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What's new at the Sept. 12th Muscadine Jubilee



The 2015 Muscadine Jubilee t-shirt. Pictured (l to r) are, Ellen Davis and Margie Warren. (Photo by the town of Pelahatchie)

Muscadine Jubilee 2015 stompers

- Cecil Brown – Public Service Commissioner
- Kevin Farrell – Assistant Director of Radio for MS Public Broadcasting
- Gary Windham – Constable
- Bryan Marshall – Pelahatchie Attendance Center Principal
- Dan Boyce – Headmaster East Rankin Academy
- Tom Miles – State Representative
- Melanie Christopher – Anchor WJTV 12
- Rick Adams – Anchor Miss 103 Radio



This year's Muscadine Jubilee Master of Ceremonies - Rev. Guy Hughes, pastor Pelahatchie Baptist Church (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

In addition to entertainment by Tracy Lawrence, Jeff Bates and Troy Laz, the 35th Annual Muscadine Jubilee will feature regular craft and food booths, local entertainment and grape stompers.

New this year is Rev. Guy Hughes as Master of Ceremonies plus Yogi laser tag and a race track for kids. Attendees are reminded to dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair. The only things air conditioned are the rest rooms. Admission is \$3, and t-shirts are \$15.

2015 Entertainment schedule

10-10:30	Opening Ceremonies	10:45-11:15	Chieftacular Show Choir
• Invocation and Welcome - Bro. Guy Hughes		11:15-12:00	Raphael Semmes Trio
• Flag Presentation - Pelahatchie JROTC		12:00-12:20	Muscadine Grape Stomp
• Pledge of Allegiance - Sgt. John Gough		12:20-1:45	Troy Laz & 2Hipnotic Band
• National Anthem - PHS Choir		2:00-3:10	Jeff Bates
10:30-10:45	Abbey Kelly	3:30-5:00	Tracy Lawrence Band

Pelahatchie first town to use mapping technology to make the town friendlier

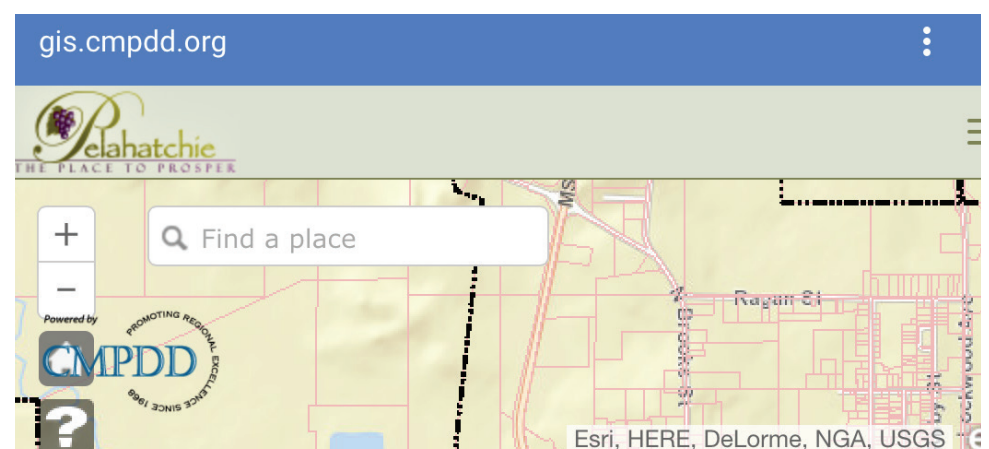
By: Susie A. Wolfe

In developing Pelahatchie's 2015 Comprehensive Plan, the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) utilized a mapping technology called "Storymap" to help identify infrastructure for the first time in Mississippi. This will benefit developers, potential residents and especially the town, according to Mayor Knox Ross.

This real-time map of various data sets will be hugely valuable going forward, according to the mayor. Those

who need this information, which includes rental property ownership, locations of fire hydrants, manhole covers or water valves, etc., will be able to use it immediately on the Internet rather than looking back through old storage rooms. There are a number of "connectivity" efficiencies that will help the town be easier and friendlier to access.

The town will use the online maps, available at www.pelahatchie.org, as an economic development tool to showcase the community and prepare it for growth.



Screen shot example of CMPDD mapping. (Image special to The Pelahatchie News)



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2015 Pelahatchie High School cheerleaders



The 2015 Pelahatchie High School cheerleader squad includes: Ashlyn Elliott (SR), Captain; JaMarion Hardy (SR), Co-Captain; Alexis Hobson (SR), Honorary Captain; Tabitha Phillips (SR); Maggie Bowman (SR); Katie Winstead (JR); Kenyatta Hobson (SP); Leilani Key (FR); Zharia Hollified (FR); and Tiara Collier (FR). Not pictured are Kessie Key, Coach; and Megan Thompson, Asst. Coach. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

2015 ERA Varsity cheerleaders



The 2015 East Rankin Academy Varsity cheerleaders include: Brooke Crain; Chloe Cunningham, Madeline Ezelle; Hannah Rhodes; Jordan Tadlock; Lexie Worsham; Madyson Gibson; Lilly Herring; Corban Nutt; Caiti Bowman; Ally Purvis; Lauren Shoemaker; Kaeleigh Thompson; and Bailey Tullos. Not pictured: Lynn Hill, Varsity Cheer Sponsor/Coach. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)



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2015 Pelahatchie High School football team



