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Muscadine Park upgrades include a circle of champions

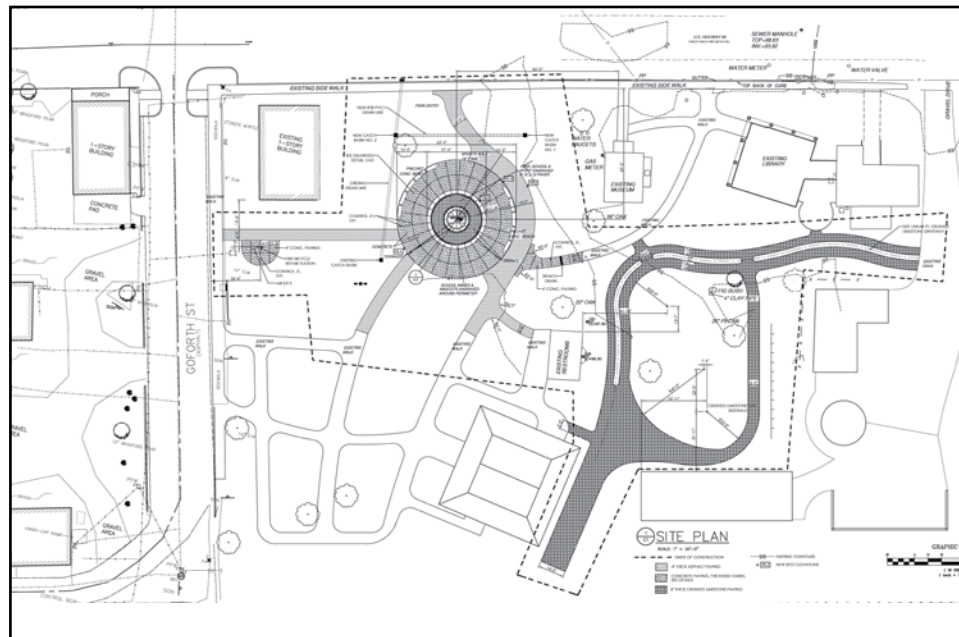
By Susie A. Wolfe

The Town of Pelahatchie is getting upgrades to Muscadine Park. The plans were recently sent out for bids, so construction should begin by the first of 2017, according to Mayor Knox Ross, to be completed before next year's Jubilee.

In addition to landscaping, there will be an entrance plaza with sidewalks and a Circle of Champions that will honor all of the town's championship teams.

Ross said, "The Circle of Champions is a unique feature. It is very exciting, substantive and meaningful for everyone in town."

The state championship teams list is still being compiled, but a partial list includes ERA girls basketball-2009



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and 2010; ERA boys basketball-1975, 1976 and 1977; PHS girls track-1965; and PHS girls basketball-1969, 2015. All teams in the area, McCall, Cross Roads, PHS and ERA, will be included in the listing, and more information on the school teams is available in the Pelahatchie Museum next to the library. Another unique feature will be a bicycle rack and air kit. Ross said the bicycle tree will also include tools.

In addition to relocating the parking lot currently next to the restrooms to behind the library, there will be a walking path in the same area in the pecan grove.

Public art displays will include sculpture, a limestone trail and benches. Additionally, a memorial to former Police Chief Glenda Shoemaker will be added after funds are raised.

Daughters of the late Glenda Shoemaker continue family Christmas gift program



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Pictured (l to r) are: Catherine Poarch, Sabrina Frith, Chief Glenda Shoemaker, deceased, and Brandi Till.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Police Chief Glenda Shoemaker, who passed away earlier this year, made a difference in many areas of Pelahatchie, and the town misses

her kind heart and giving spirit. Her three daughters, Catherine Poarch, Brandy Till and Sabrina Frith, are continuing the Glenda Shoemaker Christmas Program to ensure that

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Townsend inducted into HCC Sports Hall of Fame

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Freddie Townsend, a Pelahatchie native, was a key piece of the Hinds' championship basketball team during his sophomore season. He played basketball there from 1969 to 1971 and was inducted into the community college's Hall of Fame in September.

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A guard on the near-perfect team Hinds fielded in 1971, Townsend excelled in the backcourt under head coach Robert Garrison's first team after succeeding longtime coach Troy Arlis Ricks.



