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Muscadine Jubilee receives Arts Commission grant

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The Mississippi Arts Commission awarded the Muscadine Jubilee a \$4,100 grant in July. This grant is a portion of the \$1.3 million in grants the Commission will award in 2017-2018, and will be used for advertising and securing artists for the Muscadine Jubilee. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The family-oriented Muscadine Jubilee is a well-established 37-year-old event. Pelahatchie, with a population of 1,342, manages to draw a crowd of 4,000 to 5,000 people and maintains a low gate fee at \$5 per person. September 9 is the date of the next event, which features Marty Stuart and Neal McCoy.

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The Muscadine Jubilee drew in a crowd of approximately 5,000 attendees in 2016.

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Pastors ask for unity at prayer breakfast



Photo by Pelahatchie News

The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on August 26 was about unity in prospering as a community. Pastor Ronnie Brown, Sr., spoke, as did Pelahatchie Baptist Pastor Guy Hughes, far right, about working together. Pictured, (l to r) are: Kevin Feisal; Rev. Beth Feisal, Pelahatchie Methodist; Roderick Beechem; Mayor Ryshonda Beechem; Pastor Ronnie Brown, Sr.; and Rev. Guy Hughes.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Pastor Ronnie Brown, Sr., pastor of the 142-year-old Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Pelahatchie, and Pastor Guy Hughes of Pelahatchie Baptist Church, were the speakers at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, held August 26 at Pelahatchie Baptist Church.

"Where there is unity, there is

growth," said Pastor Brown, who has pastored Mt. Carmel for the last 14 years. "We, as Pelahatchie, need to join together to do the Lord's work."

Pastor Guy Hughes of Pelahatchie Baptist Church talked about one-ness. He said, "We need to learn how to unclench our fist and work as one in unity."

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Pelahatchie gets new fire rating

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Town of Pelahatchie's Fire Rating dropped from a class 7 to a class 6, according to Fire Chief Karl VanHorn. Representative Tom Miles, who owns an insurance agency in Morton, estimates a five to ten percent savings depending on the insurance company.

"That's great news that will save the homeowners a lot of money in Pelahatchie. Thanks to the Pelahatchie VFD and everyone that worked so hard to make this happen," said Miles.

VanHorn had more good news. He said that he was just informed that the Fire Department will receive an Assistance to Fire Fighters grant from FEMA to purchase a new tanker.



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From the desk of the Mayor: Hello, Pelahatchie!



By Ryshonda H. Beechem, Mayor of Pelahatchie

We are in the first quarter, and things are looking good!

Muscadine Jubilee is here! There will be great entertainment and The Annual Celebrity Stomp. This 37th Muscadine Jubilee will be as big as it's been in the past, maybe even bigger! There will also be festivities and food vendors present. You will have an opportunity to meet yours truly, personally.

This is an exciting time for our

town. The Safe Room project is in progress, concrete has been poured. The Milltown Park is in motion and will be complete.

We are combining National Night out and Halloween this year. One of the added features will be a haunted house in downtown Pelahatchie.

It's football season. Let's be sure to show our support at Pelahatchie High School and East Rankin Academy games.

We are also currently working on the soccer field.

Yes, we are moving forward! This will be exciting,

and, with your help and support, this town will continue to be "The Place to Prosper!"



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Construction is progressing on the safe room at Milltown Park.

Chief's Comments: Safety for all students in Pelahatchie



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By Guest Columnist Chief Kevin Poole, Pelahatchie Police Dept.

We have an exciting month coming up; it's Muscadine time. We also have football games being played weekly. That being said, please be careful as you travel through are school zones, as kids will be present at all hours during the day. The Police Department will be very visible during the ball games, in case they are needed. We have two great

schools to cheer for, East Rankin and Pelahatchie. And, I say good luck to both schools. We will continue to work closely with both schools to maintain the safety of our kids.

On September 9, Pelahatchie is hosting the Muscadine Jubilee. Everyone, please come out and have a good time. Again, the Police will be highly visible to maintain the safety of everyone. Remember to stay hydrated, due to the hot weather. Always remember no alcoholic beverages. This is a family event, and there will be an abundance of kids, so please be respectful, and keep their safety in mind.



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CPR class set for September

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The Excel Learning Center in Morton will offer a CPR class on Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. to noon. The Heartsaver CPR/AED class is designed for persons planning to become certified in CPR and for those

renewing their CPR certification. Sister Pat Clemen, RN, BSN, will be the instructor. Fee for this CPR training is \$35. Registrations are due September 11. To register for this CPR class, stop at the Excel Learning Center, 383 South 4th Street, Morton, or call 601-732-1800.

Gandy named PHS instructor

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John Gandy is the new industrial maintenance instructor at Pelahatchie High School (PHS). A University of Southern Mississippi graduate, he holds a degree in industrial technology.