The 2015 Pelahatchie High School football team includes: Cameron Padgett-1, DJ Jennings-2, Booker Ficklin-3, Keldrick Stokes-4, Jaymon Johnson-5, Javeious Purvis-6, Jalen Hurst-7, Jamari Stokes-8, Dachawn Kincaid-9, Michael Coleman-10, Chaney Lanthrip-11, Noah Evans-12, Adonis McCollum-14, Antonio Buckner-15, Cody Shoemaker-20, Todd Jones-22, Zavies Lay-23, Avery Lewis-24, Dwight Garletts-42, Jake White-44, Bailey Hudson-50, Clayton Kilgore-51, Zach Thompson-52, Jacolby Magee-54, Garrett Brock-55, Cody Myers-56, Dontavious McCollum-57, Hunter White-60, Dylan White-63, Scheldon Irvin-70, Logan White-73, Idarias Jones-77, and Dwaun Patterson-82. Head coach: Bill Ward; assistant coaches: Chris Courtney, Joel McCarty, and Dylan Parker. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

2015 East Rankin Academy football team



The 2015 East Rankin Academy Varsity football team includes: Hayden Hawk-2, Case Taylor-3, Joseph Macon-4, Forrest Russell-5, Tanner Hutchins-6, Austin Banes-7, Bryce Woitt-8, Jacob Cordell-10, Seth Dearman-11, Blaine Hill-12, Tanner Guy-13, Tripp Wyatt-14, Brandon Evans-15, Colt Gibbs-16, Nathan Cooke-17, Hayden Hornsby-18, Will Langford-21, Reeve Watson-22, Matt Stanton-33, Reed Carter-27, Matt Stanton-33, David Jefcoat-34, Chandler Denton-39, Reid Wuestefeld-42/58, -42, Connor Harris-44, Bryce Overby-45/56, Andrew Harrell-48, Brooks Holifield-50, Bo Giordano-51, Asa Barnes-53, Cade Thornton-54, Trace Sugg-57, Noah Wolfe-60, Alex Polk-61, Branden Hines-66, Cody Batte-71, Jared Vardaman-74, Turner Boykin-80 and Christian Barnes-81. Athletic Director: Dan Davis; Head Coach: Matt Butts; Assistant Coaches: Steven Boozer, Steven Harrell, Jake Pickett, Josh Stuart, Trent Taylor and Scott Walters; Managers: Sam Gunn, Will Gunn, Owen Marby and Walker Phillips. (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

Hogan speaks at Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



An overflowing crowd was on hand at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held at Pelahatchie Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Aug. 22. Dr. Marvin Hogan, director of Friend of Children Mississippi, was the guest speaker. Dr. Hogan started Friends of Children 48 years ago and, to-date, the organization has helped 159,000 children in 15 Mississippi counties. Mayor Knox Ross said that Friends of Children MS has a "model facility" which is located in Pelahatchie. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

First year for Chieftacular show choir



Pelahatchie's Chieftacular show choir. Pictured (l to r) front row: Avery Demuth; Madelyn Cain; and Collins Doster; back row: Emily Ingram; Jactavious Macklin; Sharetha Hobbs; Shelia Sharplin, teacher and Show Choir Director; McKinley Goodin; Kaitlyn White; and Haley Mills. (Photo by the town of Pelahatchie)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

For the first time ever, Pelahatchie Elementary has a show choir. The show choir was created by Shelia Sharplin. Sharplin has wanted a show choir at Pelahatchie for a long time, and is excited to be the director of the singing group.

"These students have worked very hard and always amaze me at the tal-

ent they have. We are so excited to be able to perform for different functions throughout this year," said Sharplin.

The show choir consists of nine sixth graders. The students have been practicing all summer, and they are ready to entertain.

Chieftacular will showcase their talents for their first public performance at the 2015 Muscadine Jubilee on Sept. 12 at 10:45 a.m.



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Principal Attkisson's goal for 2015-2016

By: Lisa Attkisson, Pelahatchie Elementary School Principal

My goal for the upcoming year is to improve literacy at Pelahatchie Elementary School. I thought I would share some information with you about reading in this first article.

Reading with your child is not only an excellent way to spend time together as parent and child, but it can greatly increase your child's overall literacy.

Most children enjoy being read to, and as they learn to read, they are anxious to read for others. When they are ready to read to you, it may be helpful for the child to read a page and then the parent to read a page. As you spend this time with your children, they will have an enjoyable view of reading, will develop a love of reading, and grow up to be great readers.

Studies have shown that students who are read to and who read with parents or other family members are more likely to do well in school in all of the academic areas. As you read with your child, ask him questions about what he is reading; have him discuss the characters, and as he becomes a stronger reader, have him discuss more challenging topics like the problem and the



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solution.

Asking questions such as these will encourage children to think critically and therefore comprehend the information they've read. Not only will this help children become stronger readers, but it will also help them become better listeners, communicators, and writers.

Since reading is an integral part of every subject, parents have the ability to play a major role in their child's education by helping them be better readers.

Message from Dr. Marshall: our future

By: Dr. Bryan Marshall, Pelahatchie High School Principal

As I reflect on the past 16 years of education, it is evident that things have drastically changed. The landscape of education is vastly different than the time my generation attended school. Education is different and the landscape of the economy is different.

Cell phones were a thing of imagination in my childhood, yet now we can access anything by means of the Internet, in the palm of our hands. The need for an encyclopedia or a dictionary is gone as we can simply Google it! The jobs that have been created in this technological age are much different than that of the past. Therefore, education had no choice but to evolve.

Today we find ourselves with a unique challenge in education. A challenge not faced by previous generations. How do we prepare students for jobs that do not exist and we have no idea what they are? It is almost like a game of pin the tail on the donkey. There is an answer to this question, however.

