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Shiloh Camp Meeting in 186th year

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The one hundred eighty-sixth Annual Shiloh Camp Meeting will be held Friday, June 1, through Sunday, June 10, at Shiloh United Methodist Church (UMC) at 2394 Shiloh Road in Pelahatchie. The annual summer event is the oldest camp meeting in the state, according to Shiloh historians Gay and Fay Nobles, who have been attending for 82 years.

Actually, their older sister, Sadie Baner, 88, and David Robinson, 92, have attended more. They are now the sixth generation to attend the church and camp meetings.

The Camp Meeting preacher will be Stephen Buys, who grew up in the church, and is the great-great-great grandson of George Washington Warren, who built the oldest tent on the campground. Buys' wife, Anna, will be the worship leader, and Jonathan Watts



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Stephen Buys, who grew up in the church and is the great-great-great grandson of George Washington Warren, who built the oldest tent on the campground, is the guest preacher for this year's Camp Meeting. His wife is the worship leader. They are pictured with their son, Silas.

from Biloxi will be the student pastor during Camp Meeting. The Buys are currently serving at Lake Hills Church in Candler, North Carolina, close to



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Gay and Fay Nobles are shown in front of their "tent" cabin at the Shiloh UMC Campground. They are descendants of one of the original settlers, as are others in the congregation, and have been coming to the annual camp meeting all of their 82 years.

Asheville.

Gay said, "It is the best place on earth. I have always loved it here." Fay agrees and said, "Camp Meeting allows us the opportunity to meet with people we wouldn't have another opportunity to see or talk with."

Buys said, "It is a special place for my whole family. It is the coolest thing to grow up in an environment with appreciation for the legacy and history of Camp Meeting. I never thought as a kid that I would come back as the preacher, but this is my third time to be able to serve, though first as preacher."

Learn more about what happens during the 10-day annual camp meeting in the June issue.

Blaine White is PHS STAR student

By Susie A. Wolfe

Mr. Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Blaine White was named PHS' STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) student based on academic excellence. He chose Nina Mills, who taught him English, as the STAR teacher. She has been an instructor at PHS for 14 years.

White is the son of Michea and Rodney White of Cross Roads. He played soccer and baseball and was a member of ROTC and Beta Club. His GPA is 3.8. He plans to major in Constitutional Law and attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College then the University of



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Blaine White was named Pelahatchie's STAR student and he chose his English instructor, Nina Mills, as the STAR teacher.

Southern Mississippi before joining the Secret Service.

The STAR Student program is sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council and the M. B. Swayze Foundation.

Martin named ERA STAR Student

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East Rankin Academy (ERA)'s 2018 STAR student is Sam Martin, meaning he had an overall ACT composite of at least 25 and an overall average of 93 or above.

The son of Drew and Amy Martin of Brandon, Martin is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society), and ERA's ACT 30 or Above Team. He was also selected to attend the Rural Medical Scholars Program, and to compete in the Mississippi College Science and Math Tournament. Martin plans to attend either Mississippi State or the University of Alabama.

Martin chose Nancy Patrick of Pela-

hatchie as his STAR Teacher.

The Mississippi Economic Council and the M.B. Swayze Foundation sponsor the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Program in an effort to encourage scholastic achievement among Mississippi's high school seniors.



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Sam Martin is ERA's STAR Student. He named Nancy Patrick as his STAR Teacher.



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Flooding in 2014, at the 4-way stop.



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*By Guest
Columnist Chief
Kevin Poole,
Pelahatchie Police
Department*

We are in the midst

of tornado season, and you know how unpredictable and uncontrollable weather is. Flooding is also an issue in Pelahatchie. The sirens go off to warn you of potential danger. Rankin County is 775 square miles of land, so if there's danger in another area, we alert you to become weather

aware.

First, your family needs a plan for staying safe. The Safe Room will hopefully open in a few weeks, but what if there is bad weather today? Include your children in this plan. They know how to prepare at school, so include them, and don't panic.

I suggest getting a weather radio, because the phone, television and Internet may go out, but radio will still be broadcasting.

The Police Department is here to alert you and assist however needed, but please take my advice and be prepared.



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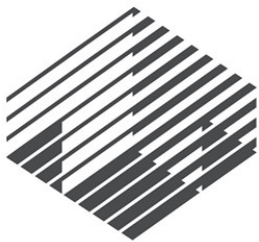
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EZ Wheels to hold open house

By Susie A. Wolfe

The EZ Wheels Annual Open House is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, from 1-4 p.m. at their Highway 43 location.

