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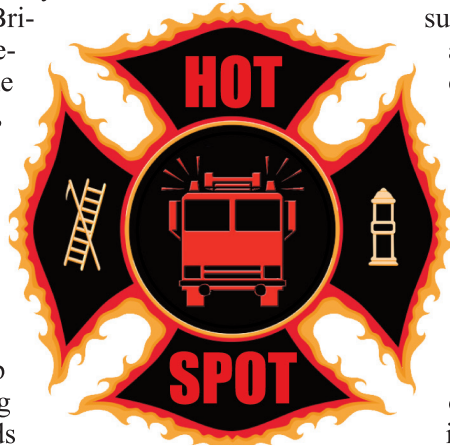
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Remember, Halloween will be Oct. 31, and do not forget to choose safe costumes, familiar neighborhoods or

a group event to attend. Wear reflective decals and carry flashlights when walking from house to house collecting all that yummy candy. Without safety, a fun night could turn into a bad night quickly.

Until next month, be safe doing your fall chores of raking and burning leaves and chopping that needed firewood. Make sure to keep your eyes and ears open for severe weather.

As always, help is only three numbers away 9-1-1.

Chiefs play the wolves



The Pelahatchie Chieftains and cheerleaders preparing for the game. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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However, many of the Chieftain players contributed to the putting points on the scoreboard. Junior player Tony Beeman passed for 84 yards

for one touchdown. He rushed for 153 yards and ran in three touchdowns. One of the touchdowns that Beeman ran was for 60 yards off of a punt. Also, Beeman caught one interception and had nine tackles.

Other players who stood out were Keldrick Stokes, who rushed for 81 yards, and Desmond McGee led the team with ten tackles. Seniors Kobi Gordin and Billy Ray Holly added eight tackles on the defensive end.

The cutest kid of Pelahatchie contest

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The Pelahatchie News sponsored The Cutest Kids of Pelahatchie Contest on the The Pelahatchie News Facebook page. Participants were asked to send in pictures of their children taking part in fun activities in Pelahatchie during the summer. The lucky winners of the contest were Josh (ten years old), Jacob (eight years old) and Katie Jenkins (six years old). (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

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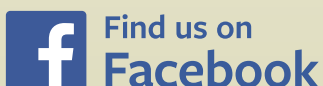
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The Hot Spot

benefit Lake Harbor Volunteer Fire Department. Be warned, this horror haunted house is not for the weak of heart or the weak of bladder. I, myself, have seen some laughing people entering but crying and screaming people exiting. So, come on out for some hair-raising, toe-curling, top-of-lungs screaming and nightmare-causing good fun.

Remember, Halloween will be Oct. 31, and do not forget to choose safe costumes, familiar neighborhoods or

a group event to attend. Wear reflective decals and carry flashlights when walking from house to house collecting all that yummy candy. Without safety, a fun night could turn into a bad night quickly.

Until next month, be safe doing your fall chores of raking and burning leaves and chopping that needed firewood. Make sure to keep your eyes and ears open for severe weather.

As always, help is only three numbers away 9-1-1.

Chiefs play the wolves



The Pelahatchie Chieftains and cheerleaders preparing for the game. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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On Aug. 30, the Pelahatchie Chiefs played the Puckett Wolves. The battle against the Wolves turned out to be quite a close football game with the Chiefs only falling behind four points; which left the score at 38-34.

However, many of the Chieftain players contributed to the putting points on the scoreboard. Junior player Tony Beeman passed for 84 yards

for one touchdown. He rushed for 153 yards and ran in three touchdowns. One of the touchdowns that Beeman ran was for 60 yards off of a punt. Also, Beeman caught one interception and had nine tackles.

Other players who stood out were Keldrick Stokes, who rushed for 81 yards, and Desmond McGee led the team with ten tackles. Seniors Kobi Gordin and Billy Ray Holly added eight tackles on the defensive end.

The cutest kid of Pelahatchie contest

Joshua, Jacob & Katie



The Pelahatchie News sponsored The Cutest Kids of Pelahatchie Contest on the The Pelahatchie News Facebook page. Participants were asked to send in pictures of their children taking part in fun activities in Pelahatchie during the summer. The lucky winners of the contest were Josh (ten years old), Jacob (eight years old) and Katie Jenkins (six years old). (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

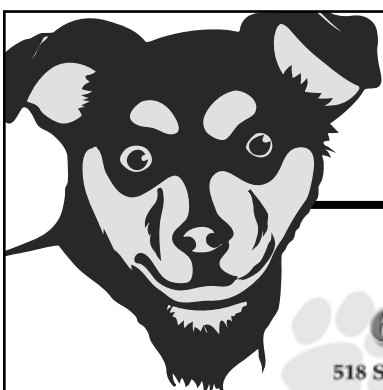
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Pelahatchie picks off Puckett

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The Pelahatchie Lady Chiefs opened the season Tuesday, Aug. 27, against the Puckett Lady Wolves. They also debuted their new concession stand, dressing room and press box for the 2013 season. Pelahatchie

played a solid game and came out on top of Puckett with a score of 12-5. The Chiefs were led by Senior Lacey Harpe, who went three for four with a single and two doubles. Becca Kennedy also had two singles, and Qee Beeman added to it with a single and a double.