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Freddie Townsend's family, shown at the induction ceremony in September. Pictured (l to r) are: Jennifer Townsend Harper, daughter; Kennedy Laine Harper, granddaughter; Jason Harper, son; Jan Townsend, wife of Freddie; Jeanette Townsend, daughter.

During his freshman season, Townsend was fifth in scoring on the 11-member team.

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Chief's Comments: Police Department expanding

By Chief Kevin Poole,
Pelahatchie Police Dept.

The Town of Pelahatchie has closed on both properties to the south of the current police department on Brooks Street. Mayor Ross has applied for a grant to help with expenses of refurbishing the two spaces.

The building next door is the original Post Office and was later used by Razzmatazz Clothing Store, and the building next to Rhodes & Robby Drug Store was formerly Jean Ross' clothing store.

According to Chief Kevin Poole, "This expansion will triple our size and allow the Town to have a full court room and a full dispatch center. We will also be able to add a patrol room and administrative offices. It will allow us to be of better service and grow with the community."

Chief Poole also reports that the board approved the Police

Department adding a full time officer and a full time dispatcher. That will bring the total officers to seven full-time and five part-time officers. The PPD also currently has nine reserve officers, ones that volunteer their time to help provide service to the community. He plans to add three more this year. The Chief can't say enough positive things about these reserve officers, who have allowed him to double his force.

Another activity that the new chief has implemented is cooking lunch for the city's 15-20 employees every other Friday to show appreciation for their hard work.



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Don't be a bully



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First grader Bethany Tucker asked her mother, Paige Tucker, for some paper and markers while she waited

with her one afternoon after a Pelahatchie Elementary bullying presentation. Bethany used the markers to create the "Don't be a Bully" poster shown here.

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Some employees have made Yogi Bear Park their home



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By Susie A. Wolfe

Yogi on the Lake is a popular year-round destination in Pelahatchie, and it's also home to a number of employees and temporary residents called "monthlies." They live in campers on-site with water, sewer, cable, and electricity furnished for one price.

Assistant Manager Jackie Boone has lived at this Jellystone Park Resort since December, 2012. She grew up in Crestview, Florida, and came here to live and work.

"It is very peaceful and beautiful here," said Boone. "There's lots of wildlife, like squirrels, turtles, birds, and ducks."

Group Coordinator Carrie Poe agrees, and said, "It's the best kind of set up you can have, because you are

literally minutes from your job."

Other employees who live and work at Yogi include Poe, originally from Pearl who started in February, 2014, and Teresa Proctor, café manager, from Pelahatchie and Morton, who started in March, 2013. Joanie Shoemaker, Steven Turnage, Sha Newsome, and Robbin Pridgen are also residents at Yogi on the Lake.

The monthlies are folks who stay for an extended period of time for temporary jobs, to be near their grandchildren or to save money to build a house, for example.

Boone said, "We all love the park and customers. We have fun, like a family, and we work hard. Being here, we sometimes help people when we are not on the clock. We're all neighbors."



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Oct. 28	St Joe	Home	6:00 p.m.

JUNIOR SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

October 5	Lake	Away	7:00 p.m.
October 10	St. Joe	Away	7:00 p.m.
October 17	Scott Central	Home	7:00 p.m.



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VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

October 7	Jackson Academy	B JV	Away	7:00
October 14	Adams County Christian (HC)	B JV	Home	7:00
October 21	*Presbyterian Christian	B JV	Away	7:00
October 28	*Jackson Prep B JV	Home	7:00	

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Muscadine Jubilee draws 6,000



Photos by Susie A. Wolfe

The 36th Annual Muscadine Jubilee had something for all the 6,000 gathered to enjoy at the yearly event, from muscadine stomping to children's events and live entertainment by the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on their 50th Anniversary Tour.

Town holds Halloween on October 31



Photo by Susie A. Wolfe

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The Town of Pelahatchie will hold Halloween activities on Monday, October 31, in Muscadine Park.

According to Ruby Burns at City Hall, there will be a costume contest

for ages up to ten, plus Trunk or Treat booths on Go Forth Street. She also invited local businesses and organizations to set up game booths in the park.