The answer is an age-old response to this very new problem. Literacy! Literacy! Literacy! Even though we may not know what the jobs are, we know with a high degree of certainty that the jobs will entail reading, reasoning, and problem solving. Business owners and entrepreneurs want employees that can accurately read, comprehend, and analyze information.

However, owners do not want an analysis of the problem alone. They want viable solutions to these problems. Our community deserves a workforce that business owners desire to employ. An educated workforce is attractive to businesses. Our job as a



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school is to educate students to read, comprehend the reading, reason out the information, and develop a viable solution to the issues within the information. This is our mission to develop life long learners and problem solvers.

We need every parent, guardian, and grandparent to understand that literacy only grows within students when we "READ." When a student says they have no homework, ask them what they have read! Reading produces higher literacy levels and develops the type of workforce we are looking to create to bring jobs to our community.

Remember that our students hold the key to all of our futures. Our students will take over our leadership positions, our jobs and our community in the very near future. It is our responsibility now to develop literate problem solvers to lead OUR community, OUR Rankin County, and OUR Mississippi, making Pelahatchie an even more attractive place for Our Families to Prosper.

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Survey shows: town seeks to preserve feel

By: Susie A. Wolfe

As part of the 10-year update to the town's Comprehensive Plan, a survey was done of the community to determine opinions on topics from retail offerings needed to areas of concern. The town asked for input through a notice in *The Pelahatchie News* and on the town's Facebook page, and had 203 responses, or about 15 percent of the 2010 population.

In answering the question, "Why did you choose to live in Pelahatchie?"

the top answers selected were "Small Town Atmosphere" (56%) and "Quality of Life" (34%).

Of those surveyed, 93% believe this plan should guide and control growth in a way that protects and preserves the existing qualities of the town. Also, 95% believe that the plan should encourage new commercial development; 92% would like to see more full service dine-in type restaurants, and 77% would like to see more fast food restaurants.

The results of the survey show that

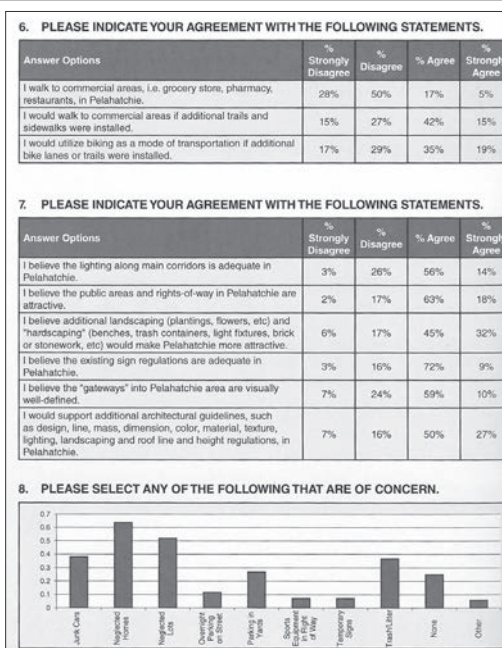
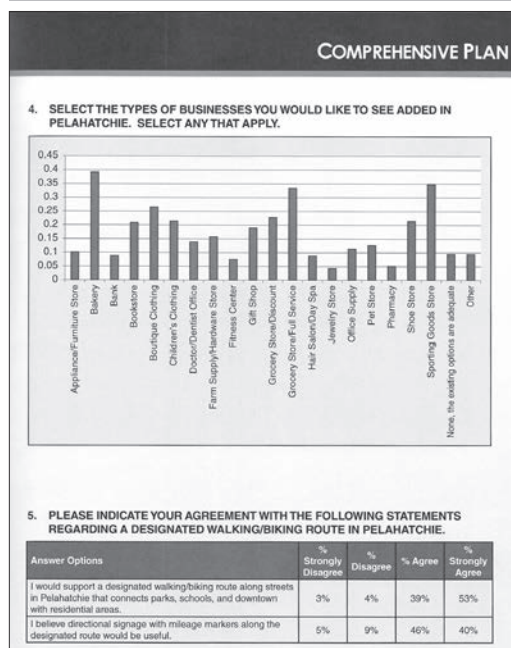
92% of those responding say that they would support a designated walking/bike route along the streets of Pelahatchie that connects parks, schools, and downtown with residential areas.

Also, 86% of respondents believe that directional signage with mileage markers along the route would be useful. While only 22% said that they would currently walk to commercial areas, 57% they would walk to commercial areas if additional trails and sidewalks were installed. Also, 54%

responded that they would utilize biking as a mode of transportation if additional bike lanes or trails were installed.

While 81% of those surveyed believe that the public areas and rights-of-way in Pelahatchie are already attractive and existing sign regulations are adequate, 77% said that they would support additional architectural guidelines for buildings. In ranking areas of concern, the top responses were neglected homes, (64%), and neglected lots, (52%).

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



The survey as distributed can be found the Appendix. Complete survey results are included in the Appendix.

TABLE II-1

Why did you choose to live in Pelahatchie? Please select any that apply.

Answer Options	Response Percent
Hometown	10%
Housing Prices	14%
Property Values	13%
Proximity to Family	9%
Proximity to Recreational Activities	3%
Proximity to Work	14%
Quality of Life	34%
Safety, Crime Rates	27%
Schools	27%
Small Town Atmosphere	56%
Other	3%

TABLE II-2

Do the retail offerings in Pelahatchie meet your needs?

