

Fusion Martial Arts reopened in June under new ownership

By Susie A. Wolfe

Fusion Martial Arts, which offers training in Taekwondo, reopened June 22 under the new ownership of Jerry Harvey of Pelahatchie. They have two classes a week on Monday and Thursday. There are classes for those around 12 and under, and one for 12 and above.

There are two instructors, Bill Rials and Bryant Watkins. Rials is the head instructor, fifth-degree black belt in Taekwondo. The other instructor, Watkins, has been with Fusion for five years and is a first-degree senior black belt. Harvey, who has been friends with Rials since they were teenagers, will be working toward his black belt and instructor status over the next two years. He and Rials trained in Taekwondo in Florence under George and Mary Jackson.

The martial arts studio, which started in 2004, is located in the Davis Shopping Center. They will be minimizing contact and wiping things down after class to avoid COVID-19, according to Harvey.

Harvey, originally from Star, Missis-



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The instructors and owner at Fusion Martial Arts (l to r) are: Bryant Watkins; new owner Jerry Harvey; and Bill Rials.

sippi, is a network operations manager for TEC in Jackson. He said, "I grew up in a small town, and we did not have much to do, so getting in trouble was one of our pastimes. In Pelahatchie, being a small community, I want to give the discipline and structure that comes in learning martial arts."

Harvey's two children, Jacob, 11, and Ella, 9, are students both here and at Pelahatchie Elementary School. His wife, Susan, who is also a student at Fusion, is a special education teacher at Gary Road Elementary in Byram.

For more information, call 601-941-3937 or check online www.facebook.com/fusionma.

A poem about "Life"

By Savannah Massey

Yes, blossoms that don't
bloom are such a thing
As different from the others, you and I
but still human beings
Same but different
Same but needing to listen

Why must we judge one another
Just based on ability and color
Life can make us kind
But in the same way make us blind

Anger is such a funny thing
Almost anything it can bring
And none of us want to admit it
But it throws us into a deep pit

We try and picture everything
with our eyes
But we don't see possibilities
as big as the skies
Once again life consumes each and
every one of us
Stealing our time, stealing our trust



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Savannah Massey, 13, is a Pelahatchie native and Pisgah High School ninth grader.

What around us we see
Is what our mind shapes us
to want to be
Many wish for mansions of gold
But never to work for treasures untold
If some play life as a game
It is one of both beauty and shame

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