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There is a lot going on at PHS



By Dr. Bryan Marshall,
Pelahatchie High School
Principal

Fall is upon us, and it is still hot. I can't tell you how much I enjoy warmer weather in the early spring, and how much I want it to go away and be cooler in the fall. Hunting season is getting close, and the fair is just around the corner. Excitement is in the air, and school is in full swing. Parents and guardians, be mindful of the many distractions of the fall, and pay close attention to grades through your PowerSchool portals. The students are doing great and working hard, and this has been one of the smoothest starts to the school year ever.

Your children play a major role in the start of a school year, and they came ready to learn. So, thank you to each parent and guardian for sending us the students who are kind, respectful, and eager to learn. Be mindful that we are still focused heavily on literacy and building that capacity in our students, so please remember to help us with this endeavor at home by practicing on Achieve 3000, or by simply reading for enjoyment. The first round of benchmark assessments will be given mid-October as the first

nine week's period comes to a close, so make sure you know when those are, and make sure students get a good night's sleep and are ready to go on the mornings of the assessments.

For those sophomore students that are enrolled in Geometry or Algebra Two, we need to start thinking about registering for the ACT assessment as soon as possible, so we can qualify for Dual Enrollment options as a junior. For junior and senior students, we need to push forward and work hard toward improving our ACT score, no matter how good it is already. So, keep working hard, and continue to show the Chieftain Spirit and Pride.

Football is in mid-season, and the band is following in with them. The band has done a tremendous job and is continuing to improve each week. Slow pitch softball is doing well with big wins over Pishah and Forest in the last couple of weeks. Soon basketball will be starting, and we are expecting great things this season as we return experience and depth. Soccer will start in November, and the girls look to make it back to the playoffs for the second year in a row; and the boys team will make its debut this season. So, as you can see, there is a lot going on at Pelahatchie High, and a lot for us to all be proud of.



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Mayor serves on Southern Rail Commission

By Susie A. Wolfe

Mayor Knox Ross has always loved trains. In his office, close to the tracks, are train signs and a model train. So, when a friend recommended him for the Southern Rail Commission (SRC) four years ago, Ross agreed, and the governor appointed him as the Mississippi commissioner.

"The Southern Rail Commission is leading the effort to connect the South with comprehensive railways," said Ross. "We know that rail can help synergize our economies, make our cities more resilient in the face of natural disasters, provide residents with more transit options and drive new industrial investment."

Ross feels his work with SRC is helping him develop relationships with decision makers which benefits the town and state. He also said that he has a much better understanding of how Congress works, not to mention this business sector and local government.

In February, over 300 people rode the Gulf Coast Inspection train from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Jacksonville, Florida, as part of an ongoing effort to restore passenger rail service along the Gulf Coast, which was



Graphic by Southern Rail Commission web-site Y'all Aboard

disrupted by Hurricane Katrina a decade ago and never resumed after the 2005 storm. Ross rode the trains that stopped in each city to meet with business and government leaders, gauge interest of the towns, and inspect the track and infrastructure. He then testified before the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee on the results of the 'Ya'll Aboard' inspection train.

Ross and SRC feel that passenger rail service would impact the South in the following major ways:

- for Gulf Coast cities;
 - Provide an alternate mode of transportation for more than 5 million people annually visiting the beaches of southern Alabama, alone, with similar numbers visiting the beaches of northwest Florida and southern Mississippi;
 - Support growing tourism industry which has increased revenue per available room by 27 percent in the Florida Panhandle, 20 percent along the Alabama Gulf Coast, 10 percent throughout the Mississippi Gulf Coast and 51 percent in Orleans Parish;
 - Serve the workforce of growing industries such as oil and gas, petrochemical, aerospace, shipping and the military;
 - Attract additional sales tax revenue from casino patrons, visitors and tourists; and
 - Serve communities with very high poverty rates with limited access to transportation alternatives.
- It doesn't take much encouragement for Ross to talk about how improving the railways will improve the South. He eventually wants a route to come right through Pelahatchie. Ask him about it.
- Improve accessibility for the more than 2 million residents in the proposed service area between New Orleans and Orlando that includes a growing senior population;
 - Boost the Gulf Coast economy by connecting the growing population centers and tourist destinations, and support diverse jobs, health care, higher education, beaches, casinos and multiple military bases;
 - Provide a critical evacuation route

