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RCSD approves cutting-edge school safety initiative

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On Wednesday, October 24, the Rankin County School District (RCSD) voted to approve a cutting-edge school safety initiative.

The RCSD Superintendent, Dr. Sue Townsend, and Board of Trustees committed to placing a law enforcement officer on all 28 campuses in the 2018/2019 budget. Their primary focus is keeping the students and faculty safe. For years, the Rankin County Sheriff, Bryan Bailey, Brandon Police Department, and Flowood Police Department have provided law enforcement officers at many of the high schools and middle schools.

The initiative was to have an inter-local agreement between the Sheriff's Office, Richland Police Department and



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Rankin County School District (RCSD) is focusing on keeping the students and faculty safe. A cutting-edge school safety initiative has been approved to move forward on their safety plans.

Florence Police Department to place Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) on campuses that did not previously have LEOs.

While many of these officers will begin their positions immediately, many are in the process of being hired and receiving their certification at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer Training Academy.

According to Townsend, "Rankin County is fortunate to have law enforcement agencies, a Board of Supervisors, and Boards of Aldermen who support their schools and see the importance of providing a safe and secure learning environment."

Burchfield and Johns receive RCSD awards

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At the November 14 board meeting, the Rankin County School District (RCSD) presented the October 2018 awards, which included two Pelahatchie High School (PHS) administrative staff. Dr. Teague Burchfield, principal of PHS, was named Secondary Administrator of the Month, and Brandi Johns, PHS counselor, received the Secondary Certified Employee of the Month award.

The School District recognized Dr. Burchfield for having "developed a relationship with students and teachers that motivates them to perform well. He constantly pushes students and teachers to reach their full potential. Dr. Burchfield's competitive nature has lit a fire under even the most



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Counselor Brandi Johns and Principal Dr. Teague Burchfield were recognized at the RCSD Board Meeting in November.

apathetic student. They see that he believes in them, and they want to grow to meet the goals he has set for our school!"

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ERA team crowned Old Capital Bowl Champions



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) students participated in the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools Annual Chess Tournament held on November 1. Jett Stuart (left) placed second in the individual competition, and Peyton Patrick (right) was named Junior Varsity Champion.

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Davis serves as zoning administrator

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Pelahatchie native Joe Davis is the new zoning administrator, hired after Ricky Harrell resigned. He is a retired Color Box pre-press operator. He also previously served as Pelahatchie mayor in 1980 and a member of the Board of Aldermen. He will handle zoning and residential inspections.

Davis is married to Glenda Bowman Davis and they have two children, Curt who lives in Brandon and Jenni Lambert who lives in Corinth. They have four grandchildren.



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Burchfield and Johns receive RCSD awards

Dr. Burchfield has set a goal for PHS to "Own 43," or best the other two schools, Pisgah and Puckett. The school has really taken to this as they have owned 43 on the football field this season. They also plan to do so with benchmarks and state testing throughout this year.

Mrs. Johns was recognized for "managing all of the junior high and high school students at Pelahatchie. She makes the job look easy no matter the circumstance. Mrs. Johns wants to help all students. She has gone into class-

rooms at the teacher's request to observe them and their students so that she can help the students become the best students they can be. She wants to see how the students interact with one another so that they can be in the best environment every class. Mrs. Johns devotes her time to all the students of the school. She wants to make sure all students are successful, whether they are college or career bound. Mrs. Johns helps all students on an academic and emotional level."

ERA students attend Quiz Bowl Camp



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Sixth grade Quiz Bowl Camp students pictured (l to r) front row, are: Evan McIlwain, Lane Riemann, Lydia Collipp, Audrey Mayatte, Audrey Hawk, Brooke Shedd, Abby Raines, and Keely Smith; and back row: Marshall Poole, Gabe Nutt, Abram Rowell, Michael Kanengiser, Jordan Porter, Preston Pennington, Jonathan Soto, and Will Burrow.