His experience includes two years with Gulf Oil, seventeen years with Eaton Areospace, and seven years with Madison County Schools. Gandy and his wife, Patti, have four children and live in Madison.



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Pastors ask for unity at breakfast

The Prayer Breakfast kicked off the 37th Annual Muscadine Jubilee that will take place Saturday, September 9, at Muscadine Park. Mayor Ryshonda Beechem's welcoming remarks were followed by the invocation from Pastor Jerry Hamilton from First Apostolic Church and then the National Anthem.

The church provided a full Southern breakfast, including bacon, eggs, sausage, grits, gravy and biscuits with muscadine jelly. Larry Johnson of the Mississippi Mass Choir provided entertainment.

Pastor Beth Feisel of Pelahatchie Methodist Church offered the benediction.

Maggie Wade to speak at September benefit



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A benefit for Braylon Jordan will be held September 16.

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The Restoration Assembly of God Women's Ministry is holding a benefit on September 16 at 2 p.m. to benefit Braylon Jordan, who has short bowel syndrome. On average, people have 21 feet of small intestines, and Jordan only has 9 inches, so he can't absorb

the nutrients from food and has to be IV fed and has a gtube for other nutrients. He may eventually need a multi organ transplant.

Maggie Wade is the event's speaker. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 601-519-5471. Donations are accepted, and all money raised will go to the family.

AT THE LIBRARY IN PELAHATCHIE

September in the Library

The library is still seeking historic items to exhibit in October through December for the upcoming bicentennial of the State of Mississippi. Items can be loaned to the library or donated for placement in the town museum after exhibit.

Friends of the Library Book Sale During Muscadine Jubilee
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PES welcomes new teachers



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Pelahatchie Elementary welcomed nine new teachers this year. Pictured (l to r) are, first row: Brittany Lang, Jennifer Horn, Hahnna Zebert, Lauren Johnston and Alex Danielson; and back row: Melissa Monaghan, Kelly Jackson, Scott Suse, and Beau Hannah.

"Our Tribe, Our Pride"



Special to Pelahatchie News

By Dr. Bryan Marshall,
Pelahatchie High
School Principal

Pelahatchie Attendance Center has started the new school year with excitement and great expectations.

New teachers and coaches have added to the energy that pervades the school. A new weight room is almost complete that will service all athletics. Our enrollment continues to grow. With our new slogan Our Tribe, Our Pride, we encourage the entire community to get involved through athletics, band, JROTC, theater, cheer, and many other clubs and extracurricular activities throughout the school year.

Get2College continues to help seniors complete college applications and visit college campuses. Thanks to Get2College and local sponsors, our first Academic Signing Day for seniors was a great success last year. Lexiles and ACT scores increased significantly last year as well, which will offer our kids a

solid foundation for the future.

These increases have allowed us to expand our Dual Credit College offerings to 46 hours. One thing of note about the 46 hours of college credit is that Pelahatchie High School is paying the tuition and fees associated with these courses. So, parents, if your child qualifies with the ACT score for Dual Credit Courses, these are completely free!

Literacy is a compelling part of the success we are having, and, this year, our tribe will continue to push literacy across all subjects.

With this momentum, we expect to break through to new heights. More and more of our kids will be college and career ready. The JROTC, Agriculture and Natural Resources and

Multicraft Industrial Academies are in full swing and are getting great results.

Excitement builds as we enjoy football games this season. The football team, JROTC, cheerleaders, and band will get to show off all of their hard work. The Chiefs hope to see you all at the games and various activities.

Let's grow our tribe together. Together, we can achieve greatness, because WE ARE PELAHATCHIE!

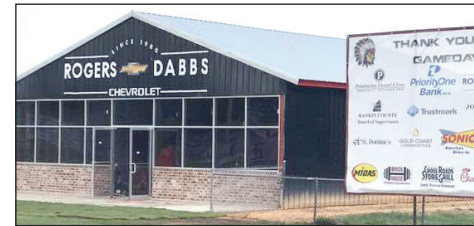


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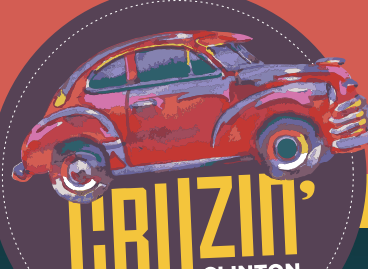
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Jones wants what's best for Pelahatchie

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"We live in the neatest little town," said Eddie Jones, the new Alderman-At-Large. "Pelahatchie is the perfect little town to grow up in and raise a family."

Jones should know, because he grew up in Pelahatchie. He remembers his father, Carl, saying, "I wouldn't live anywhere else but here." Jones understands his father's statement and ran for alderman because he wants to keep the small-town experience alive for the children.

