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Muscadine Jubilee pulled in 5,000 attendees



Brandon Artilis of WLBT, Kim Allen of Miss 103, and several other invited guests participate in the Muscadine stomp. (Photo by Katie White)

By: Katie White

The 34th Annual Muscadine Jubilee on September 13 at Muscadine Park was brimming with approximately 4,500 to 5,000 locals and visitors throughout the entire event.

There was much for the eyes to take in: crafts, hand-made clothes and quilts, sports collectibles and so much more. The aroma in the air was teeming with all the variety of food vendors.

The sky was overcast, and a cool front kept the temperature in the 70's. Several Jubilee attendees commented on how they were grateful for the cooler temperatures.

To start the show, the national anthem and other patriotic music was sung by the Pelahatchie Elementary and High School choral group. The sound cut out half-way through their last song, but they continued singing like the brave Chiefs they are. Haley Mills, who sang solo, also braved the stage with no music but still came out

on top.

Entertainment continued that morning with Mark Rogers and The American Dream. Maggie Harper, daughter of Congressman Gregg Harper, shared her talents with patrons of the Jubilee.

"Pelahatchie is an amazing place; the Mayor and elected officials just really promote it. Great place to raise a family. The Muscadine Jubilee is a family event. We are just grateful to be here," said Congressman Gregg Harper, U.S. House of Representatives.

At noon, the traditional Muscadine Stomp commenced. Local celebrities such as Rick Adams and Kim Allen of Miss 103, Scott Steele and Traci Lee of 96.3, Kevin Ferrell of Miss. Public Broadcasting, Stephanie Maxwell of WAPT, Melanie Christopher of WJTV and Brandon Artiles of WLBT, participated in the muscadine stop championship to see who could stomp muscadines the fastest. The winner of the 2014 Muscadine Jubilee stomp was Kevin Ferrell.

"It's a very public kind of radio

thing to do, yes," said Ferrell of winning the cup this year.

Brandon Artilis said of his having to turn over the cup this year, "Still digesting the loss, but I'm happy for the other combatants who have come in."

Melanie Christopher shared her thoughts on the Muscadine Jubilee and the town of Pelahatchie. "Love your town. The people are the sweetest, nicest people. I see why people talk about Pelahatchie," said Christopher.

"We've had the muscadine stomp for years, and it has just turned into such a fun event that is unique to us," explains Knox Ross, Mayor of Pelahatchie

After the muscadine stomp, the musical entertainment continued with Dave's Highway, Troy Laz and Sawyer Brown. Children enjoyed the petting zoo, rides and inflatables.

For more coverage and quotes from local celebrities about the muscadine stomp, see the Newsocracy video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMw-Bhj24YA.

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Winners of *The Pelahatchie News* art contest

By: Katie White

During the month of July and August, *The Pelahatchie News* announced an art contest for elementary age children in Pelahatchie.

Kindergarten and third grade students used a coloring sheet provided by *The Pelahatchie News*, and fourth and sixth grade students were asked to create their own unique art.

Seven first-place win-

ners won a \$25 gift certificate to Sal & Mookie's, and seven second-place winners won a \$10 gift certificate to Duke's Steakhouse and Restaurant in Pelahatchie.

The art was judged by an anonymous outside source, by grade, to be as fair as possible to all the art participants in their age group. The art needed to fit the muscadine theme and follow all other guidelines as clarified.



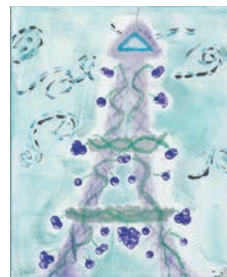
Elementary students who participated and won in *The Pelahatchie News* art contest, top row (l to r) are, Kaitlyn White, Danielle Windham, Kelsey Hairston and Drew Hairston; middle row (l to r) are, Kaleb Evans, Olivia Laseter, Maddie Walters and Abbie Johnson; front row (l to r) are, Cameron Harvey, Trace Hairston and Katlynn Murray. Not pictured are Hadley Palmer, Jessica Ellis and Hunter Cotton. (Photo by Katie White)



