriate time comes.

I will also take a moment to mention how excited we are about the progress of the bond issue project. As the buildings begin to take shape and the renovation of existing structures are visible around campus, we look ahead with excitement and we are grateful for the support of the citizens of Rankin County to allow for such an enormous project to take place. Construction is currently on schedule with a completion date of May 2020. Please continue to "pardon our progress" as we draw nearer to the completion of this project.

As we move closer to the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, allow me to highlight several "Back to School" events that we invite you to and hope to see in you in attendance. Opportunities such as 7th Grade Orientation on August 1, "Chiefs Day" (including Meet the Chiefs) on August 9, Open House on August 12, and our first regular season home game vs. Scott Central on September 6 are great opportunities to attend and help kick off what we anticipate being another great school year.

We are anxiously awaiting the start of the 2019-20 school year. Great things are happening here at Pelahatchie High School and we are eager to continue building on our current successes. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you all soon!



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Multicraft International recognizes years of service



Jenifer Bowman was recognized at Multicraft International's Years of Service luncheon for 40 years of service. She is retiring this year. Mr. Mallinson is pictured giving a gift to Bowman for her 40th year of service.



Multicraft International, headquartered in Pelahatchie, recently recognized employees with 35 years of service. Those employees include: Samantha Sullivan, Gloria Hamilton, Kathy Coley, Richard Kelly, Gurmukh Lahkmani, and Dennis Rasberry.



The Multicraft International 15-year Service Awards were presented to: Chris Kennedy, Charles White, and Lori Lewis.



Multicraft International 20-years award winners include: Paul Jones, Joe Ashker, Sarah Mcmillan, Malinda Caraft, Karen Yount, Teresa Donald and Antoinette McIn. Not pictured: Karen Yount



The Multicraft International 10-year Service Award, winners include: Shennia Holifield, Annette Chambers, Brinnette Chambers, Joey Griffin, Dee Teague, Sue Alford, and Mickie Mapp.



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Multicraft International held their Years of Service Luncheon in June. The 5-year Service Award winners include: Mae Bradford, Olinsser Villafranca, Andy Windham, Jerrie Dean, Jesse Havard, Anthony Sorey, John Taylor, Belinda Wood, and Caleb Crosby.

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Pastor's perspective: Missing a piece of the puzzle?



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

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One of the joys of summer is being able to go on vacation. This year, our family had a townhouse at the beach as our vacation destination. All of our children and grandchildren were there, a total of 13 people! Of course, splashing in the ocean and playing in the sand were the highlights of the trip and what everyone enjoyed. But during the middle of the day, when it was too hot for young children and old grandparents to be on the beach, we had indoor games and activities to keep everyone busy.

One of the activities that everyone enjoyed was the jigsaw puzzle that we poured out on the coffee table. At any given time, there would be someone, or several people, scanning the pieces, trying to find one more piece to put in place. The puzzle we chose had 1,000 pieces, so it kept us busy the whole week. Sometimes we wondered if we would be able to finish it, but by the time

we left, it was complete.

Jigsaw puzzles were originally created by painting a picture on a flat, rectangular piece of wood, and then cutting that picture into small pieces with a jigsaw, hence the name for this type puzzle. John Spilsbury, from London, is credited with commercializing jigsaw puzzles around 1760. He created jigsaw puzzles for educational purposes by mounting maps on sheets of hardwood, then cutting along the national or district borders, creating a puzzle that was useful in teaching geography.

Cardboard jigsaw puzzles appeared during the late 1800s, but were slow to replace the wooden puzzles due to the manufacturer's belief that cardboard puzzles would be perceived as being of low quality, and the fact that profit margins on wooden jigsaws were actually larger.

Wooden jigsaw pieces, cut by hand, soared in popularity during the Great Depression, as they provided a cheap, long-lasting, recyclable form of entertainment. It was around this time that jigsaws evolved to become more complex and more appealing to adults.

Typical images found on jigsaw puzzles include scenes from nature, buildings, and landscapes. Some companies specialize in creating personalized puzzles using photographs of families that are submitted.

Of course, the process of putting a jigsaw puzzle together requires putting each piece in the unique place that it goes. Each piece is important, and the puzzle is not complete until every piece is in the place where it should be.