Hinds open for eight-week classes

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For anyone interested in jump starting a college career without waiting for the spring semester, Hinds Community College offers a number of options for second eight-week classes that begin in October.

Classes are available online and in a traditional face-to-face format. Most courses are academic courses, but some limited career-technical options are available.

For applicants to Hinds' nursing programs seeking to finish prerequisites, Anatomy and Physiology I with the lab are being offered on the Raymond Campus and in an online format.

Registration is now open for those

classes. Traditional classes begin Oct. 15 at most Hinds' locations. Online classes begin Oct. 21. All second eight-week classes end in early December. A complete listing of the eight-week classes by location and format can be found on the Hinds' website.

In addition to the online classes listed currently on the Hinds' website, Hinds can also make available more than 70 academic courses online through a condensed format. For more information, contact the Distance Learning office at 601-857-3834.

Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible in order to get the classes and schedule they need.

For more information, call 1-800-HINDSCC.

Pelahatchie chooses Students of the Month

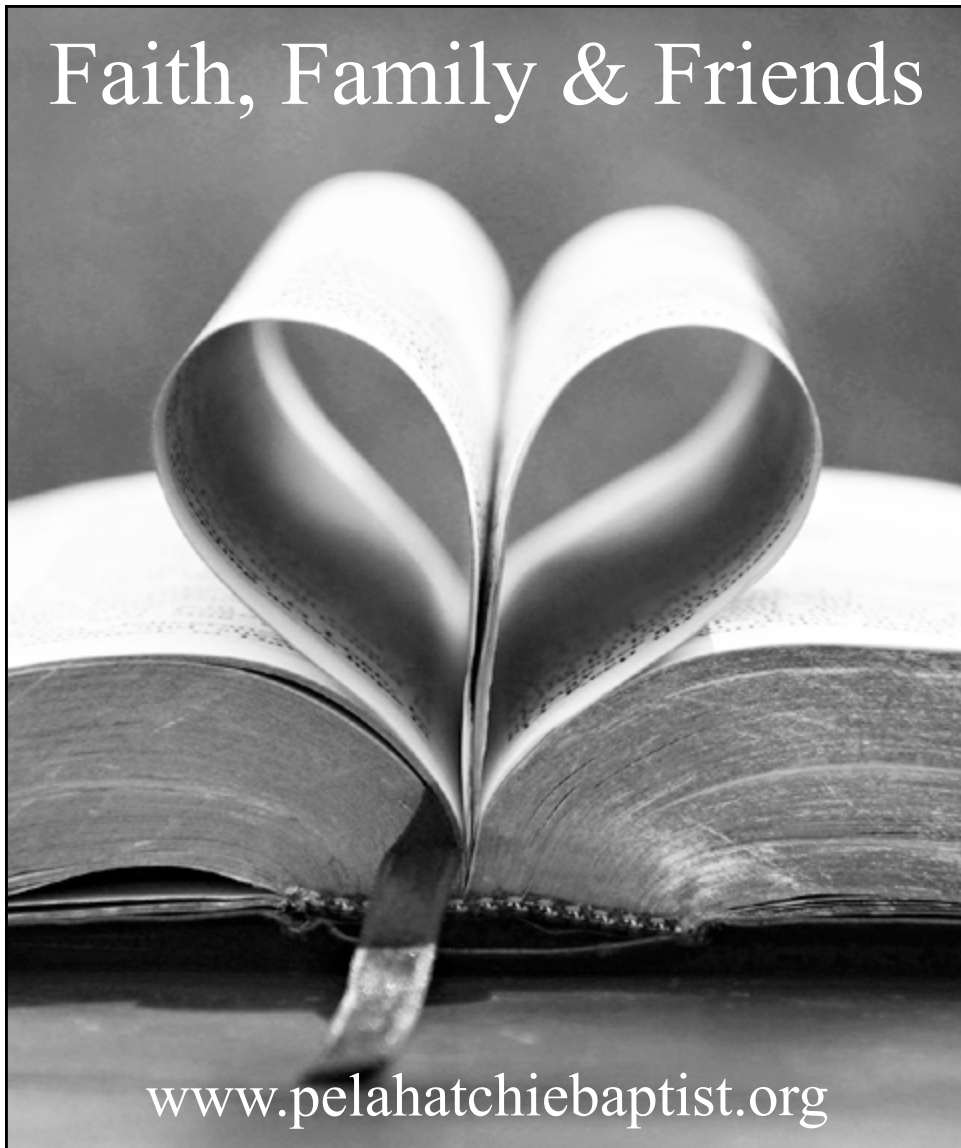


Pelahatchie Attendance Center selected the Students of the Month for the month of August. The Students of the Month are pictured from (l to r); front row: Monica Sanders (junior), Kessie Key (teacher) and Carlie Edwards (eighth grade); back row: Brock Wilson (seventh grade), Eddie Felix (sophomore), Kobi Gordin (senior) and Jacolby Magee (freshman).



