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Thirty-eighth Annual Muscadine Jubilee features a variety of music

Schedule of events:

September 8, 2018, 10 a.m.

Opening Ceremony

Welcome - Mayor Ryshonda Beechem

Invocation - Pastor Beth Feisel

Flag Presentation - Pelahatchie

ROTC

Pledge of Allegiance - PHS ROTC

National Anthem - Hanna Caldwell

10:45-11:45 - Introducing the Miss
Muscadine Jubilee 2018 Winners &
Crossroads Christian Band

12:00-12:20 - 2018 Celebrity

Muscadine Stomp

12:30-1:00 - Political Candidates

Speaking

1:00-1:30 - Set up for The Last Minute
Band

1:30-2:30 - The Last Minute Band

2:30-3:00 - Set up for Lari Johnson

3:00-4:15 - Lari Johnson & Band

By Susie A. Wolfe

The thirty-eighth annual Muscadine Jubilee will feature vocalist Lari Johnson, the Cross Roads Baptist Church Praise Team and the Last Minute Band providing a variety of types of music including pop, rock, R&B, gospel, contemporary christian, blues, jazz, EDM, and Country Music.

Lari Johnson is this year's headliner. Johnson, a Mississippi native, has performed as a solo artist with the BB King Allstar Band and as the lead singer of the Mississippi Mass Choir. Recently, he served as background vocalist for R&B singer Monica and was on *The Jimmy Kimmel Show* with her on Valentine's Day.

He began singing in church at age ten. He would bring audiences to their feet with his soulful voice and passion

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Lari Johnson (top left), solo artist and lead singer with the Mississippi Mass Choir, is headlining the September 8 Muscadine Jubilee in Downtown Pelahatchie. Entertainment also includes the Cross Roads BC Praise Team (top right), and the Last Minute Band (bottom). Activities are scheduled from 10-4.



Photos special to Pelahatchie News

VFD gets custom fire truck

Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) now has a new state-of-the-art tanker fire truck that was designed by Fire Chief Karl VanHorn and his crew of 25 volunteers. VanHorn wrote a FEMA grant to get the \$310,369 tanker where the Town of Pelahatchie contributed \$17,000 toward the purchase.

"This custom-designed tanker fits our needs as a rural community where we often fight fires in the county without ready access to water," said VanHorn. "We chose the eagle image for the truck as a dedication to the Town and the community."

The tanker has the most advanced features available and a capacity to hold 3,000 gallons of water. It is also equipped with a 750 gallons per minute pump that will allow it to approx-



Photo by Pelahatchie News

The new state-of-the-art fire tanker is now in service for Pelahatchie and the surrounding community. It holds 3,000 gallons of water, twice the capacity of the current trucks.

imately 27 minutes flowing at 110 gallons per minute. This dump-and-go tanker will help the VFD to maintain its Class 6 rating and fight fires in the county much better, according to VanHorn, who has been in fire service for 28 years. The VFD has two other trucks and a rescuer in service at this time.

VanHorn went to Laverne, Minnesota at the end of July to pick up the truck and drive it the 1,300 miles back to Pelahatchie.

Duke's now Boo's Smokehouse BBQ

By Susie A. Wolfe

Boo Baker purchased Duke's Steakhouse in February of 2017. He kept the menu the same but added some of his bar-b-que from his Smokehouse Bar-B-Que restaurant on Highway 471 in Brandon that he has operated for 14 years.

"People know both restaurants have good food," said Baker. "I sometimes see someone at Smokehouse at lunch and at Duke's at dinner."

"We wanted to establish our name here," said Baker, "and incorporate more Smokehouse items to the menu like the ribeye steak sandwich, homemade desserts like banana and bread pudding, and fried ribs. We also have started using US Choice Black Angus for our steaks."

Baker is a native Rankin Countian who got in the restaurant business 42 years ago. His Smokehouse Bar-B-Que restaurant on Highway 471 is built where his grandfather's house used to be before it was destroyed by the 1966



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"We still have Rankin County's best steak and great food at a reasonable price," he said. "Folks like that we are open for Sunday lunch. Look for a new menu for our cafeteria line."

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for music. Even at a young age, he created unusual melodies that were eclectic and fresh and ultimately brought a profound addition to the music scene in his hometown, Raymond, according to his bio.

As the lead singer, he traveled all around the world with the BB King Blues Club Allstar Band onboard Holland America Cruise Line. He performed pop, rock, R&B, gospel, blues, jazz, EDM, and country music nightly. His voice can be heard on Mississippi Mass Choir albums performing "Then Sings My Soul" and "Declaration of Dependence." He also toured 38 cities nationally with the XSCAPE National R&B Tour.

The Pelahatchie News Facebook page will post updates about the Last Minute Band's plans and backgrounds, as information was not available at press time.

The Cross Roads Baptist Church Praise Team leads worship through music in the 8:30 a.m. contemporary service. The eight-person Praise Team, who currently range in age from 36-57, include Tyler Moore, Kim Bray, Cindy Morris, Jason Peavy, Chip Bray, Sharon Bray, Karen Hargett, and Phillip Till.

In ten years since Cross Roads decid-

ed to add an additional and a contemporary service, the people may have changed, but the purpose has remained the same, to praise God.

They call themselves "misfits," but they are a group of talented vocalists and musicians with very different backgrounds. They said, "We are doing this for God. To give back to Him." "We've been called to this." "It's a worship experience. God leads us."

The Muscadine Stompers will begin at begin their competition at noon. Participants include: Mike Espy, Candidate for US Senate; Michael Ted Evans for US Congress; Jay Hughes for Lt. Governor; Chris McDaniel for US Senate; Patrice Clark, WLBT anchor; Tamekia Bennett for Rankin County Judge; Troy Odom for Rankin County Judge; Dewey Arthur for Circuit Court Judge of Rankin and Madison County; Nic Lott, Director of Special Compliance Operations, Mississippi Development Authority; and Dr. Teague Burchfield, principal of Pelahatchie High School.

