

Chiefs receive All-State recognition



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Chiefs' seniors Kenner Doster (left), linebacker, and Quay Ragsdale (center), FS, were named to the All-State 2A football first defense team for 2021. Junior Elijah Williams (right), linebacker, was named to the All-State second team defense.

Luker named Pelahatchie High School New Teacher of the Year



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Elizabeth Luker is shown receiving her PHS New Teacher of the Year certificate. Pictured (l to r) are: Philip Nelson, assistant principal; Leslie Herbert, instructional supervisor; Malcolm Luker, husband; Luker; and Dr. Teague Burchfield, principal.

By Susie A. Wolfe

First semester teacher Elizabeth Luker teaches the Health Science curriculum for students interested in the medical field. She was named the Pelahatchie High School (PHS) New Teacher of the Year.

A native of Florence, Mississippi, Luker graduated from Mississippi State University where she received a degree in Ag and extension education in 1999. She went back to school in 2011 at Hinds Community College Nursing School to get an Associate RN degree then to the University of

Mississippi Medical Center Bridge Program RN to MSN. She chose the medical field because she had a child with spina bifida at birth and wanted to learn as much as she could about that.

Luker said she "loves teaching and getting to know the kids and their families." She tells the students that "education can be your ticket to anywhere you want to go."

Her husband, Malcolm, is the director of the FFA Center at Raymond. They have three children: Natalie Putnam (Hayden), 28; Bradley, 21; and Grayson, 16.

Two Pelahatchie students inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

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Lauren Shoemaker and Kaylee M. Hall were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

sional staff, and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the



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Shoemaker is a 2018 East Rankin graduate who is a senior nursing student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). Hall is a graduate of Pelahatchie High School.

East Rankin graduate Emilee Tadlock of Forest was also inducted into the honor society. She is also a student at the UMMC.

These two students are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, profes-

top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."



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