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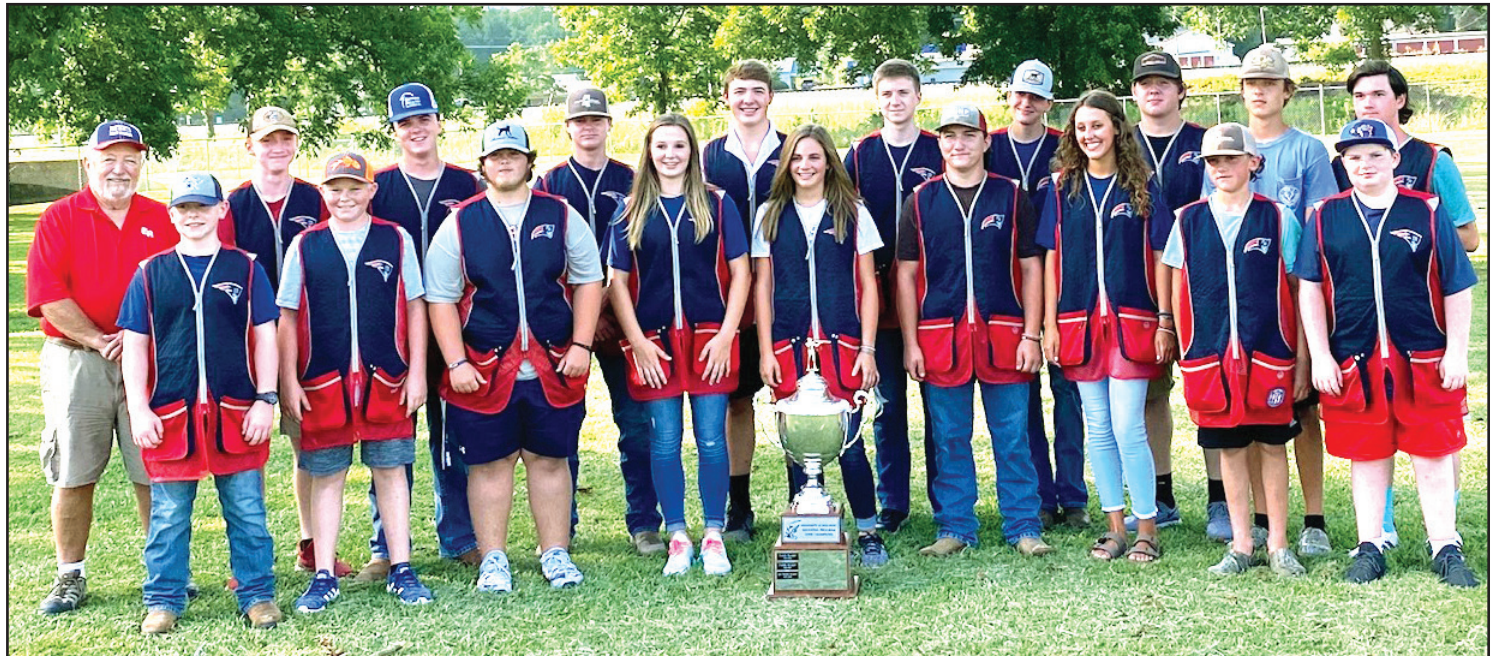
ERA Shooting team named MSSP Shooting Champions

By Susie A. Wolfe

The East Rankin Academy (ERA) Shooting Squad were named State Champions, and ERA eighth grader Brayden Warner was the overall combined winner at the fifth annual Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Program (MSSP) State Championships, held June 25 and 26 at the McIvor Shooting Facility in Sardis, Mississippi.

The 24-member ERA squad, under the direction of coaches Doc Nettles and Vince Bynum, had a score of 560 out of 600 and won by a 30-point margin. They finished third overall in skeet, third overall in sporting clays and third overall combined champions and overall State Champions for 2020. This group were also State Champs in 2018 and lost by one clay in 2019. They will receive scholarships and rings as winners.

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The ERA shooting team pictured (l to r) front row, are: Abram Rowell, Gabe Nutt, Garrett Gregory, Addison Brown, Lana Jones, Josh Phillips, Anslee Boyd, Ben Wilson Buffington, and Will Burrow; and back row: Coach Philip "Doc" Nettles, Parker Davis, Riley Huff, William Woods, Brayden Warner, Elijah Vining, Aiden Boyd, Knox Ross, Ben Carter, and Brock Tullos. Not pictured are: Coach Vince Bynum, Hudson Bynum, Ashton Buffington, Braiden Warren, Christian Leeper, and Jon Isaac Irby.

Sanders comes home as PES principal

By Susie A. Wolfe

Robin Sanders is Pelahatchie born and bred. She is returning "home" to head Pelahatchie Elementary School's (PES) 480 students and 60 staff members during the 2020 Pandemic, when education, as well as many other things, is uncertain.

Sanders attended the Pelahatchie school kindergarten-twelfth grade. She was a member of the basketball team, cheerleading squad, FFA, FHA, yearbook staff, student council, and several other organizations.

"I have always been proud to be a Chief, and I am glad to be going 'home' to serve as principal of Pelahatchie Elementary School," said Sanders. "I never felt



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Pelahatchie native Robin Sanders worked at Pelahatchie Elementary for 17 years before joining the Rankin County School District office. She has now returned as principal.

'called' to lead a school until the position became available at Pelahatchie Elementary. I have no doubt that I am right where God wants me to be... where I started with my PES family!" She worked at Pelahatchie Elementary from 1998 to 2016 as a first-grade teacher, third-grade teacher, fourth-grade teacher, and sixth-grade teacher. During her last three years at PES, she served as the school interventionist.

Her husband, Shane, served in many different capacities, including principal at Pelahatchie High School over a 21-year period, and is now an assistant superintendent at the Rankin County School District.
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Huffman, Sports Medicine Person of the Year

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Though Mississippi Athletic Trainer' Association (MATA) was not able to hold its 2020 Symposium, they did name the key awards winners, including Scot Huffman as Sports Medicine Person of the Year. The honorees will be celebrated in the 2021 Summer Meeting and Symposium June 8-10, 2021.

MATA stated that "the Sports Medicine Person the Year Award recognizes the person that contributes to our profession at the state level to the Mississippi Athletic Trainer' Association. They may also help to promote our profession at the district and/or national levels with community involvement also being considered. These individuals can be CEOs, coaches, athletic directors, physicians, news media, etc."

Huffman, a physical therapist (PT), is now co-owner, along with Dan Young, of the nine performance therapy clinics. He



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