There will be free space jumps and water slides for kids and carnival rides, train rides and Frank the Camel and Friends that have charges. The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be scheduled later.

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Pelahatchie High School names tech team



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The 2018-2019 Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Student Tech Team is pictured (l to r), front row: Morgan Boyd and Katie Bayliss; middle row: Brianna Pearson, Katie Belle Boyer, Jordan White, Harrison Till, and Chloe Walters; and back row: Malori Scherer, Cheyla Munoz-Ramos, Hannah Whitney, Anna Grace Carter, and Deuce Ward. Not pictured is Brandy Bell.

Recycling available in Pelahatchie



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Brady Harrell is Pelahatchie's public works director.

Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie residents are encouraged to recycle plastic, paper and aluminum, according to Public Works Director Brady Harrell, who manages the dump site.

The City Barn at 100 Brown Street beside Elmore Towing is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Plastic jugs, bottles, cardboard and aluminum cans and like items are accepted, but no glass, tires, paint, oil or batteries.

Harrell said there are two 40-yard dumpsters and a metal bin, which holds all kinds of metal, including bicycles and refrigerators.

There is no limit to the amount that can be recycled. Call City Hall with questions.

2018 PHS varsity cheerleaders



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The 2018-19 Pelahatchie High School (PHS) varsity cheerleaders are pictured (l to r), front row: Adlyn Till, Collins Doster, Katie Belle Boyer, Abbie Davis and Tiara Collier; middle row: Kaitlyn White, Madelyn Cain, Hannah Lawrence, and Skye Bowman; back row: Malori Scherer, Rose Gibney, Meghan Herrington, Makenzie Hester, and Madison Broome. Not pictured: Haley Mills.

Pelahatchie Eastern Star seeks to grow

By Susie A. Wolfe

Vivian Myers of Pelahatchie was named the oldest active member of the Mississippi Eastern Star Mary Francis chapter and was given a certificate to recognize this accomplishment. Myers has been a member of Chapter 222 in Pelahatchie for more than 40 years.

Pelahatchie, one of 84 Mississippi chapters, is led by Julie Willis, the "worthy matron" or presiding officer. They have around eight members who serve widows of Masons, have served Thanksgiving dinner to seniors for two years,

and are currently looking for new projects and members.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a Masonic appendant body open to both men and women. It was established in 1850 by lawyer and educator Rob Morris when he was teaching at the Eureka Masonic College in the community of Richland, in Holmes County, Mississippi. While confined by illness, he set down the principles of the order in his Rosary of the Eastern Star. The order is based on teachings from the Bible, but is open to people of all religious beliefs. It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries and

approximately 500,000 members under its General Grand Chapter.

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star are aged 18 and older; men must be Master Masons and women must have specific relationships with Masons. Originally, a woman would have to be the daughter, widow, wife, sister, or mother of a master Mason, but the Order now allows other relatives.

The group meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Masonic Lodge on Second Avenue in the old library building. For more information, contact Julie Willis at 601-854-6097.



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Vivian Myers was named the oldest active member of the Mississippi Eastern Star Mary Francis chapter in Pelahatchie, where she has been a member for more than 40 years.

ERA's Shamburger plays defense



Photo by Jade Huffman

Anna Claire Shamburger defending the ball in the Varsity ERA vs Lamar game August 28.

Fall Griefshare started September 4



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Cross Roads Baptist Church (CRBC) began fall sessions of GriefShare on Tuesday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m. There are 13 sessions at no cost to the individual.

"If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us," said Sheila Bradshaw, church member and one of the coordinators of the

group. "If you know someone who could benefit from GriefShare, invite them to come."

Participants do not have to be a church member to attend. The group is made up of people who have experienced grief and will walk this journey with those grieving so they will not be alone. For questions, contact Bradshaw at 601-546-2297 or crbc@bayspringstel.net.

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Ruby Mashburn	89	Brandon, MS	7/24/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Donna Pace	58	Lake, MS	7/27/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Paul Johnson	61	Lake, MS	7/29/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jada McCrory	54	Lake, MS	7/30/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Gary Reid	58	Forest, MS	8/5/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Ronald Moak	62	Brandon, MS	8/9/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
James Shaw	73	Forest, MS	8/10/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Mary Davis	75	Pelahatchie, MS	8/13/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Bud McGee	83	Lake, MS	8/17/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Carol Jones	56	Batesville, MS	8/19/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Betty Bell	79	Forest, MS	8/19/18	Wolf Funeral Serv.
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Don't take your backyard dirt for granted



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

No one should take the dirt in their backyard for granted. Among other benefits, soil supplies nutrients for plant growth and impacts water flow. Site and soil evaluation include topography, drainage, soil texture, soil profile, bulk density, chemistry, soil depth, height of the water table and organic matter.

For any kind of yard planting, including trees, you should determine the nutritional status of the soil. A soil test tells you about the soil's pH, how well it holds its nutrients and cationic exchange. MSU Extension provides a soil testing service for \$8 per sample.

There are three primary plant nutrients; nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Nitrogen promotes top growth, phosphorus contributes to root, fruit, and flower development and potassium builds disease resistance. After the second and third growing season, a slow-release organic fertilizer can be applied to the soil. Trees live year after



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year and don't need a lot of fertilizer at any one time. They need it throughout their growing season. A drought stressed plant does not need fertilizer, it needs water. By adding fertilizer, all you are doing is making the plant need

more water and causing it even more stress.