They will be doing demos of Kubo-

ta trackers and Zero Turn lawnmowers and offer special pricing. There will be door prizes, and refreshments will be served.

The company has a new web page at www.ezwheelsinc.com and are on Facebook as EZ Wheels, Inc.

Webb named to honor society

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Jimmie Webb was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Webb was initiated at Mississippi State University.

Webb is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi

Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Lyles named Pelahatchie's new basketball coach



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Lavadius Lyles is the new head basketball coach at PHS. He is shown in early April with Principal Bryan Marshall, right.

By Susie A. Wolfe

"There's no elevator to success, you must take the stairs," is a favorite quote of the new Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Head Basketball Coach Lavadius Lyles. A boy from humble beginnings in Forest became the first male in his family to graduate from college. He is now pursuing his dream of becoming a basketball coach.

Lyles, 26, attended a number of colleges, spending two years at Belhaven and graduating from Jackson State University.

He was assistant football coach at Forest and Clinton before coming to Pelahatchie, where he will coach both

junior high and varsity basketball and track, and teach P.E.

According to PHS Principal Bryan Marshall, he had 35 applications for the basketball opening, but chose Lyles because "he has a story that is similar to many of the kids playing sports, so they can relate to him."

Lyles is from nearby Forest, where his parents, Mary Williams and Billy Lyles, still live. He played basketball for Coach Roy Pinkston and won two state championships in basketball. He also played football there too.

He and his wife, Magdalena, have two daughters, Angelina, 5, and Adilyn, 19 months. Magdalena is also in nursing school.

Obituaries

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Buddy Fitzhugh	52	Walnut Grove, MS	4/15/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Diana Gibbs	50	Lake, MS	4/6/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Rev. David Holt	79	Morton, MS	4/22/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Daryl Lucas	53	Morton, MS	4/16/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
James Rogers	34	Rose, OK	4/9/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jeffrey Yarbrough	58	Morton, MS	4/12/2018	Wolf Funeral Serv.

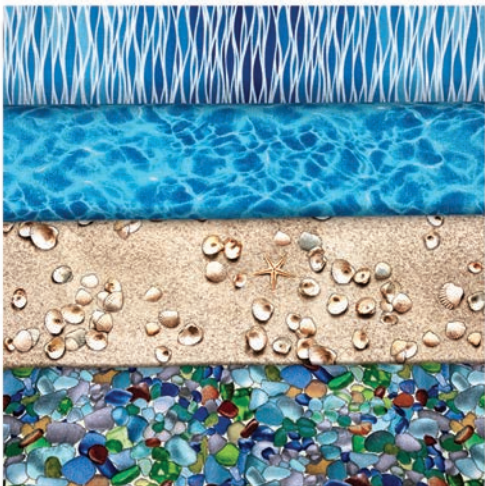
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Home Depot helped repaint Walters VFD



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Seventeen volunteers, including Home Depot volunteers in orange, helped repaint the Walters VFD fire station on April 26. Pictured (l to r) are: Danny Jones; Bill Allen, fire chief; Yolanda Wilson; Mike Ellison and Terry Benson, left on ladder; Cleopatra Sanders; Jashun Coleman; Ericson Hall; Justin Allen; Austin Key; Doug Coward, Behr rep, right on ladder; Fred Hutto; Jan Lewis; Casey Allen; Glen Slade; Jan Slade; and Jimmy Carter.

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Walters Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) was adopted by Home Depot as a community project to help repaint their fire station. On Thursday,

April 26, fifteen volunteers began repainting the station at 125 Walters Road.

According to Chief Bill Allen, "What began as a facelift project to include completing the walls inside the

truck bays has turned into much more. We reached out to Home Depot, requesting a donation of some plywood to complete the project. Not only did Home Depot donate materials, but they wanted to turn it into one of their

community projects. As a result, in addition to the plywood, they donated the paint to repaint most of the interior of the building as well as provided a team of volunteers from Home Depot to help paint."



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Ribbon Cutting held for The Halfway House

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A ribbon cutting was held Thursday, April 19, at Pelahatchie Baptist Church for The Halfway House. The church is letting Hands Up Outreach use the house for the ministry to help women and men in need be equipped for life and employment through job training classes, computer classes, GED tutoring, Bible Study, English as a Second Language and mentoring.

