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State Route 43 overlay planned in Rankin County

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The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will oversee 15 projects, which will maintain and enhance transportation infrastructure across the state.

“A robust transportation network is vital for economic development,” said Commissioner Tom King, Chair, Mississippi Transportation Commission. “From pavement overlays to bridge preservation work, these projects help ensure the businesses and people of our state have efficient and reliable infrastructure for the transport of goods and services.”

One of the 15 projects will be to mill and overlay two miles of State Route 43 from just south of I-20 to Pelahatchie.

The mill and overlay process is a two-step process: 1) milling the street and 2) laying the new asphalt (overlay). To mill the street, workers use heavy equipment to remove the surface of the street and place it into dump trucks. Work includes repairing failed areas, replacing the damaged concrete paved ditch, installing edge drains and upgrading guardrail.

The nearly \$3 million project was awarded to Dickerson & Bowen, Inc. of Brookhaven. Work is expected to begin next



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month and anticipated to last through the summer.

“Our number one priority at MDOT is to keep the state of Mississippi safe. These projects are a major investment into Mississippi’s transportation infrastructure and the safety of the traveling public,” said Commissioner Willie Simmons, Central Transportation District. “This is progress in every region. I look forward to working with the Transportation Commissioners to continue building and maintaining our infrastructure for future generations.”

MDOT hopes that drivers will remember that “work zone safety is in your hands.” For more information about these or other MDOT maintenance and construction projects, visit MDOTtraffic.com.

ERCO director praises the Town for amazing donations

By Katie White

Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO), a non-profit organization in Pelahatchie, is in need of food donations to assist in feeding the community. Some of the items that are needed are cereal, Pop-tarts and breakfast items, fresh produce, canned vegetables, canned meat (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages), soups and Spaghettios, rice, instant potatoes, peanut butter and crackers.

ERCO is also seeking volunteers to help with minor home repairs to area low-income households. Materials and supplies are also necessary to aid with the home repairs. These services are dependent on volunteer and mate-



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From Left to Right – Tammy Brun, Alex Melnick (Operation Shoestring), Leah Bishop (Alliance Vista Member), Sandra Hodge (Alliance), Sitaniel Wimbley (NAMI), Ellen Collins (Alliance), Jamie Rasberry (Alliance)

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