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Pelahatchie Attendance Center 2016 Homecoming Court



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Pelahatchie High School recently named its Homecoming Maids for 2016. Homecoming will take place on October 7. The maids include (pictured, but not in order): seventh-grade maids Chrysianna Beeman and Haley Mills; eighth-grade maids Dana Bennett and Isabella Rust; ninth-grade maids Kimberly Cochran, Sydni Goldman and Victoria Thornton; tenth-grade maids Tiara Collier, Leilani Key and Makayla McClure; eleventh-grade maids Anna Attkisson, Lanie Burkes, Morghan Hobson and Makia Lewis; twelfth-grade maids Janae Collier, Breanna Ferguson, Jayla Jennings, Courtney Lum and Shelby Sledge; and Football Princess Haley Jones (twelfth grade). Not pictured is tenth-grade maid Morgan Boyd.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Every person needs to know how to prevent breast cancer

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Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. Over a quarter of a million women in the United States alone will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. There are still more wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends to save.

October is Breast Cancer

Awareness Month, and the Pelahatchie News is seeking to encourage readers to conduct self-exams, talk about signs and symptoms with doctors, and tackle lifestyle habits thought to contribute to disease.

- Limit alcohol
- Don't smoke
- Control your weight
- Be physically active
- Breast-feed
- Limit dose and duration of hormone therapy. Avoid exposure to radiation and envi-

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- Eat a healthy diet.

Since the War on Cancer was launched in 1971 with \$100 million in federal funding, amazing advances have been made in the early diagnosis and treatment of the second greatest killer of Americans. At the time, some 25 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer died within five years of diagnosis. Today, that number has dropped to 10 percent.

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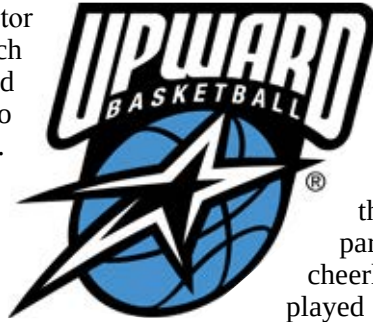
Cross Roads sponsors Upward Basketball for sixteenth year

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Upwards Basketball started at Cross Roads Baptist Church (CRBC) in year 2000, when the deacons had to decide whether to tear the gym down or fix it up. Brian Hill, pastor at that time, and the church accepted the challenge, and the gym became a place to minister to the community.

"In the last 16 years, more than 2,000 children have participated in the program, and have learned basketball skills and life lessons," said John Vaughn, CRBC pastor for last 13 years.

"We expect 160-170 kids to participate and over 50 churches represented in the program."



Evaluations for this year's Upward Basketball will be October 3, 4 and 6, from 6 – 8 p.m., and October 8 from 9 a.m. – noon. Team assignments are then made by a computer program so that each team has a balance of players in various skill levels, as much as possible, according to Vaughn.

Children who are enrolled in K-5 through sixth grade can participate in basketball or cheerleading. Games will be played January 7 through February 11, with the Awards Banquet scheduled for February 18.

For more information, call the Church Office at 601-546-2297, or visit the church website at www.crossroadspel.org.

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By Lisa Attkisson, Pelahatchie Elementary School Principal

Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) students enjoyed a bullying presentation. Two speakers from DREAM shared information about bullying, what bullying is and what bullying is not. Students received bracelets with slogans about bullying to help them remember not to bully or to stand by

while someone else is being bullied.

The Pre-K through third grade student bracelets handed out at the assembly sported the slogan, "Buddies, not Bullies." Bracelets with the slogan, "Bullying Stops Here" were given to fourth through sixth graders.

It is the goal of PES to make our students aware of bullying issues, and to help students know what to do when being bullied. Students who feel bullied or threatened are encouraged to tell an adult immediately. Some students refer to this as "snitching" or "tattling," but this is responsible reporting.

If a student does not feel good about going to an adult, the child may come to the office and write a statement explaining the situation. The situation will be investigated and handled. PES administration and staff want all students to feel safe and secure in school. Our goal for this school is to be #PelahappyTHEplacetolearnandgrow.