Art by Drew Hairston
6th grade, 2nd



Art by Hadley Palmer
4th grade, 2nd



Art by Maddie Walters
4th grade, 1st



Art by Kaitlyn White
5th grade, 1st



Art by Kelsey Hairston
6th grade, 1st



Art by Kaleb Evans
3rd grade, 2nd



Art by Katlynn Murray
Kindergarten, 2nd place



Art by Olivia Laseter
3rd grade, 1st



Art by Jessica Ellis
2nd grade, 2nd



Art by Abbi Johnson
2nd grade, 1st



Art by Cameron Harvey
1st grade, 2nd



Art by Danielle Windham
1st grade, 1st



Art by Hunter Cotton
3rd grade, 2nd



Art by Trace Hairston
Kindergarten, 1st



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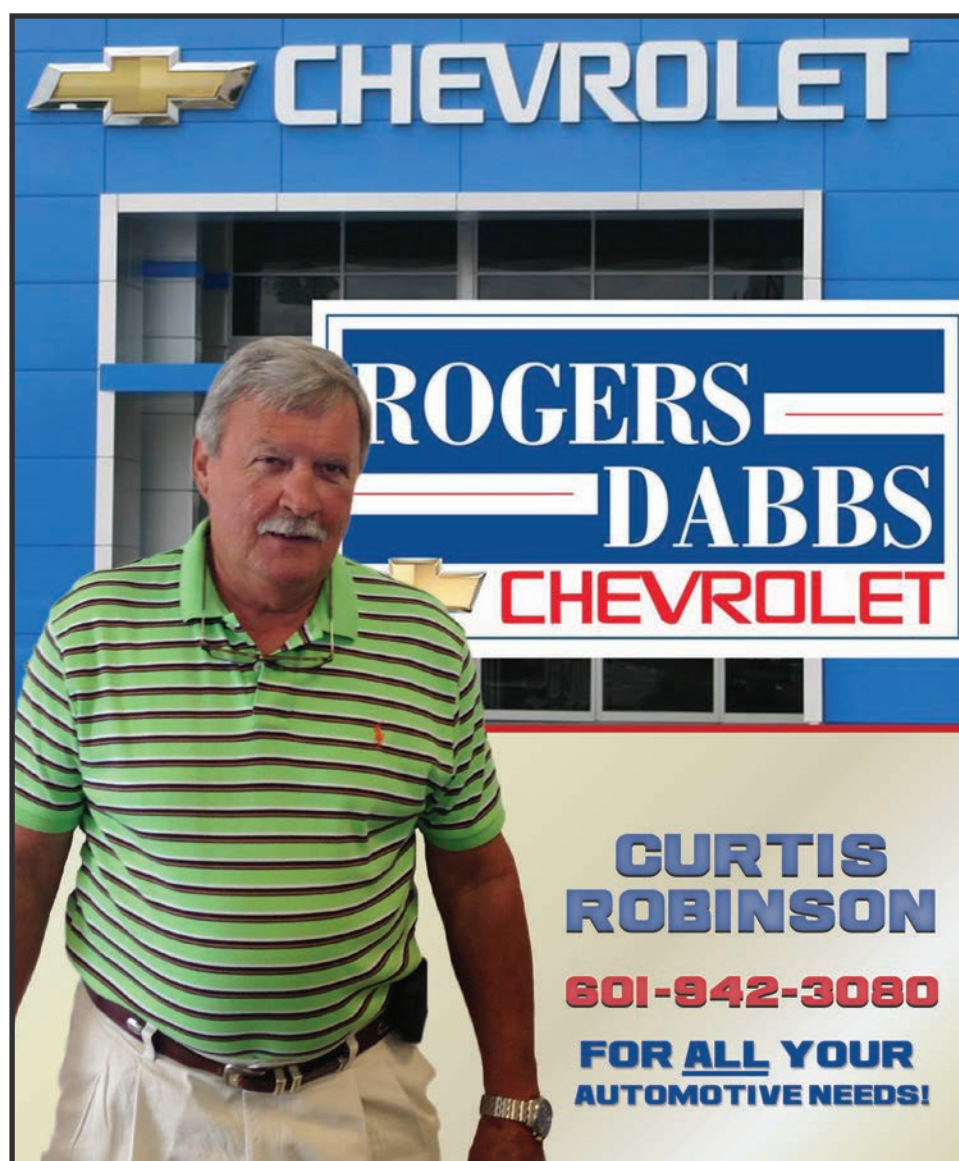
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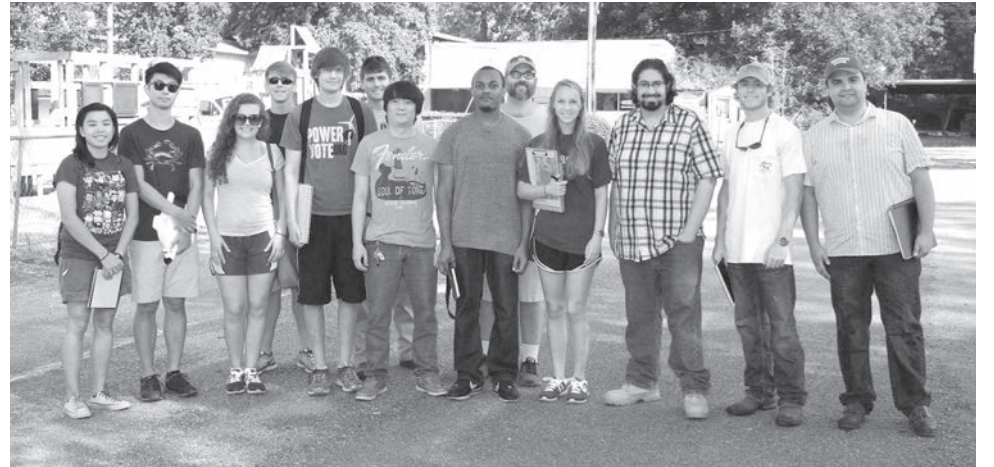
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October 17	Parklane	V	Home	7:00
October 24	Columbia (Homecoming)	V	Home	7:00
October 31	Copiah	V	Away	7:00
November 7	PCS	V	Away	7:00
October 9	Lamar	B JV	Away	5:30 6:45
October 16	Simpson	B JV	Home	5:30 6:45

MSU students have big plans for town



Landscape architecture students from Mississippi State are inspecting Muscadine Park for their semester studio. Students include: Christopher Denzel Cooper, Cody Lee Fitts, Isabelle Jeronimo de Oliveira, Jackie Pionan, Avery Brinson Polk, Hardy Eugene Simmons, Susan Emily Stewart, Justin Colby Stockman, Anas Osama Bdour, Zhengfei Lu, Yazan Mahadin, Juriel Annishia Rogers and Fan Yang, and their associate professor is Charles Fulford. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News.)

Fall for Pelahatchie Contest

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The *Pelahatchie News* is sponsoring the third annual Fall for Pelahatchie Contest, a decorating contest between all the local businesses located in Pelahatchie. Businesses are encouraged to decorate their entrances, storefronts, windows and lawns with wreaths, scarecrows, fall leaves other representation of Autumn. The number one rule is to be creative and original with the designs.