Another important soil topic is irrigation. Watering is important for young trees to get them off to a good start. As with grass, you want to water when

there is dew formation (just before daylight) to avoid evaporation. Watering before daylight does not alter the natural cycle of soil wetting and drying. Trees prefer deep water irrigation with the soil moist to a depth of twelve inches. Slow, deep watering using a soaker hose once a week is preferred over fast, shallow watering. Deep watering forces young roots to grow deeper and help them become better adapted to the site. Avoid watering to the point where you see puddles forming on the soil. This means you've exceeded the soil infiltration rate, and you're wasting water.

Mulching should be combined with irrigation for trees. Mulch will reduce watering needs throughout the growing season. You should apply two to four inches of mulch to the edge of the tree canopy (the dripline), and it should not touch the tree trunk. Mulch piled against the trunk encourages fungus. Each type of mulch has tradeoffs. Pine straw is effective, it's nice, and it does not attract wood boring insects, as does bark or wood chips. Wood chips float away in heavy rains. Leaves can be used as mulch, as long as air hits the trunk and the layer is not over four inches thick.



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Darwell's Too serves up real food in Pearl

By Susie A. Wolfe

Darwell Yeager III lived in the Cross Roads area and attended Pelahatchie schools before moving to Long Beach, Mississippi, where he graduated and subsequently became a chef and a professional wrestler. His wife, Nettie, the partner/pastry chef, is from Harperville in Scott County, where she graduated from Scott Central.

After 20+ years on the Mississippi Gulf Coast where they operated the well-known Darwell's Café, the couple decided to move back home with their daughter, Elizebeth, and opened Darwell's Too in Pearl on Old Brandon Road across Highway 80 from City Park.

In Long Beach, Darwell's is run by his father, DD Yeager, Papa D or Dale, who is a Pearl High School graduate, along with Darwell's mother, Betty Bell Dunlap. That restaurant was on the *Forbes Magazine* list on the 10 Best Restaurants of 2016, and along with Chef Darwell has been featured on the Food Network. Yeager serves the signature Long Beach café favorites in Pearl, including crawfish etouffee; shrimp and sausage creole; seafood gumbo; An-



gel Hair Yum Yum that includes shrimp, crabmeat and mushrooms; red beans and rice with grilled sausage; and spaghetti and meatballs.

"We serve 'real' food that doesn't have preservatives and is freshly prepared," said Chef Darwell. Their slogan is "real food for real people."

According to Nettie, who learned how to bake from her grandmother, Vera Wooten, from around Carthage, "We drive to the Coast once a week to



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pick up supplies, because only the freshest will do." Nettie's Brownie Happiness is her creative outlet. Her brownies change daily.

Besides the huge traditional brownies, she makes them with apples, blue berries, cheesecake and banana pudding.

Father and son opened the Long Beach Darwell's Café on August 1, 2005, before Hurricane Katrina hit the Coast on August 29. Nettie said that God spared them as the water got 27 feet high, but only came to the back

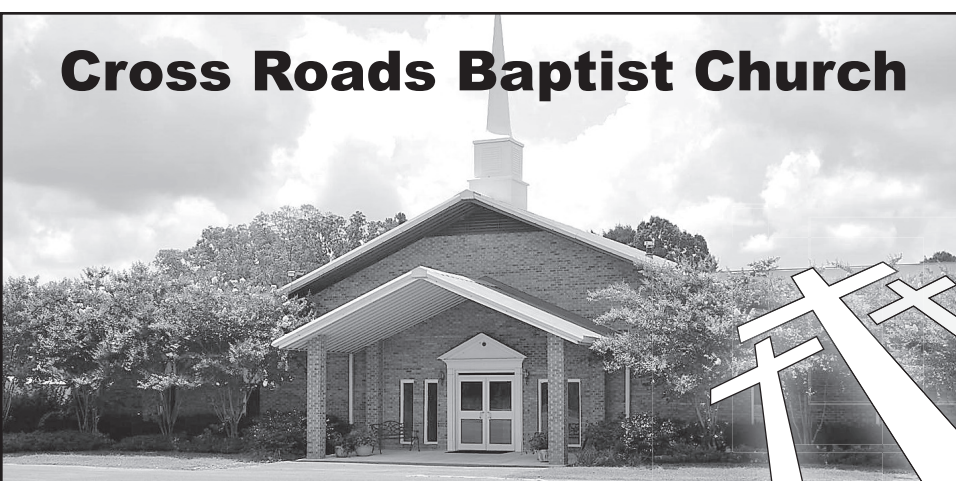
door of the restaurant. Because they were the first commercial account in Long Beach, they got their power back on first and spent their time helping victims of the hurricane and those helping with clean-up. They set up rigged showers, provided water, helped families get word when power was out, and cooked food for as many people as they could, and never charged them.

The family moved back to be around family and friends in the Metro Area. Darwell has a sister, Tina, and a brother, Sam, that live in the area. Another sister, Kristy, lives in Petal. Darwell is also planning to publish a cookbook in the future. Other locations are also a possibility.

Elizebeth, their 15-year-old daughter, is a tenth grader at Pearl High School, where she plays flute in the band and is taking culinary nutrition dual enrollment classes at Hinds Community College. She helps out at the restaurant when she can.

Darwell's Too menu can be viewed online and on Facebook. Hours of operation include Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. For more information or to place an order, call 769-235-6722.

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

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Pelahatchie United Methodist starting new mission programs

By Susie A. Wolfe

Since Beth Feisel became pastor of Pelahatchie United Methodist Church (UMC) and Gulde UMC a little over a year ago, she has seen the multi-generational small community churches continue faithfully with existing mission programs. She is also excited to announce some new programs in the works.