Jones was a member of the Pelahatchie football team that won their conference in 1969. He was also part of a group of four that were inseparable in the 1960s-1970s. That group included Jackie Shivers, Gary Robinson, and Jon Cooper.

After graduation from Pelahatchie High School, Jones attended Hinds Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). He



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earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from USM, then worked as a Medicaid investigator for the Office of the Governor. He later worked in oil fields around the world and most of the United States, including Alaska. In 2016, he retired from Shell Oil and moved back to Pelahatchie. He presently works as a project officer for State Surplus.

He and his wife, Gerlie, live in his parent's house on College Street. They are members of Pelahatchie Baptist Church, where he sings in the choir. He is also member of Pelahatchie Lodge #276 and the Eastern Star.

Grandparents still play a big role



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

When families come together for socializing or in daily life, grandparents can use those times to do what they do best.

Grandparents still give the gifts of example and unconditional love. They fill a variety of roles in families.

Grandparents provide unconditional love that helps children develop self-worth. It has been proven that children are positively impacted by interaction with their grandparents. Grandchildren treasure time spent with their grandparents, and they are emotionally healthier because of these relationships.

One way grandparents can demonstrate their care and love is by spending extra time with the grandchild. In spending this time together, grandparents can be a role model for their grandchildren, helping the younger generation learn about their family's values, customs, beliefs and attitudes. Grandchildren can even learn manners from watching their grandparents.

Grandparents can also help young people learn about aging. Sometimes children can have a very negative view

of aging. When their grandparents approach life with a positive outlook and a good sense of humor, those children learn that growing older might not be so scary.

Grandparents can also be sources of fun projects as they do leisure activities and hobbies with their grandchildren. Grandparents also can teach their grandchildren as the free time many have in retirement can be filled with many educational activities and good conversations.

Grandparents can be peacemakers in the family. They can sometimes be the mediator and the problem-solver between children and parents. This can be a very difficult and delicate job, but the grandparent can sometimes play this role because of their problem-solving skills and distance from the problem.

In many families, a grandparent is the adult a child feels most comfortable talking to and sharing troubles or worries.

Grandparents tend to be good historians for the family, serving as sources of information on previous and current generations.

Grandparents can provide the reason and history behind family customs. A shared family history can be an important part of strengthening family ties.

The sky's the limit



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By Guest Columnist
Lisa Attkisson,
Pelahatchie Elementary
School Principal

Pelahatchie Elementary School is off to an amazing start. We are excited to see each Little Chief succeed and reach their full potential. Our school will soar to new heights by encouraging the students to love learning through their educational journey. An unknown author stated, "Learning is their journey. Let them navigate. Push them to explore. Watch them discover. Encourage their questions. Allow them to struggle. Support their thinking. LET THEM FLY." We hope each Little Chief reaches new heights this year! Keep a close watch because the sky's the limit!

We have already moved to another level through the P.T.L.C., Parent and Teachers of Little Chiefs. This group is focused on student achievement, classroom and student needs, supporting teachers, as well as, maintaining the beautification and safety of our school. We look forward to having more parents and community members join this group.



Photo by Pelahatchie News

You are also encouraged to join us in supporting our students through volunteering each week on Thursday with our Community Readers Group. This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire and touch the life of one Little Chief at a time through fostering a love of reading. Literacy is an integral part of everyday success. Don't miss out on your opportunity to impact the life of a Little Chief.

Please contact the school if you would like to become a part of moving our students from GREAT TO BEST!

Taylor named Top 20 MAIS football player

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Case Taylor, resident of Pelahatchie and an East Rankin Academy (ERA) senior, was recognized as one of the top 20 football players to compete in the MAIS. An awards banquet was held at the Clyde-Muse Center on the Hinds Community College Rankin Campus on August 5.

Taylor was nominated to be a part of the 2017 MAIS Pre-season All-gridiron Team. This is his second year to

receive this nomination. Twenty players from fifteen schools throughout the MAIS were chosen by the association.

"Congratulations to Case and the other young men on your hard work and dedication on the field and best wishes for a great football season," said new ERA Head Coach Durwood Anderson.