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Sixth grade East Rankin Academy (ERA) students recently participated in elementary quiz bowl camp that tests players on a wide variety of academic subjects. During camp, students are read questions and try to score points for their team by buzzing first on a quiz bowl buzzer system and re-

sponding with the correct answers. Teams with correct answers then work together on team bonus questions. Students gained exposure to a broad range of school and cultural subjects along with the opportunity to increase higher level thinking and speed skills. Quiz bowl camp participants also developed their abilities to cooperate and work in teams.



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Carlisle signs with Mississippi Delta



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Anna Mae Carlisle signed today to play softball with Mississippi Delta Community College. She played shortstop on the East Rankin team that placed third overall in the state tournament. Carlisle was named to the 4A All-Star Team. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Carrie Carlisle, mother; Holly Parker, sister; Anna Mae; Aiden, brother; and Joe Carlisle, father; and back row: Head Coach Joe Renfrow, and assistant coaches Skyla Perry and Seth Cheatham.

ERA Chess Team places second



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The East Rankin Academy (ERA) Junior Varsity Chess Team finished second place at the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools Annual Chess Tournament held on November 1. Team members pictured (l to r) are: Tyler Williams, Jett Stuart, Peyton Patrick, and Brooke Renfroe



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Goode joins Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission

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Carlee Goode of Pelahatchie has accepted a position with the State of Mississippi, Soil & Water Conservation Commission (MSWCC) effective November 1.

Goode graduated from Mississippi State University (MSU) with a degree in biology and a minor in wildlife, fisheries and aquaculture/human-wildlife conflict.

At MSWCC, Goode will be the field representative for the east central portion of the state. She previously worked at MSU in the college of Forest Resources, where she conducted surveys of vegetation and avian point-count, identified North American mammals, and compiled and organized data files.

A Paddlefish Research volunteer, Goode has attended a Bird ID Bootcamp at Bankhead National Forest in Alabama. In her spare time, she enjoys riding her horses and spending time with her dogs.

The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission is charged through the Mississippi Soil and Water



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Carlee Goode joined the State of Mississippi, Soil & Water Conservation Commission on November 1.

Conservation Law to effectively guide and promote the conservation, development, protection and proper utilization of the soil, water and related resources of the state.

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Brenda Sellers White

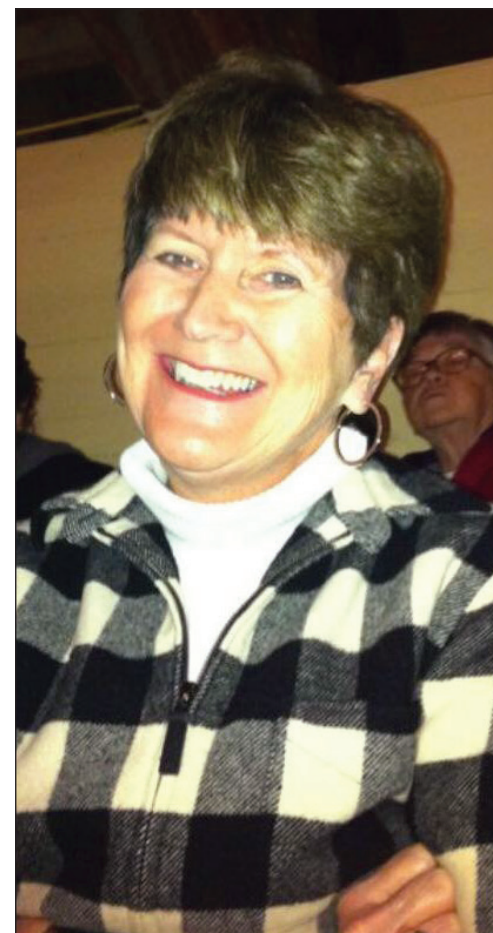
August 7, 1947-November 8, 2018

Brenda Sellers White, a resident of Pelahatchie, Miss., passed away on November 8, 2018, at the age of 70 years.

