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Venture students enlightened at *The Bell Assembly Workshop*

By: Katie White

On Feb. 7, Pelahatchie Attendance Center's Venture teacher, Amy Till, took her Venture students on a field trip to the Mississippi Museum of Art, located in Jackson, Miss. The purpose of the field trip was to take part in a unique art project called *Core Sample*, by Mississippi artists Daniel Johnson and Amber Johnson, of Significant Developments.

Within the Entergy classroom, doubling as the *The Bell Assembly Workshop*, students piled in and were grouped by grade to sit at different art stations. Each station had a different task at hand, and the end product was a symbolized bell made from clay. While some students learned how to slice the clay into thin strips, others learned how to take the strips and mold them into the shape of a bell.

Some students were allowed to carve symbols on each side of the bells. The youngest students had the

opportunity to get creative and draw their own unique symbols on paper to be used for the bell project by others who participate in the workshop.

All of the students were guided through the museum to see different art collections created by Mississippi artists. The students were encouraged to discuss their thoughts and reactions to specific art pieces. This discussion led Kathy Avera, Director of the Mississippi Museum of art, to say, "This school has some great thinkers."

All 2200 clay bells, made from different types of clay with their own unique natural color, will be preserved with a clear glaze. Once all the bells are complete, they will be unified into a sculpture, to be unveiled at The Art Garden, located at The Mississippi Museum of Art, on Thursday, March 20, 2014.

For more information on *Core Sample*, visit www.msmuseumart.org/index.php/aboutus/page/c3-community-art-series.



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Beeman makes National Baseball team

By: Kristen J. Rials

"Build Your Way To Greatness" is the slogan of what many believe to be one of the most prestigious baseball programs in the nation-The Baseball Factory. The Baseball Factory is an organization that provides promising young student-athletes the chance to be coached by professional baseball players and to play beside other talented and aspiring players from all over the country.

One young Pelahatchian, Antonia Beeman, is hoping to build his way to greatness, Antonio Beeman. Beeman is a baseball player for the Pelahatchie Chiefs, and he was recently selected out of thousands of players nationwide to be a part of this year's Baseball Factory National Team. He will travel to Omaha, Nebraska to compete in the Omaha National World Series.

"I've trained for years with the hopes and dreams of playing with the best," said Beeman. "This great expe-



Beeman at bat. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

rience will help me reach my highest potential and receive national recognition to help me play college baseball."

However, in order to seize this opportunity, Beeman must meet a financial obligation to cover expenses, such as transportation, food, training, registration, etc.

Help this student-athlete reach his dreams by sending a donation; or, you can also help sponsor him by giving: \$25- for every base hit, \$50- for every double, \$100- for every triple, \$200- for every home run and \$300- for every glam slam that he hits this season. For more information, call (601) 854-8135.

Elderly couple loses home to fire



Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*

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On Tuesday, Feb. 25, Jack and Joann Allen lost their century-old family home to a fire. A neighbor saw the smoke coming from the attic and ran to help. Mrs. Allen said, "The fire alarms were going off."

The Allen's and their two dogs were able to get out of the burning home unharmed and report they are grateful for

that. They have plans to rebuild. In the meantime, they are staying with their daughter, Melissa Hunt.

Hunt, who lives next door at 202 McDonald St., has a small shop where she can keep donations. Clothing is the most immediate necessity, and the needed sizes are: men's pants 31-30, large shirt, and shoe size is a 7; women's pants 12-14, large shirt, and shoe size is an 8.5.



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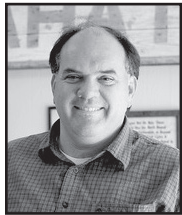
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From the Mayor's Desk



By Knox Ross, Jr.
Mayor of the Town of
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March signals the end of basketball season and the start of baseball. Our basketball teams have enjoyed successful seasons. Pelahatchie's boys and girls teams have earned slots in the South 1A tournament and are working hard to get to state. East Rankin's JV girls finished a 27-0 season and a south MAIS AAA championship, the boys JV finished second in the tournament. East Rankin's high school boys finished second in the AAA Division II tournament and the girls finished third. Congratulations to all the teams for successful seasons and for representing our town so well. Both of our baseball teams are off to fast starts, and we wish them much success on the season.