Pelahatchie Attendance Center's Citizenship Award recipients are Jordan Bishop and Raven McNair for showing the characteristic for the month; which was humility. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Mini cheerleaders cheer at half-time



East Rankin Academy held their annual mini cheerleading camp for girls in Kindergarten through sixth grade. The high school cheerleaders hosted a special training after school on Friday, Sept. 13, to teach the younger students cheers for the football game against Tri-County Academy. At half-time, the mini cheerleaders performed their rehearsed cheers to rally the crowd. (Photos by Kristen J. Rials)



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Cross Roads Baptist Church is preparing for the upcoming Upward Basketball season. This will be the 14th year of Upward Basketball at Cross Roads; and, in the past, over 2,000 children have participated in the program.

Player sign up is going on now, and the deadline to sign up is Oct. 11. Children in Kindergarten through sixth

grade can participate in either basketball or cheer. Games will be played in the historic Cross Roads Gym; which was built in 1929 to serve as the school gym for Cross Roads School. The season will begin on Jan. 11 and end on Feb. 15. The Upward Awards Banquet will take place on Feb. 22.

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At any and all of their locations, customers can always count on great personalized service with local people, and this clearly sets PriorityOne apart from other banks. PriorityOne Bank has experienced considerable growth; however, it still retains close banking relationships with their customers by providing superior customer service combined with current technological advances within the banking industry. At the branch level, PriorityOne Bank provides high-tech and high-touch solutions for deposit, financial services / investment, mortgage and lending needs of their customers, whether it is for personal or business accounts.

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"You can rely on our team here in Pelahatchie. You will find knowledgeable professionals who know and understand our products and services. You will find our staff available and ready to serve each person on an individual basis," said David Farris, Vice President and Branch Manager. "You will be met by friendly and local folks that know you by name and want

to provide you with banking solutions that work best for you."

The PriorityOne Team is committed to providing the Pelahatchie community with the latest available in the world of banking while maintaining a small town personal touch.

The staff consists of hometown people who are dedicated to making their clients the number one priority.

"We appreciate our current customers and ask them to recommend others to us, and of course, we welcome any and all opportunities to serve others," said Farris.

Tammy Hines, the Head Teller, is one of the first people to greet you

when you walk in the door. She is courteous and makes you feel right at home. Between Hines and tellers Amber Wood and Heather Windham, PriorityOne Bank handles more than 200 transactions daily. These transactions include deposits, payments and more.

"It is our intent to deliver fast and courteous service to our customers. We greet them at the door. We call them by name and ask about their family. We appreciate our customers and strive to give them superior customer service, one customer at a time," said Hines.

Lynn Harrell handles the role of Customer Service Representative. Lynn assists customers with online banking and bill pay services, and she also aids in opening new accounts (personal and business), savings accounts, certificates of deposit, credit cards, loans, lines of credit and more.

"We now offer KASASA checking accounts, which allow customers to earn interest or rewards, and it is the customer's choice whether to take part in this type of an account," stated Harrell. "For new customers who switch

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Pictured from (l to r) are David Farris, Lynn Harrell, Heather Windham, Tammy Hines and Amber Wood. (Photo by Kristen J. Rials)

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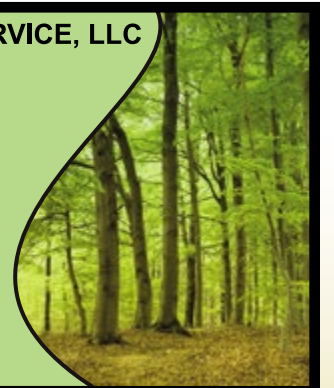
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Know what is normal for you

By the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Facts for Life

The signs of breast cancer are not the same for all women. It is important to know how your breasts normally look and feel. Many women find their breasts feel lumpy. Breast tissue naturally has a bumpy texture that varies from one woman to another. For some women, the lumpiness is more obvious than for others. In most cases, this is no cause to worry. If the lumpiness can be felt throughout the breast and feels like your other breast, it is likely just normal breast tissue.

Lumps that feel harder or different from the rest of the breast tissue (or the tissue of the other breast) or that feel like a change are a concern. If you feel or see any change in your breasts or underarms, see your health care provider.

Overall, mammography is the best breast cancer screening tool used today. It can find breast cancer at an early stage, before it can be felt. As new screening tools are developed, and we learn more about a person's own risk, we may learn who will likely benefit most from any given screening test.

Today, there are specific screening guidelines for people at higher risk. Yet, only general guidelines for those at average risk. As we learn more, more guidelines for those within the "average risk" group may come about. Today, women should discuss their Early detection screening options with their health care providers.