Mrs. White is survived by her husband, Kenneth and their children, Jay (Katie) and Robin (Shane). Brenda will also be fondly remembered by her 5 grandchildren, Drew, Jordan, Reagan, Kaitlyn, and Payton and by her sister, Pam Shumate, and her brother-in-law Mickey.

Funeral Services were held on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., at the Ott & Lee Funeral Home, 1360 W Government Street, Brandon, with Rev. Ted Giordano officiating. A graveside service was held at Shiloh United Methodist Church.

Brenda grew up in Brandon, Mississippi. She spent the rest of her life in Pelahatchie after marrying Kenneth White on April 4, 1969. Brenda held many jobs at Pelahatchie Elementary and High Schools, but her favorite job was as the school librarian. She also led the choir at Pelahatchie Methodist Church for 30 years.



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ERA salutes veterans in November program



Photo by Pelahatchie News

The sixth annual "Salute to our Veterans" program was held at East Rankin Academy (ERA) on November 8. The K-5 Bell Choir is shown playing "God Bless America" at the beginning of the program that honored around 30 men and women who had served or are serving our country.

Sweetgum isn't so bad after all



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

Most people are familiar with sweetgum, however, many are not aware of the range of ecologic and economic benefits of the species. Foresters schooled in pine silviculture look to sweetgum as a weed species in need of eradication in the name of pine health. Landowners see little benefits in the species when encountering the fast growing invader that drops huge quantities of those familiar spiked balls on lawns, pathways, flower gardens, driveways, etc. However, sweetgum does play a highly beneficial role in hardwood ecosystems.

Sweetgum is commonly found in bottoms across the South and is well-known for colonizing old fields, cutovers, and other open areas. The species can be found ranging from Connecticut southwards to Central Florida and west into Southern Illinois and eastern Oklahoma and Texas. It is one of the most site tolerant species, growing on both dry and wet sites. Sweetgum is also one of the fast-



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Sweetgum trees do play a highly-beneficial role in hardwood ecosystems, though many consider it a weed species.

est growing hardwoods species in the southern United States.

One of the most misunderstood aspects of sweetgum is its economic viability. Wood from the species can be used for pulp, low-grade saw timber, high grade lumber, and veneer in plywood manufacturing. From an ecological standpoint, the species serves in an important role in stem quality improvement of shade intolerant species like oaks. It serves as a "trainer" to help promote upward growth of oak stems and early self-pruning of defect causing branches. Also, the species provides a necessary home for many species of birds and highly nutritious seeds, as high as 28% protein, which are readily consumed by birds, squirrels, and other rodents.

Kristen Smith is Mrs. Pelahatchie 2019



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Kristen Smith is Mrs. Pelahatchie 2019. She won a title in Magee and got to choose her title for Pelahatchie, because that's where she is from. Smith is a stay-at-home mom for her two daughters, Avery Lum and Pais-

ley Smith. She has won three pageants since she has been an adult, being named queen in all. She will go to the State Competition November 2019 to compete for the Mrs. Magnolia State Title. She is married to Cody Smith and looks forward to representing Pelahatchie.



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Mayor holds Prayer Breakfast in October



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Volunteers who helped make the Muscadine Jubilee and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast happen are pictured (l to r): Alicia Weem, Jearleen Holly, Marie Harper, Kordia Mosley, Shemecka Johnson, Sandra Harvey, Patsy Watson and Kathy Mosley.

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was held Saturday, October 27 at Mt. Car-

mel Baptist Church. Mayor Ryshonda Beechem welcomed local elected officials and political candidates from around Rankin County. After Hanna

Caldwell sang the National Anthem and the presentation of the colors, Attorney Thomas Bellinder and former Hinds County District Attorney

Faye Peterson spoke on leadership. The crowd enjoyed raffles and music as well as a full breakfast and fellowship.



Mayor Ryshonda Beechem is talking with Sheriff Bryan Bailey, left, and Irl Dean Rhodes, former Rankin County government official, at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in October.