Answer Options	% Strongly Disagree	% Disagree	% Agree	% Strongly Agree
Generally, for day to day activities, the current stores in Pelahatchie meet my shopping needs.	11%	28%	54%	7%
The retail shopping opportunities in Pelahatchie are adequate to meet my needs.	18%	46%	33%	3%
I believe there should be more fast food restaurants located in Pelahatchie.	3%	20%	40%	37%
I believe there should be more full service/dine in restaurants located in Pelahatchie.	1%	8%	41%	51%

TABLE II-3

Select the types of businesses you would like to see added in Pelahatchie. Select any that apply.

Answer Options	Response Percent
Appliance/Furniture Store	10%
Bakery	39%
Bank	9%
Bookstore	21%
Boutique Clothing	27%
Children's Clothing	22%
Doctor/Dentist Office	14%
Farm Supply/Hardware Store	16%
Fitness Center	8%
Gift Shop	19%
Grocery Store/Discount	23%
Grocery Store/Full Service	34%
Hair Salon/Day Spa	9%
Jewelry Store	4%
Office Supply	11%
Pet Store	13%
Pharmacy	5%
Shoe Store	22%
Sporting Goods Store	35%
None, the existing options are adequate.	10%
Other	10%



Tables, charts and graphs from the Comprehensive Plan - Draft 2015. (Images special to The Pelahatchie News)

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What do you want to accomplish the next four years? Can we check back to keep track? I want to accomplish good, honest fiscal government with integrity. I would like for District 4 in Rankin County to continue to be one of the most favorable places to raise a family and send our children to school; however, I understand that our proximity to the state capitol will cause growth in our communities and

we should be cognizant of maintaining the proper type growth and values of our neighborhoods.

Why did our readers Vote for you? I am the most experienced and hardest working candidate which was recognized by the voters on August 4th and 25th by their tremendous support, winning 7 of the 10 precincts in District 4.

What else would you like to say to your constituents? Thank you for your amazing support and I look forward to working with you in the future.



Steve Gaines, Dist. 4 Supv. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

New business to open in old Christmas store

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Tri-County Service and Repair has been approved by the Town's aldermen to purchase the Old Lindz Christmas Store on Highway 80. Bill Irby will open a 24/7 mobile repair shop Dec. 1, 2015.

Tri-County will provide car, truck and lawnmower repair and mobile service as needed for emergency breakdowns. He also will repair lift gates for all makes, electric for 12 and 24 V. systems, air conditioning for automotive, construction and agriculture,

tire repair for new and used, PM's for heavy, medium and light, and hydraulic repair for cylinders, motor and pumps.

Licensed and insured, the shop will also handle DOT inspections, computer diagnostic, welding and fabrication and will provide towing, if needed.

Irby said that there is no mobile repair shop between Meridian and Pearl, and he hopes to fill that niche. In looking for a location to start a business, he wanted to benefit Pelahatchie where he grew up and where his kids go to school.



The long-time closed Lindz Christmas store to become Tri-County Service and Repair/the Bill Irby Family. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)



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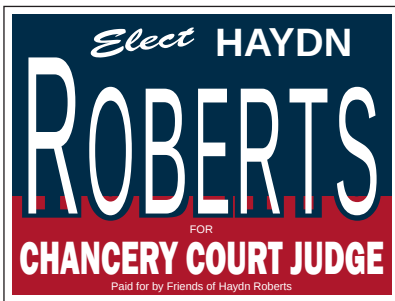
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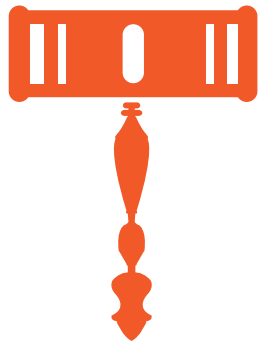
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Wolf announces candidacy for Circuit Court Judge



Michael Wolf (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: The Boyces

Dear Neighbors,

We are writing this letter on behalf, and in full support, of our good friend Michael Wolf. He is running for the office of Circuit Court Judge, in Rankin and Madison Counties. This is an entirely new position which demands a new enthusiasm toward the application of the law. We are confident in Michael's character and ability, and endorsed him without reservation.

Michael genuinely understands the unique and wonderful nature of our community. The "scales of justice" are

used to symbolize our legal system, as they represent balance. Wolf has a balanced disposition, he will be tough but fair, and will always show respect toward every person that appears in Court.

His background drives his balanced disposition. Wolf finished law school by working two jobs, teaching school and washing dishes. Long hours and hard work paid off, and he graduated in 1992 in the top of his class, as student bar president, and an editor of law review.

Michael Wolf is the managing shareholder in the Rankin County Law Firm of Page, Kruger & Holland, where he has enjoyed the opportunity to litigate with top attorneys. Michael has practiced law for over two de-

cadecades, representing people in all walks of life. His unique experience includes representing numerous small businesses, over 30 Mississippi counties, 20 Sheriffs, countless deputies, police officers, firemen, school districts, school personnel, court personnel, and several Mississippi universities. Wolf's extensive, and varied, courtroom experience has taught him that everyone, regardless of position or title, deserves a fair day in court.

Michael has practiced at all levels from the Justice Court to the State Supreme Court. He is experienced in federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States. He holds licenses to practice law in two states.

Michael is happily married to Stacy. They have two children, Mary

Rose (14) and Owen (11), both attending Brandon Schools. They are active in church, and enjoy family time.

Wolf is passionate about the potential that our legal system holds to protect and improve society. Michael Wolf is fully qualified and capable of providing a fair, efficient, and impartial courtroom. Balanced, fair, capable, and independent, are all words that might describe Michael. But perhaps his life, which is driven by the attitude to "always do the right thing," better describes him.