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The Pelahatchie Student Council members for 2013 include (l to r) front row: Scheldon Irvin, Juleah Boyd and Lacey Harpe; middle row: Brianna Bennet, Jasmiah Collier, Lacey Pittman and Samantha Walker; and back row: Jacoby Magee, Jordan Bishop and Tyler Howell. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Pelahatchie’s 2013 Homecoming Maids



Pelahatchie Attendance Center presented their 2013 Homecoming Court on Sept. 27. Pictured from (l to r) are the Homecoming maids for the 2013 year; including, front row: Caitlin Bishop (senior), Nikki Burke (senior), Destine Holifield (senior), Jasmiah Collier (senior) and Lacey Harpe (senior); back row: Tiara Collier (seventh grade), Lexie Walker (freshman), Maggie Bowman (sophomore), Monica Sanders (junior), Ivy Brock (junior), Samantha Walker (junior), Jamarion Hardy (sophomore), Jamiyah Stokes (freshman) and Lanie Burkes (eighth grade). (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Oct. 7	Lake	Home	7:00 PM
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Oct. 21	Scott Central	Away	7:00 PM
Cross Country			
Oct. 5	Watson Quality Ford Inv.	JH/HS	9:00 AM
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Cyber security tips to help fight cybercrime

By: Jay White,
Information Security Director,
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National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), celebrated every October, was created as a collaborative effort between government and private industry to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safe and secure online.

You may be asking yourself, "Why do I need to be safer and more secure online?" Connecting to the Internet with computers, smartphones, tablets, televisions, automobiles, watches and even with a pair of glasses paves the way for a more convenient, instantaneous, and entertaining way of life. However, there are criminals in this world more than willing to take advantage of individuals who fail to take the appropriate actions to minimize the risk of becoming a victim. There are statistics from a number of reputable sources that have estimated annual

losses from cybercrime is approaching the value of all global drug trafficking. This would put the annual losses from cybercrime in the billions of dollars.

Another statistic agreed upon by a number of reputable sources estimates that in 2012 an average of 14 adults suffered from cybercrime every second. These are staggering statistics that should tell us we are all potential targets.

Most of us lead Internet-connected, digital lives. We utilize the Internet to support our everyday lives through financial transactions, transportation systems, healthcare records, emergency response systems, personal communications and more. The computing power at our fingertips today exceeds the computing power of NASA in 1969 when they sent a man to the moon! Uncle Ben once told Peter Parker, aka Spiderman, "with great power comes great responsibility." With the great power the Internet provides us, it is our shared responsibility to become safer and more secure online. If we collectively implement stronger security practices, raise awareness and educate those around us, we can make

utilizing the Internet more secure for everyone.

Cybersecurity begins with a simple message everyone using the Internet can adopt: STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Take security and safety precautions, understand the consequences of your actions and behaviors online and enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

This October, celebrate the 10th anniversary of National Cyber Security Awareness Month by setting aside time to increase your cyber security awareness. Here are a few simple tips for minimizing the risk of becoming a cybercrime victim.

- **Make passwords long and complex:** Combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.
- **Keep security software current:** Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware and other online threats.
- **Automate software updates:** Many software programs will au-

tomatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that is an available option.

- **Protect all devices that connect to the Internet:** Computers are not the only devices that can be susceptible to security vulnerabilities; smart phones, gaming systems and other connected-devices also need protection.
- **Own your online presence:** When available, set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It is okay to limit how and with whom you share information.
- **Get savvy about WiFi hotspots:** Limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your machine.
- **Protect your assets:** When banking and shopping, check to be sure the site is security enabled. Look for web addresses with "https://", which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. "http://" is not secure.

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This Breast Cancer Awareness Month: what to ask your doctor

By StatePoint Media Services

No one wants to think about breast cancer often, but there's definitely one person with whom you should discuss the topic annually - your doctor. From innovative detection tests to new prevention research, your physician can be a great source of information on new ways women are protecting themselves from this life-threatening illness.

"Between family, friends and career, a doctor's appointment may not be a top priority for women. But checkups are integral to breast cancer prevention," says Dr. Steven Quay, Chairman, CEO and President of Atossa Genetics and inventor of the ForeCYTE Breast Health Test.

"October, which is the month for Breast Cancer Awareness, is an excellent time to take five minutes to schedule your screening exams," Quay says.

Here are key topics to discuss with your doctor to ensure you make the most of your visit:

Risk

Breast cancer risk is multifaceted. Age is one factor -- as you get older your risk rises. Certain lifestyle factors can also increase your risk -- being overweight, taking birth control pills, alcohol consumption and not having children.

Genetic risk, heredity, the presence of pre-malignant cells and breast density should also be considered. Talk to your doctor about what tests you should be receiving to determine your risk, and if there are lifestyle changes you should make.

Testing

Breast cancer can strike at any age. Unfortunately, mammography, the most common test which is now con-

troversial as to its effectiveness, isn't recommended for younger women. But now there are adjunct tests that younger women can request that can detect silent, reversible milk duct hyperplasia, a condition that can lead to breast cancer in a decade if left untreated. The new quick and non-invasive ForeCYTE Breast Health Test, for example, collects and analyzes individual cells from a small sample of milk duct fluid collected from each breast, and can provide vital early detection of cancer or pre-cancerous conditions.