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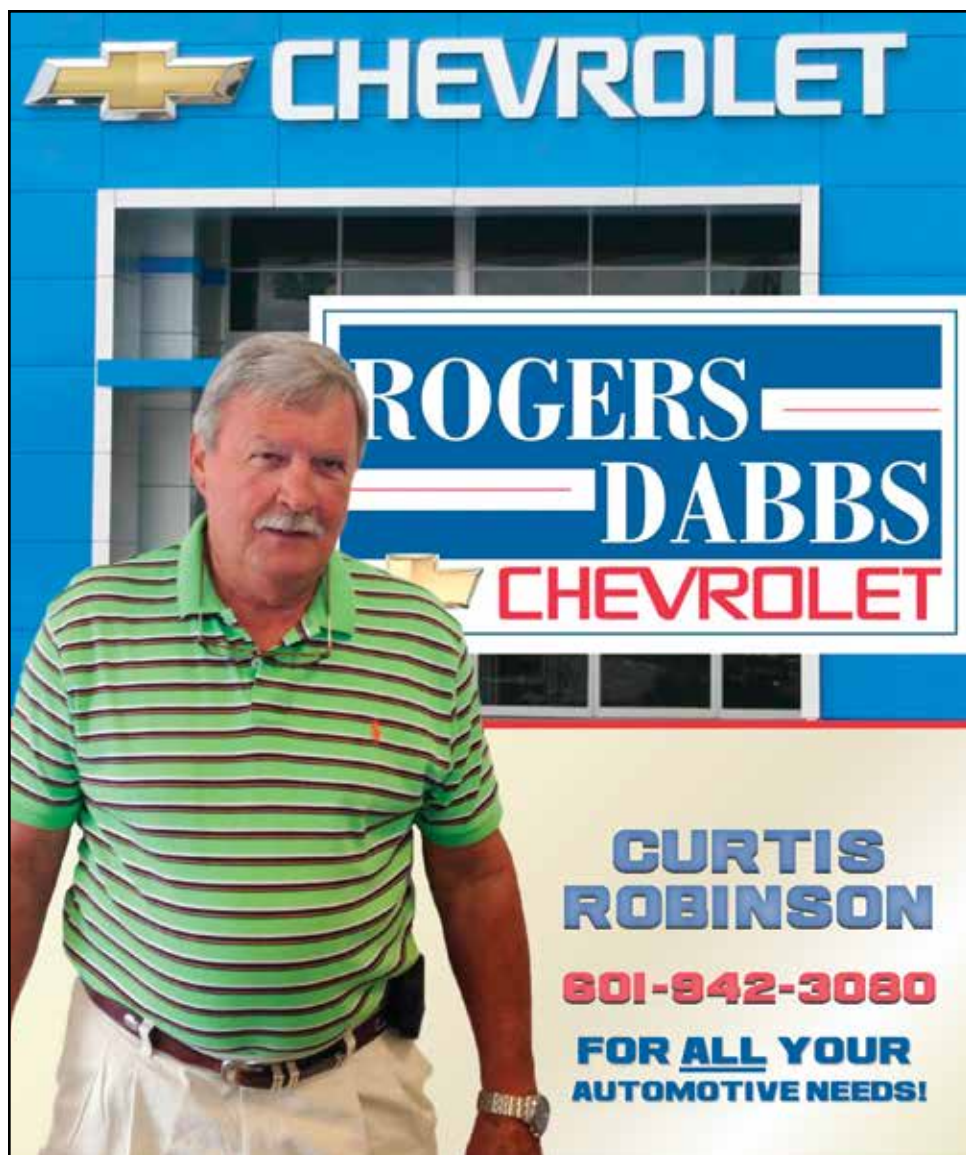


East Rankin Academy 2016 Homecoming Court



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East Rankin Academy will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, October 14. The 2016 Homecoming presentation will be during half time of the game that begins at 7:00 p.m. against Adams County Christian School. Members of East Rankin's 2016 Homecoming court are: (back L to R) Bailey Thompson, Emilee Tadlock, Abi Baggett, and Taylor Turman (front L to R) Madyson Gibson, Brittany Wade, Claire Harris, and Mackenzie Thompson.