The deadline to enter the contest is Oct. 16, and all decorations should

be completed by Oct. 22. There is no cost to enter the contest, and judging will take place on Oct. 23 and 24. Winners will be announced by having a sign placed in front of their business, and a picture of their decorated business will be placed in the Nov. issue of *The Pelahatchie News*.

For more information about the contest, call *The Pelahatchie News* at (601) 566-1932.



Boyd 2014 Homecoming queen



Miss. Juleah Boyd, a senior at Pelahatchie High School, was crowned the 2014 Homecoming Queen during halftime at the Pelahatchie Chiefs game against the Ethel Tigers on Sept. 19. Boyd was escorted by her Grandfather, Frank Boyd. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) recently confirmed the first Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) case in a Mississippi resident. The case was a Hancock County child who was hospitalized and has since recovered.

Enteroviruses are very common, causing up to 10-15 million infections in the United States each year. EV-D68 is one type of enterovirus that has recently been identified as sometimes causing severe respiratory illnesses and hospitalization in children.

Symptoms of EV-D68 are similar to the common cold, and include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches. While most cases of illness are likely mild, children (newborns through teenagers) are most likely to become seriously ill, and those with asthma and other underlying health conditions have a greater chance of complications from the virus.

"We have been working with healthcare providers to give guidance on testing, prevention and infection control. While there is no vaccine, there are some basic things you can do to prevent infection from EV-D68, as well as other viral illnesses such as flu," said MSDH State Epidemiologist

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Download poster at <http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/EV68-infographic.html>.
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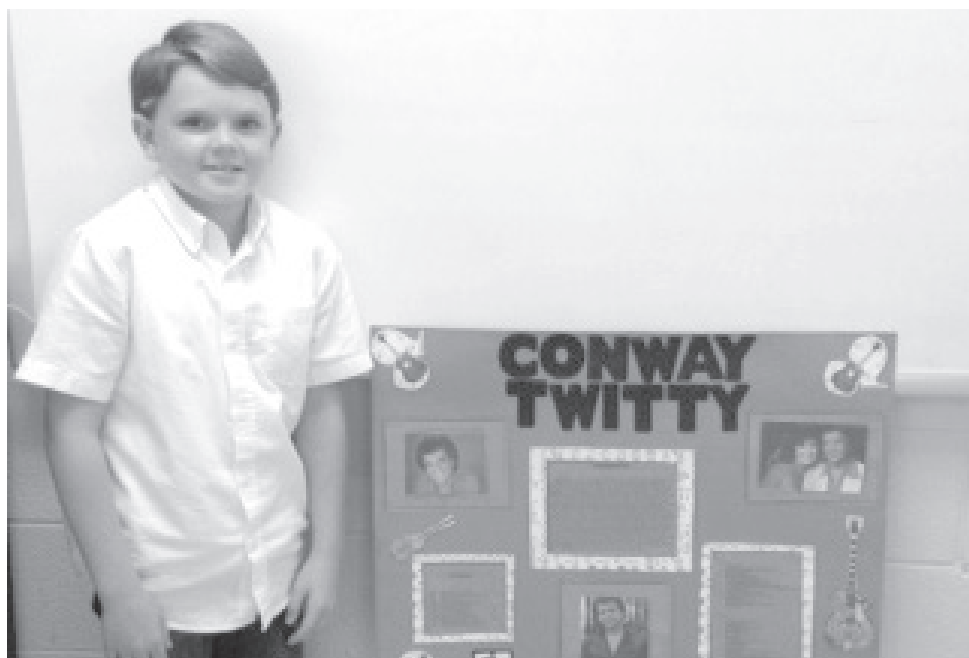
Dr. Thomas Dobbs.

Basic preventive measures include the following:

- Stay home (or keep children home) when ill and consult your healthcare provider.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or sing the "ABC" song while washing your hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or utensils with ill people.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as toys, phones and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.

For more information, visit the MSDH website at www.HealthyMS.com/EV.

Famous Mississippians project



Fourth grade Pelahatchie Elementary students were required to research a famous Mississippian in Mrs. Johanson's class. Along with writing a report and creating a display board, they could also dress-up as the famous Mississippian they chose. Macy McCamon is dressed as Faith Hill (top). Hunter Cain is dressed as Conway Twitty (bottom). (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)


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Importance of buckling up

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

A new report on possible reasons why more teens die in motor vehicle crashes than from any other cause of death is sounding alarms for Children's of Mississippi's Safety and Community Outreach staff.

Published in June by Safe Kids Worldwide, "Teens in Cars" is an effort to find ways to reduce the number of teens killed in cars, currently about 2,500 per year. In half of the fatal crashes, the teen was not wearing a seat belt.

"We need to encourage everyone to buckle up on every ride, every time," said Elizabeth Foster, manager of the Safety and Community Outreach program at Children's of Mississippi, the health system anchored by Batson Children's Hospital and the lead agency for Safe Kids Mississippi.

The report is based on answers gathered in a national survey of 1,000 teen passengers and drivers ages thirteen to nineteen and looks at why they aren't buckling up, what their distracted driving habits are and how they behave when they feel unsafe in a car.

Foster and her staff, along with community partners, have been tackling the problem in Mississippi through a

monthly Drivers IMPACT (Improving MotorVehicle Practices among Community Teens) class designed to educate teens on the skills needed to be safe drivers and the realities of driving dangerously. Nearly 300 teenagers have participated in this program since 2011.

"It only takes one time to forget to buckle up for a life to be changed forever," Foster said.