I am very proud to announce that the Trinity Broadcasting Network, the world's largest Christian broadcaster, has selected our town to locate its newest television studio. This state-of-the-art-studio will be located on Highway 43 and will be home to original



programming produced by Trinity. We are excited to have them as a part of our community.

I am also pleased to announce the donation of nine acres of land south of Ragan Street to the Town. We are so appreciative of this generous gift. We are meeting with representatives of the Stennis Institute of Government and the Department of Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State University to begin researching potential uses for this property. This is a great opportunity for us to make a real difference to this community, and we are working with these professionals to get their guidance on what we should do. We

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Legislative issues: a very busy month



By: Tom Miles
State Representative

February has been a busy month for Mississippi Legislators. We have had several major deadlines that have come and gone on getting bills out of each respective chamber. We have now started bills from the opposite chambers. Here is an update for you on some of the bills that have passed and may have some interest to you.

I sponsored House Bill 1533, which could benefit the City of Pelahatchie. This bill authorizes \$5 million in bonds for the Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Fund. It will provide funding for infrastructure and public property improvements for municipalities of 10,000 or fewer population or counties of 30,000 or fewer population. The funding will open doors for our rural areas to repair roadways, bridges, and taxpayer-owned properties. This measure should help reinvigorate many small towns that haven't yet recovered from the recent recession. This will give our communities another opportunity to apply for another grant up to \$150,000. Last year, we had a program like this; and

I will work with Mayor Ross and the Board to try to get one of these grants, if the bill is signed into law.

Another bill that I sponsored to help small towns and that could be greatly beneficial to the City of Pelahatchie is House Bill 127, the Main Street Investment Act. This measure provides loans to rural towns to help them reinvigorate their downtown areas. As a product of a small town, and someone who appreciates the community and values of rural Mississippi, I am especially proud that this bill is still alive. If it passes, we can be sure a number of our rural-area towns will be well positioned to spruce up their town centers. With that improvement will come jobs and an increased economic base.

As a companion to the bill which protects a student's right to pray in specified public school settings, I sponsored House Bill 517, which offers the same First Amendment protections to students in Mississippi's colleges and universities. Far from trying to force religion on anyone, this measure merely offers our young people the opportunity to express their religious beliefs without fear, intimidation or threat of punishment. Last year we were able to protect prayer in public schools, and

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Mar. 1	Classic - Sebastapol	HS	Home	2:30
Mar. 4	TBA	HS		4:30
Mar. 7	McLaurin	JV HS	Away	4:30 6:30
Mar. 8	TBA	JV HS		11:00 1:00
Mar. 10	Spring Break Tourn. Puckett	HS	Away	TBA
Mar. 17	Sebastapol	JV HS	Home	4:30 6:30
Mar. 18	Pisgah	JV HS	Away	4:30 6:30
Mar. 20	Puckett	JV HS	Away	4:30 6:30
Mar. 21	Sebastapol	JV HS	Away	5:00 7:00
Mar. 22	McLaurin	JV HS	Home	11:00 1:00
Mar. 25	Natchez Cathedral	JV HS	Home	5:00 7:00
Mar. 28	Natchez Cathedral	JV HS	Away	5:00 7:00

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From the Mayor's Desk

will be looking to the community in the coming months for input as we develop a long range plan for it.

Our town continues to enjoy robust sales tax growth, which helps us provide the highest level of services that are possible. I always want to remind you to give our local merchants a chance to earn your business. They are the backbone of our community and give much time and resources to our schools and community as a whole.

We continue to work toward completion of various projects and improvements to our town. North Brooks is now complete. The track lighting is being installed at Milltown Park. The sewer and street improvements on the south side are nearing completion. We are also working diligently to market our town to business and industry. We have had several visits in recent weeks

by potential employers and have more scheduled. We are encouraged by the increased interest and are hopeful that some of these visitors can be turned into residents.