District Attorney Michael Guest, newly-elected to the House Third District, is shown with Tanya Dobbs, Brandon Alderman Ward Six, and District One Rankin County Supervisor Jared Morrison.



Pelahatchie United Methodist Church Pastor Beth Feisel is shown with Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Ronnie Brown.



Former Hinds County District Attorney Faye Peterson is shown with Michael Guest, Irl Dean Rhodes and Rankin County Sheriff Bryan Bailey at the October 27 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.



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Edwards serves as Homecoming escort



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Pelahatchie second grader Dawson Edwards had the honor of escorting his sister, Kyndal Patton, seventh-grade maid, in Homecoming festivities at the October 5 game. His father, Brian Edwards, a former Pelahatchie High School baseball coach, escorted Camden Patton, the eighth-grade maid. Pictured (l to r) are: Brian Edwards, Kyndal Patton, Camden Patton and Dawson Edwards.

Thompson signs with Holmes



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East Rankin Academy "Most Beautiful" and soccer/basketball player Bailey Thompson signed to play soccer at Holmes Community College next year. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Mackenzie, Presley, Bailey, Susanne and Grant Thompson from Pelahatchie; and back row: grandparents Doug and Connie Banes and Paul and Pam Thompson, and aunt, Jessica Thompson.

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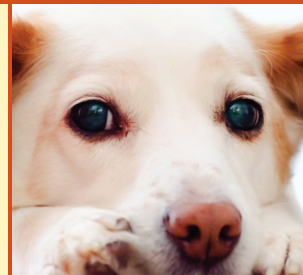
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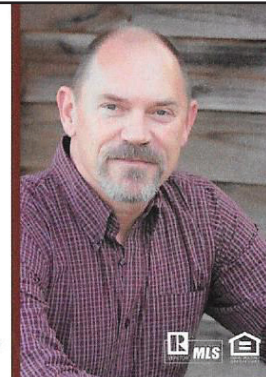
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Mayor Ryshonda Beechem & family



It's okay to say Merry Christmas

By Susie A. Wolfe

The holidays are many things to many people. Some say you must be politically correct and say Happy Holidays, while others feel it's okay to say

Merry Christmas. The town leaders and businesses in Pelahatchie want to encourage you to be safe this holiday and have the merriest of Christmases. Remember to shop local when you can.

Upcoming Christmas events

Special to Pelahatchie News

There are a couple of Christmas events coming soon.

The Pelahatchie Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 8, at 10 a.m. in Downtown Pelahatchie. The theme is "A Magical Disney Christmas."

Shiloh United Methodist Church presents "Journey to Bethlehem and Beyond" from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 8 and Sunday December 9 at the church on Shiloh Road. It is a drive-thru trip to Bethlehem and through the life of Jesus.



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Pelahatchie pageant held in November



Fourth through sixth grade finalists pictured (l to r) are: Princess Winner Mallory Myers, and Beau Winner Jacob Atkinson



Winners in the first through third grade division include (l to r) Princess Avery Grace Lum, and Beau Branch Boyer, and Beauty Celeste Adams.



Pictured (l to r) are winners in the K4-K5 division: Beau Winner DeQuinn Ward, and Princess Winner Kylii Lynn Russum



Pictured (l to r) are: Pelahatchie Pageant Beauty Kiersten Martin and Princess Winner Haylee Atkinson.



Freshmen Beauty Madison Broome is pictured in her dress at the Pageant.



Sophomore Beauties named pictured (l to r) are: Malori Scherer, Meghan Herrington, and Katie Belle Boyer.



Junior Beauty was Anna Grace Carter.



Senior Beauties pictured (l to r) are: Leilani Key, Dajah Reynolds, and Cheyenne Myers.



Photos special to Pelahatchie News Katie Bayliss was named Most Beautiful at the Pelahatchie Pageant.