Foster points to Safe Kids Mississippi volunteer and fellow advocate Cassandra Reed of Vicksburg as a prime example. Reed lost her daughter, Acasia Lee, to a crash in 2012. Acasia had just received her license a week prior to her fatal accident.

"I thought I had given her all the tools she needed to be a safe driver, but she chose not to wear her seat belt that morning; and that choice ended her life," said Reed.

Some key findings of the report include:

- One in four teens surveyed said they don't use a seat belt on every ride.
- The top reasons they gave for not buckling up were that they forgot or it was not a habit (34%), they were not going far (16%), or the seat

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Cow Plop Bingo

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

On October 24 at the Pelahatchie high school baseball field, the Chieftain Community Club (CCC) will hold a game called Cow Plop Bingo to raise money for upgrades to the school's auditorium.

Deeds are \$10 each, and each deed entitles the ticket holder to one cow plop block for each plop event. The first plop will take place at 7:00 p.m., and the second plop will take place during half-time. Participants do not have to be present to win.

How the game is played: each cow plop block on the field will be assigned a unique number and letter(s) which will be randomly determined by a neutral party the morning of the event. No participant will be permitted on the Cow Plop Block field. At the start of each event, a cow will be placed into the field. A winner will be determined at the first cow plop. If the cow plops in a single block, the winner will receive \$100. If the cow plops in an adjoining corner or on a line, the winnings will be split accordingly as determined by the judges. If the cow is unable to plop or if the cow plops on an unsold block



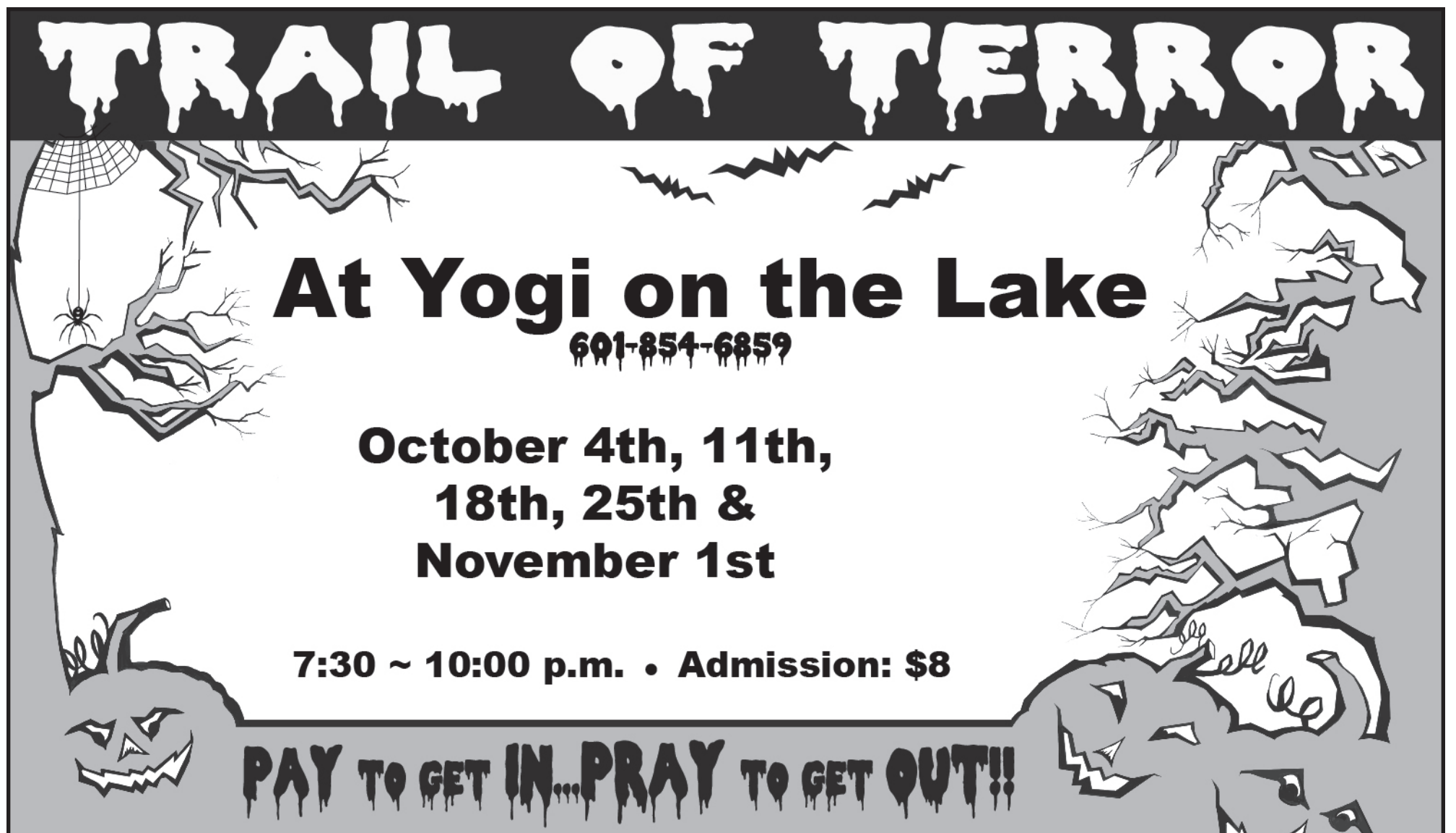
Play Cow Plop Bingo and help Pelahatchie schools raise money to upgrade the auditorium. (Image special to The Pelahatchie News.)

or if the events are canceled due to inclement weather, the winner will be drawn from all returned ticket stubs.