The Halfway House is currently providing GED classes, Celebrate Recovery and a Financial Management class. In August, 2017, GED classes began meeting at the ERCO site in Pelahatchie; and, from these classes, three participants received their GED in December.

The Halfway House got the name from the verse Psalms 34:4, "God met me more than halfway, he freed me from my anxious fears." The Halfway House is a resource facility and not an overnight recovery facility.

Hands Up Outreach's mission is to help men and women engage the power of Christ to overcome cycles of poverty and addiction to life abundantly.



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They offer GED and HISET preparatory training; classes are self-paced on a computer program, with teachers providing direct instruction to each student. The program provides tutoring sessions for Math and the Language Arts of the GED preparation. Hands Up Outreach offers life skill instruction to include resume writing, interviewing skills, bud-

geting, self-image, goal setting. Bible study classes are provided to help with the spiritual formation of each student.

Hands Up Outreach is a ministry of Rankin County Baptists. All services are free and funded by individuals, churches, and businesses. The Outreach has three sites. The Grace Center, located in Richland; First Baptist Church

Richland; and The Halfway House in Pelahatchie.

For information on classes, volunteering or mentoring, contact Belinda Moseley, Program Director of The Halfway House at 601-665-2403 or Mary and Roy Callahan, executive directors of Hands Up Outreach at 601-826-0442 or 601-826-0449.

There is no wrong time to apply lime



*By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent*

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Pelahatchie News*

We have been taught that fall is the preferred time to apply lime, so that it will have the winter months to get into the soil solution and neutralize acidity, but this is not an absolute requirement.

The first consideration is that we use a good quality lime that is finely ground, so it can react with the soil acids and do its job. We must also consider that the lime and the water in which it is carried must move into the soil profile by infiltration by way of pores in the soil. Or it may need to be incorporated in situations where the need for lime is so severe.

Another factor is that when lime is applied to the surface, the application of most nitrogen fertilizers following it will lead to the loss of nitrogen as ammonia gas. When nitrogen must be applied soon after lime, it should be injected or incorporated, in order to avoid loss of nitrogen. Another precau-



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tion is to separate the lime and nitrogen fertilizers by as much as possible and at least one good rain.

Another question I get is about the

neutralization ability of poultry litter. Poultry litter does contain small amounts of basic elements calcium and magnesium. The lime value of a ton of

good quality broiler litter may range from 200 to 400 pounds per ton. This is just not enough to correct a low soil pH problem, although it may be enough to maintain soil pH in the preferred range after it has been corrected. In other words, litter will not fix the problem, but it may help prevent it. Regular soil testing is important.

Lime is important to the availability of most plant nutrients. Soil pH levels below 5.6 or above 7.0 may significantly reduce the availability of some of the other nutrients including nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, calcium, and magnesium. Another issue in most of our soils is that when pH falls below about 5.5, aluminum and manganese enter the soil solution and are toxic to plant growth.

Lime is important enough to apply almost any time you can get it done, and crops will begin to gain benefits from it as soon as it begins to go into solution. About the only time we might want to avoid liming is when the crop is nearing maturity. Good soil pH is the foundation of a sound soil fertility program.

Purvis signs with Mississippi State

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Pelahatchie High School's (PHS) Javeious "JP" Purvis, the 2019 athlete and 247Sports three-star prospect, committed to the Mississippi State University (MSU) Bulldogs in early April.

According to Purvis, who was a Metro "Player of the Week" this year, MSU has been recruiting him since the tenth grade. He was the Chiefs' quarterback this season, as well as playing basketball and running track.

"Purvis is rated as the nation's No. 50 safety and the state's No. 27 prospect," reported 247Sports. "He could play defensive back or linebacker at the next level along with the possibilities of playing on offense. Purvis is the sixth commitment for Mississippi State in the Class of 2019."

The son of Deondra Purvis, Purvis plans to become an athletic trainer.



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"JP" Purvis signed to play football with Mississippi State in 2019. He will likely play defensive back.

Johnson is state powerlifting champion



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The Chiefs Powerlifting Team finished the season with a Top Five finish at the state meet at the Coliseum in Jackson on April 21. Ahmed Johnson was the state champion in the 198 weight class. The other lifters placed as follows: JD Williams (132), third place; Avery Lewis (165), sixth place; Garrett Day (220) fourth place; Greg Beemon (275) fourth place; and Gunner Till (308+), second place. Johnson is shown in the center when metals were awarded.