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Town in turmoil



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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are shown at their swearing-in in July, 2017. Pictured (l to r) are: Michael Adams, Frank Boyd, Margie Warren, James Harrell, Eddie Jones and Mayor Ryshonda Beechem.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Filing legal claims is rampant in Pelahatchie these days. Mayor Ryshonda Beechem gave City Clerk Tommy Lyle, and Aldermen Margie Warren and Eddie Jones, letters outlining an official notice of claims to them and the Town at the November 5 Board Meeting. The Mayor cited violation of Mississippi Law, including: Aldermen giving direction to City employees regarding their duties; the City Clerk taking actions constituting insubordination and serious breach of proper discipline; and the Aldermen cutting the Mayor's salary from \$1,000 to \$250 a month.

Then, the Board of Aldermen voted No Confidence in the Mayor at the meeting. Only Alderman Frank Boyd voted "no."

"Due to the bad publicity, the illegal practices, and harassment of City employees, I recommend that the Board vote No Confidence in our Mayor," said Mayor Pro Temp Margie Warren.

According to City Attorney Michael Wolf, the vote of No Confidence is a public statement, not an act of law. There is no impeachment process to remove a mayor or alderman except for cases of felonies or corruption.

Also pending is the notice of claim demand from the Office of State Auditor (OSA) toward the former mayor

and the past board, and the new mayor, including the two new aldermen, Eddie Jones and James Harrell. The State Auditor issued the \$500K demand in May, and it was passed to the Attorney General (AG) for enforcement. Though no embezzlement or criminal activity is being charged, the Auditor's findings do indicate that Drug Seizure funds were misappropriated and need to be repaid to the police department's budget. The first demand of \$421,688.10 represents the period of January 2015 to June 2017. The second demand, \$80,694.97, is for July 2017 to December 2017.

At this point, there is discussion between the bonding company and the AG and OSA on whether the bonds cover the specifics in this case. There may be no liability coverage for the Aldermen, city clerks and others named.

There is also an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) complaint filed by former Deputy Clerk Ruby Burns-Ward. The EEOC investigates complaints of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age and disability.

Finally, there is a petition to the Public Service Commission concerning water rates for Pelahatchie Estates outside city limits. An administrative hearing needs to take place to work out details, said Wolf.

PES names October Students of the Month



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The October Students of the Month were named at Pelahatchie Elementary (PES). Pictured (l to r), front row, are: Tynsley Bryant, Abel Pineda, Easton Laughlin, Skyler Snow, Anistyn Hannah, Julian Wash, and Casen Kilgore; second row: Heaven Lewis, Cameron Massey, Adrian Beard, Celeste Adams, Khloe McLaurin, Arly Irby, and Gabriel Becker; and third row: Brooke Paal, C.J. Pegram, Joshua Davidson, Sarai Felix, Dameon Flores, Eli Adams, Damarion Snow, Blake Hall, Christian Bull, Noah Burkes. Not pictured are Jamie Hill and Evan Shows.

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Strong finish in semester one



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By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School

With Thanksgiving break behind us and only a couple of weeks left of school before we break again for the Christmas holiday season, I would like to take this time to share with you a few "Goings On" for our students at Pelahatchie High School.

First of all, our first benchmark was a success! We challenged our students to do their very best, and we rewarded the highest performing classes with pizza and doughnuts. After comparing this year's first benchmark scores from last year, we are excited to announce that we improved in every category but one. While there is still work to be done, we are encouraged that our students met the challenges that were given to them.

Currently, we are challenging our students to improve on their second benchmark score from their first one. With teachers introducing new content

as well as reteaching necessary skills for further growth, we anticipate all of our students to meet the challenge yet again. The next benchmark assessment will be given upon our return from the Christmas holidays.

Also, make sure to check our website for "Test Week" details; this includes the semester exam schedule as well as test week policies (Check Out Process) that help protect our classroom from any unnecessary interruptions. Regarding the semester exam, with it weighing 20% of the overall semester grade for a class, what a tremendous opportunity it is for all students to improve their semester grade. With that being said, help us coach up yours to finish the semester on a positive note.