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Pelahatchie High School football team



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The 2017 Pelahatchie High School football team includes: Javeous Purvis, jersey number 1; Jamal Johnson, 2; Ian Jackson, 3; Mathew Garver, 4; Jaymon Johnson, 5; C. Wilder, 6; Ahmad Johnson, 7; Kelreiz Stokes, 8; Cameron Watkins, 9; Jake White, 10; Matthew Day, 11; Cass Walters, 12; Jadarious Johnson, 13; J.J. McKinnis, 14; Josh Wilson, 16; Blake Ferguson, 20; Joe Alexander, 21; Jacob Jordan, 22; Jay Denson, 23; Avery Lewis, 24; Trey Atwood, 28; Garrett Day, 32; Hunter Westbrook, 42; Chandler Rust, 44; Logan White, 50; Clayton Kilgore, 51; Carlos Felix, 52; Tariq Dampeer, 54; Wes Goss, 55; Cody Myers, 56; Greg Beemon, 61; Hayze Hutzel, 62; Hunter Langley, 63; Warren Ryals, 66; Cody Holmes, 70; Jared Goodin, 73; Jacob Thompson, 77; Gunner Till, 78; Cameron Boyd, 80; and Matthew Harper, 81.



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Cadet Jessica Smith wins essay contest



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Pelahatchie High School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) announced that Cadet Major Jessica Smith won second place in the recent 2017 Jim Morrow Memorial Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion. The essay contest is named for long-time legislator Jim Morrow of Rankin County and is established by the American Legion to exemplify his devotion to country and his state. This year's theme was "If You Could Change Your Community in a Positive Way, What Specific Changes Would You Make and Why?" The essay was open to all Rankin County high school students in grades 9-12 across the Dis-

trict. Smith, a PHS junior, has completed two years of JROTC at PHS, and currently serves as a cadet major with the program. As second place winner, she had the honor of reading her essay at the Rankin County Memorial Day service conducted on May 29. PHS' JROTC is a program offered to high school students that teaches cadets character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity. Collectively, these lessons motivate cadets to be better citizens, which is the main focus and mission of JROTC. In addition to promoting citizenship, JROTC also prepares cadets for college, while providing service opportunities involving school and community.

Coach Lara shares PHS uniforms



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Coach David Lara loaned the Pelahatchie Library an old Pelahatchie Chiefs baseball uniform and basketball jacket for an exhibit. He was an assistant coach and teacher at Pelahatchie High School from 1992-1994. The old uniform was given to him by Coach Billy Gray, and dates to

the early 1960s and possibly earlier. Coach Lara continues to keep updated on Pelahatchie events, and he read *Pelahatchie News'* tweet about the library's upcoming program. He worked at Brandon and Grenada after leaving Pelahatchie, and he is currently the head baseball coach and athletic director at Hernando High School in North Mississippi.



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What causes interest rates to rise and fall, part two



By Guest Harvey Lott, Vice President, PriorityOne Bank

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In part two of our series, we'll examine why interest rates are rising and what this means if you are trying to get a loan. Regardless of the purpose, all types of loans and extensions of credit are affected by the Federal Reserve's decision to change the Discount Rate.

Why are rates rising? Broadly speaking, the United States' economy is doing well and has made significant improvements since the housing bubble crisis and Great Recession. Certain industries have not fully bounced back to pre-recession levels; others have experienced strong growth. Generally, the economy is growing, and unemployment levels are acceptable. The economy is adding jobs at a steady pace each

month. All of these factors are positive and in line with The Fed's stated goals. In my opinion, the Federal Reserve's major concern over the next five to ten years is inflation.

Most people think of inflation as an increase in the price of goods and services. While this is true, those in the financial industry tend to think of inflation as a result of increasing the money supply. Think of the money supply like water flowing from a faucet.

Interest rates (specifically the Discount Rate) have been close to zero since 2009. The Fed lowered rates to

encourage borrowing, which resulted in spending, which kept the economy alive during the Great Recession. With rates bottomed out, the tap on our metaphorical water faucet has been wide open,

and our sink is now overflowing! When the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, it is slowly closing the tap - or decreasing the money supply.

Banks have to pay for the money on their

books. An increase in the cost of funds is felt immediately on a bank's balance sheet. As the cost of money increases, interest rates on all types of loans and debt instruments must increase, or a

bank's margins will shrink. This is why you normally see loan rates rise before deposit rates. Since trillions of dollars have been pumped into the economy, inflation is inevitable. Raising interest rates has always been a reliable tool for the Fed to keep inflation from getting out of control. All else being equal, the Fed will likely continue to raise rates to keep inflation in check for the foreseeable future.

In our next installment, we'll examine the benefits of rising rates for consumers and savers.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Harvey Lott is a vice president at PriorityOne Bank and is the Branch Manager of the Collins Branch. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi the Mississippi School of Banking at Ole Miss. He is currently attending the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.