In recent weeks, we have been planting flowering bulbs donated by Keep America Beautiful around town. We have more than we can use. If you would like some for your own yard, please stop by city hall, and we will be happy to give you all you want.

This is an exciting time in the history of our town. Our businesses and residents are working hard to improve their property and the appearance of our town. Pelahatchie is a great place to live and has some of the best, most generous people anywhere. Thank you all for your investment in our town, and be assured that the best is yet to come!

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The Hot Spot: Fire Department News

By Jenny Coward, Captain/Training Officer of Pelahatchie Fire Department

You have got to love living in the south, where one day it is 70 degrees, and the next day it is 40 degrees. 2014 has started off with a whirlwind of events. Here it is only March, and the Delta District has already encountered a rash of grass fires, snow, ice and our normal run of the mill calls. Training is in full force, with 10 people completing Firefighter Certification I and now waiting to take their skills final at the Mississippi State Fire Academy. On March 4, Fire Ground Resource Tech will begin at Pelahatchie Fire Department. This is a 4-week class held every Tuesday and Thursday night. On March 3, I will begin Rope Rescue at Leesburg Fire Department. This is also a 4-week class held every Monday and Thursday night. So you see, the Delta District members are on a roll to bettering themselves every day.

I want to take a minute to clarify some things about response to emergency calls. seventy percent of emergency calls take place between the hours of 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., and this

is when personnel within the Delta District are limited to sometimes 2 to 3 people per department. This is due to department members having jobs during these hours outside their responding areas. This goes for most of all Rankin VOLUNTEER Fire Departments. This is why we have mutual aid agreements with other departments in the Delta District. It is normal procedure for Rankin County to page out two (2) responding fire departments to a structure fire. This helps to get the needed personnel and apparatuses en route should it be a fully involved structure fire. It is up to the Incident Commander to stand down the other responding department should they not be needed. This is done day or night. So if you live in a certain fire district such as Pelahatchie and you see a

Walters fire department or Leesburg fire department engine arrive on scene first, this doesn't mean the Pelahatchie Fire Department is not doing their job. We in the Delta District are on the same team, fighting the same battle.

We work as one, and train together as one. The people in

each of the individual districts are guaranteed the necessary coverage and protection. You will be surprised at the number difference in personnel between the hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. compared to 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. During the daytime hours, each department could be working with a max of four members; and, during the evening hours, they could have a max of 15 members responding.

So when you start to think one department is not responding or is slower than the others, you need to stop

and weigh the challenges and obstacles each of those departments are up against.

For the month of February, the Delta District responded to 128 calls:

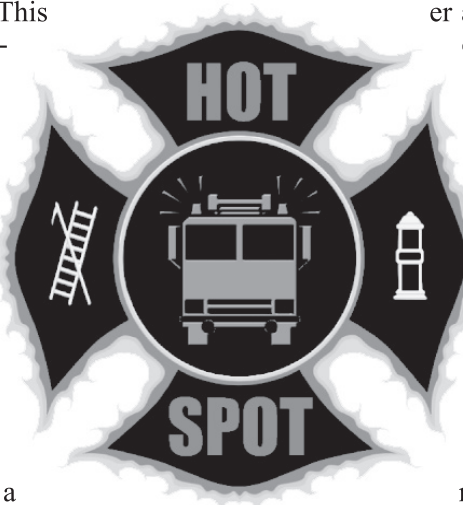
- Pelahatchie responded to 41 calls
- Langford responded to 32 calls
- Lake Harbor responded to 31 calls
- Walters responded to 24 calls

A congratulation needs to go out to three members of the Delta District for graduating from Firefighter-1001 at the Mississippi State Fire Academy: Brandon Dearman of Walters Fire Department, and Chris Elliott and Justin Sherill of Pelahatchie Fire Department.