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- **Past President of the Forest Chamber of Commerce and Forest Rotary Club**
- **Member of the Forest, Morton, and Rankin County Chambers of Commerce**
- **President of Friends of Roosevelt State Park**
- **Lifetime member of the NRA**
- **Member of the Scott County Search & Rescue and Dive teams**
- **Educated in the public schools: Graduated Morton High School, Hinds Community College Pearl Campus and Holds a Bachelor Degree in Business and Political Science from Mississippi State University**
- **Active in Lions Club, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, and is a Sunday School teacher at FBC**

Grief does not have to be faced alone

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GriefShare is a video-based ministry that helps individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one. There are 13 sessions that address every aspect of the grieving process. Participants learn that they are not the first or only ones to face grief and don't have to go through the experience alone.

Here is what some previous participants have to say about GriefShare. "GriefShare was a great experience and could have not come at a better time in my life. I have been through the series twice, and both times it was a blessing for me. So if you have lost someone special in your life, I would recommend GriefShare." Carol Duke – Member of Cross Roads Baptist Church.

"The GriefShare program is just as the title says: you are able to share your grief with others who understand what you are feeling because they have

been there. I found it extremely helpful, and one of the main reasons was that the program is Bible and faith based. I still feel the loss, but with GriefShare and the new friends I have made, I am more able to deal with that loss." Linda Vance - Member of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

GriefShare is offered as a ministry of Cross Roads Baptist Church. It is open to everyone, and there is no cost to attend. Participants are only asked to be faithful in attendance. Sessions are held on Tuesday nights beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Cross Roads is located at 104 Crossroads Rd, Pelahatchie, MS 39145 - 5 miles south of I-20 on Hwy. 43 S. The fall series will begin on Sept. 1.

For more information, contact Sheila Bradshaw, GriefShare Ministry Coordinator, at (601) 546-2297 or visit the Cross Roads website at www.crossroadspel.org.



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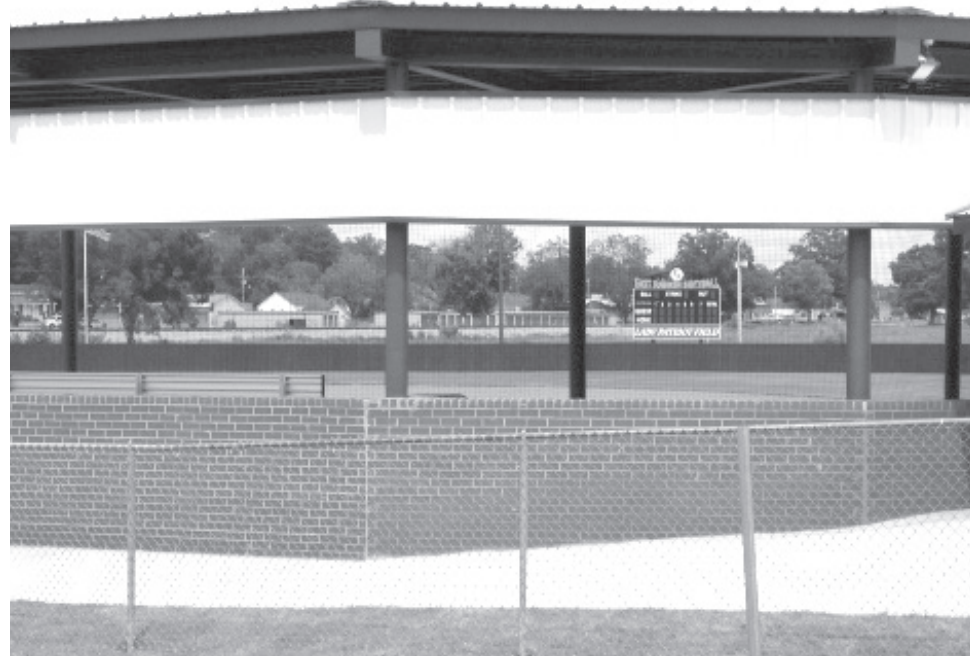
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GRIEF SHARE

McGee builds softball field for ERA kids



East Rankin Academy's new softball field additions. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Joe McGee builds roads and bridges and now builds softball fields. The East Rankin Academy (ERA) Lady Patriots Softball Field was finished in time for the first game on Aug. 17 against Jackson Prep.

Owner of Joe McGee Construction with 200 employees in offices in Brandon, Flowood and Lake, McGee has built the East Metro Corridor leading into Dogwood as well as the Nissan Parkway in Canton, and is currently working on Hwy. 471 in Brandon.

But, it wasn't his role in construction that lead him to construct the softball field, it was his role as grandfather. He has six grandchildren who attend ERA, including two granddaughters who play softball.

As any proud grandfather would attest, McGee is proud of all six grandchildren who attend ERA, four girls and two boys. He is also proud of his three sons and daughter, too. Josh is the operations manager of McGee Construction, and Jason is senior engineer. Other son Jake is at Ole Miss pursuing International Studies.

His daughter, Jenny Simmons, is the minority business owner of Simmons Erosion Company in Lake that put up the lights in the Lady Patriots Softball Field. She has 100 employees.

"I did it for the kids, not for special recognition," said McGee. "East Rankin is a great school and has a great complex." He believes no other private school has better facilities. He also believes that athletics build character and help students become well-rounded.

Elections set for November

By: Susie A. Wolfe

There will be three Rankin County elections decided in November: School Board District 5, Chancery Court Judge and Circuit Court Judge for Rankin and Madison counties.