Her Sundays consist of 9-9:30 Sunday School at Gulde, with her preaching from 9:45-10:35. She then comes to Pelahatchie UMC for the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. Sunday School for all ages is held at the Pelahatchie church at 10 a.m., and Sunday Night Rockout / Youth Fellowship is held at 5 p.m. She said that they also celebrate the Lord's Supper every month.

There is a new class for elementary school age children, six through

ten years old, and a United Methodist Women's Bible Study will start Tuesday nights in October at the parsonage. October will also see the annual United Methodist Women Rummage Sale on October 6.

Feisel explained that though the churches each average 30 to 40 in attendance, they are "connectional churches, where God blesses the church and allows it to do more for missions and the community." She said the youth participate in mission opportunities, where they collect supplies to meet specific needs, and one hundred percent of what is donated goes to the cause.

Both Pelahatchie UMC churches are looking to grow and want to invite everyone to attend any of the services and events. For more information, visit the Pelahatchie and Gulde UMC Facebook pages.

Gibney receives the August 2018 Random Act of Kindness award



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Pelahatchie High School student, Rose Gibney, received the August 2018 Random Act of Kindness Student of The Month (SOTM) award.

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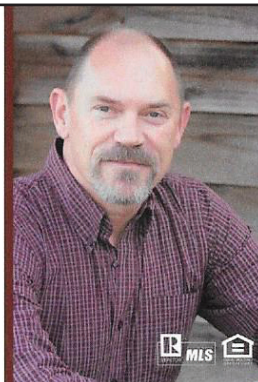
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ERA 2018-19 teams begin season



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The 2018-19 East Rankin Academy (ERA) varsity football team includes seniors Dawson Banes, Loftin Turnage, Owen Wolfe, Tyler Guy, Payten Young, and Nic Alford; juniors Patrick Martin, Lane Burgess, Dylan White, Trey Rhodes, Ty Branning, Ethan Reiss, Will Maroney, Hayden French, Trent Wuestefeld, Josh Phillips, and Cole Jones; sophomores Brock Tullos, Preston Turnage, Ben Carter, Jack Pittman, FJ Bradley, Haze Arinder, Knox Ross, Tucker Loper, Will Freeman, and Drew Fortenberry; and freshman Tate Fox. Coaches include Durwood Anderson, Jake Pickett, Steven Harrell, and Trent Taylor.




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ERA inducted 20 into National Honor Society



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) recently inducted twenty students into the National Honor Society. The group included three seniors and 17 juniors. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Tyler Betts, Cameron Bowman, Kealey Bradford, Neely Brunt, and Lane Burgess; second row: Anna Carlisle, Ethan Crain, Rachel Dearman, Madalyn Edwards, Jacob Gardner, Heidi Gray, and Cole Jones; and third row: Trey Rhodes, Riley Scoles, Shelby Sellers, Rachel Sikora, Kariana Simmons, Lexey Stuart, Dana Watkins, and Trent Wuestefeld.



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Mayor Ryshonda Beechem speaking during the open ceremony at the 2017 Muscadine Jubilee.



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By Ryshonda Beechem, Mayor of Pelahatchie

Pelahatchie is moving forward...the Town is making improvements to the lagoon; the Safe Room is 99.8% completed, just waiting on

MEMA approval on updated estimates; and businesses are opening in Town—Rankin County Portable Buildings,

Backroad Outlaws; Bob's Gas and Deep South Tactical. Thank you to the Town staff for their work on these projects.

I am also working on a \$50,000 grant for Milltown Park with the Mississippi Municipal League and hope to have good news to report soon.

Let me say welcome to visitors coming to Town for the 38th Annual Muscadine Jubilee on Saturday, September 8. Thanks to the Committee for taking on the project and all the businesses and vendors that continue to support Pelahatchie.

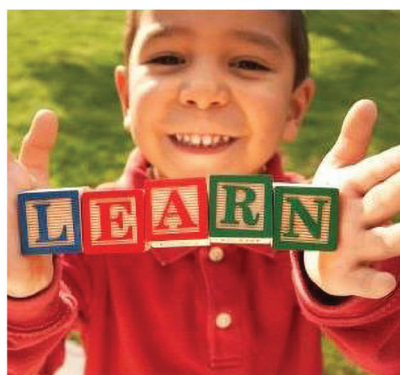
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Let's work together to reach childrens' potential



By Guest Columnist
 Lisa Attkisson,
 Pelahatchie Elementary
 School Principal

As demands and complexities of teaching children increase, it becomes more evident that we all need to work together

to ensure that our children reach their potential. We believe that all of us – the school and the community – must work together in an extended family environment to insure success for all our students. We believe it is everyone's responsibility to empower children with the creative, intellectual, and decision-making skills necessary for them to become academically, socially, physically, and emotionally successful and responsible.

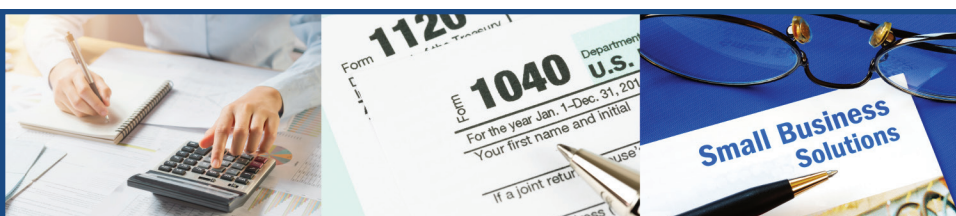
As parents, as educators, and as a community, we need to send the message to our kids that they can be anything they want to be when they grow up. The

sky truly is the limit. We know that some of our children will hold jobs that have yet to be created. Some will play a part in creating those jobs. The bottom line is, we want them to have choices concerning their life's work, and we want them to be happy with the choices they make. That means working together to make sure they are successful in school, kind and accepting of others, and physically and emotionally healthy. And, while we want to help them believe that the world is their oyster, we also need to equip them with the skills and experiences to endure the oyster's occasional nips as they search for its pearl.