Also, congratulations goes out to Ashley Foster with Pelahatchie Fire Department for passing her Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class, held for 10 weeks at Robinhood Fire Department in Brandon.

As March winds start to blow in and spring starts to show it's head, please remember to burn wisely. Be alert of wind conditions and the type of material you are burning.

So until next month, remember help is only 3 numbers away - 9-1-1.





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ERA Junior Varsity named runners up



On Feb. 22, East Rankin Academy Junior Varsity Basketball team finished the season 23-9 and are the MAIS AAA Division II State Tournament runners-up. Pictured front row (l to r) are, Statistician Kaitlyn Evans, Statistician Morgan Davis, David Jefcoat, John Henry Smith, Coltan Wofford, Seth Dearman, Peyton Cross, Bo Giordano, and Videographer Rebecca Ross; back row (l to r) are Assistant Coach Seth Cheatham, Brandon Lewis, Daniel Teh, Trevor Jordan, Hayden Sistrunk, Paxton Fisher, Hayes Roden, Garrett Busby, and Head Coach Michael McAnally. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

ERA Junior High named runners up



On Feb. 22, East Rankin Academy Junior High Basketball team finished the season 18-6 and are the South AAA JH tournament runners-up. Pictured front row (l to r) are, Joseph Crawford, Zach Smith, Austin Banes, Case Taylor, Luke Warren, Davis Ferguson, and Andrew Harrell; back row (l to r) are, Assistant Coach Gerald Jenkins, Statistician Corban Nutt, Kyle McMillan, Logan Robbins, Jared Vardaman, Peyton Vinzant, Blaine Hill, Brandon Evans, Brennan Harrell, Statistician Maggie Shultz, and Head Coach Steven Boozer. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



East Rankin
Academy
Sports Calendar

High School Baseball

Mar. 4	PCS	B-team V	Home	5:00 7:00
Mar. 6	PCS	V	Away	5:00
Mar. 7-13	Spring Break Tourn.	TBA	TBA	TBA
Mar. 18	Prep	B-team V	Home	5:00 7:00
Mar. 20	Prep	V	Away	5:00
Mar. 25	Lamar	B-team V	Away	5:00 7:00
Mar. 27	Lamar	V	Home	5:00

Junior High Baseball

Mar. 3	MRA	DH	Away	5:00
Mar. 6	Prep	DH	Home	5:00
Mar. 17	PCS	DH	Away	5:00
Mar. 21	Parklane	DH	Home	5:00
Mar. 28	Copiah	DH	Home	5:00
Mar. 31	JA	DH	Away	5:00

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Poet Brod Bagert entertains



Brod Bagert brings excitement to children by getting them to interact with him while he recites his famous children's poetry. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Poet Brod Bagert, beloved writer and poet, entertained children and staff in the school's library at Pelahatchie Elementary on Feb. 28. Bagert was able to not only persuade the children to recite the poetry with him, but also showed them how to act out the words. Their happy faces exhibited how thrilled the children were to have

Bagert visit.

Bagert, former New Orleans City Councilman, started writing for children over 30 years ago, when his daughter needed a child-like written poem. She needed to recite it as a school project. When he couldn't find one without adult insights, he wrote *The Night I Caught the Burglar*, and so began his successful children's book author career.

Wicker recognized nationally

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) was recognized for his support for national service at the 11th Annual Friends of National Service Awards reception hosted by Voices for National Service in Washington, DC. Wicker received the Outstanding National Service Advocacy Award for outstanding leadership and advocacy for elevating national service as a state and federal priority.

"Senator Wicker saw first-hand the benefits of national service after his home state of Mississippi was hit by hurricanes, floods and the oil spill along the Gulf Coast," said AnnMaura Connolly, President of Voices for National Service. "With a clear understanding of the support and relief national service members, and particularly FEMA Corps members, can provide after a natural disaster, Senator Wicker remains a steadfast supporter of national service."

Senator Wicker was a leader in commemorating the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps this year by joining colleagues on both sides of the politi-

cal aisle to sponsor a Senate resolution celebrating the momentous occasion. Senator Wicker is also a member of the National Service Congressional Caucus.