Contact the following CCC representatives to purchase tickets: Jessica Sledge at 601-832-8708; Laci Walters at 601-832-8204; or Katrina Phillips at 601-672-6001.

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Hamilton wins in two categories



Carmen Hamilton, an 8th grade student at Pelahatchie Attendance Center and 4-H and FFA member, showed Aug. 30 in Forest, Miss. at the Scott County Livestock Show. Hamilton won the Miss. Bred Champion Lightweight and Reserve Champion Light. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News.)

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2014 - Football

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October 17	French Camp	HS	Away	7:00
October 24	West Oktibbeha	HS	Home	7:00
October 31	East Oktibbeha	HS	Away	7:00
November 7	Open			

October 13	St. Joe	JH	Away	TBA
October 20	Scott Central	JH	Home	TBA

2014 - Softball

October 7	Richland Double	JV Var	Away	5:00
October 9	Florence	JV Var	Away	5:00 6:00

Importance of buckling up

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- belt was not comfortable (11%).
- 39% percent of teens said they have ridden with a teen driver who was texting.
- 43% percent of teens reported riding as a passenger with a teen driver who was talking on a phone.
- 49% percent of teens in the survey reported feeling concerned for their safety when riding with a teen driver.
- When in a car with someone driving dangerously, only four in ten teens said they asked the driver to stop, but almost the same number said they did nothing.



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1978 - First Lady Betty Ford goes public with her breast cancer diagnosis and mastectomy, helping to plant the seeds for greater awareness of the disease.

1980 - Susan G. Komen dies of breast cancer at age 36. Before she dies she asks her sister, Nancy G. Brinker, to promise to do everything possible to end breast cancer.

1982 - Nancy G. Brinker founds the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation on July 22 in Dallas, Texas, in her sister's memory with \$200 and a shoebox of friends' names to call on for help. Komen holds its first fundraising event, a women's polo tournament and lawn party, and awards its first grant totaling \$30,000 to M.D. Anderson in Houston and Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

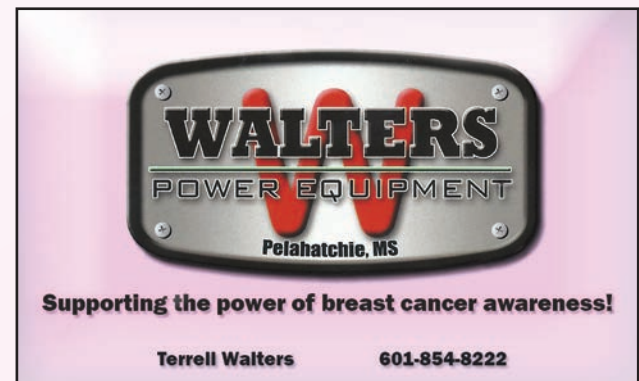
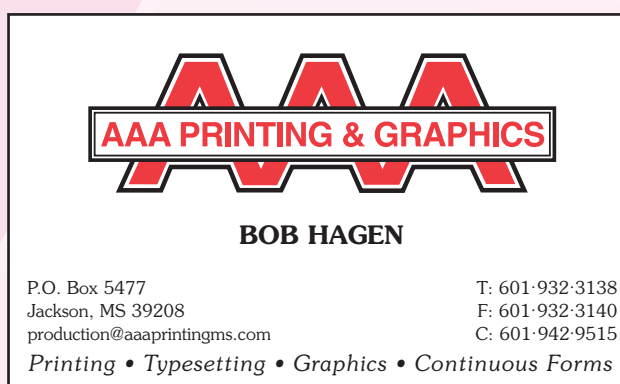
1983 - First Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® is held in Dallas, Texas, with 800 participants. First Komen National Awards Luncheon is held in Dallas with special guest, former First Lady Betty Ford. Komen later creates an award in her honor.

And several years later...

2012 - Komen announces \$58 million in new research funding for 2012, augmenting the \$685 million that the organization has invested in breast cancer research since 1982. These funds target the full spectrum of cancer treatment – avoiding overtreatment, personalized therapies, reducing racial and socioeconomic disparities and more.

Komen Scholars Dr. Kimberly Blackwell, Dr. Ian Krop and Dr. Jose Baselga report that a new "smart bomb" against breast cancer, T-DM1, slowed the progression of metastatic HER-2+ breast cancer, with fewer side effects than current treatments – an exciting step in personalized medicine.

To read more about the milestones in the breast cancer movement, visit www.komen.org or call Susan G. Komen's breast care helpline at 1-877 GO KOMEN (1-877-465-6636), Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 10 PM EST.



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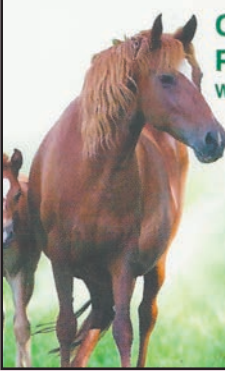
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Lumps that feel harder or different from the rest of the breast tissue (or the tissue of the other breast) or that feel like a change are a concern. If you feel or see any change in your breasts or underarms, see your health care provider.

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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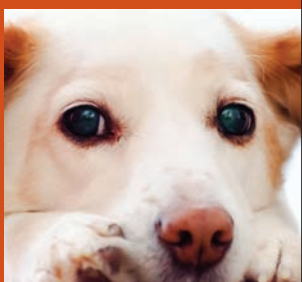
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2014 Muscadine Jubilee in Photos



The Pelahatchie School choir sings patriotic music to get the show started, and the Pelahatchie ROTC group presents the American flag.