PHS wraps up second tennis season



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This was the second year the Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Tennis Team competed in district action. Bob Mullins coached the team, and Amy Till assisted. There was one senior, five juniors and others were ninth and tenth graders. Pictured (l to r), front row, are: Harrison Till, Clayton Kilgore, Carlos Felix, Ben Wohlan, Holden Gray, James Lee, and Blake Ferguson; and back row: Hannah Lawrence, Morgan Boyd, Elsi Munoz, Oliva Sirmon, Hannah Whitney, Katie Bayliss, Jordan White and Katie Belle Boyer.

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Jackie Thompson got his start in Pelahatchie

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Pearl Chamber awarded Pelahatchie native Jackie Thompson the President's Distinguished Service Award at its 2018 Annual Awards Banquet. The award recognizes "an individual whose self-less efforts were vital to the development and growth of Pearl."

According to the Pearl Chamber's Past President Ron Morgan who presented the award, "It wasn't his vivacious smile, business acumen or unbounded enthusiasm that set Jackie apart. It was his caring heart."

In 1965 when he opened Eastland Plaza Homes, he started a Pearl Christmas Parade on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, because he said the town didn't have one. He bought a pull-along sleigh and with loud "Here Comes Santa Claus" music, he threw candy to kids on every street and cul-de-sac in Pearl. He and Santa didn't want any child to be left out, so he would drive around for up to 18 hours. He continued this parade for more than 45 years.

Thompson, now 80, is known for his radio and television show, *The Hour of the 50s*, that he started in the early 70s.



Jackie Thompson always enjoyed entertaining with 50s music from the start when he had a record shop in the Western Auto store in Pelahatchie.

Also, for his love and appreciation of Elvis Presley, who he met once after a concert in Jackson. He had an "Elvis Room" at his Eastland Plaza office, that is now in his home in Pearl. He is still known as "the man who brought the 50s back."

Many folks in Pelahatchie remember



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Thompson selling records at the Western Auto store. Owner Pat Summers hired him as a clerk and let him have space in the "enjoyment room" to sell records in 1954. His slogan was "All you cats that dig the bop, go to Jackie's Record Shop." He also played records on Pelahatchie's main street, where

folks hung out and requested their favorites.

Thompson was the son of a Lodebar sharecropper Jack Thompson. He had one sister, Jean, and a step-brother, Willard, who are both deceased. Though he had humble beginnings, he "loves Pelahatchie" and the folks in town. He said, "I had a lot of fun there." He recalls delivering ice and opening a snowball and popcorn stand.

He also perfected his pantomime act at the Pelahatchie Theater. The Rocking Satellites, a trio made up of Thompson and two friends, pantomime performed famous artists like Little Richard, with Thompson in black face. They would do shows to raise money for children's needs, like to purchase a wheel chair.

He met his future business partner, Johnny Jolly, working at the Davis Chicken Plant in Pelahatchie. His next venture was partnering with Sim King, the builder, in Brandon in 1959. He and Jolly later worked together in real estate in Pearl.

He recently celebrated his eightieth birthday with a big party at The Vault with more than 400 friends. He said, "God has been so good to me."

Sanders named RCSD March PES Student of the Month



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At the April 11 board meeting, the Rankin County School District recognized the March 2018 Great to Best recipients. Pictured are Dr. Scott Rimes, Richland High School; Elementary Certified of the Month, Claire VanderVelde, Flowood Elementary School; Secondary Certified of the Month, Kimberly Groves, The Learning Center; Elementary Classified, Debbie Holliday, Pisgah Elementary School; Secondary Classified, Judy Calhoun, Florence Middle School; Elementary Student, Payton Sanders, Pelahatchie Elementary School; Secondary Student, Davis Barnes, Pisgah High School; Substitute of the Month, Joe Rice, McLaurin High School; District Employee of the Month, Stephanie Cotnam, Technology Department; and Laurie Cutrer with Signmark, Rankin Chamber president-elect. The Rankin Chamber presents each recipient with a gift card.



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King Benefit set for May 19

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A fundraising benefit for Billy King, who needs a heart transplant, will be held May 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Muscadine Park. It is sponsored by Thorn Hill Baptist Church.

Tickets for hamburger plates are \$10 and are now on sale. Drinks, water and snacks will be available for a donation at the event.

There will be bounce house for kids and face painting. Gospel singing from Stan and the Revelations will be at 2 p.m. and Tim Frith and the GOSPEL ECHOS at 3 p.m. There will be others throughout the day. For more information, call Sara King at 601-953-8945.