According to Rankin County Circuit Clerk Becky Boyd, Pelahatchie voters will be voting on Nov. 3 for a School Board opening for District 5 to replace Cecil McCrory who resigned.

There will also be an election for Chancery Judge. This is a third judge position added by the Mississippi Legislature due to population increases. Four candidates are running for the office: Prentiss Grant, Jim Nix, Haydn Roberts and Rusty Williard.

There will also be a Chancery judge election next November to fill Dan Fairly's position. John McLaurin was appointed to fill the position after Fairly's death.

For the newly created third Circuit Judge post for Rankin and Madison counties created by the Mississippi Legislature, the four candidates contesting are Marty Miller, Steve Ratcliff, Chris Walker and Michael Wolf, confirmed Boyd.



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Pastor's perspective: the Church as a team



By: John Vaughn, Pastor, Cross Roads Baptist Church in Pelahatchie

Football season has arrived! It's time for Friday night lights and Saturday showdowns. Everybody has their favorite teams, and it's time to show your support for that team! Those boys out there on the field work hard all during the week to do their best at game time. And I'm not just talking about the players...Every year at this time, I reminisce about my football career. No, I wasn't the starting quarterback. I was the team manager. Being a manager was a good experience for me. For two years, I was the football manager at East Mississippi Junior College. Being a manager taught me valuable lessons that have served me well throughout my life. Let me share some of those life lessons with you.

1) I learned the importance of being a team player. I have heard of managers who were treated badly by the players and sometimes by the coaches. They are treated as second class citizens by those who think they are most important to the team. But I served as a manager under Coach Bill Buckner, and he gave value to his managers. He often reminded the

players that the managers were an important part of the team and should be treated as such. Being a Christian also makes you a part of the Church, which in many respects, functions as a team. Paul referred to Church as a body. He wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV), "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." Being a Christian makes you an important part of the Body of Christ.

2) As a football manager, I also learned that for the team to be successful, every member of the team must do their part. As a manager, that meant before every practice session, every player had to have his practice uniform clean and in his locker. The coaches expected the practice balls to be where they wanted them on the field. The Gatorade had to be ready and available to the players during the practice breaks. The equipment had to be in good repair or changed so that every player was ready for the practice. All those things, and much more, were the responsibility of the managers. We had to do our part for the team to be successful. So it is in the Church. Every member has a part to play, and the Church can only be what God expects if every member does his or her part. Paul made that clear in Ephesians 4:16

(NLT), "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

3) As a manager, I also learned the importance of paying attention to details. That lesson was actually learned when some of my fellow managers failed to pay attention to some details. For each home game, the field had to be painted. We used a pump sprayer and white paint to mark the sidelines, hash marks, yard lines, etc. I was involved with other game preparations, so a couple of other managers were marking the field. They were also enjoying themselves, and generally not paying much attention to the task they had. After they finished, a coach noticed that on one end of the field, we had two "20" yard lines and no "30" yard line! Details are important! In life, the same is true. Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:15 (NLT) "So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise."

4) Another important lesson that I learned as a manager is that humility is essential. This is especially true for effective ministry to others. It is truly a humbling experience to wash dirty, stinky practice clothes

for 60 football players; to mop floors and disinfect the showers; to clean the toilets....you get the picture. But that was the responsibility that I had. And it was important for me to do my part. Humility is essential in life, as well. Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV) tells us, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

5) One other life lesson that I learned from being a football manager is that there are rewards for faithful service. My two years of blood, sweat and tears as a manager earned for me a full scholarship that paid for two years of college education. I had the same scholarship that the star quarterback had! There are also rewards for faithful service to the Lord. Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT) tell us, "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ."

We can learn valuable life lessons in many ways, but those lessons won't do us much good if won't put them into practice in our lives.

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Mount Carmel MBC Celebrated 140th anniversary in August



Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church (MBC) celebrates its 140th Anniversary. The church members vision for renovations will be fulfilled this fall. (Photos by Susie A. Wolfe)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church (MBC) celebrated its 140th Anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 17.

According to Rev. Ronnie E. Brown, Sr., pastor of the church for the last 12 years, the celebration included guest speaker Pastor Doug Lacey of Ratcliff Chapel MBC in Edwards, Mississippi.

The deacons of the Trustee Ministry were also recognized with certificates:

Deacons:

- The Late Deacon Kelly Graham, Jr. (chairman) (received by his wife (Mother Thelma Graham)
- Deacon Milton Finch, Jr.
- Deacon John Lewis and
- Deacon Ricky Brown, Sr.

Trustees:

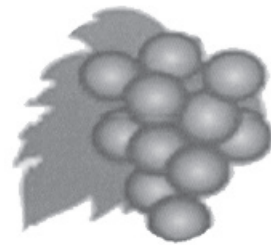
- Brother Billy Reuben (Chairman)
- Brother Jeffery Lewis

- Sister Rochelle Dixon
- Brother Christopher Reynolds
- The Late Brother Caley Lewis (received by his daughter Sister Tiffany Lewis)
- Brother Roddie Weakley

According to Church Clerk Mary Lynn Johnson, Mt. Carmel was organized in 1875 and held services in a brush arbor. The church has had eight pastors, including Rev. Eddie King, who has served the church for 32 years from 1963-1995.

When Mt. Carmel celebrated its 132nd Anniversary in 2007, one of the visions of the church was to build a fellowship hall with classrooms, prayer room finance room, choir room and a parking lot. That vision will be fulfilled this fall, said Rev. Brown. The current vision for the 175-member church is to prepare the brotherhood for ministry and lead the youth to another level.