Our lives are a lot like a jigsaw puzzle. There are a lot of pieces that fit together to make us who we are. And usually, it takes a whole lifetime to get everything in its place. When we are young, our parents and others help get us started by working on the all-important edges by setting borders for us to live within.

As we grow and mature, we find a spouse, secure a place to live, get a job, find a church. These are all important pieces to the puzzle of our lives. As we move on through life, we add other puzzle pieces by making friendships, raising children, enjoying grandchildren and finally settling down for retirement.

There is one thing that most frustrates

someone who is putting together a jigsaw puzzle. That is having a missing piece to the puzzle. The puzzle can never be completed because of the missing piece.

That's the way life is too. When God created each one of us, He left a "God-shaped" void within us. Like a puzzle piece, only He can fit in that space. And when He is not in His place in our lives, we always feel like something is missing, like a puzzle piece! People try all sorts of things to fill that void; money and the things it can buy, a new car or a bigger house, new friends, a new job, a different spouse, drugs, alcohol etc. But nothing can fit in God's place in a person's life, and because He is not in His place, that person continues to feel unsatisfied, and continues to seek something else to make them happy.

But when you allow God to take His place in your life, it's like putting that final piece in the jigsaw puzzle. You feel satisfied and your life is complete. Have you put the Lord in His place in your life? If not, why not do it today, so your life's puzzle can be complete. Be sure to take your family to church on Sunday!

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ERA celebrates 50 years of education

the school halls. Students may choose to participate in the monthly nursing home ministry, food drives, homeless ministry, relief projects, special collections for foreign mission trips, and other service and ministry programs sponsored by the school.

"During the last 50 years, God has indeed blessed East Rankin Academy! As we celebrate the school's 50th Anniversary during this upcoming school year, we are excited to gratefully remember our past, faithfully proceed in the present, and prayerfully plan for the

future," said Winstead. "We are in the midst of developing a master plan for new construction on campus to include a new fine arts facility and a technology academy. We are truly thankful to so many who have given of their time, resources, and prayers to help us become

the school we are today. As we cherish the past and look ahead to many exciting new campus enhancements and programs, we invite you to join us this year in celebrating 50 years of excellence at East Rankin Academy . . . to GOD be the Glory!"



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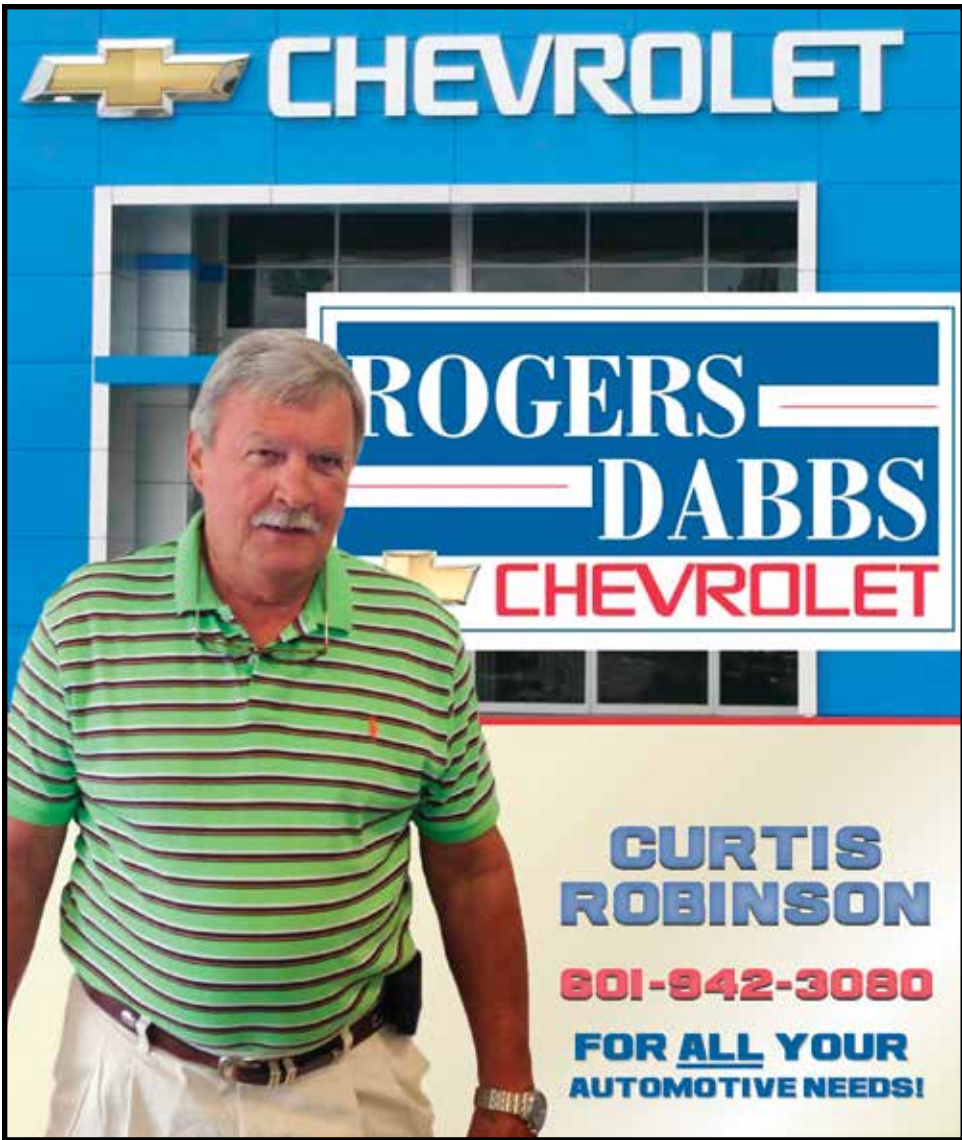
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Inex Munn	83	Hickory, MS	7/10/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
James Allen	53	Conehatta, MS	7/8/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Sylvia Smith	69	Newton, MS	7/14/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.