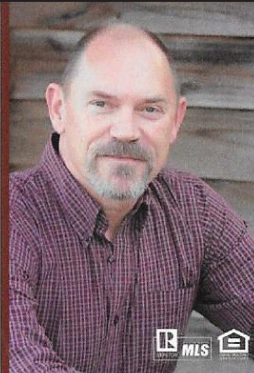
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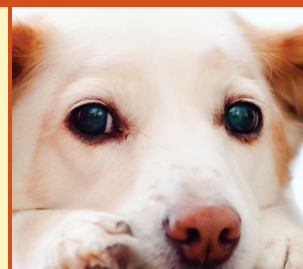
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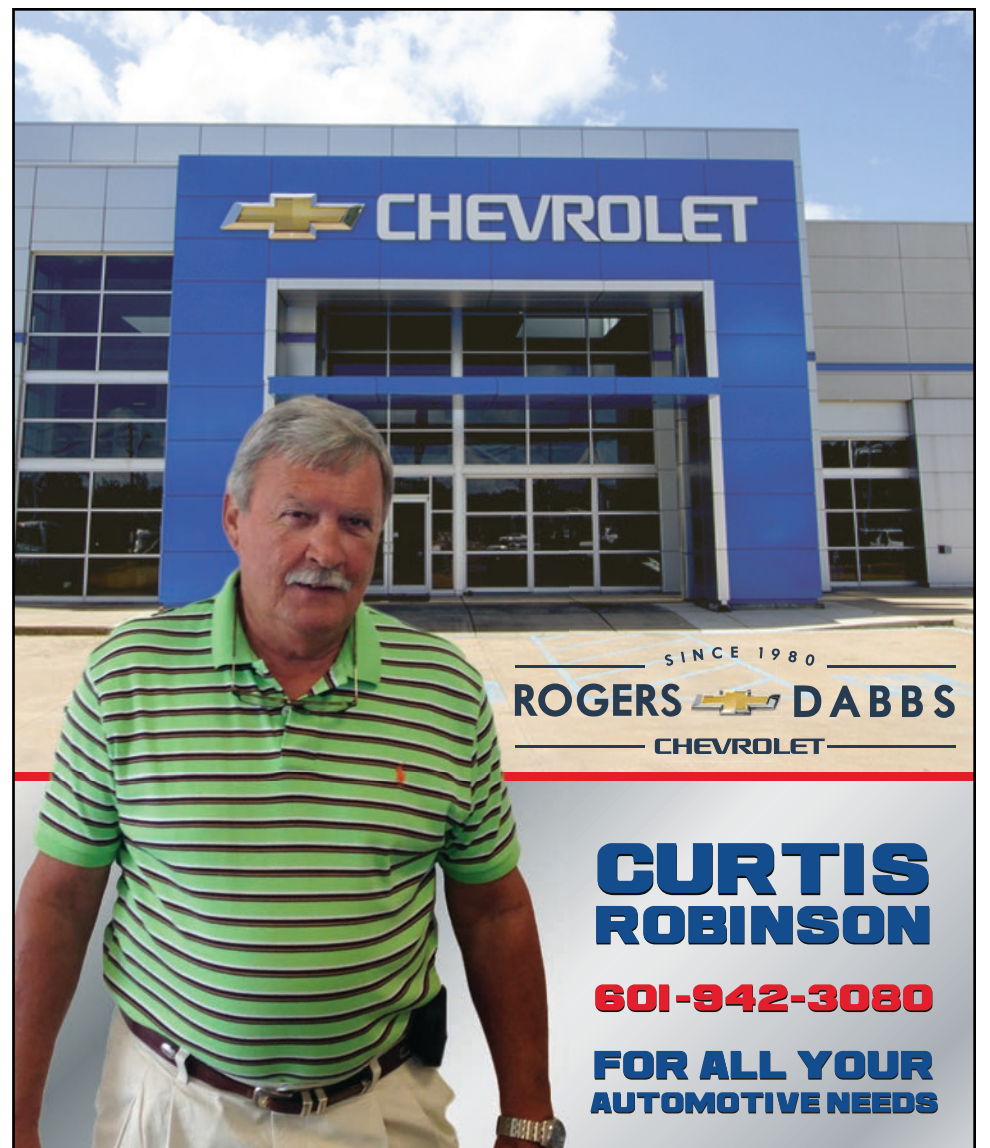
Sunday Schedule

8:30 - Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 - Bible Study for all ages
11:00 - Blended Worship Service
6:00 - Evening Worship

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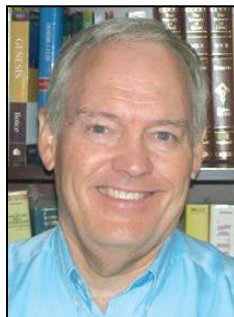
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Pastor's perspective: He always has time for you



By Guest Columnist
John Vaughn, Pastor,
Cross Roads Baptist
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I hear the school bell ringing! When I was in elementary school, we started classes the day after Labor

Day! Now schools start classes as early as the first week of August. So, by now, most students have been back to school for a month or so. As I have prayed for all of our students, and tried to visualize each one in their school setting, I couldn't help but reflect back on events from my school "daze."