First Annual PBC D-Vine 5K set for September 12th



D-Vine 5K

FUN RUN/WALK SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

(Image special to The Pelahatchie News)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Pelahatchie Baptist Church is hosting the first annual D-Vine 5K Fun Run / Walk and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, before the Muscadine Jubilee. The race will start at Pelahatchie High School and go through the town.

The proceeds will go into the church's Mission Fund according to Bro. Kevin McKee, youth minister.

Awards for the 5K Run will be given to the overall male and female,

Top 3 in age groups 6-14; 15-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; and 70+. Awards for the 5K Walk are Top 3 overall male and female and for the Fun Run are overall male and female. All children will receive ribbons.

Registration forms are available at www.pbc.org, or contact the church office at 601-854-8809. Early registration ends September 1.

Registration the day of the race is from 6:15 until 7:15 a.m. for the 5K, with the race beginning at 7:30 a.m. The Fun Run begins at 8:30 a.m.

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Pelahatchie's Fire Dept. ready to serve the town

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Lenis Stanley was approved as Fire Chief and Bobby Bishop as Assistant Fire Chief of the Pelahatchie Fire Department at the August 10 Town Board Meeting.

Stanley is a 24-year fire department veteran, including 5 years at the Leesburg Fire Department. Bishop has 10 years' experience.

"I want to serve the community and grow the department to 30 firemen," Stanley said.

The fire department has 16 volunteer firemen who are ready to respond to calls at a moment's notice. The department has a fire rating of 7 inside the town and a rating of 8 in the response area outside of town.

In 2009, the town utilized local funds as well as funds obtained through the Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties (SMLPC) program to make renovations to the fire station. These improvements addressed flooding issues by constructing a drainage swale and waterproofing the existing wall below grade. The renovations also included modifying the façade and structure to provide larger openings in order to accommodate today's larger fire trucks and equipment.

The following year, 2010, additional renovations were funded using the same program along with local funds. These improvements included improved electrical and lighting, refinishing interior walls and



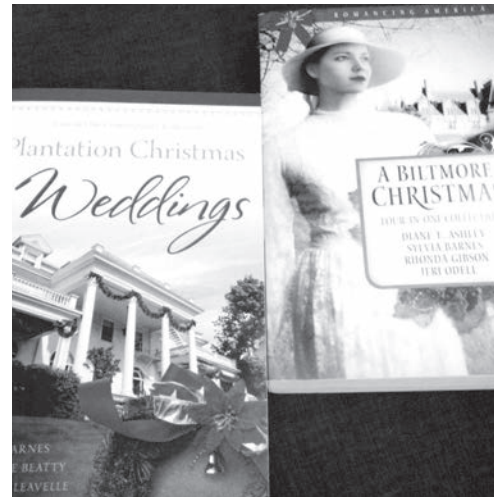
Pictured (l to r) are, Lenis Stanley, Pelahatchie Fire Department Chief, and Bobby Bishop, Pelahatchie Fire Department Assistant Chief. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)

ceiling, improved ventilation, adding storage areas, and the addition of a multipurpose room that functions as a training room, meeting room, secure storage room and a weight room.

According to the 2015 Comprehensive Plan discussed in this issue, there is a need for the location of a fire station south of the railroad and Highway 80 in order to have quicker access to I-20 as well as other areas in the southern portion of town. The Land Use Plan allocates a large amount of land for industrial use in this area as well.

Mayor Knox Ross served as a volunteer fireman for 15 years and is excited about the new team leading the department. "They will do a fantastic job," he said.

Local author inspired to tell stories



Pelahatchie author Sylvia Barnes. Her two published works are shown left. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

Sylvia Barnes has a story to tell, but she will be quick to tell you that it's not about her, it's all about God. She wants to glorify Him with the story.

One particularly unique story happens to be true, though she writes fiction. I had asked, "How did you meet your husband J.W.?" She smiled as she related that they first met the day they were both born, December 25, the same day in the same hospital. It wasn't until later that they reconnected when they went to school together in Pelahatchie. They have lived in the Pelahatchie countryside for more than 40 years in her husband's family's home place.

Barnes didn't become a serious writer until after she had retired from the phone company where she worked her way up to a second level manager reporting to Birmingham and Atlanta. She wrote poetry at age 21, but it was

only after she survived breast cancer and became bored that she took the time to write --writing by hand three hours a day for three months -- and the story became a manuscript.

Her genre is suspense / romance. She joined a Pelahatchie book club and attended Christian Fiction Writers Conferences to perfect her craft. Aaron McCarver, dean of students at Wesley College, offered to read her draft and provided input. Her two published stories, included in a compilation, are "A Biltmore Christmas" and "Plantation Christmas," which are available at the Pelahatchie library.

Barnes wants to use her writing to glorify God more than anything. The Plan of Salvation is included in both stories published. She said that she realizes that God gave her the stories. "He is my inspiration."

Her next project is still in the formative stages, but will be about some family history she is just now discovering—truly a romance with suspense.

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Chiropractic has been around for over a hundred years, and has been used to help everyone from tiny babies to the elderly. Even top sports stars and entertainers... like Tiger Woods, Tom Brady, Tony Robbins, Joe Montana, Lance Armstrong, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mel Gibson.

These professional athletes have the money to hire any kind of doctors they want, yet they choose to have a chiropractor on their team.

A recent scientific study showed chiropractic adjustments outperformed massage treatments in reducing pain. The study concluded that patients

with chronic neck pain showed "clinically important improvements from a course of spinal manipulation... The current evidence does not support a similar level of benefit from massage."