Just as the Pap smear has reduced cervical cancer rates by over 70 percent by finding and treating reversible pre-cancer before it becomes cancer, the goal of Atossa Genetics, maker of ForeCYTE and other diagnostic risk assessments, is to reduce the high rate of breast cancer through early detection of reversible precursor changes that can lead to breast cancer and to treat those early changes.

"From lifestyle changes to therapeutic interventions, knowing your lifetime risk of breast cancer can help you make important medical decisions now," notes Quay.

Lifestyle

Maintaining a healthy body weight can reduce your risk for breast cancer. Ask your physician or a registered dietitian for advice on improving your diet. Your doctor can also recommend the best way to ease into a fitness routine, taking into account your overall health and current fitness level.

If you're a smoker or drinker, ask your physician to direct you toward resources that can help you curb the habit.

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, take charge of your health by learning more about early detection, testing options and prevention.

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Mini Mermaids run through Pelahatchie

By Kristen J. Rials

In 2009, a group of professional women who worked in the field of physical fitness decided to start helping the plight that many young girls face in California. With the pressure to look, feel and act a certain way, the battle to feel good in their own bodies is a difficult undertaking for girls; even girls as young as elementary school.

Their method of fighting back was by creating a program called Mini Mermaids Running Club. The club is a six-week running program that gets girls moving while also teaching them the importance of having a healthy self-image. Each week, the girls run, which improves their physical fitness, and they also learn a special lesson about how to feel beautiful on the inside.

The term “mini mermaid” comes from the old tale that sirens and mermaids were very similar in appearance but different in purpose. Young girls can choose to be a mermaid and listen to positive truths about their self-image; or, they can choose to listen to their inner siren and listen to the negative lies that crush their self-esteem.

Mini Mermaids is all about teaching girls to listen to their inner mermaid.

The program has quickly picked up speed in membership with the Mini

elementary librarian Melissa Rowell wanting to do something special for her school.

“I was looking for a community

to the demographic of the school that the program would be completely free.

Now, Rowell, with help from assistant coach Lessie Johnson, run with their group of Mini Mermaids twice a week. Currently, the Pelahatchie Mini Mermaids are planning to take part in the Zoo Run on Oct. 5.

Another key part of the program is to take part in a community service project, and Rowell and Johnson learned after talking with the girls that they all had an affinity for animals. So, the coaches’ initial thoughts were to raise money for the local zoo; however, they wanted to do something that would impact the Pelahatchie community. After a little research, the Mini Mermaid coaches discovered Angel Paws, which takes in strays in the local community.

“We decided to help raise money for Angel Paws by doing Pennies for Paws,” said Rowell. “The girls are putting containers in each of the classrooms, and the hope is that we will raise money for the organization.”

For more information about the Mini Mermaids Running Club, contact Pelahatchie Elementary School at (601)854-8060.



Pictured from (l to r) are; front row: Keona Gipson, Reagan Sanders, Isabella Rust, Melissa Rowell (coach), Camden Patton, Lessie Johnson (assistant), Anzadious Gipson and Jamie Hawkins; back row: Payton Sanders, Kydal Patton and Katie Boyer. (Photo by Alicen Carol Wood)

Mermaid Running Club across the board boasting 1,500 participants, and the club has just received a whole new troop from Pelahatchie Elementary School; which is the first and only chapter in the state of Mississippi

It all started with Pelahatchie El-

service project to do with our school,” said Rowell. “I was browsing the Internet, and that is when I found the Mini Mermaids program.”

Rowell contacted the founders of the Mini Mermaid program; and, from the founders, Rowell learned that due

Students selected for Duke’s TIP



Every year, gifted students are discovered through Duke University’s Talent Identification Program (TIP). Through the program, these gifted children are given the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT in seventh grade. Pelahatchie has five students who have been accepted into Duke University’s TIP. Pictured from (l to r) are; front row: Jon King; middle row: Jordan White and Harrison Till; and back row: Jason Collier and Makayla Minett. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



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Mini cheerleaders cheer at half-time



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Upward Basketball season begins

Special to The Pelahatchie News

Cross Roads Baptist Church is preparing for the upcoming Upward Basketball season. This will be the 14th year of Upward Basketball at Cross Roads; and, in the past, over 2,000 children have participated in the program.

Player sign up is going on now, and the deadline to sign up is Oct. 11. Children in Kindergarten through sixth

grade can participate in either basketball or cheer. Games will be played in the historic Cross Roads Gym; which was built in 1929 to serve as the school gym for Cross Roads School. The season will begin on Jan. 11 and end on Feb. 15. The Upward Awards Banquet will take place on Feb. 22.

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At any and all of their locations, customers can always count on great personalized service with local people, and this clearly sets PriorityOne apart from other banks. PriorityOne Bank has experienced considerable growth; however, it still retains close banking relationships with their customers by providing superior customer service combined with current technological advances within the banking industry. At the branch level, PriorityOne Bank provides high-tech and high-touch solutions for deposit, financial services / investment, mortgage and lending needs of their customers, whether it is for personal or business accounts.