As we begin another wonderful school year at Pelahatchie Elementary, I hope your child(ren) gain valuable insights, perspectives, understandings, intuitions and visions from their daily experiences that will help guide and shape their destinies. May you and your children continue to dream big, and may those dreams continue to come true.



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Balance the bench with Bennett



By Tameika Bennett

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While it is hard to discuss families without mentioning the impact of women, women have long been left out of the conversation in the Rankin County Judiciary. Rankin County has an opportunity to change its Chancery judiciary landscape by electing a woman Chancellor to the bench in Rankin County on November 6, 2018.

Meet Tameika Bennett. Tameika Bennett is a local attorney vying for Chancery Court Judge. The Chancery Court is charged with the unique responsibility of deciding matters related to divorces, adoptions, child custody, child support, wills and estate matters, guardianships, conservatorships, lunacy and commitment matters, and other related issues.

Tameika Bennett is a devoted wife and mother. Tameika is happily married to Rico Bennett and is the proud mother of three children, Jaida (9), Bree (4), and Deuce (1). Tameika has devoted her en-

tire tenure exclusively to chancery practice and has focused on matters impacting families in Rankin County. Tameika Bennett has the education, knowledge and experience to serve on day one, as she received her JD from the University of Mississippi School of Law and her bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. Tameika will focus on providing fairness, equity and justice to all citizens of Rankin County. Tameika's experience includes serving as a prosecutor for the State of Mississippi, associate attorney with YoungWilliams, Mike Espy, PLLC, and Moore Law Office, PLLC.

Bennett is currently a solo-practitioner and serves as the owner and managing partner of Bennett Law Office, PLLC. In addition to practicing Law, Bennett is active in the Rankin County community, where she serves a Girl Scout troop leader, an active youth leader and choir member at Truevine Baptist Church, and dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc.

To learn more about Tameika Bennett, visit www.votetameikabennett.com.

Dearman joins police department



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Brandon Dearman was approved by the Board as a part-time police officer with the Pelahatchie Police Department at the August Board Meeting. Originally from Pelahatchie, Dearman was serving with the Mendenhall PD.



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Feeling right this time of year



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By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School

What a GREAT start to the school year! With September upon us and the fall season approaching, I am reminded of a song I enjoyed as a high school freshman. "This Time of Year" by Better Than Ezra still feels appropriate to this day. A few of the lyrics below seem to capture the spirit of the fall season...

"Well there's a feelin' in the air
Just like a Friday afternoon
Yeah you can go there if you want
Though it fades too soon
So go on, let it be
If there's a feelin' coming over me
Seems like it's always understood this
time of year
Well I know there's a reason to change
Well I know there's a time for us
Think about the good times and you live
with all the bad
You can feel it in the air
Feelin' right this time of year"
There is definitely a "feelin'" in the air.

The congregation of our community at softball games as well as three consecutive football road trips has been a sight to behold. As I type, it is hard to hold back my want to highlight the successes of all our athletes and musicians. Today, I refrain only to applaud the efforts of those who have been entrusted to lead these young men and women on the playing field.

Whether it be softball, band, cheer, or football, your children are in great hands. Our coaches, sponsors, and directors do a tremendous job of setting expectations and then modeling those

expectations for their programs. They develop all levels of talent, are constantly coaching a competitive spirit, and teach our students to give way to self for the greater goal of team.

Great things are happening at Pelahatchie High School. Our students, faculty, and staff have all come together to create an exciting, as well as studious, school climate. With that being said, we are grateful as well for the unwavering support of the Pelahatchie community. I am proud to proclaim that Pelahatchie High School is "Feelin' right this time of year!"

Pelahatchie HS names new teachers



Special to Pelahatchie News

New Pelahatchie High School teachers for the 2018-2019 school year are pictured (l to r), front row: Abby Sweeney and Magdalena Lyles; and back row: Jim Harrison, Lavadius Lyles, Emily Hayes, Patrick Nutt, Nikki Nutt, and Lucas Cotnam.

PES welcomes new teachers



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The following teachers are new for 2018-2019. Pictured (l to r), front row, are: Stephanie Duan, Jessie Mason, Madison Pittman, Courtney McAlexander, Meagan Stewart, and Cari England on the floor; and second row: Wendy Vanover, Karen Griffin, Molly Sikes, Maggie Jones, Sindee Ludlum, Yolanda Adams, Mallory Parker, Charlotte Smith, and Lauren Mott. Not pictured are Toscha Robinson and Diane Smith.



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McKinley announces run for Circuit Court Judge



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Pelahatchie News
Bruce McKinley

By Bruce McKinley

Madison County Justice Court Judge, Bruce McKinley, announces his candidacy for Circuit Court Judge for Madison and Rankin Counties. Judge McKinley has served

as Justice Court Judge since 2011, being unopposed in 2015.

Judge McKinley has presided over

thousands of civil and criminal cases, including pre-indictment felony cases. As a practicing attorney for thirty-seven years, McKinley has represented clients across the state in Federal, Circuit, Chancery, Justice and Appellate Courts. McKinley is former General Counsel and Hearing Examiner for the Mississippi Public Service Commission and is a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Arbitrator. For thirteen years, Judge McKinley has served on the National Association of Regulatory Com-

missioners' staff sub-committee on law and is a past president of The National Regulatory Attorneys Conference.