One of the most memorable moments of my time at Mississippi State occurred in my last semester before graduation. After almost dropping out during my first semester, my grades steadily improved, and, in my last semester, I had all "A's" at the midpoint of the semester. At that time, anyone with an "A" average in any class would be exempt from the final exam in that class. I really looked forward to

not taking any of my final exams.

Then a rumor began to circulate that the Council of Deans was going to eliminate the exemption rule and require every student to take the final exams in every class. I was outraged! I had worked so hard, and my grades had improved so much, that I didn't want to have to take those exams.

So, I decided to take action. I went into Allen Hall and rode the elevator to the top floor. When I got off the elevator, I took a deep breath and pushed open the door that read "Office of the President." Inside, a lady greeted me and asked if she could help me. I said, "I'd like to see Dr. Giles." (Dr. William Giles was the President of Mississippi State at that time.)

She took my name and told me to take a seat. She went through another door. After a few minutes, she came back and said, "Dr. Giles will see you now." I was stunned! Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would actually get to see Dr. Giles, and certainly not without making an appointment. But, I took another deep breath and walked into the office of the president of Mississippi State University.

The president's office was large.

Besides a desk, there was a seating area with a couple of couches and some chairs. Dr. Giles met me at the door and asked me to sit in one of the large chairs as he took a seat opposite me. He then asked, "What can I do for you today, John?"

I explained my concern about the exemption rule being changed and having to take my final exams. He said that it was true that a change was being considered, but it would not be placed into effect that semester. So, if my grades were good enough, I would not have to take my final exams. I thanked him for seeing me and rose to leave.

He said, "Before you leave, John, let me show you something." He took me to the large picture windows that overlooked the Drill Field which was the center of campus. It was a beautiful sight, with historic Lee Hall at the far end of the Drill Field, and other iconic buildings flanking both sides.

The large American flag was waving at the center of the field, and students were everywhere. Some were obviously hurrying to classes, while others were sitting on the well-manicured grass. And there were a couple

of frisbees floating back and forth between students.

Dr. Giles said he often stood at this window and observed what was happening here at the very heart of the campus. After a few moments, he walked me to the door and thanked me for stopping by to see him.

I've often thought back on that day when I walked into the office of the president of Mississippi State. And I am reminded that every day, I am invited to walk boldly into the throne room of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And every time I call on Him, He stops to listen to my prayer and hear what I am concerned about.

He reassures me and calms my spirit. He encourages me and helps me face my fears. He keeps His promise to walk with me through everything I face in life. He knows what is going on in my life and is never too busy to spend time with me.

I hope you know the Lord and have the same confidence to approach Him that I do. If not, I'd like to introduce you to Him. He'll certainly have time for you!

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East Rankin junior varsity football



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The seventh, eighth and ninth grade East Rankin football team is made up of: Brodie Rials, number 2; Ashton Buffington, 3; Haze Arinder, 4; Haden Arinder, 5; Nico Stringa, 6; William Woods, 7; Carson Denton, 8; Tanner Rhodes, 9; Tate Owens, 10; Tucker Loper, 11; Brock Tullos, 12; Skilar Squires, 13; Rouse Boyce, 14; Carson Saxton, 15; Jack Pittman, 17; Preston Turnage, 18; Will Freeman, 20; Dylan Wesson, 21; Elijah Vining, 25; West Winstead, 31; Colton Bradley, 33; Alex McGarrh, 34; Judson Giordano, 39; Jay Armstrong, 45; Peyton McDill, 51; Cooper Stroud, 52; Ethan Martin, 53; Caleb Leach, 56; Knox Ross, 58; Christopher Alford, 60; Mason Morgan, 61; Christian Leeper, 63; Matt Adcock, 64; Tate Fox, 65; Franklin Joe Bradley, 66; Hudson Bynum, 71; Garrett Gregory, 72; Houston Watkins, 74; Camden Boyd, 75; Owen Lusk, 76; Drew Fortenberry, 77; Caiden Hall, 79; Cole Jordan, 81; Lawson Wuestefeld, 82; Stevens Bulger, 84; and Jake Warren, 88.