To close, and on behalf of everyone at Pelahatchie High School, I would like to wish you all a restful, safe, and joyful holiday season with your family and friends. And as we close 2018, let's reflect on the great work that has been done by everyone in the Pelahatchie High School Family; and, as for 2019, let's ALL make a decision to continue to build on the successes our Chiefs have already achieved.

Pelahatchie High School names student awards for October



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JT Magee is the recipient of PHS' Character Trait (contentment) of the Month.

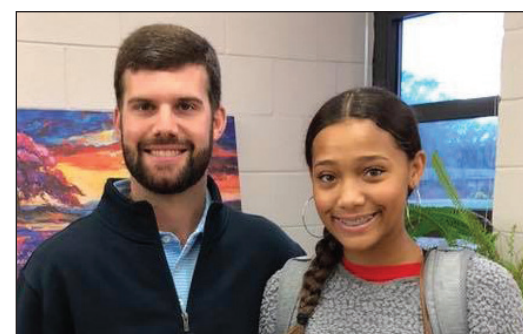


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Jacey Cooper was named October Female Athlete of the Month. She is shown with sponsor Tanner Wilson of Farm Bureau, left.



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LaKindria Rideout was named the October Extra-Curricular Student of the Month. She received a meal gift card to Bob's Gas.



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Devin Irvin was named the October Extra-Curricular Student of the Month. Pictured (l to r) is Principal Dr. Teague Burchfield with Irvin. He received a meal gift card to Bob's Gas.



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CJ Wilder was named the October Male Athlete of the Month. Pictured (l to r) are: Tanner Wilson of Farm Bureau, Wilder, and Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Sam Williams.