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Chamber raises money for Medders' Scholarship



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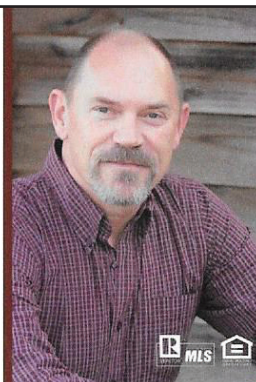
At the Chamber's April "Salute to Education," held at Hinds Rankin, the Leadership Rankin Team presented the \$5,500 raised for the Cash Medders Scholarship to Cash's mom, Elisa McKinion. Pictured (l to r), are: Tanner Wilson, Marlo Sarrett, Fatima Chase, McKinion, Regina Todd, and Zach Walker.

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Cross Roads Praise Team leads contemporary worship service

By Susie A. Wolfe

What do a registered nurse, equipment operator, bank manager, environmental scientist, math teacher, parts manager, association project manager and a warehouse manager have in common? At 8:30 each Sunday morning, they are leading worship through music at Cross Roads Baptist Church (CRBC).

The eight-person Praise Team, who currently range in age from 36-57, "are doing this for God. To give back to Him." "We've been called to this." "It's a worship experience. God leads us." "There is no greater reward than doing something for the Lord. It's a satisfaction you can't describe." "It's how we worship." "I am blessed, I can't wait to get to church on Sunday." "This is the closest I feel to Jesus, giving all I've got on Sunday morning."

They don't want credit or to be recognized. They want the glory to go to God. The ten-year-old group has sung special events or fundraisers for CRBC and other churches in the area but are also interested in reaching out to community groups, like performing for the crowd at the Ever Reaching Commu-

nity Outreach fundraiser at Yogi on the Lake.

In ten years since the church decided to add an additional and a contemporary service, the people may have changed, but the purpose has remained the same, to praise God.

"We started with a guitar and a group of vocalists who switched out," said Kim Bray. "Then we used tracks for about a month before we began to incorporate the instruments you see today."

This is no small commitment. They practice together an hour to an hour and a half on Wednesday night, get to church at 7:30 before the morning service, and practice at home. They also pray for each other and the ones that are listening to them.

The group seeks to lead with music that goes with the sermon, and usually do, without even talking with Pastor John Vaughn. "It's a God thing," said Chip Bray. "Like how we came together. He has always given us what we need to honor Him."

In addition to the support of the church staff, Gayla Thompson, Robert Morris and Will Wood coordinate audio and visuals every time the group plays.



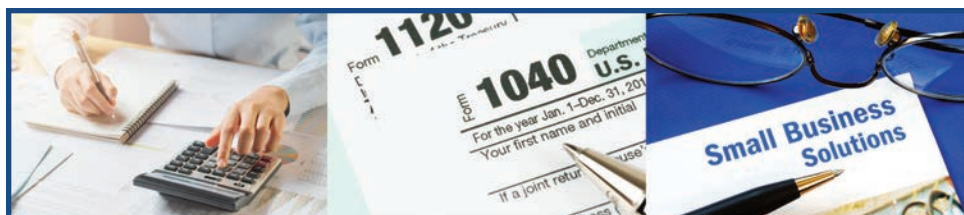
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The Praise Team leads the music in the 8:30 a.m. CRBC contemporary service and plays for special events. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Tyler Moore, Kim Bray, and Cindy Morris; back row: Jason Peavy, Chip Bray, Sharon Bray, Karen Hargett, and Phillip Till.

The church appreciates the effort by the Praise Team. Debbie Robertson recently said, "One reason I love my church so much is that at 8 a.m. they are practicing, praising God and rocking it, getting ready for early worship. Praise music was so powerful this morning. Thank ALL of you on the Praise Team for all your hard work. It shines through. This morning was bright."

They call themselves "misfits," but

they are a group of talented vocalists and musicians with very different backgrounds. Three of the group are family, literally. A brother, his sister and his wife. The others are "family," too, as in a close-knit group. Some sang and played in church, while others played in bars and clubs. Some took lessons, and others are natural musicians who can't read music. But, it works. It is all in God's hands they say.