– *J Manipulative Physiol Ther* 2007

In another study comparing acupuncture, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, and spinal manipulation found...

"After a median intervention period of 30 days, spinal manipulation was the only intervention that achieved statistically significant improvements." - *J Manipulative Physiol Ther* 1999

In addition to that, here's what some of the top medical researchers had to say ...

Chiropractor's manipulation of the spine was "more helpful than any of the following: traction, massage, biofeedback, acupuncture, injection of steroids into the spine and back corsets, and ultrasound." – *Stanley Bigos, MD, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery*

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Cooper Farms Vineyard is owned by Tim Cooper and wife, June. The vineyard is located in Morton, Miss. (Photos special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Tim Cooper and his wife June, and dog Scooby, operate Cooper Farms out from Morton. They grow muscadines through September and then the fall crops—broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and all kinds of greens plus squash, kale and Swiss chard. Other times of the year, they grow strawberries and carrots, beets and other vegetables.

Muscadines, blackberries and blueberries are the only ones visitors can pick for themselves. They will have a booth at the Pelahatchie Muscadine Jubilee offering black and white muscadines for sale. The muscadine season is August and September, about

10 weeks, so there are about 4-6 more weeks.

Farming on land that was his great grandfather's, Tim grows a variety of crops on 14 acres just south of Morton. When asked about this year's muscadine crop, he said that with a wet spring and too, too hot summer, the muscadine crop is average to fair. He supplies muscadines for sale on the vine and at fruit stands and grocery stores throughout the state.

Cooper started growing as a hobby. He now grows about half white and half bronze muscadines. People make wine, jelly and eat them as they are. Residents are invited to try one at the Sept. 12 Muscadine Jubilee.

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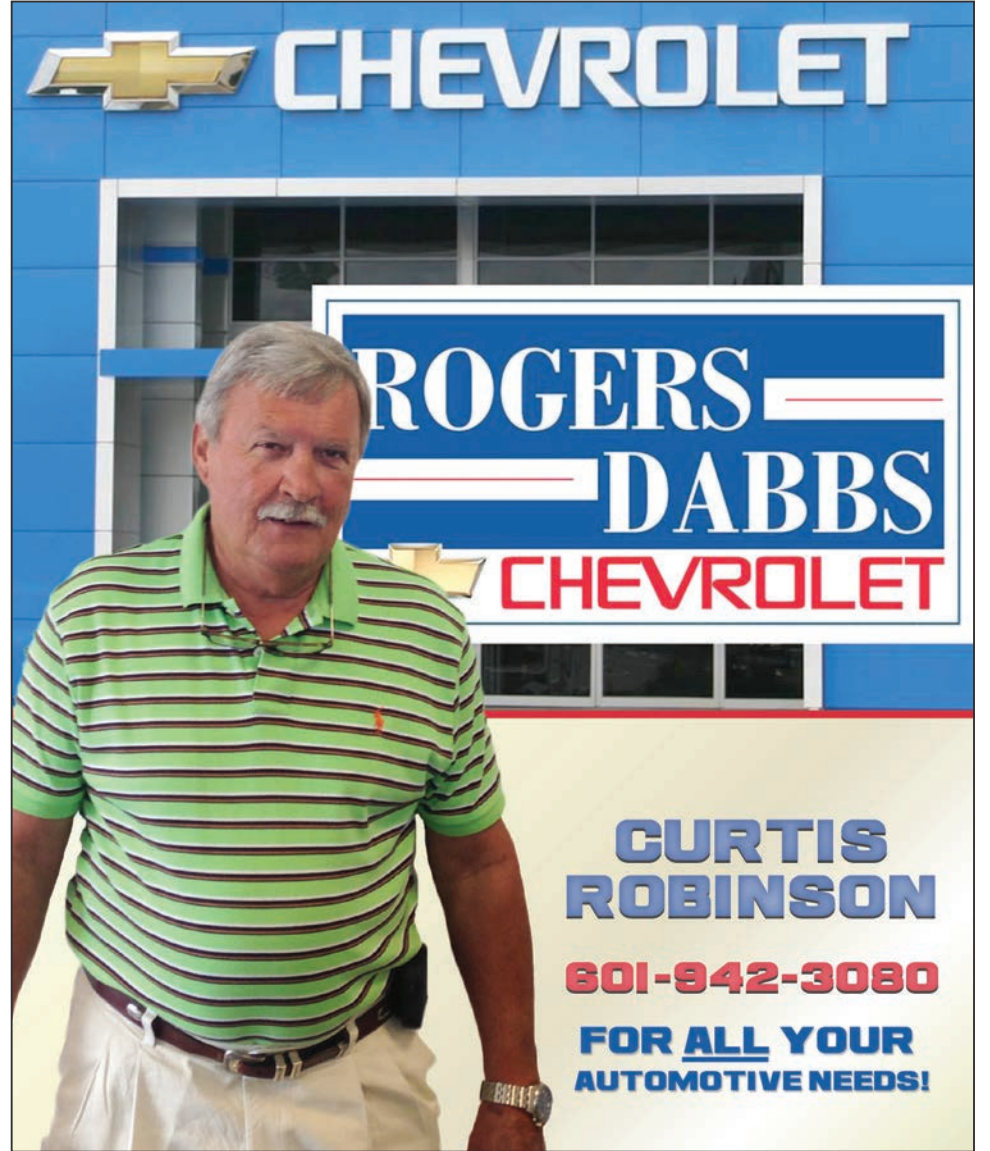
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