Judge McKinley is a graduate of Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi School of Law. He is married to the former Melanie E. May, and is the father of five children and has one grandchild. The family is active in St. Columb's Episcopal Church, where MrKinley serves on the vestry.

Judge McKinley has served on the Board of Directors of the Central Mis-

issippi Planning and Development District and on the Board of Directors of the Magnolia Speech School. He is a former Chairman of the Mississippi Dual Party Relay System Advisory Committee and is former Legal Advisor for the Jackson Jaycees.

Judge McKinley feels that his seven years service as a Judge, plus his thirty-seven years of diversified practice as an attorney, have uniquely prepared him to serve as Circuit Judge of Madison and Rankin Counties.

ERA 2018 varsity girls soccer



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The 2018-19 East Rankin Academy (ERA) varsity girls soccer team includes seniors Claire Reeves and Bailey Thompson; juniors Anna Claire Shamburger, Mackenzie Weissmann, Neely Brunt, and Maile Tubbs; sophomores Maggie Leach, Halle Huffman, Anna Castle Peden, Macy Brunt, Adyson Tadlock, and Breanna Harrison; and freshmen Karlee Harrison; and seventh - eighth graders Kyla Kate Huffman, Madison Tigrett, Abbie Hutson, Mary Hayden Logan, Madeline Logan, Aubrey Tigrett, Mary Kellan Sartin, Lillie Cofer, Lainey Channell, Carley Dawkins, and Rivers Gilreath.

2018 ERA varsity Lady Patriots fastpitch



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The 2018-19 East Rankin Academy (ERA) varsity Lady Patriot fastpitch softball team includes senior Anna Carlisle; juniors Chealsea Quick, Riley Scoles, Aliyah Smith, Kariana Simmons, Kealey Bradford, Madison Perry, and Chloe Wallace; sophomore Olivia Hales; freshman Kate Betts; and seventh-eighth graders Olivia Banes, Mackenzie Kelly, Amanda Newman, Katiana Haymen, Rylea Irby, Lana Jones, Abigail Stevens, Alissa Holmes, Alyssa Woods, Anna Leigh Dearing, Bailey Bauman, and Allison Thompson.



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ERCO Back to School Bash a success



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One hundred fifty students received book bags and supplies at the July 28 Back to School Bash in Muscadine Park.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO) coordinated the Back to School Bash on July 28 at Muscadine Park. The event, sponsored by the Town of Pelahatchie and Liberty Baptist Church, gave 150 book bags with supplies to needy students in Town.

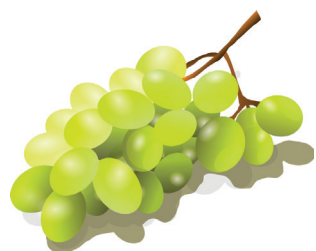
More than 355 folks came together to

enjoy activities and worship the Lord, according to Kathy Jo Latham, ERCO director. Liberty Baptist Church had 50 volunteers providing free hot dogs, hamburger plates, 40+ door prizes, water slide, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy, as well as backpacks and school supplies. The Rankin County Baptist Association and Adventure Jumps also provided bouncy houses.

Choices for Children provided free health screenings to families, and Magnolia Health had goodie bags and health screenings, plus their "Maggie" was entertaining the crowd. Greater Works Ministries provided the water tent, and The Gathering Church had a dress-up booth.

"I have learned when God leads you to a specific mission with such a passion, if we will just follow Him, He will show us

His mighty hands at work," said Latham. "This is what happened with the Back to School Bash. God began and carried out this amazing event bigger and better than any of us could have ever imagined. From book bags and supplies, health screenings, food and games to worship and praise and loving smiles, everyone attending was blessed in some way. To God be the glory!"



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Odom announces run for Rankin County Chancery Judge



Special to
Pelahatchie News
Troy Odom

By Troy Odom

Friends, I ask for your vote on November 6 for Rankin County Chancery Judge. Chancellor John Grant retires this year after a distinguished career, and it is important to elect a judge who will uphold Rankin County's conservative values. The chancery court determines issues involving family law, property and probate matters. Aside from our relationship with the Lord, there is nothing more important than family -- that is why I am running.

My experience is broad and varied. In 2002, I graduated with honors from Ole Miss Law School, and for over six-

teen years, I've maintained a general chancery practice with Blair & Bondurant in Brandon. I've served as a Guardian ad Litem, where I safeguard the best interests of children involved in chancery proceedings. It is also my pleasure to serve as the Prosecutor for the City of Pearl. In 2017, the Board of Supervisors appointed me as the Hearing Officer for Waste Management. I am also legal counsel for the Rankin County Chancery Clerk in estate and guardianship matters.

I am an adjunct professor at Ole Miss Law and Mississippi College Law Schools, where I teach second and third year law students. Mississippi College Law School named me Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2018.

I am the past President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of the Rankin Coun-

ty Bar and Mississippi Oil and Gas Lawyers. I've served as a board member for the Capital Area Bar and Mississippi Association of Petroleum Landmen. While an officer of the Rankin County Bar, I chaired and organized the following Wills for Heroes events for local first responders: Rankin County Sheriff's Department (2011), Brandon Fire (2012), Pearl Police (2013), Reservoir Fire (2014), and Flowood Police (2016).

In our community, I serve on the Board of Directors for the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce, and as a past board member of the Flowood/Reservoir YMCA and Rankin County Animal Adoption Foundation. In 2016, I served as President of the Flowood Rotary Club. I am also the former chairman of the Rankin County Republican Party

Executive Committee where it was my pleasure to help elect conservative leaders for Rankin County.