"It is an honor to receive this award and bring to light the many individuals who have generously given their time and resources to support those affected by disasters," Senator Wicker said. "With continued support for our national service programs, such as FEMA Corps, those who have dedicated their lives to service can keep making a positive difference in our communities."

National service addresses critical issues in communities across the country by providing the human capital needed to support education and

health care initiatives, coordinate disaster relief and prevention, and enable senior independence. For every taxpayer dollar invested in national service, there are returns to society of \$3.95 in terms of higher earnings, more output, and other community-wide benefits, according to a report released by Voices for National Service.



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ERA girls basketball wins big at South State Championship



On Feb. 8, at the East Rankin Academy gymnasium, the East Rankin Academy girl's junior high basketball team won the AAA South State Championship. They finished the season 27-0. Pictured front row (l to r) are Statistician Corban Nutt, Haley Parker, Lauren Parker, Brittany Wade, Mackenzie Thompson, Hanna Caldwell, Abby Usry, and Statistician Maggie Shoultz; back row (l to r) are Assistant Coach Billy Rhodes, Haley Hanson, Hannah Walters, Madison Brunt, Brook Turnage, Jean Ross, Emilee Tadlock, Hannah Usry, Morgan McKinion, Macy Leach, and Head Coach Seth Cheatham. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Prize a real humdinger



Pelahatchie Elementary students earned a Hummer limo pizza party for raising money for their PTO. Each student had to sell at least 18 items to earn the reward. A combined total of \$9,000 was raised from this one fundraiser. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Mercier honored at annual Metro Teacher Recognition Luncheon



On Feb. 19, Vicki Mercier was honored at the 19th Annual Metro Chamber's Teacher Recognition Program, designed to show-off teachers who display great talent in their profession. Mercier is the seventh teacher from Pelahatchie Attendance Center to be recognized by the Metro Chamber. Pictured (l to r) are Tom and Vicki Mercier. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

Chiefs win powerlifting championship



The powerlifting team at Pelahatchie Attendance Center won the Region 2-1A Powerlifting Championship on Feb. 10. Winners included Travion Patterson, 1st place in his weight division; Zachery Thompson, 1st place; Scheldon Irvin, 1st place; Booker Ficklin, 3rd place; Quivonte Denson, first; Dwaun Patterson, 1st place; Alfred Jones, 1st place; Austin Nelson, 2nd place; Camdon Jones, 2nd place; and Austin Vancor, 1st place. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

AT THE LIBRARY IN PELAHATCHIE

Teen Tech Week

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The Pastor's Perspective: Worship God for everything

By: Leslie Trigg
East Rankin Academy Chaplain



Since this summer, I have been praying for something special to happen in Pelahatchie. The other month, the Lord saw fit to answer my prayers. He allowed a fitness center to open! Our Heavenly Father knows what we need, and we don't always get what we pray for. I was praying for a donut shop.

Now that I'm working through my lack of donuts, God has my attention. Each time I pass the fitness center and notice all the people getting into shape, I hear the Lord speaking to me. The Holy Spirit brings Mark 12:28-31 to mind. Here Jesus is asked "What is the most important commandment?" Jesus answers: Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength as well as love your neighbor.

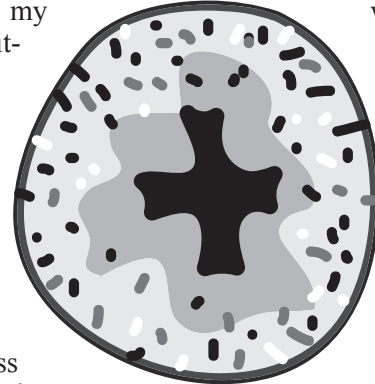
In these verses, Jesus shows us that

we are to love God with every part of our lives – the emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social. And you know, many of us do a good job at loving God in one of these areas or even maybe two or three. But how are you at loving God in five?