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Bill Ward recognized for 200 wins



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Coach Bill Ward was recognized during the September 23 football game for reaching 200 wins as a coach. The crowd cheered him prior to the beginning of the Pelahatchie vs. Morton contest. Pictured (l to r) are: Stevie Atkins, transportation director, Bryan Marshall, principal, Bill Ward, coach, Shane Sanders, assistant superintendent RCSD and former principal PHS, Lewis Bradford, assistant principal, John Backelar, former assistant principal, and Avery Nobles, former transportation director and current principal at Betty Mae Jack Middle School Morton.

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10:00 - Bible Study for all ages
11:00 - Blended Worship Service
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Pastor's perspective: Lessons from the geese



By John Vaughn, Pastor,
Cross Roads Baptist Church

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I sit here writing this devotion on September 22, the first day of autumn. And there are definitely signs that autumn has come. The temperatures are a little cooler and very pleasant. Some of the leaves on the trees are beginning to change colors. And we are now hearing the geese as they fly overhead, headed south for the winter.

The honking of the geese I heard this morning reminded me of several spiritual lessons that I learned years ago from Bill Gothard's Institute of Basic Life Principles.

Fact #1 - As geese flap their wings, they create an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if any bird were to fly alone.

Spiritual lesson - Cooperation. Working together, we can get much more done than any number of individuals working by themselves can accomplish. And when we work together under the Lord's guidance and leadership, the outcome is multiplied. I Corinthians 3:9 reminds us, "For we are laborers to-

gether with God...."

Fact #2 - Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. The goose knows that if he does not stay with the flock, he will be left behind.

Spiritual Lesson - Unity. It is imperative that believers remain committed to the local church. Those who try to live independent from a local church will soon find themselves falling behind in their spiritual life. Ephesians 4:3-6 says, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Fact #3 - When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation, and another goose moves up to fly at the point position.

Spiritual lesson - Leadership. Throughout the Bible, we see God providing fresh leadership to preside over His people. When Moses' work had been completed, Joshua was trained



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and ready to take over. Elisha picked up the mantle that had fallen from Elijah's shoulders. When it became clear that Jesus' ministry had begun, John the Baptist humbly said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." God provides spiritual leadership for His church, but it is still His Church! Any spiritual leader must follow the leadership of the Lord.

Fact #4 - The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Spiritual lesson - Encouragement. We are living in difficult times, and there is not a single individual that does not need to be encouraged. Every family is facing real life, and real life is not always easy. Paul writes, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Now more than ever, we all need the encouragement only our fellow believers can give.

There is one other spiritual lesson

that did not come from Bill Gothard, but rather one that I learned on my own. A few years ago, at about this time of year, I was working in my yard late in the afternoon. I heard the honking of some geese and looked up to see them. There were only three of them, but they were flying in formation. I figured they were headed to the farm pond next to my house, but they flew right over it. They made a wide arc and came back again. But again, they flew past the pond. Turning once more, they approached again. This time, the dozen or so geese that were already settled on the pond began to honk as well. Apparently, the three had gotten separated from the others, and in the fading light could not find the pond.

But with the guidance of those who were already safely on the pond, the three stragglers zoomed right in for a noisy landing.

The spiritual lesson? There are a lot of people who are "flying" aimlessly around in life, trying to find where they should be. Those of us who have already found the safety of life in Christ and His Church should be calling out to those who are seeking, so that they too can enjoy the benefit and security of the Church.



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McKinnis selected to Hinds CC Homecoming Court



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Hinds Community College students selected the members of the Homecoming Court for 2016, and Shenise McKinnis of Pelahatchie was voted a freshman maid. Sophomore maids are, front from left, Scottilyn Lloyd of Brandon, Raymond Campus; Kayla Boler of Vicksburg, Vicksburg-Warren Campus; Cynterrial Fairley of Brandon, Jackson-Academic/Technical Center; Latashanna Ransom of Laurel, Raymond Campus; Lindsey Jeselink of Clinton, Jackson-Nursing/Allied Center; Kennedy Garner of Brandon, Rankin Campus; Whitney Jackson of Madison, Raymond Campus. Freshmen maids are, back from left, Shenise McKinnis of Pelahatchie, Raymond Campus; Carly Saldana of Vicksburg, Vicksburg-Warren Campus; Kennedey Wilson of Jackson, Jackson-Academic/Technical Center; Parriss Rhone of Pearl, Rankin Campus; Bailey Howell of Brandon, Jackson-Nursing/Allied Health Center; Cyla Logan of Edwards, Raymond Campus; Myia Harris of Clinton, Raymond Campus. Candidates for queen were sophomores Kayla Boler, Cynterrial Fairley, Latashanna Ransom, Lindsey Jeselink and Kennedy Garner.