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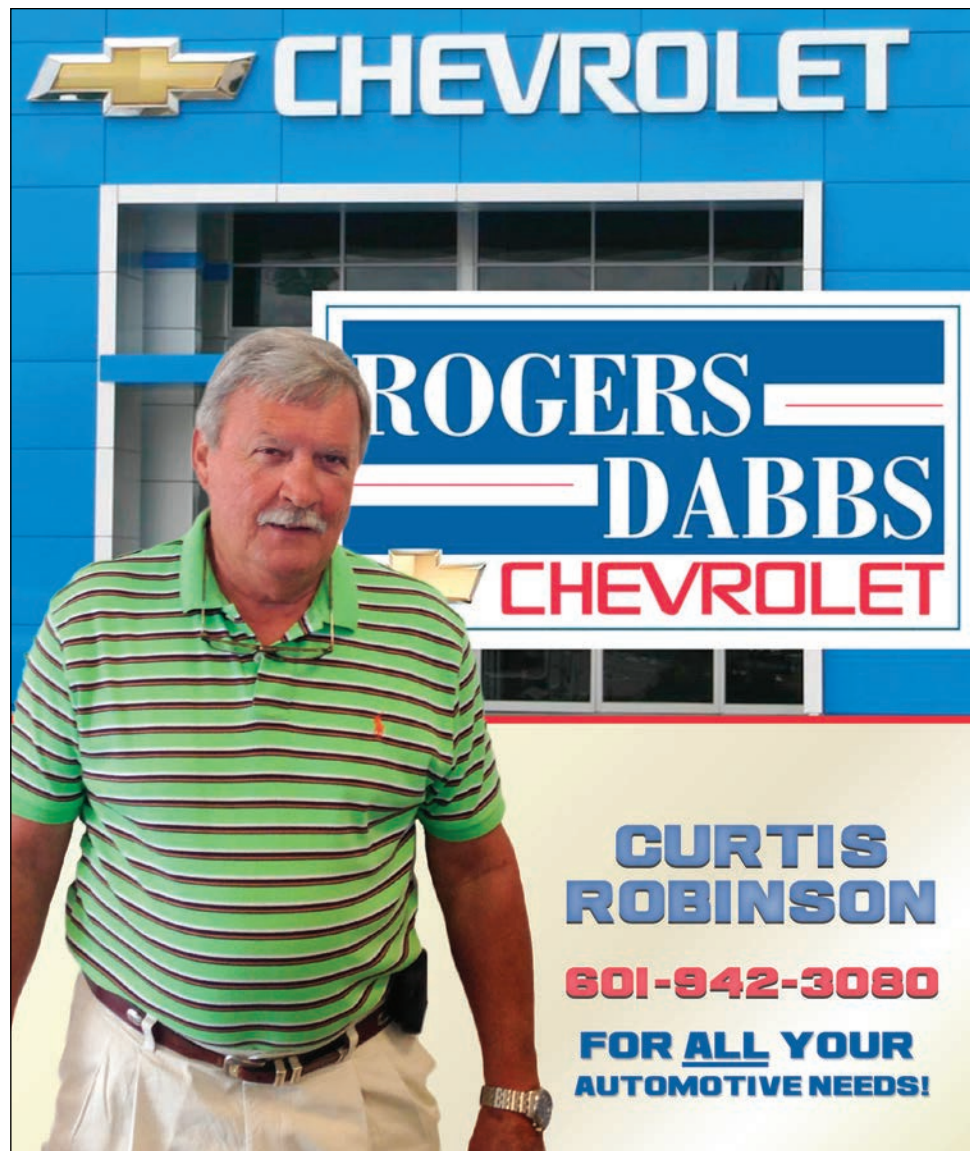
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ERA tennis finishes second in district



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The following East Rankin Academy players received tennis awards at the recognition event: (left to right). Chelsea Quick - Most Improved and Coach's Award, Heidi Gray - Most Valuable Player Doubles, Morgan Rhodes - Most Valuable Player Doubles and Patriot Award, Tori Tullos - Rising Star Award.

ERA tennis team has winning season



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The East Rankin Academy (ERA) tennis team finished second in district play with a 3-1 record. Members of the 2017-2018 team are: (l to r) front row: Tanner Rhodes, Reese Harper, Mary Blossom, Landri Gray, Kate Betts, Tori Tullos, and Brandon Luke; second row: Anna Mae Carlisle, Rachel Dearman, Chelsea Quick, Taylor Turman, Morgan Rhodes, Heidi Gray, Anna Claire Hamburger, Madalyn Edwards, and Kealey Bradford; and back row: Head Coach Stacy Wesson, Pablo Villegas, Cole Jordan, Ethan Ezelle, Troy Stokes, Daniel Jones, Will Blossom, Jackson Harper, Stephens Bulger, West Winstead, and Assistant Coach Chris Lyles.