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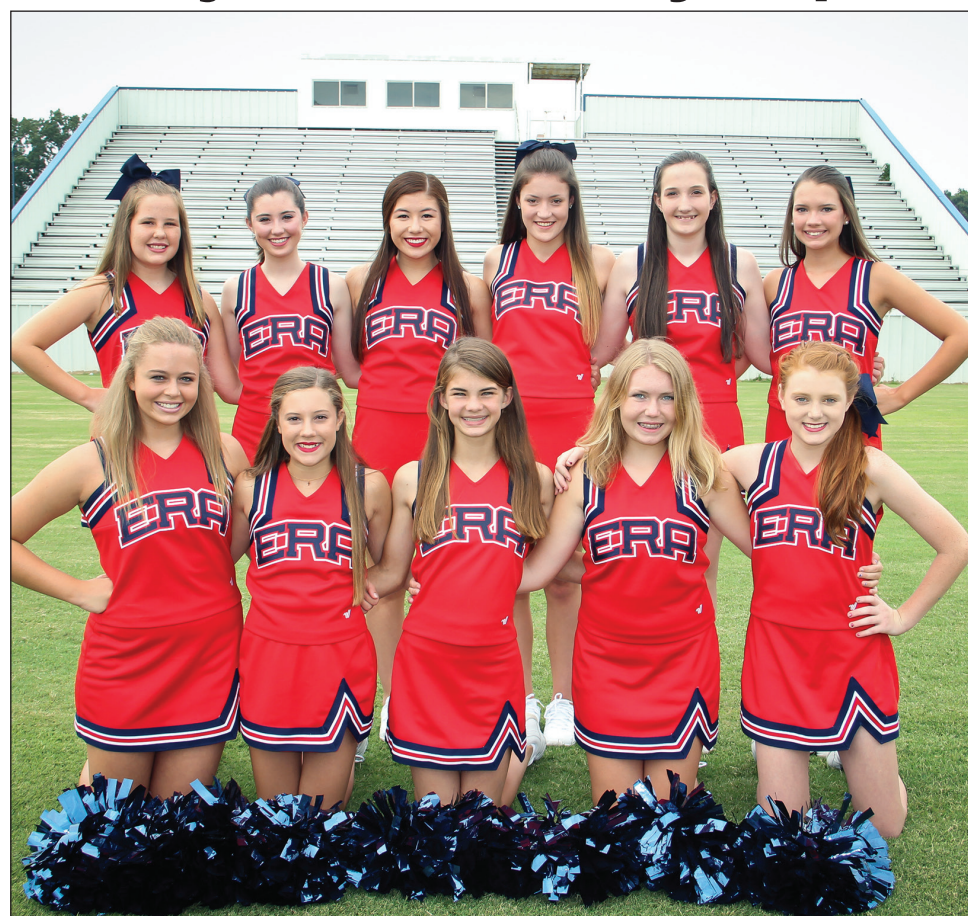
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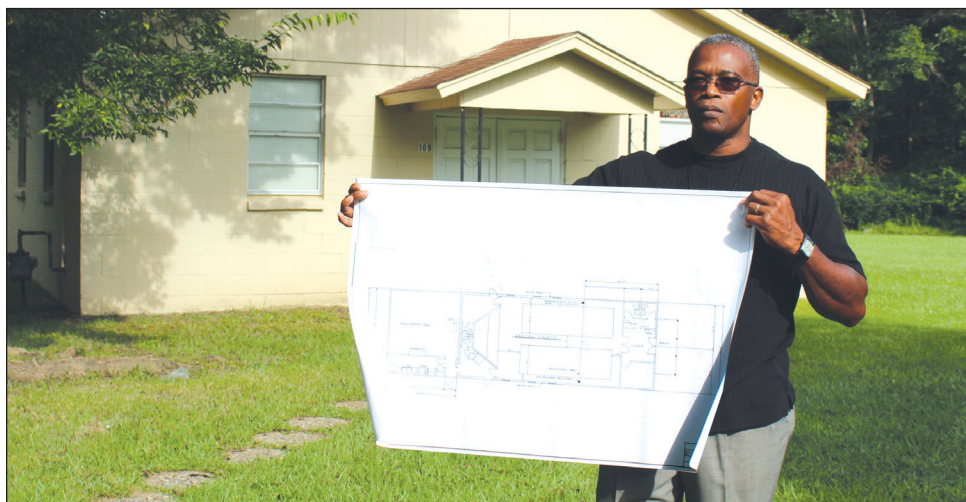
ERA junior varsity squad



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The East Rankin Academy junior varsity cheerleading squad is made up of freshmen and eighth graders. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Riley Mayes, Karlee Harrison, Bailey Smith, Abby Baggett, and Emily Maroney; and back row, are: Candice Crain, Tori Tullos, Bre Harrison, Emily Loe, Sydney Phillips, and Rylie Smith. Mrs. Lynn Hill is the coach.

Greater Works Outreach Ministry gets new building



Special to Pelahatchie News

Pastor Douglas McMahon is showing the plans for the building on Dillard Street that the church will begin construction on soon for the Greater Works Outreach Ministry.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Pastor Douglas McMahon founded Greater Works Outreach Ministry 11 years ago, and today it is still his desire to be part of what God is doing in Pelahatchie. The church of approximately 60 members has purchased a pre-existing church at 109 Dillard Street, which allows them "to continue the work God has given us to do here. To be a spiritual light."

