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ERA Shooting team named MSSP Shooting Champions

sored MSSP State Championships welcomed the top 150 sporting clay, skeet, and trap shooters between the seventh and twelfth grade from around the state. Thirty different schools, both public and private, participated. Each participant competed for a piece of \$10,000 in college scholarships provided by the Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Once the shoot-offs for ties in the competition are determined, the winner's names will be released.

The Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Program (MSSP) is a team-based, youth development program that uses the shotgun sports of 5-Stand, Skeet, and Sporting Clays to instill life skills such as discipline, safety, teamwork, ethics, self-confidence, and other life values.

The program utilizes these disciplines to teach hunting skills through the safe use of hunting equipment, including firearms, and their relationship to hunting situations. Team members can participate in any or all three of the clay-target disciplines: 5-Stand, Skeet, and Sporting Clays.

For more information on the program, contact Director of Outreach Michelle Carter at michelle.carter@wfp.ms.gov. Scholarship winners will be in the August paper.



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Brayden Warner, an ERA eighth grader, was the overall MSSP winner.

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Sanders comes home as PES principal

County School District (RCSD).

"Shane and I never questioned where our daughters would attend school," said Sanders. "He and I both strongly believe in the value of public school, and we wanted our girls to attend school in the community where we live and attend church." And, now, both she and her husband are a big part of PES. Shane Sanders is overseeing the construction projects at many of the RCSD schools.

As far as when and if the school year starts on schedule, Sanders said, "While we are currently working tirelessly to create multiple scenarios and plans for the 20/21 school year, nothing has been finalized; however, I can assure you that Dr. Townsend and RCSD are working

diligently with all directors and school leaders to ensure every decision made moving forward is in the best interest of all staff and students, with safety being the first priority."

She said, "I am ALL IN! I am fully committed to making Pelahatchie the greatest elementary school in Rankin County and eventually the best in Mississippi. Shane and I are excited to be able to serve Pelahatchie Elementary as Rankin County School district employees, community members, but most importantly as parents. Our girls, Reagan and Payton, have flourished at Pelahatchie through the years, and we cannot wait to see our children and so many more finish strong. The Sanders family is ALL IN!"

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Huffman, Sports Medicine Person of the Year



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The Pelahatchie Performance Therapy staff (l to r) pictured, front is: Casie Hilton Peters, physical therapist and Pelahatchie director; and back row: Scot Huffman; and Courtney Rhodes, office administrator.

for 23 years in this area, where he also has a large cattle farm adjacent to his parents' farm.

"Huffman was nominated for this for his admiration for our profession, since he was an undergraduate student at Mississippi College as a student athletic trainer and now he works hard to bridge a relationship between instructional therapists (Its) and ATs (athletic train-

ers) in Mississippi. During the pandemic, it showed through keeping his ATs working during this pandemic and promoting our profession the whole month of March every year. He believes in athletic trainers and what we stand for. Thank you, Scot Huffman, for your love of our profession,

and working with us to get it done."

Pelahatchie native Huffman said that his career in physical therapy was founded on what he learned as a student athletic trainer at Mississippi College.

"Athletic trainers have taught me that hours are not as important than people,

Athletic Trainers are healthcare providers who are trained to provide on the field/court stabilization of injuries and return to play care - and are also skilled in injury prevention.

that your family is so much bigger than your immediate family, that you work when work is to be done, that you

rest when you are not needed, that you are always needed, that a relationship is more important than money and that a team is better when it has someone that cares about every piece. That so many kids need someone to listen. And, that their parents do too."

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