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ERA Band receives superior rating



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The East Rankin Academy (ERA) Upper School Band received a rating of Superior at the MAIS Spring Concert Festival held April 12 at Jackson Preparatory School. Band Members pictured are, front row: Brennan Rials, Bekah Sullivan, Kaitlyn Bullock, Laura Renfro, Rylle Smith, and Peyton Patrick; second row: Mrs. Lynn Dickerson, director, Mallory Ellis, Katie Mae Rials, Tori Tullis, Sydney Phillips, Elijah Rowell, Sarah Sullivan, Jamie Hawkins, and Kathryn Martin; and third row: Brandyn Luke, Max Gainey, Knox Ross, Trent Chapman, and Matthew Marin.

ERA Quiz Bowl team wins second place



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On April 14, East Rankin Academy's (ERA) Junior Varsity Quiz Bowl team competed in the Madison Central Academic Challenge Spring Tournament, winning second place. Team members (l to r) are: Max Gainey, Dylan Davis, Brayden Whitney, and Will Price.

ERA students win MAIS art competition



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ERA students in the ninth through twelfth grade were MAIS art winners. Pictured (l to r), front row, are: Rachel Sikora, first place district winner and first place overall state winner; Cole Jones, first place district winner; Jessica Ries, first place district winner and second place overall state winner; and Neely Brunt, first place district winner and second place overall state winner; and back row: Kobi Denson, second place district winner; Barron Burnham, first place district winner; Joanna McCollum, first place district winner; and Olivia Hales, first place district winner. Not pictured is Anna Lindsey, first place district winner.

ERA Sporting Clay Team are state champions



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East Rankin Academy (ERA)'s Sporting Clays Team are the 2018 overall state champions for this year. The coach is Dr. Phillip Nettles. Both Varsity and JV groups pictured (l to r) are, front row: Elijah Vining, Will Woods, Owen Lusk, Taylor Irby, Harley Bowman, and Ainsley Boyd; second row: Matt Adcock, Alex McGarrh, Hudson Bynum, Aiden Boyd, Ben Carter, Tucker Loper, Brock Tullos, Jake Warren, Rouse Boyce, and Ashton Buffington; and back row: Drew Fortenberry, Zack Irby, Landon Adcock, Dr. Phillip Nettles, Dawson Banes, Josh Phillips, Knox Ross III, Cole Jordan.

Cross Roads Baptist Church



Sunday Schedule

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

Wednesday Schedule

6:00 Family Dinner
7:00 - Children's Mission Activities • Student Worship
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Brandon Amphitheater opens in April

By Susie A. Wolfe

Just 12 miles from Downtown Pelahatchie is the state's newest concert venue, the 8,000-seat Brandon Amphitheater. The new amphitheater is the centerpiece of The Quarry, a 250-acre park that will feature running, biking and nature trails, a dog park, and a new baseball park facility.

The venue will host not only major concerts, but also other community and lifestyle shows. Two large LED viewing screens float on either side of the stage, and they will be accompanied by a state of the art audio visual system. A VIP lounge resides to the right of the stage and contains a separate venue entry, parking lot, bar and seating area that overlooks the stage. Box seats, designed to hold parties, occupy the first tier of elevated seating. The boxes have a lounge-and-luxury atmosphere and have assigned runners who deliver refreshments and concessions to the boxes' occupants.

Its first concert, Chris Young, was held in mid-April. Future concerts include:

- Brantley Gilbert with special guests Aaron Lewis & Josh Phillips – May 3
- Hank Williams Jr. – Saturday, May 12



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The 8,000-seat Brandon Amphitheater is the first amphitheater in Central Mississippi. The first concert was held in April with others scheduled throughout the summer.

- Dave Matthews Band – May 29
- I Love The 90's featuring Salt-N-Pepa, Rob Base, Kid N Play, Coolio + more – Friday, June 8
- Alan Jackson with special guest Randy Houser – Friday, June 22
- Alabama featuring Charlie Daniels Band – Saturday, September 8

The Brandon Amphitheater is the

first amphitheater in Central Mississippi. It is owned by the City of Brandon, and Red Mountain Entertainment handles concert and event promotion.