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Daughters of the late Glenda Shoemaker continue family Christmas gift program

families in the community are remembered during that time of year.

"For the past 16 years, our mother worked with local families that were not able to provide gifts for their children at Christmas," said Poarch. "She encouraged others to adopt families so no one would go without during the holidays. And my sisters and I want to continue to help our neighbors in Pelahatchie."

Poarch remembers what her mom would always say when they would see her buying some of these presents herself. "Appreciate what you have, and help when you can. That's how I raised you."

For families needing assistance, forms will be available at Country Boys Furniture & Appliances on Second Street by Lampton Love. A birth certificate is required for children and proof of residency.

Those that would like to adopt a family or provide gifts can call Poarch at 601-900-2150.

"We know there are many people that have helped in the past that have asked to again participate," she said. "Thanks to Country Boys for allowing us to use their store as a drop-off, and to the community for helping us complete my mother's work."

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Townsend inducted into HCC Sports Hall of Fame

Townsend finished up his college basketball career at Belhaven University, where he was the school's Most Valuable Player during his senior year and shot 92.5 percent from the free throw line, a mark that led the NAIA. In the classroom, he earned a bachelor's degree in business and physical education.

After college, he managed his family's farm for 10 years, then went to work at Hudspeth Center as a recreation therapist. He retired from there after 30 years, a time during which he was heavily involved in Special Olympics as a basketball and equestrian coach. He was also a longtime deacon and volunteer with Concord Baptist Church.

Townsend died in August 2015. He was survived by his wife of 41 years, Jan Massengale Townsend of Pelahatchie, and their two daughters, Jennifer Townsend Harper and Jeanette Townsend, both of Brandon. His granddaughter, Laine Harper, six, is a student at East Rankin Academy. His father, Henry Townsend, is a Pelahatchie native living at Mississippi Care Center in Morton.



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Freddie Townsend

Other athletes inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame for 2015 were:

- John Earl Hagan, track and field, 1962-1964
- Jaret Holmes, football, 1994-1995
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Margie Warren has a servant's heart

By Susie A. Wolfe

Margie Warren has been alderman for Ward Three for 28 years and serves as mayor pro temp. Her ward contains downtown and both schools. Anything going on in the town, at Pelahatchie Baptist Church or with East Rankin Academy sports, most likely, Warren will be there.

"I enjoy working," she said. "I want to help with anything that needs to be done."

Her husband, Bobby, is a Pelahatchie native from the Cross Roads area. They have lived in town all their married life except a couple of years. Their son, Scott, attended East Rankin, which is when they got involved in its school activities. She coached junior high and high school basketball for both boys' and girls' teams there for many years. She has also kept statistics for both schools for many years, including state championships.

Warren was a star on the Pelahatchie High School "Demon" basketball team in 1958 and 1959, and at one time, coached fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls' basketball. She also plays tennis, and has received the Most Valuable Player award in the Jackson Ladies Tennis Association.

Known as "Sarge" by many bible



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Margie and Bobby Warren are supporters of Pelahatchie, the schools and the children, according to Mayor Knox Ross.

drillers at Pelahatchie Baptist, she also serves as the church treasurer.

"Margie has a servant's heart," said Brother Guy Hughes, Pelahatchie Baptist's minister. "She has been teaching children in Sunday School for years. She cooks the snack supper for our children's ministry every Wednesday. And, the list can go on and on. Margie is a person you can depend on."

"I don't know two people that exemplify how people should live better than these two," said Mayor Ross. "Bobby and Margie love the town, the schools and the children. They enjoy watching all succeed."

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