"God is doing great things and is allowing us to expand in the community," said McMahon, who was called into ministry and ordained as an elder in 2005 and started Great Works Outreach on Nov. 5, 2006. As the only non-denominational church in the Pelahatchie community, Greater Works Outreach is adjusting to "reach those that are lost; and comfort those that are troubled; and to provide help for those who need."

McMahon, who is on the Board of Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO) which opened an in-town location on North Brooks earlier this year, said that he has a blueprint which will be submitted to the Town Planning Committee for approval. It details a 25 X 30 addition to the front of the building for a foyer and bathrooms, and a 30 X 30 addition to the back for a fel-

lowship hall and kitchen. The Ministry has been located in the old Headstart Building on North Avenue.

"Our outreach ministry will continue to do the work God has given us here," said McMahon, who also does a weekly radio program, Great Works Broadcast Ministry, at 10 a.m. each Saturday morning on WPBQ 94.3. "It is important to be a visible part of the community and hold on to a light of hope."

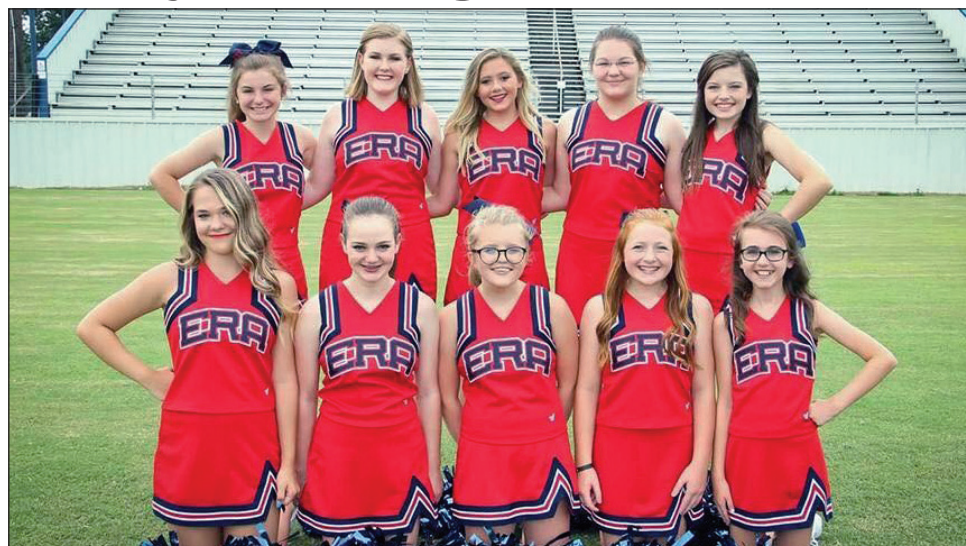
There are plans to hold a Salvation Saturday during September, where the ministry will set up a tent and tables and give Bibles and literature to the folks around town.

Greater Works Outreach Ministry meets for prayer on Wednesday night from 6:30-7, then has a Bible Class from 7-8 p.m. On Sundays, the worship service is held at 9 a.m. Perry Jones is the assistant minister and Kathy Mosley is the church secretary. Anthony Oliver and Marcus Fortune are deacons.

McMahon has three sons, Donte, 28, Douglas, Jr., 27, and LaBrandon, 24, and with his wife, Deborah, has three step-daughters, Tasha, 33, Teonica, 30 and Quadriana, 25.

For more information, call 601-720-1684, email to gwoministry@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page.

ERA junior high cheerleaders



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) Junior High Cheerleaders pictured (l to r), front row, seventh graders, are: Reagan Vinzant, Hollyn Griffin, Sarah-Kate Alexander, Kaylee Grissom, and Abbey Kelly; and back row eighth graders are: Brooklyn Luke, Abby Blair, Mallory Ellis, Peyton Withers, and Riley Baumann. Mrs. Crain is the cheer coach.

Obituaries

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Kevin T. Stewart, Pelahatchie Public Defender

By Susie A. Wolfe

M. Bradley Mills, with Mills Law Firm in Brandon, was appointed Pelahatchie's Board Attorney at a Special Board Meeting on August 3. Mills is a solo civil and criminal practitioner who has owned his own firm for 10 years. He served as a Rankin County Circuit Court Assistant Pub-

lic Defender from 2008 until July 1. He is a Mississippi State and MC School of Law graduate. Kevin T. Stewart was named the Town's public defender at the August 7 Board Meeting. He has been an attorney with Victor Carmody, Jr., P.A. since 2005, and an adjunct professor at Hinds CC teaching criminal law and administration of criminal justice since 2012.



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Hinds Community College conferred 532 credentials to 464 students in two ceremonies July 28 at the

Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Among them was AnnaBeth Bowman, of Pelahatchie. Bowman earned an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies and plans to pursue a nursing degree.

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