I've been married to the former Brittany Gore for sixteen years. Together, we share the joy of raising our children, Caroline (13) and Hayes (12). Brittan previously taught ninth grade English at Brandon High School and served as the yearbook sponsor. We are members of First Presbyterian Church where Brittan, and I have taught Sunday School for several years. I previously chaired the diaconate at Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for your prayers and support. As Chancery Judge, I promise to always follow the example of Grace shown to me daily by our Lord and Savior.

Pelahatchie High School 2018 Football Squad



Special to Pelahatchie News

The 2018 Pelahatchie Chiefs football team includes the following team members: Javeious Purvis, number one; Jamal Johnson, two; Ian Jackson, three; Avery Lewis, four; Quay Ragsdale, five; CJ Wilder, six; Ahmad Johnson, seven; Kelreiz Stokes, eight; Cameron Watkins, nine; J.D. Williams, ten; Matthew Day, eleven; Cass Walters, twelve; Mikilan Taylor, thirteen; J.J. McKinnis, fourteen; Matthew Harper, fifteen; Blake Ferguson, twenty; Joe Alexander, twenty-one; Jacob Jordan, twenty-two; Caleb Moore, twenty-three; Jay Denson, twenty-four; Colby Henderson, twenty-five; Chance Boone, thirty; Garrett Day, thirty-two; Morgen Dawson, thirty-six; Sterling Simmons, forty-two; Justin Beeman, fifty; Kody Watson, fifty-one; Carlos Felix, fifty-two; Tariq Dampeer, fifty-four; Damarkus McNair, fifty-five; Kenner Doster, fifty-six; Hunter Westbrook, fifty-eight; Nathan Atwood, sixty; Greg Beemon, sixty-one; Hayze Hutzal, sixty-two; Hunter Langley, sixty-three; Warren Ryals, sixty-six; Cody Holmes, seventy; Jack Macklin, seventy-three; Jacob Thompson, seventy-seven; Gunner Till, seventy-eight; Cooper Simon, eighty; eighty-one; and Matthew Smith, eighty-two. Coaches are (l to r) Dylan Parker, Jim Harrison, Sam Williams, Patrick Creel, and Cedrick Wilder.

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Pastor's perspective: Good communication makes a difference



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

Last month, our daughter Michelle and her husband, Jay, moved to China. They will be teaching in an international school in the city where they live. They were very excited about the move and the new adventures that they are facing. One of the worst things about them going is that they took their four children with them! That's four of our six grandchildren. They are ages 13, 12, eight and five. Of course, Kathy and I can't complain too much about them doing this, since we did something similar to our parents when we moved to Brazil and took our children with us when they were about the same ages.

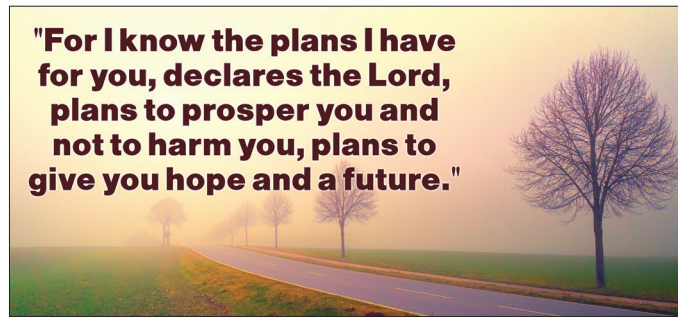
Our move to Brazil was 31 years ago, and a lot of things have changed since then. We had telephones back then, but since it cost about \$15 per minute for international calls, we didn't call much. And e-mail didn't even exist, much less all of the other technological

advances in communications. So, we relied on stamped mail and the postal systems in the U.S. and Brazil for our source of communication. We called it "snail mail," because it took at least two weeks for a letter to arrive.

But now communications are instantaneous using various computer programs and telephone apps. In fact, we can actually see one another over the phone. So, we have already received a tour of their apartment, the school where they will be teaching, and the kids will attend, the beautiful gardens surrounding their apartment building, the church that they are attending and various other sites as they travel around. Good communications sure do make a difference!

Another thing that has changed is the fact that we were required to stay "on the field" for at least three years, before we could return to the U.S. We actually stayed almost four years before returning to the U.S. for the first time. But Michelle and her family will be able to return once every year at company expense. So, we'll get to see those grandchildren a lot more often than our parents saw theirs.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



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ness and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and

do this or that."

One of the main reasons we are content seeing them make this move is the fact that we know they prayed about it and are confident that this is the Lord's will for them at this time. That same confidence is what made it possible for us to move to Brazil those many years ago.

As believers in Christ, we also believe God's Word, which clearly teaches that God has a will for every person He has ever created. And as believers, it is important to follow God's will. But we often run ahead of God, and if we aren't careful, we can miss the plan He has for us. James 4:13-15 talks about this, "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on busi-

And Jeremiah 29:11-13 reminds us, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

So, there it is, when we seek the Lord with all our heart, we will find Him, and He will certainly reveal His perfect will for our lives. When we follow His will, He gives us hope and blesses our future. Doing His will is always the best thing we could ever do!

So, seek the Lord, and be sure to take your family to church on Sunday!

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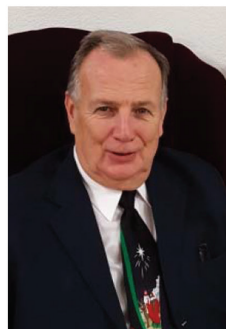
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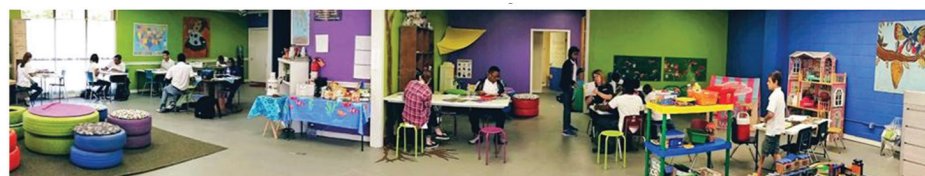
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Robinson named Special Olympics' Coach of the Year

By Susie A. Wolfe

Connie Robinson, of the Shiloh area, was named the 2017 Coach of the Year by Special Olympics Mississippi. She was nominated by her peers in the Capital Region and voted on by coaches around the state. The award was presented at the State Sports Awards in May.