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"You can rely on our team here in Pelahatchie. You will find knowledgeable professionals who know and understand our products and services. You will find our staff available and ready to serve each person on an individual basis," said David Farris, Vice President and Branch Manager. "You will be met by friendly and local folks that know you by name and want

to provide you with banking solutions that work best for you."

The PriorityOne Team is committed to providing the Pelahatchie community with the latest available in the world of banking while maintaining a small town personal touch.

The staff consists of hometown people who are dedicated to making their clients the number one priority.

"We appreciate our current customers and ask them to recommend others to us, and of course, we welcome any and all opportunities to serve others," said Farris.

Tammy Hines, the Head Teller, is one of the first people to greet you

when you walk in the door. She is courteous and makes you feel right at home. Between Hines and tellers Amber Wood and Heather Windham, PriorityOne Bank handles more than 200 transactions daily. These transactions include deposits, payments and more.

"It is our intent to deliver fast and courteous service to our customers. We greet them at the door. We call them by name and ask about their family. We appreciate our customers and strive to give them superior customer service, one customer at a time," said Hines.

Lynn Harrell handles the role of Customer Service Representative. Lynn assists customers with online banking and bill pay services, and she also aids in opening new accounts (personal and business), savings accounts, certificates of deposit, credit cards, loans, lines of credit and more.

"We now offer KASASA checking accounts, which allow customers to earn interest or rewards, and it is the customer's choice whether to take part in this type of an account," stated Harrell. "For new customers who switch

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Pictured from (l to r) are David Farris, Lynn Harrell, Heather Windham, Tammy Hines and Amber Wood. (Photo by Kristen J. Rials)

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By the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Facts for Life

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Lumps that feel harder or different from the rest of the breast tissue (or the tissue of the other breast) or that feel like a change are a concern. If you feel or see any change in your breasts or underarms, see your health care provider.

Overall, mammography is the best breast cancer screening tool used today. It can find breast cancer at an early stage, before it can be felt. As new screening tools are developed, and we learn more about a person's own risk, we may learn who will likely benefit most from any given screening test.

Today, there are specific screening guidelines for people at higher risk. Yet, only general guidelines for those at average risk. As we learn more, more guidelines for those within the "average risk" group may come about. Today, women should discuss their Early detection screening options with their health care providers.



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Pelahatchie’s 2013 Homecoming Maids



Pelahatchie Attendance Center presented their 2013 Homecoming Court on Sept. 27. Pictured from (l to r) are the Homecoming maids for the 2013 year; including, front row: Caitlin Bishop (senior), Nikki Burke (senior), Destine Holifield (senior), Jasmiah Collier (senior) and Lacey Harpe (senior); back row: Tiara Collier (seventh grade), Lexie Walker (freshman), Maggie Bowman (sophomore), Monica Sanders (junior), Ivy Brock (junior), Samantha Walker (junior), Jamarion Hardy (sophomore), Jamiyah Stokes (freshman) and Lanie Burkes (eighth grade). (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



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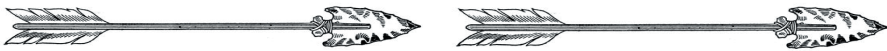
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Cyber security tips to help fight cybercrime

By: Jay White,
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National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), celebrated every October, was created as a collaborative effort between government and private industry to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safe and secure online.

You may be asking yourself, "Why do I need to be safer and more secure online?" Connecting to the Internet with computers, smartphones, tablets, televisions, automobiles, watches and even with a pair of glasses paves the way for a more convenient, instantaneous, and entertaining way of life. However, there are criminals in this world more than willing to take advantage of individuals who fail to take the appropriate actions to minimize the risk of becoming a victim. There are statistics from a number of reputable sources that have estimated annual

losses from cybercrime is approaching the value of all global drug trafficking. This would put the annual losses from cybercrime in the billions of dollars.

Another statistic agreed upon by a number of reputable sources estimates that in 2012 an average of 14 adults suffered from cybercrime every second. These are staggering statistics that should tell us we are all potential targets.

Most of us lead Internet-connected, digital lives. We utilize the Internet to support our everyday lives through financial transactions, transportation systems, healthcare records, emergency response systems, personal communications and more. The computing power at our fingertips today exceeds the computing power of NASA in 1969 when they sent a man to the moon! Uncle Ben once told Peter Parker, aka Spiderman, "with great power comes great responsibility." With the great power the Internet provides us, it is our shared responsibility to become safer and more secure online. If we collectively implement stronger security practices, raise awareness and educate those around us, we can make

utilizing the Internet more secure for everyone.

Cybersecurity begins with a simple message everyone using the Internet can adopt: STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Take security and safety precautions, understand the consequences of your actions and behaviors online and enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

This October, celebrate the 10th anniversary of National Cyber Security Awareness Month by setting aside time to increase your cyber security awareness. Here are a few simple tips for minimizing the risk of becoming a cybercrime victim.