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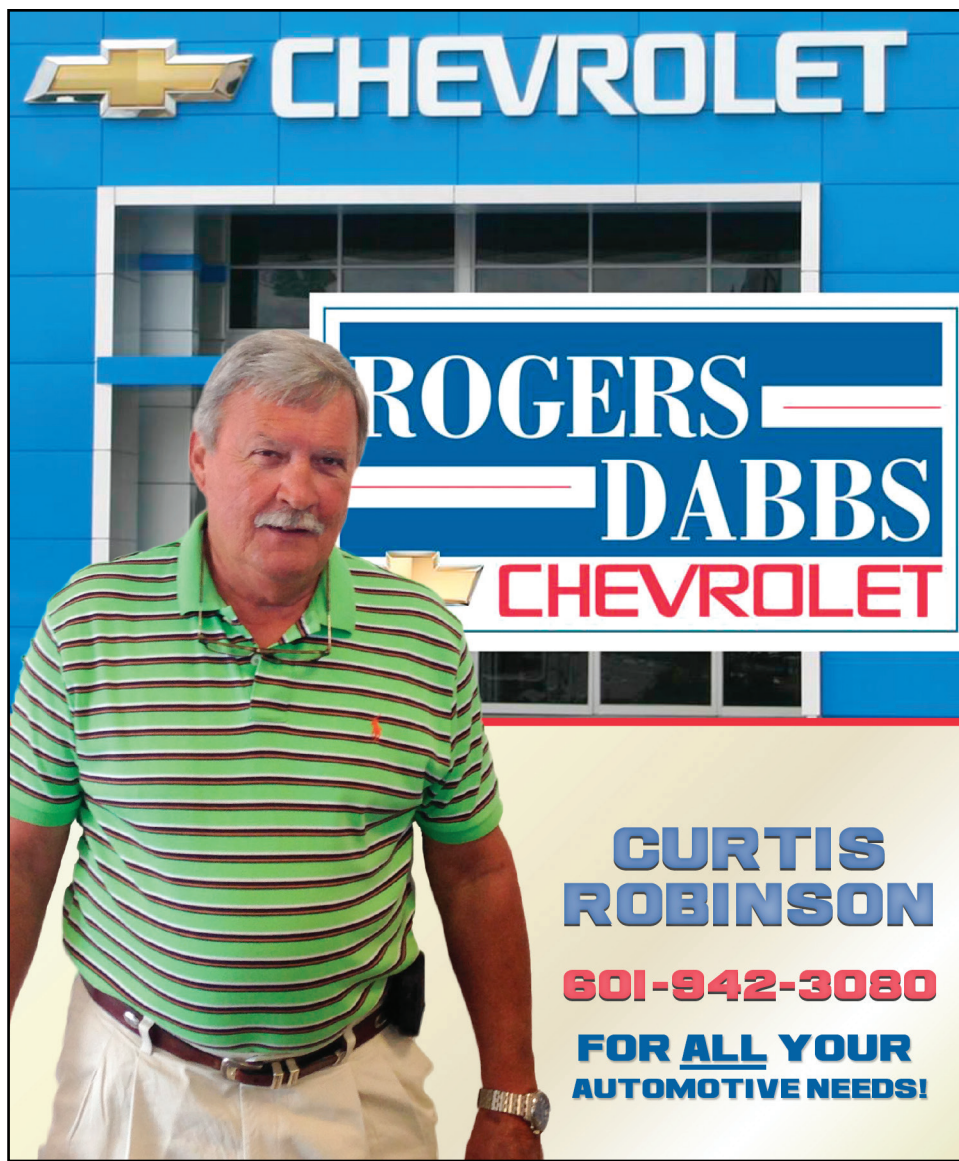
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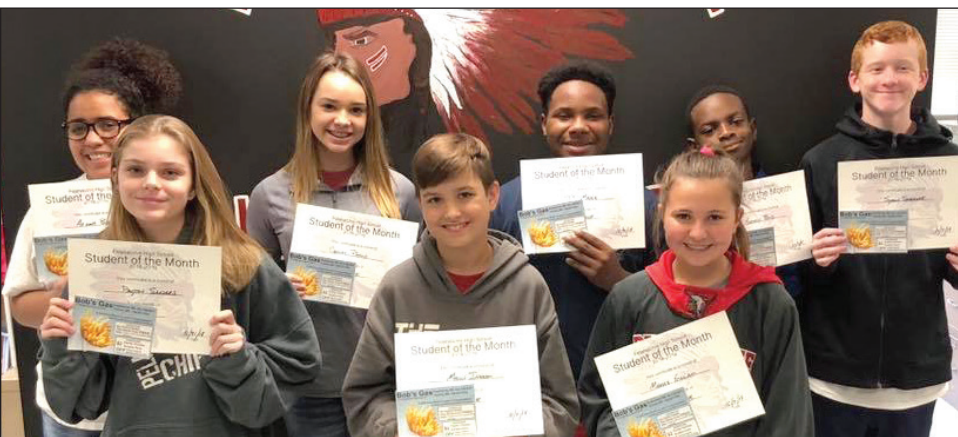


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PJHS and PHS Students of the Month



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The Pelahatchie Middle School October Students of the Month pictured (l to r) front row, are: Payton Sanders, Mason Ingram, and Maggie Gilliam; and back row: Arrianna Beeman, Camden Patton, Jeterius Magee, Antwon Blue, and Symon Stringer.



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The Pelahatchie High School (PHS) October Students of the Month pictured (l to r) front row, are: Malcolm McGee, Christina Flores, Andrianna Macklin, Katie Belle Boyer, and Scarlett Castillo; middle row: Hayden Huff and Jacob Davidson; and back row: Bailey Johnson, Haley Mills, Will Sanford, Tyia Hoad, Ahmad Johnson, and Cody Holmes. Not pictured are Jared Goodin, Heather Smith, and Chandler Rust. Not shown are Jared Goodin, Heather Smith and Chandler Rust.