I want to challenge you this month to start loving God with a balanced life.

Not just love God with what we do on Sundays. For starters, celebrate each day with praise and prayer. Worship Him as you open the Bible. Not just to read it, but study it. Worship by learning something new.

Then let's worship God through how we treat our neighbors and coworkers. And finally worship Him through how we take care of our bodies. Everything you do throughout your day should be treated as an act of worship. Give it a try, and see the transformation God will bring in your life, even if He doesn't bring donuts to Pelahatchie.



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Wagon Train rides through Pelahatchie



The East Mississippi Wagon Train (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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On Feb. 5, the East Miss. Wagon Train rode through Pelahatchie, Miss. on their way to the Dixie National Rodeo in Jackson, Miss. They stopped briefly to eat lunch on Gulde Rd. Donna Boykin, Administrative Assistant for the East Miss. Wagon Train said, "Our group is very family-oriented.

We eat together, we move up together. We camp together. So, this is like a family reunion for us. It's a lot of fun."

The East Miss. Wagon Train was formed by Jim Buck Ross, Miss. Department of Agricultural Commissioner from 1968-1996, in an effort to promote the fact that it's time for the Dixie National Rodeo. They have been riding for 30 years.

Tree give-away a win for everyone



On Feb. 6, Rankin County Soil and Water Conservation gave away bundles of free trees in an effort to establish soil and timber conservation, and not one tree was left. Pictured (l to r) are Angel Cooper, Pelahatchie Miss. resident, and LaDonna Crotwell, District Clerk, Rankin County Soil and Water Conservation. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Wuestefeld assists at State Capitol



Reid Wuestefeld recently served as a pag for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Pictured (l to r) are, Tom Miles, who represents Eastern Rankin County and Scott County in the Mississippi House of Representatives, Reid Wuestefeld, and Phillip Gunn, Speaker of the House. (Photo special The Pelahatchie News)

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Reid Wuestefeld of Pelahatchie recently served as a page for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Pages generally run errands for officials and House staff. Reid is pictured with Speaker of the House Philip Gunn and

Representative Tom Miles, who sponsored his visit. Wuestefeld is the son of Dabney and Tonya Wuestefeld and attends East Rankin High School. When asked about the week, Wuestefeld said, "This was a very interesting experience. I was able to learn a lot about government this week."

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8:30 - Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 - Bible Study for all ages
11:00 - Blended Worship Service
5:00 - Cross Clubs for Children & Students
6:00 - Evening Worship

Wednesday Schedule

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Mini Mermaid Running Club a big success



The 2nd Annual Mini Mermaids Running Club at Pelahatchie Elementary had 40 participants complete the Winter program. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)



Terri Wiltcher (l), and Isabella Rust (r), both crossed the line with a third place finish in the Girls' age 19 and under division at the Hot Chocolate 5K Classic on Jan. 25. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

State Farm encourages Mississippi to assist with neighborhood project

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State Farm is accepting ideas from Mississippi residents that would help make their community a better place to live. Through March 23, people from the United States and Canada can submit a cause for a chance to win one of 40 \$25,000 State Farm Neighborhood Assist® grants. Last year, Community Animal Rescue & Adoption (CARA) received a \$25,000 grant and used it to build an off leash dog park in Jackson.

Now in its third year, Neighborhood Assist is a youth-led philanthropic program that empowers people to identify the issues they feel are the most important in their communities. The program then connects them with a local nonprofit that can help solve the problem and provides an opportunity to receive one of 40 \$25,000 grants.

"People are looking for ways to help their communities," said State Farm spokesman Roszell Gadson. "Neighborhood Assist empowers individuals to identify problems in their

communities and provides funding to help create a positive impact."

Beginning on March 3, people are invited to submit causes via the free State Farm Neighborhood Assist Facebook app. When a maximum of 4,000 cause submissions are received (deadline of March 23), the State Farm Youth Advisory Board will review all

submissions and identify the top 200 based on a scoring rubric. The top 200 causes will then be announced on April 28, and anyone who has the free Facebook app can vote for their favorite causes with up to 10 votes per day until May 16. The top 40 vote-receiving causes will then each receive a \$25,000 grant to help address the submitted cause. The top

40 vote-receiving causes will be announced via the Facebook app on May 27.