- **Make passwords long and complex:** Combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.
- **Keep security software current:** Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware and other online threats.
- **Automate software updates:** Many software programs will au-

tomatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that is an available option.

- **Protect all devices that connect to the Internet:** Computers are not the only devices that can be susceptible to security vulnerabilities; smart phones, gaming systems and other connected-devices also need protection.
- **Own your online presence:** When available, set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It is okay to limit how and with whom you share information.
- **Get savvy about WiFi hotspots:** Limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your machine.
- **Protect your assets:** When banking and shopping, check to be sure the site is security enabled. Look for web addresses with "https://", which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. "http://" is not secure.

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This Breast Cancer Awareness Month: what to ask your doctor

By StatePoint Media Services

No one wants to think about breast cancer often, but there's definitely one person with whom you should discuss the topic annually - your doctor. From innovative detection tests to new prevention research, your physician can be a great source of information on new ways women are protecting themselves from this life-threatening illness.

"Between family, friends and career, a doctor's appointment may not be a top priority for women. But checkups are integral to breast cancer prevention," says Dr. Steven Quay, Chairman, CEO and President of Atossa Genetics and inventor of the ForeCYTE Breast Health Test.

"October, which is the month for Breast Cancer Awareness, is an excellent time to take five minutes to schedule your screening exams," Quay says.

Here are key topics to discuss with your doctor to ensure you make the most of your visit:

Risk

Breast cancer risk is multifaceted. Age is one factor -- as you get older your risk rises. Certain lifestyle factors can also increase your risk -- being overweight, taking birth control pills, alcohol consumption and not having children.

Genetic risk, heredity, the presence of pre-malignant cells and breast density should also be considered. Talk to your doctor about what tests you should be receiving to determine your risk, and if there are lifestyle changes you should make.

Testing

Breast cancer can strike at any age. Unfortunately, mammography, the most common test which is now con-

troversial as to its effectiveness, isn't recommended for younger women. But now there are adjunct tests that younger women can request that can detect silent, reversible milk duct hyperplasia, a condition that can lead to breast cancer in a decade if left untreated. The new quick and non-invasive ForeCYTE Breast Health Test, for example, collects and analyzes individual cells from a small sample of milk duct fluid collected from each breast, and can provide vital early detection of cancer or pre-cancerous conditions.

Just as the Pap smear has reduced cervical cancer rates by over 70 percent by finding and treating reversible pre-cancer before it becomes cancer, the goal of Atossa Genetics, maker of ForeCYTE and other diagnostic risk assessments, is to reduce the high rate of breast cancer through early detection of reversible precursor changes that can lead to breast cancer and to treat those early changes.

"From lifestyle changes to therapeutic interventions, knowing your lifetime risk of breast cancer can help you make important medical decisions now," notes Quay.

Lifestyle

Maintaining a healthy body weight can reduce your risk for breast cancer. Ask your physician or a registered dietitian for advice on improving your diet. Your doctor can also recommend the best way to ease into a fitness routine, taking into account your overall health and current fitness level.

If you're a smoker or drinker, ask your physician to direct you toward resources that can help you curb the habit.

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, take charge of your health by learning more about early detection, testing options and prevention.