"The Board of Aldermen and I began brainstorming this idea years ago, and it took a lot of people to bring this to fruition," said Brandon Mayor Butch Lee. "From the beginning, the city's goal for the Brandon Amphitheater

and The Quarry was to create a quality family-centric atmosphere that will bring more economic growth and increase tourism to our city, as well as the State."

The Brandon Amphitheater is located at 8190 Rock Way, off of Boyce Thompson Drive near I-20 in Brandon. For ticket information, call the box office at 601-724-2726.

Turner Boykin appointed to Air Force Academy Prep School

By Susie A. Wolfe

Turner Boykin, a senior at East Rankin Academy, has been selected to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado beginning in July. He was nominated by Congressman Greg Harper, Senator Roger Wicker and Senator Thad Cochran.

Boykin is one of approximately

240 cadet candidates appointed to the 10-month curriculum of science, math, and English that lays the groundwork for success in courses required at the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA). Once completed, Boykin will seek to earn an appointment to the Academy.

He is the president of the student body, as well as being a member of the East Rankin Varsity Football Team and the National Honor Society. He was

a Mississippi American Legion Boys State delegate last summer, and also attended the APEX Leadership Summit at Ole Miss. He is also a recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award.

The son of Brandon and Karen Boykin of Pelahatchie, Boykin's love of flying began at age 11 at the annual Pisgah fly-in of the Central Mississippi Light Flyers.



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Boykin will report to the Air Force Academy Preparatory School on July 18 to begin the 10-month curriculum.



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Pastor's perspective: What kind of house do you live in?



By Guest Columnist
John Vaughn, Pastor, Cross
Roads Baptist Church

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One magazine that I enjoy is *This Old House*, which has articles about old houses and about making repairs and renovations to older homes. Each time I read it, I am reminded of the old house that was my family home in Scooba. I grew up in the house and lived there until I left to go to college.

The old house was built around the year 1900. It had 12-foot ceilings and tall windows. Since we didn't have air conditioning, it was cooler in the summer, but hard to heat in the winter. The house was not wired for electricity when it was built. For lighting, there was a drop light with a single bulb in each room. To turn on the light, you had to pull the little chain on the side of the socket. My mother tied a string to each light to make it easier to find the light and turn it on and off.

The only wall socket in the house was in the kitchen to run the refrigerator. I remember when we got our first



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TV. My father put a different socket on the drop light to plug an extension cord into. He put a nail in the wall where the TV was going to be and hung the extension cord from the light to the nail so we could plug up the TV. Extension cords were also used to run fans and

other things.

The old house has passed from my family, but my memories of growing up there are fond ones. We didn't have much, but that old house was home to me!

There is Southern Gospel song "This

Old House" made popular by the Cathedral Quartet. The chorus says, "Ain't a-gonna need this house no longer. Ain't a-gonna need this house no more. Ain't got time to fix the shingles. Ain't got time to fix the floor. Ain't got time to oil the hinges, Nor to mend the window-pane. Ain't a-gonna need this house no longer. I'm a gettin' ready to meet the saints."

In John 14: 1-3, Jesus talked about the home He was preparing for those who trust Him. The beauty of the King James Version says, "Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

I don't know what kind of house you live in. It may be an old house that needs "fixin'," or it may be a new house with all the modern conveniences. But wherever you live, it can't compare to the home that Jesus is preparing for His followers. God bless you, and be sure to take your family to church on Sunday!

PES names March Students of the Month



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The Students of the Month for March pictured, (l to r) front row, are: Jose Cortez, Aaron Griffin, and Lyndsey King; second row: Alex Banuelas Lopez, Bethany Tucker, Mason Hall, Aubri Key, Aidan Smith, Colton Becker, and Natalie King; third row: Harmony McGill, Mallory Myers, Baelah Belle Crosby, Isabella Davis, Kaylee Renfroe, and Arianna Gipson; and fourth row: Thomas Strickland, Addison Crosby, Jimmy Holifield, Ethan Hagood, Carter Moore, and Madden Renfroe. Not pictured are Kali Redman, Kane Wilson, and Mallarie Adams.

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Students of the month for March are pictured (l to r), are: Makenzie Hester, Aliza Myers, Addison Lindsey, Collins Doster, Jaymon Johnson, Wesley Anderson, Mrs. Heather Greene, Gunner Till, Clay Myers, and Matthew Harper. Not pictured are: Colby Henderson, Sandra Lewis, and Caiti Bowman.



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