Several radio and television personalities join in the muscadine stomp contest.



A child takes his chance with a mechanical bullride with an inflatable landing pad for a safe fall.



Sawyer Brown entertains before a packed crowd.



Muscadine Jubilee attendees get ready for a train ride.



Children enjoy petting animals and pony rides.



Families could also enjoy a swing ride during the Jubilee.



Muscadine Park is home to some great-for-climbing Catalpa trees.



Crawbilly's Holy Cow greets the crowd, and is part of many photo opps. (Photos by Katie White)

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Pelahatchie businesses show their spirit for the Chiefs

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

As reported in the September issue of *The Pelahatchie News*, the Chief-tain Community Club (CCC) invited the town of Pelahatchie to decorate their storefronts to show their support for the Pelahatchie Chiefs Homecoming parade on Sept. 17.

First place winner is Pelahatchie City Hall. They will receive \$100 ad credit in *The Pelahatchie News* newspaper, and KONA Ice will donate a sign.

Second place winner is Candy's Florist and Gifts. They will receive \$60 ad credit in *The Pelahatchie News* newspaper, and KONA Ice will donate a sign for the winning business.

Third place winner is Trustmark Bank. They will receive a \$40 ad credit in *The Pelahatchie News* newspaper.

"Thank you to those who decorated their business for the Homecoming parade. Despite the rain, the parade was a great success, and the floats looked great," said Katrina Phillips, Secretary and Treasurer for the CCC.



Pelahatchie City Hall won first place for Paint the Town Red in conjunction with the Pelahatchie Chiefs Homecoming week events.



Candy's Florist and Gifts won second place.



Trustmark Bank won third place. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News.)

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The Pastor's Perspective: What the Bible says about darkness



By Pastor Michael Evans,
Pelahatchie United
Methodist Church

As a pastor, people are always asking me questions about the Bible. One question is what does the Bible say about Halloween? The only way to answer that question is to first look at the history of Halloween; it is traced back to the Celtic religion in Ireland.

Celts believed that on the eve of October 31st, which was the end of their year and the beginning of winter, that Samhain "lord of the dead" gathered the souls of all who had died in the last year and had been sentenced to live in the bodies of animals. Samhain gathered the souls together to make judgment on what forms they should occupy for the next year.

It was believed that the only chance these souls had for a good afterlife was to return on this day of Samhain, and find a body to possess. It was believed that Samhain could be persuaded by gifts and prayers. November 1st was for the Celtic people the beginning of a new year and a period of cold and death of winter. This time of the year marked a time in which the wall be-

tween the living and the dead could be crossed over. On October 31st, the dead spirits would crossover and create destruction by harming the crops and causing troubles.

Fearing possession, the people would try to trick the evil spirits and scare them away. They believed the evil spirits would leave them alone if they dressed up like them. The treat part came from attempts to buy-off these evil spirits by bringing them gifts. It was believed that the spirits of the dead would rise from their graves and come to visit their former homes. Evil spirits could do the same, so frightened villagers would leave offerings of nuts and fruits on the door steps to appease the wandering, evil spirits.

They believed these spirits would kill their livestock and destroy their property. To scare off evil spirits, the Celts would hollow out turnips to carve evil faces and leave them in front of their houses. They believed that if an evil spirit encountered something more frightful than themselves, they would be scared away.

When immigrants came over to the United States, they started to carve out pumpkins because they were found in abundance; so came the Jack-o-lan-

tern. Owls and bats became symbols of Halloween because they were nocturnal, and they believed they could communicate with the dead. Black cats were believed to be witches that could change their shape and to be reincarnated beings that could tell the future.

Wicca, the religion of witchcraft, says that Halloween is real and one of the two most sacred days for them. William J. Schnoebelen, a former witch and high priest but now a born again believer in Christ Jesus, said, "Halloween used to be called Samhain, and is still celebrated as an ancient pagan festival of the dead by witches all over the world."

He goes on to say that, "If you are a Christian parent, God has given you a precious responsibility in your children - to remember their ability to resist spiritual wickedness is much less than yours. If you allow your children to participate in Halloween, you are allowing them to play on 'the devil's turf,' and Satan will definitely press his home-court advantage. You are opening up doorways into their young lives for evil by bringing them into a kind of 'fellowship' with these ancient 'gods.'"