For more information on State Farm Neighborhood Assist or to submit a cause, get the free Facebook app at www.statefarm.com/neighborhoodassist.




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Student of the Month and Citizenship Awards



January Student of the Month recipients at Pelahatchie Attendance Center included (l to r), front row: Wendy Carter, teacher; Ashley Cannon, 9th; and Marissa Sparks, 12th; and back row: Josh Wilson, 8th; Jaleah Boyd, 11th; Kaylee Burnham, 10th; and Jordan White, 7th.



January Citizenship award recipients at Pelahatchie Attendance Center included Mercedes Mason, 12th (left); and Shane McFarland, 12th (right). (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Legislative issues: a very busy month

this bill will protect it at our public community colleges and universities. This bill passed the House by a vote of 111-6.

During last week's floor debate on various funding bills for state agencies, we struggled to provide for a \$1,000 across-the-board pay raise for state employees within those agencies. Only one attempt was successful – for the Department of Education employees – and that called for a pay raise plan to be implemented in the coming fiscal year. Our state employees have not had reasonable raises over the past seven years. I voted to support our state employees.

House Bill 1433, which increases the death benefit for first responders from \$65,000 to \$100,000 passed unanimously. It did not take much persuasion for my colleagues to approve this measure. We have lost a number of first responders in the past few months, and all of us want to do what we can to help their families. The measure will go into effect July 1, if it passes the full Legislature.

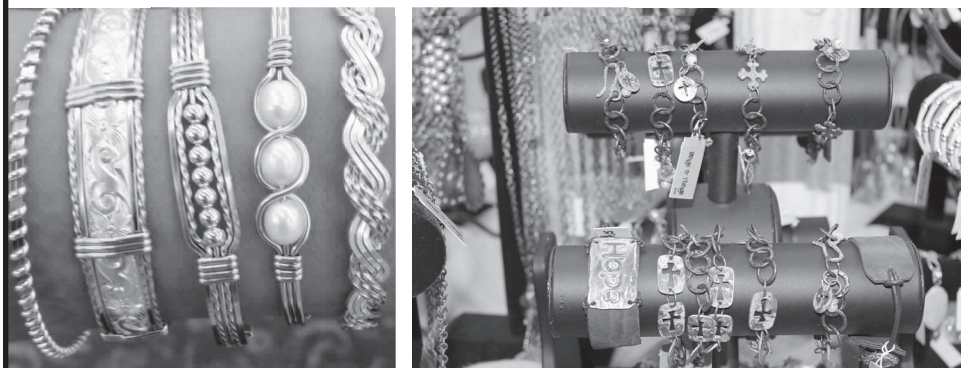
Another important measure requires that students in physical therapy classes be trained on how to perform CPR and use an AED to help heart attack or other victims who are in distress. If

House Bill 432 continues through the process and becomes law, it will create an entire generation of Mississippians who understand the concepts of these life-saving techniques. This measure passed the House unanimously.

A bill with a lot of public interest is the repeal of the inspection sticker. We passed it handily in the House. Currently, the inspection stickers that are required on cars cost the state budget around a million dollars a year. If signed into law, this effort will save the taxpayers money.

Earlier in the session, I authored HB 303 requesting a Trooper School. Currently, the number of State Troopers on the highways of Mississippi is seriously low. Some counties have gone without assigned troopers on our highways. A new school will provide up to 50 newly trained officers. Support is growing for supporting a needed Trooper School for the Safety of the public. The Governor is in favor of this effort, and so I have hopes we will see it pass during the regular session.

If you have any questions or concerns on anything we are taking up, please feel free to contact me at 601-469-7886, on Facebook at Representative Tom Miles, or you can email me atmmiles@house.ms.gov.



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