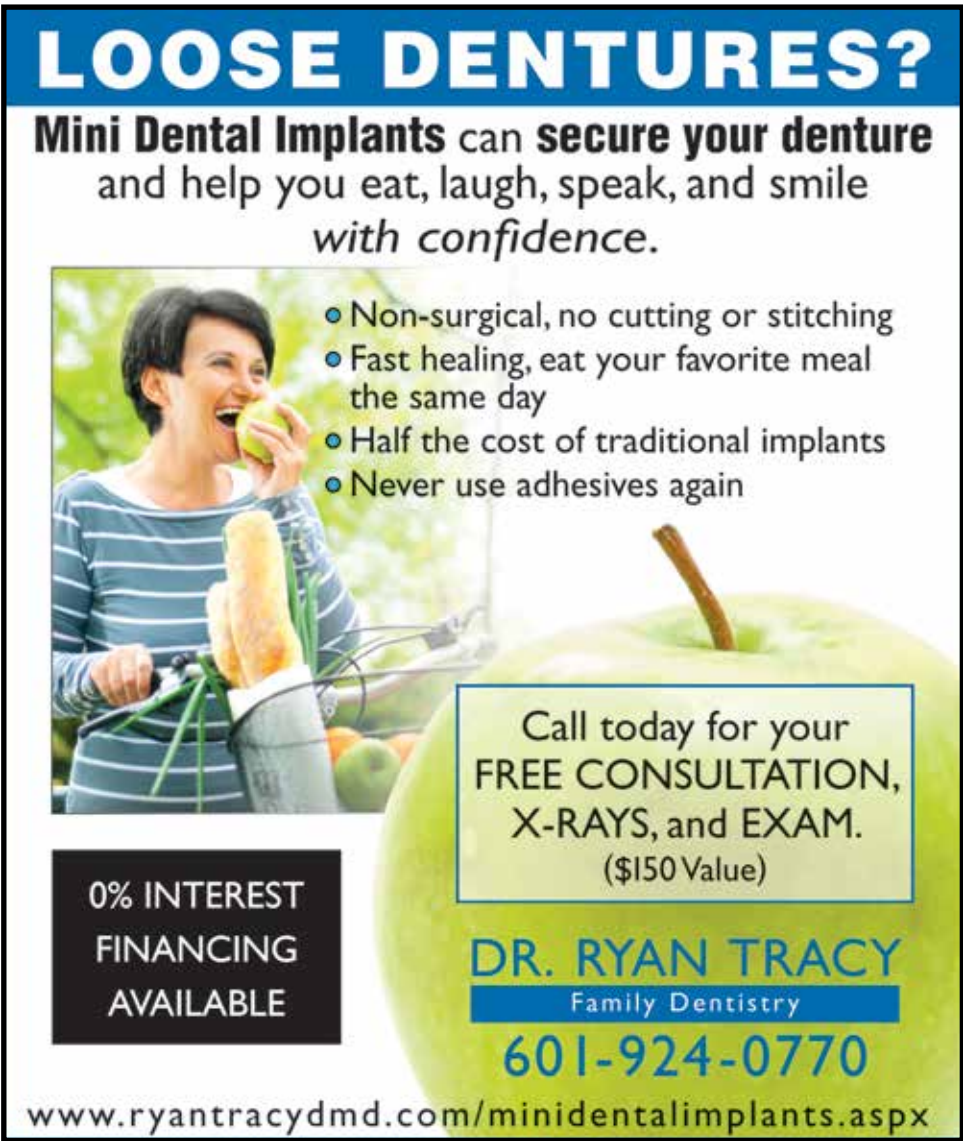


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Adams announces run for Rankin County Justice Court Judge



By Whitney McKay Adams

I am Whitney McKay Adams, and I'm running to be your District 4, Rankin County Justice Court Judge. I am a lifelong resident of Pelahatchie. I am a graduate of Pelahatchie High

School, Mississippi State University, and Mississippi College School of Law. After graduation, I clerked for Chief Justice James W. Smith, Jr., at the Mississippi Supreme Court. In 2008, I went into private practice with Gregg Harper. When he became Congressman Gregg Harper, I took over the law practice. I have owned and operated the law firm of Sanford & Adams, PLLC, since 2009. I have had the pleasure of serving our community

first as prosecutor for the cities of Richland and Brandon and then as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Brandon and as Municipal Judge Pro Tem for the Town of Pelahatchie.

I am a Republican. I served as the President of the Rankin County Republican Women, as Secretary of the Rankin County Republican Executive Committee, and as Treasurer of the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women.

I am a Christian. I was saved at Pelahatchie United Methodist Church. My husband Jeff and I are members of Brandon Baptist Church, where we attend with our children, Eli (11) and Celeste (9). I serve as the attorney for the Baptist Children's Village. I ask for your prayers, support, and vote on August 6.

Vote Whitney McKay Adams for Justice Court Judge District 4, Tuesday, August 6.

Watch out for chiggers during chigger or "red bug" season



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

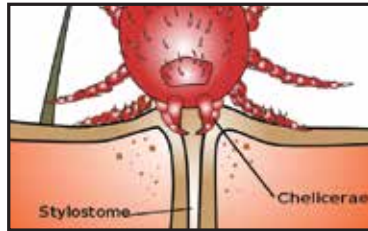