Danielson named PES Teacher of the Year



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Alexandrea Danielson, center, was named Pelahatchie Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. She is pictured with PES Principal Lisa Attkisson, left, and Assistant Principal Mijia Ward.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Alexandrea Danielson, an East Rankin graduate, has been named Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES)'s Teacher of the Year. She is in her second year teaching first grade at PES. She previously taught four years at Mendenhall.

"Mrs. Danielson is the whole package. She goes above and beyond to meet the

needs of students and co-workers. She has been mentoring two new teachers," according to Lisa Attkisson, principal.

Danielson graduated from Delta State with a degree in Elementary Education, and will earn a Master's in Education with a focus in Curriculum and Instruction from Mississippi College next month.

She and her husband, Ty, live in Brandon with their 2-year-old son, Philip.

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Pastor's perspective: Read this to your children on Christmas Eve



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

Twass the Night Before Christmas is a much-loved poem that was first published in 1823 and is attributed to Clement Clarke Moore. It depicts a visit from "St. Nick" to a home with the father of the home observing him as he delivered his gifts. Many families enjoy reading the poem to their children on Christmas Eve.

In recent years, a number of Christian oriented poems have been written following the pattern set by *Twass the Night Before Christmas*. I share one of them with you this month, the author of which is unknown.

Twass the Night Before Christmas a long time ago

"Twass the first night of Christmas a long time ago,

The hillside was peaceful, the moon was aglow.

The world couldn't know from what happened before,

That men would remember this night

evermore.

The sheep on the hillside - their days journey over,

Were dreaming sweet dreams of a field full of clover.

The shepherds were watchful while guarding their flock,

The earth was their pillow, the stars were their clock.

Then all of a sudden, they jumped at the sight

Of the sky all a blaze with a heavenly light.

They huddled in fear, then they started to rise

As the lightening-like flash tore open the skies.

The heavens were split by the silvery ray,

The dark disappeared and the night became day.

And lo, at the end of the rainbow of light

Appeared then an angel to banish their fright.

The angel brought news of a birth in a manger

And bade them to hasten to welcome the stranger.

For Mary had just given birth to a boy

Whose coming would bring so much comfort and joy.

A choir of angels looked down from the sky

And heavenly voices were heard from on high:

Peace be on earth and good will to all men.

The Savior has come on this night, Amen.

The heavenly angels then faded from sight,

The sky once again turned from day to night.

The shepherds all quietly rose from the ground,

And hurried to go where the child would be found.

As they reached Bethlehem and the inn was in sight

From the barn came a trickle of half-hidden light.

It led like a path to a soft little bed

And shone very tenderly on a child's head.

The child in the manger was sleeping so sound,

His eyes were still closed, as the shepherds stood round.

From that instant of grace on that night long ago

Thousands of years would be warmed by the glow.

Guided by light from a bright shining star

Came a pilgrimage led of three kings from afar.

They were dressed in the finest of satins and lace,

Their complexions were that of an Orient race.

The three wealthy kings were wise men and proud,

But they went to the Christ child and solemnly bowed.

They came bearing treasures of incense and gold

To that sweet little child, still not very old.

The star in the sky twinkled down from above,

The world was awakened to kindness and love.

The past was forgotten, the future was bright,

And the spirit of Christmas was born on that night."

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas! Remember why we celebrate Christmas in the first place.

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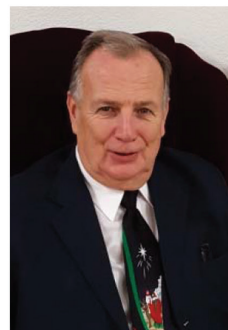
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David and Melanie Chandler are the pastors at Restoration Assembly of God in Davis Center. They gave turkeys to each person in the Pelahatchie Police Department for Thanksgiving. The church has bible study each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Justin Laster inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Special to Pelahatchie News

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

Laster 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.



Special to Pelahatchie News

Justin Laster was recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Ole Miss.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

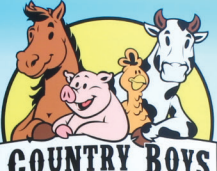


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