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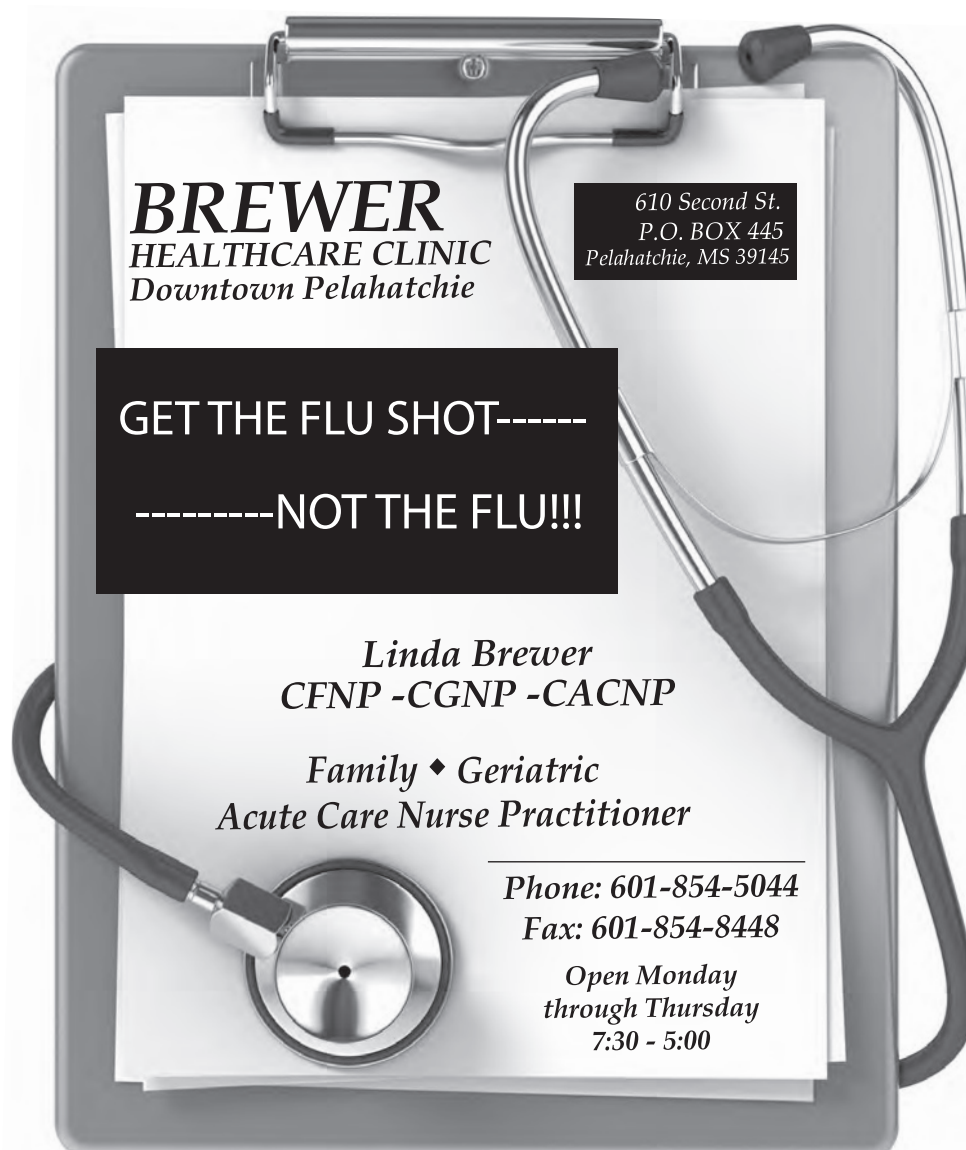
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Mini Mermaids run through Pelahatchie

By Kristen J. Rials

In 2009, a group of professional women who worked in the field of physical fitness decided to start helping the plight that many young girls face in California. With the pressure to look, feel and act a certain way, the battle to feel good in their own bodies is a difficult undertaking for girls; even girls as young as elementary school.

Their method of fighting back was by creating a program called Mini Mermaids Running Club. The club is a six-week running program that gets girls moving while also teaching them the importance of having a healthy self-image. Each week, the girls run, which improves their physical fitness, and they also learn a special lesson about how to feel beautiful on the inside.

The term “mini mermaid” comes from the old tale that sirens and mermaids were very similar in appearance but different in purpose. Young girls can choose to be a mermaid and listen to positive truths about their self-image; or, they can choose to listen to their inner siren and listen to the negative lies that crush their self-esteem.

Mini Mermaids is all about teaching girls to listen to their inner mermaid.

The program has quickly picked up speed in membership with the Mini

elementary librarian Melissa Rowell wanting to do something special for her school.

“I was looking for a community



Pictured from (l to r) are; front row: Keona Gipson, Reagan Sanders, Isabella Rust, Melissa Rowell (coach), Camden Patton, Lessie Johnson (assistant), Anzadious Gipson and Jamie Hawkins; back row: Payton Sanders, Kydal Patton and Katie Boyer. (Photo by Alicen Carol Wood)

Mermaid Running Club across the board boasting 1,500 participants, and the club has just received a whole new troop from Pelahatchie Elementary School; which is the first and only chapter in the state of Mississippi

It all started with Pelahatchie El-

service project to do with our school,” said Rowell. “I was browsing the Internet, and that is when I found the Mini Mermaids program.”

Rowell contacted the founders of the Mini Mermaid program; and, from the founders, Rowell learned that due

to the demographic of the school that the program would be completely free.

Now, Rowell, with help from assistant coach Lessie Johnson, run with their group of Mini Mermaids twice a week. Currently, the Pelahatchie Mini Mermaids are planning to take part in the Zoo Run on Oct. 5.

Another key part of the program is to take part in a community service project, and Rowell and Johnson learned after talking with the girls that they all had an affinity for animals. So, the coaches’ initial thoughts were to raise money for the local zoo; however, they wanted to do something that would impact the Pelahatchie community. After a little research, the Mini Mermaid coaches discovered Angel Paws, which takes in strays in the local community.

“We decided to help raise money for Angel Paws by doing Pennies for Paws,” said Rowell. “The girls are putting containers in each of the classrooms, and the hope is that we will raise money for the organization.”

For more information about the Mini Mermaids Running Club, contact Pelahatchie Elementary School at (601)854-8060.

Students selected for Duke’s TIP



Every year, gifted students are discovered through Duke University’s Talent Identification Program (TIP). Through the program, these gifted children are given the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT in seventh grade. Pelahatchie has five students who have been accepted into Duke University’s TIP. Pictured from (l to r) are; front row: Jon King; middle row: Jordan White and Harrison Till; and back row: Jason Collier and Makayla Minett. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



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