Robinson has coached more than 20 years. The sports include basketball, bocce, softball, flag football, horsehoes and track, with bocce, softball and flag football being most recent. Her son, Luke Robinson, was featured in last month's *Pelahatchie News* for winning a bronze medal at the Special Olympics in Seattle in July.

According to Sam Wells, Special Olympics Marketing and Development Director, "Connie was chosen because she is good with the athletes and is dedicated. She always shows up."

There are 4,500 Special Olympics'

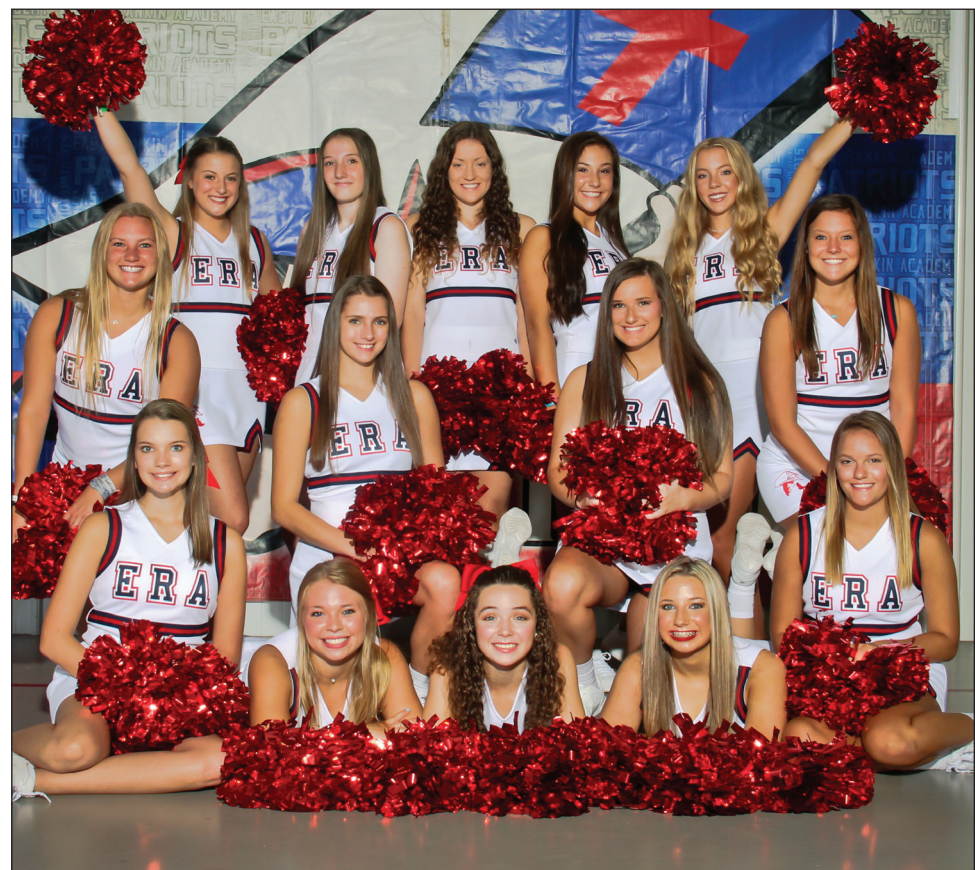


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Connie Robinson, center, was named Special Olympics' 2017 Coach of the Year. Pictured (l to r) is Coach Derrick Finley, Robinson, and Smith Haralson.

athletes in Mississippi and around 500 coaches. Wells said that they are always looking for coaches, volunteers and athletes.

East Rankin varsity cheer



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The 2018-19 East Rankin Academy (ERA) varsity cheerleaders include seniors Ady Copley, Rachel Dearman, Hannah Howard, Taylor Hudson, Paige Loper, Mollie Macon, and Taylor Turman; juniors Mallory Cole, Madalyn Edwards, and Rachel Sikora; and sophomores Emily Loe, Sydney Phillips, Hailey Rials, and Rylie Smith.



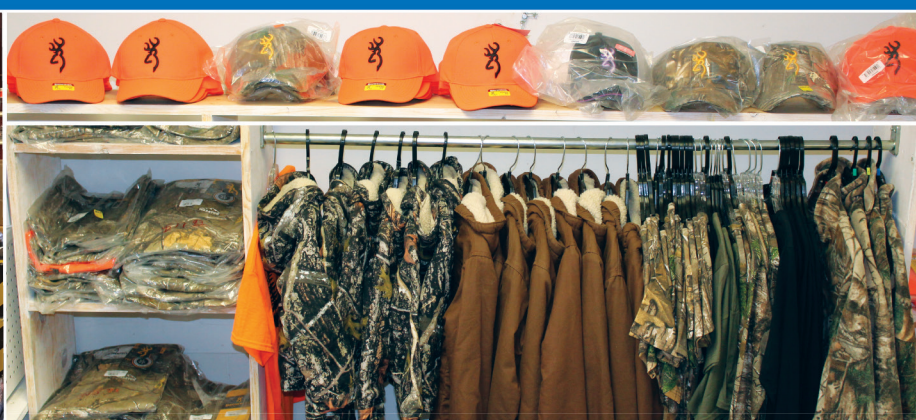
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