Chiggers are also known as "redbugs," but despite their bright color, it takes good eyes, good lighting and good magnification to be able to see one. These tiny insects cause bites that are far out of proportion to their size, and often they are not alone when you get them. Adult chiggers don't bite, neither do the older stages of immature chiggers, known as nymphs. It is the young, newly hatched

chiggers, known as larvae that cause misery. Adult chiggers and nymphs feed on small insects, insect eggs, and organic matter. Chigger larvae primarily feed on small vertebrates, such as birds, mice, lizards and toads, leaving these initial hosts after a few days to become nymphs and continue their life cycle.

Chigger bites are so irritating because of the way they feed. Chiggers usually attach at the base of a hair follicle and begin injecting digestive fluid into the

skin. This digestive fluid dissolves skin cells, chemically boring a hole into the skin and creating a sort of straw filled with digested skin tissue on which the chiggers feed. It is our bodies' reaction to the saliva and digestive enzymes that cause the itching.

Keeping the grass cut and the weeds trimmed is a good way to reduce chigger populations in home landscapes. When working or playing outside during chigger season, try to avoid areas of tall weeds and shrubs.



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If you must enter these areas wear protective clothing, such as long pants and high-topped boots, and use a permethrin-based insect repellent according to labeled instructions.

These permethrin-based repellents must only be applied to exterior clothing, not for use directly on skin, but when used correctly, they work great for preventing chiggers and ticks. Bathe in hot soapy water, using a bath cloth to scrub the skin and wash clothing as soon as possible following outdoor excursions. The goal here is to wash as many chiggers as possible before they have a chance to "settle" in.



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