

TEC bringing fast fiber internet to Pelahatchie

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TEC, a leading rural fiber broadband provider in Mississippi, has started the second phase of fiber expansion in east Rankin County, connecting more Mississippians with dedicated, quality internet options. Construction has been underway, with crews having installed fiber optic cable on Charlie White Road in 2021. This project consists of seven phases that will bring fiber internet to parts of Jasper, Smith, Scott, and Jones counties.

"This new year brings innovative, exciting opportunities for TEC as we continue growing our fiber footprint in Mississippi," says Joey F. Garner, Executive Vice President of TEC. "We look forward to making a positive difference in rural areas by connecting more people with internet services. TEC is dedicated to our customers, and we are thankful for the chance to bring these broadband improvements and advancements to Rankin County."

TEC's goal is to minimize the broadband gap by providing a reliable, high-quality, and affordable internet solution. Dependable fiber internet connections offer improved quality



PELAHATCHIE
**FAST
FIBER
INTERNET
INSTALLATION**

PINE HILL LN
RANKIN HILL PL
RANKIN COVE
SHADOW WOODS FARM
GILMORE CIR
BRIDGES RD
RANKIN RD
CROOK RDG
JOHNSON VALLEY HLS
CRAFT PL

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of life through telemedicine, distance learning, and work from home options. Additionally, high-speed broadband provides personal enjoyment, such as

streaming videos or gaming. Customer needs are changing when it comes to internet usage during these unprecedented times; there is now a crucial need for

working, learning, communicating, and having the capability to access essential online services, like telehealth, remotely.

"I'm very pleased with the progress being made by TEC. Their persistence and dedication will result in the deployment of fast and dependable internet connections to 400 more homes," Central District Public Service Commissioner Brent Bailey said. "For too long, Mississippians in rural parts of the state have been doing without a reliable connection. Events over the last year have led to the closure of many educational and governmental facilities, as well as local businesses. The lack of internet in rural areas has highlighted just how important it is that we keep expanding, and TEC is doing excellent work in this field."

When completed, this project will cover over 41 miles and pass 367 residential and business customers with TEC's Fast Fiber Internet. Symmetrical Gigabit speeds and home phone services will be available to the residents of rural east Rankin County. If you are interested in signing up for internet service, go to www.TEC.com/SignUp to complete a quick form.

We are accepting applications at the newly renovated Pelahatchie Apartments!

If you know of any individuals interested in affordable housing options AND meet the listed criteria, contact J&A Inc at 662-603-2968 for an application today!



Criteria for Olmstead Eligibility

- Individuals being discharged from a State psychiatric hospital after a stay of more than ninety days; OR, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities after a stay of more than ninety days
- Individuals who have been discharged from a State psychiatric hospital within the last two years and
 - (a) Had multiple hospital visits in the last year due to mental illness; or
 - (b) Are known to mental health or state housing agency to have been arrested or incarcerated in the last year due to conduct related to mental illness; or
 - (c) Are known to the mental health or state housing agency to have been homeless for one full year or have had four or more episodes of homelessness in the last three years
- Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes a subset for an individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for ninety days or less and who resides in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Location
Pelahatchie Apartments
713 College Str.
Pelahatchie, MS 39145

Hours
Monday 11:00am-6:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm



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Chieftacular honored at RCSD



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Chieftacular was honored to be asked to perform for the Rankin County School District (RCSD) Board Meeting that was held on February 23 in the MPR building. This was the group's first performance due to Covid restrictions. Their performance consisted of a selection entitled, "It's Showtime" and a Medley of Commercial Songs. Chieftacular is made up of six graders that attend Pelahatchie Elementary. Members this year pictured (l to r) are: KatieBelle Herrington, Amelia Garcia, Bethany Tucker, and Marlie Conn.