

Letter of farewell from PES Principal

By Lisa Attkisson

Dear Pelahatchie families,
After five wonderful years at Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES), and 32 years in the Rankin County School District, I will retire at the end of this school year.

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support. Because of my deep love and commitment to the staff, students and Pelahatchie community, this was not an easy decision to make. My passion for teaching and love for students has not subsided.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have served as an educator in such a vibrant, supportive community and district where students, teachers and parents alike value education. I am blessed to have been a colleague to such an extraordinary faculty and staff, and I am humbled by the fact that parents have entrusted a portion of their child's education to me. Being the principal at Pelahatchie Elementary has been a highlight of my career. I have made so many memories, and I will cherish them forever.

I am saddened that the year came to such an abrupt end, and I am unable to say my good-byes in person. While I will greatly miss all of my students, I



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Lisa Attkisson, better known as Mrs. A, is retiring after serving as PES principal for five years and with the Rankin County School District for 32 years. Since she couldn't say goodbye personally due to COVID-19, she put her thoughts in this letter.

cannot wait to see them excel and accomplish amazing things. I will miss each and every one of my students.

I want to thank you for all your encouragement, support and trust you have shown me since becoming principal in 2015. I am confident that Pelahatchie Elementary will continue to flourish in academic excellence in the years to come.

With gratitude, Lisa Attkisson

Mayor contacts auditor again



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In this photo, first published in June 2019 at Deputy Clerk Barbara Harper's swear-in ceremony, are Harper, Mayor Ryshonda Beechem, and Mayor Pro Temp Margie Warren. As a side note, May 21 is the anniversary of when the State Auditor issued the \$500k demand for misspent drug forfeiture funds by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.

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In recent Board activity, Mayor Ryshonda Beechem suspended one-year-veteran Deputy Clerk Barbara Harper on an over-time issue. At a May 15 Special Session, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to override Mayor Ryshonda Beechem's veto of the Board's action of reinstating Deputy City Clerk Harper, of which they found no wrongdoing in her asking for over-time.

Mayor Beechem said that she has already reported this to "the next level of government."

At an additional Special Board Meet-

ing on May 27, the Board were upset because the office employees were not able to use the computer system, and threatened the Mayor with "due to the mayor's failure to properly execute the obligations and duties of her office."

The mayor had her veto ready at the end of the May 27 session, that stated that "...any public officer shall be convicted of any felony other than manslaughter...shall be removed from office by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction..."

The Board gave the Mayor a timeline to have the computer problems resolved and tabled the other action until the computers were corrected.



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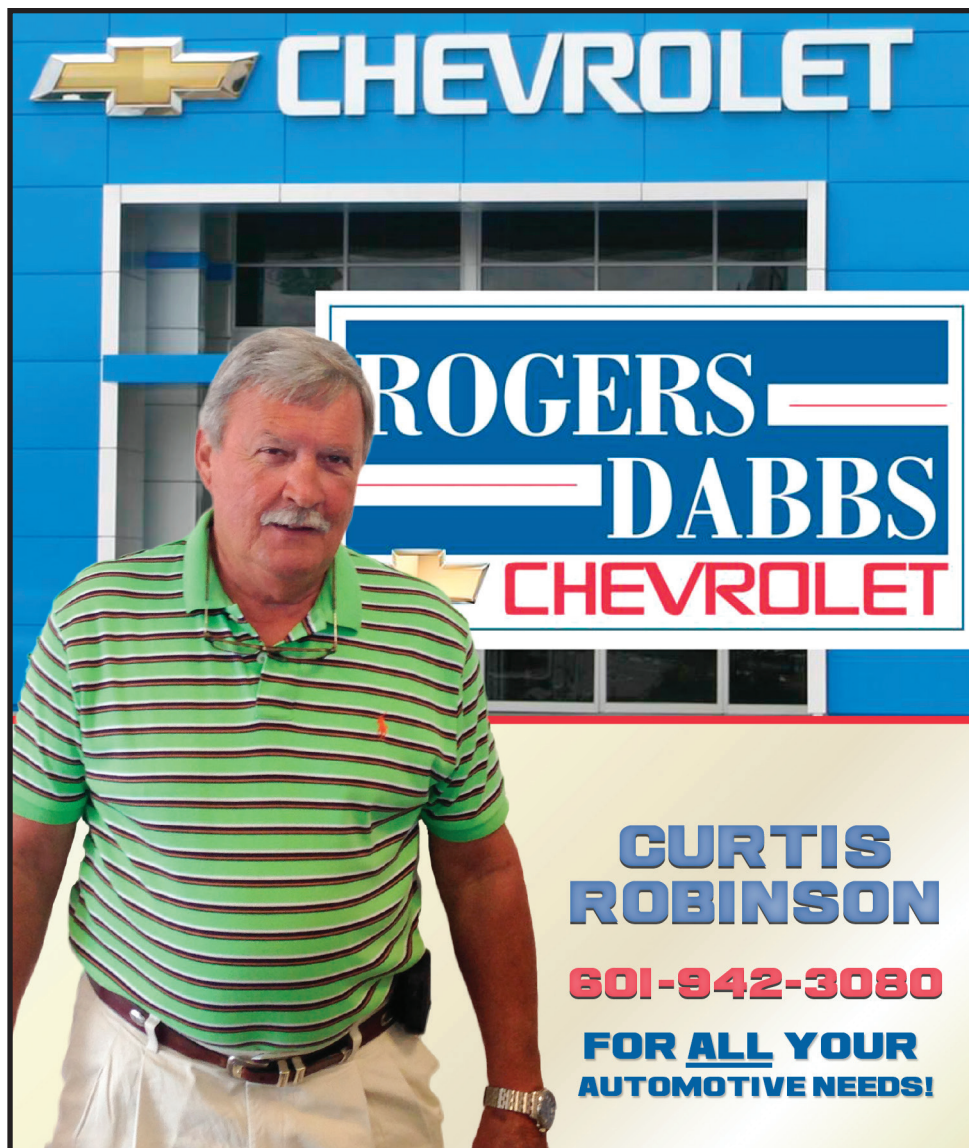
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