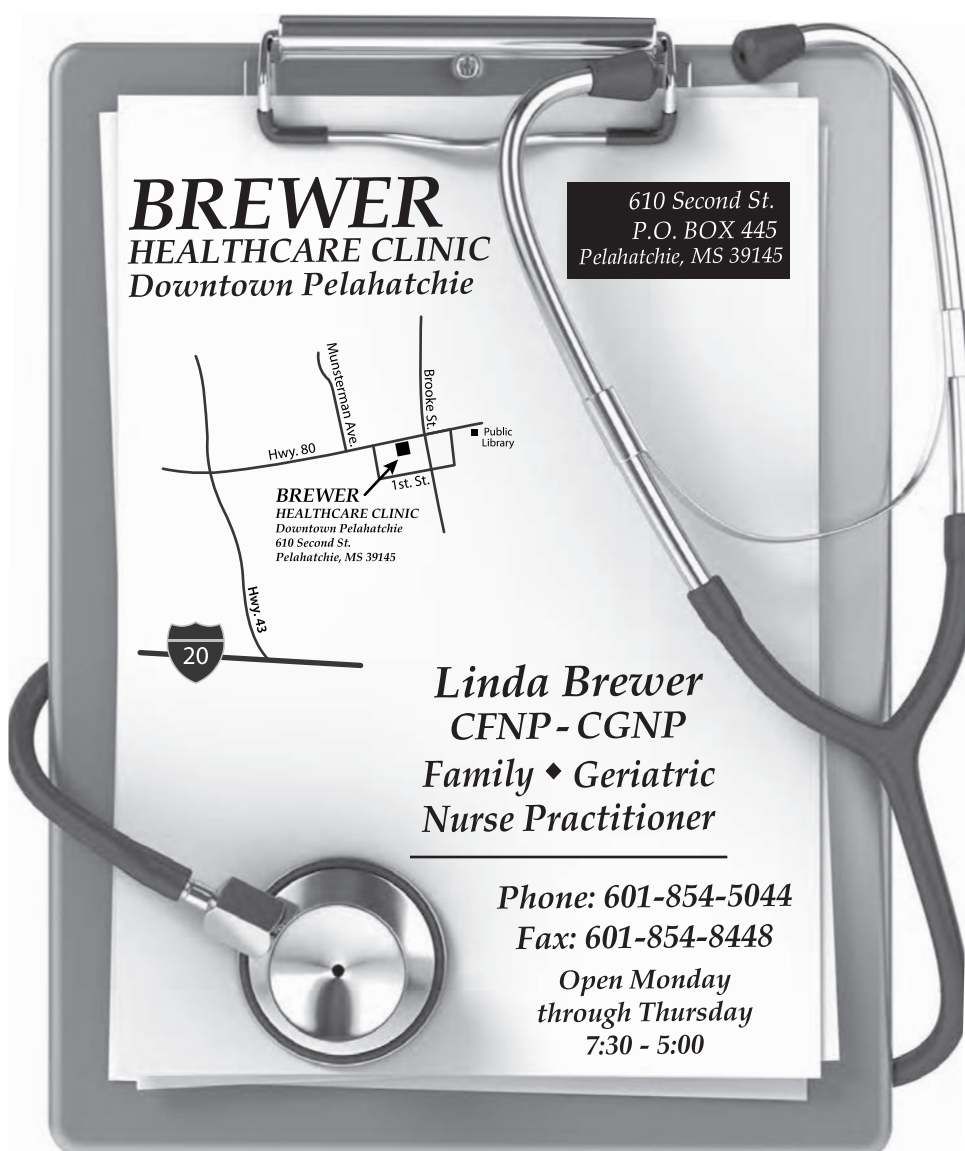
There is no denying that every sym-

bol of Halloween is based on darkness, evil ghosts, witches, monsters, vampires, goblins and demons. God's word says, "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them," Eph. 5:11.

As believers, we have been delivered from the power of darkness and are called to walk with Christ in the light. 2 Corinthians 6:14 says, "For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" The Bible also teaches us that we are in the world, but we are not of the world. "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind," Romans 12:2. 3 John 1:11 says, "Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good."

Halloween is one of the largest celebrated holidays in the United States, so the world sees nothing wrong with the celebration of Halloween. God's word says, "You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God," James 4:4.

God's word is clear that we are not to imitate pagan religions, deeds of darkness or to be conformed to this world.

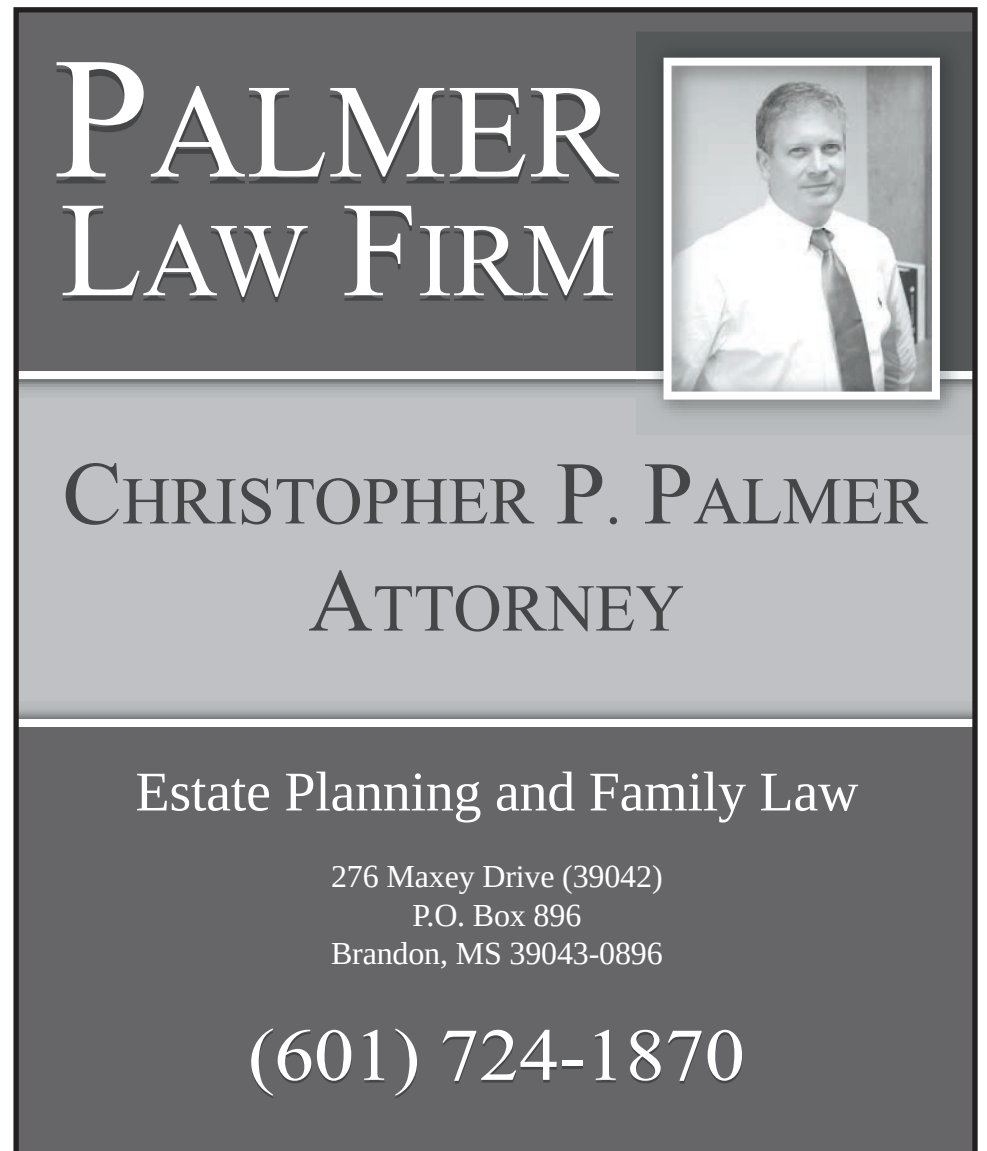


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Houston named MACJC Special Teams POW

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Joseph Houston, a former East Rankin Academy student, is a sophomore kicker and punter on the Hinds Community College (HCC) football team. Houston was voted as the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in the Eagles 30-15 win over Pearl River Community College in week three.

He is now eligible for national honors as chosen by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) nation-

al office.

Houston, an All-Region and MACJC All-State first team selection as a freshman in 2013, was perfect in the South division opener on Sept. 11, finishing three-for-three on PATs and three-for-three on field goals, including a 40-yarder.



Joseph Houston, former East Rankin Academy student, was voted as the MACJC Special Teams Player of the Week. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

He also punted seven times for a 39.6 yard average and left two punts inside the PRCC 20-yard line.

Houston and the Eagles will play Copiah -Lincoln Community College in Wesson, MS on Oct. 11 at 3 p.m.

For more on Hinds football, visit www.hindsccsports.com.

The open door and Living Free



By: Pastor David Brewer, Holmes Assembly and Director of Rankin/Scott Living Free

Just wanted to share what God is doing! In December 2009, God laid it on my heart that in three years we would have our own faith-based recovery center! December 2012 made three years and no center. In August of 2013, we started our Living Free outreach ministry, which I believe was the ground work for what God was about to do.

A few weeks back, the director of Mercy House Teen Challenge in Georgetown, Miss. made me an offer to open up a first-stage men's center in the Morton and Forest area in which we would work hand-to-hand with them. No doubt this was God fulfilling what he had told me! This center will house up to 10 men for four months, and then they will go to Mercy House in Georgetown to finish out the remainder of their 14-month program.

Right now we are looking for a place with three or four bedrooms to start in, and all we know to do is trust God and walk by faith! We need help finding a place, we need help with

funds, and donations are needed for supplies.

This is surely a vision and burden God has laid on our hearts, and there is no way it can be fulfilled unless others share this burden!

We would love to have all the churches, businesses, etc., involved in this so we can show that by the love of God and loving individuals, people's lives can be changed. Drugs and alcohol, along with life controlling problems, steal the joy away from people's lives everyday!

Let's get together, stand up, and make a difference! All we ask is that everyone pray and seek God's direction in helping us, because we all must be in God's will. We would be glad to have somebody come to your church or community event and tell about the program!

Surely God has opened this door, but we can't do it alone. We can help people be delivered of their life-controlling problems. We would love to have your prayers and help in this ministry, because we can't do it alone.

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Rain didn't stop the Chiefs homecoming parade



On September 18, the Pelahatchie Chiefs homecoming parade was not stopped by an untimely thunderstorm. High school students, junior high students and elementary students all toughed it out to make sure the parade continued. The theme of the parade was Around the World in One Night. The parade was a kick-off to the pep rally, crowning of the Homecoming Queen, and the Chiefs triumph over the Ethel Tigers with a final score of 55-8. (Photos by Katie White)

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Student of the Month and Citizenship Awards



August Student of the Month recipients and nominating teachers at Pelahatchie Attendance Center included (l to r), front row: Anna Scherer, 7th; Carlie Edwards, 9th; Katie Bayliss, 8th; Back Row: Mr. Justin Gough; Jalen Hurst, 11th; Parker Garletts, 10th; Daniel Stewart, 12th and Mr. Mike Boyd. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)



August Citizenship award recipients at Pelahatchie Attendance Center included Tabitha Phillips, 7th (left); and Shawn Griffin, 12th (right). (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

Football team cleans up Pelahatchie



The Pelahatchie Chief athletic students help pick up rocks and sticks at the new Milltown Park area to prepare it for upcoming use. (Photo by Ruby L. Burns.)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Throughout the upcoming year, the Pelahatchie Attendance Center athletic teams will help the community of Pelahatchie by volunteering with various projects where needed.

The athletic students have already focused their attention at the newly developed and nearly complete Milltown Park, which will open for softball and baseball in the Spring. The students worked diligently to pick up sticks, rocks, trash and even disposed of a few critters in the area.

"We ask the community to support the Chiefs, and if we are going to ask them to help us, we should be willing to help the community," says Bill Ward, Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Pelahatchie High School.

More community projects are in the planning stage at present. The efforts of the athletic department and of the athletic students at Pelahatchie Attendance Center will help build character, teach life skills and most of all, enrich the lives of the students and the community of Pelahatchie.

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