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Metro Player of the Year Johnson signs to play college football

By Susie A. Wolfe

Ahmad Johnson is following in the footsteps of Mississippi State Bulldog safety JP Purvis, who last year not only was a Player of the Week, but he was the Blitz 16 BankPlus Player of the Year. Johnson attended the Player of the Year Banquet at the Mississippi Sport Hall of Fame on December 10, where he also received that honor.

"It's a blessing to be a student athlete, but signing is all God's plan," said Johnson. "I want to thank my family, friends, mom and dad for blessing me with this talent...Special thanks to Pelahatchie High School (PHS) for allowing me to play the game of football and represent our community the right way."

"None of this would be possible with the best coach in Mississippi, Coach



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Ahmad Johnson signed his letter of intent to play football at the University of Louisiana Lafayette on December 18. Pictured (l to r) with his family, first row, are: grandmother, Sandra Johnson; mother, Tracy Johnson; Johnson; and dad, Chester Ferrell; and second row: aunt, Stacy Collier; and great-grandmother, Queen Johnson.

Williams," said Johnson. "He prepared me for the next level, and I want to give special thanks to PHS for believing in me to be the athlete I am today."

On December 14, Johnson played on the Mississippi team at the All-Star game against Alabama, which Mississippi won 17-16. The 6'1" lb. 215 line-backer also currently plays center for the Pelahatchie Chiefs' basketball team. He was also on the track team.

Johnson, who attended Pelahatchie schools for 12 years, hopes to join the professional football league after college. Coaching is his major.

According to Coach Sam Williams, "Ahmad is a kid who overcame a lot throughout his career. He has been an extremely talented player from the minute he stepped on campus, but he

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Two Pelahatchie students recognized by RCSD



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The Rankin County School District (RCSD) recognized two Pelahatchie Attendance Center students in their November monthly awards. Pelahatchie High School student Meghan Herrington, pictured left, was named RCSD Secondary District Student of the Month, and Pelahatchie Elementary's Lucas Gardner was named the November RCSD Character Trait of the Month.

ERA recognizes Duke TIP students



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) reports that over 60% of the seventh-grade class has qualified for the Duke TIP Program by scoring in the top 5% of the nation on their fifth or sixth grade achievement test. These students earn the honor of being TIP students and will take the ACT in February. ERA Duke Tip students pictured (l to r) front row, are: Cole Miller, Cole Cotnam, Brody Hill, Jonathan Soto, Kylee Holifield, Abby Raines, Brooke Shedd, Lesley Scarberry, Adam Rowell, and Lydia Colliopp; second row: Sydney McCurdy, Lane Riemann, Rosa Garcia, Rachel Smith, Raylin Smith, Evan McIlwain, Mackenzie Phillips, Audrey Mayatte, Cheyenne Derrick, Marlee Rakinic, and Audrey Hawk; and third row: Gavin Hales, Jon Irby, Parker Davis, Ben Wilson Huffington, Jordan Porter, Jackson Fountain, Gabe Nutt, Will Burrow, and Chylen Williams.

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Metro Player of the Year Johnson signs

always had great players ahead of him carrying the load. Ahmad put the team on his shoulders this year and carried them. He was a great leader and always did anything that we asked of him. He scored 46 total TDs! Ahmad's future is extremely bright. I think that he will continue to progress and have a great career at ULL, no matter what position they decide to play him.

According to PHS teacher Kelsey Nobles, "PHS is incredibly proud of Ahmad's accomplishments. He has continued the tradition of pride in our Pelahatchie tribe. We can't wait to support him as he plays at the next level!"



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Johnson shown with PHS Athletic Director and Head Coach Sam Williams, right, whom he calls the best coach in Mississippi. He said Williams spent lots of time preparing him for the next level.

Princess Ball set for January 25

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The Pelahatchie Mayor's Youth Council is presenting the Second Annual Princess Ball in January 25 at the Knox Ross Community Center. Ages 2-9 are from 2-4 p.m. and 10-18 are 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$35 a couple and \$10 per child. For more information, contact City Hall at 601-854-5224. Includes refreshments, dancing and photo opportunities.



The 2nd
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Princess
Ball
January 25

Keene is Mississippi's first \$100,000 lottery winner



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Jimmy Keene, with lottery ticket, won \$100,000 in the new Mississippi Lottery. Lottery Corporation President Tom Shaheen, left, shakes Keene's hand in December after he presented his winning lottery ticket.

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Jimmy Keene of Pelahatchie was on his way to work when he stopped at the U.S. 51 Chevron in Ridgeland, according to the Mississippi Lottery Corporation.

Keene said he purchased a \$5 ticket for the \$100,000 Jackpot scratch-off game. He scratched off the ticket and couldn't believe he won. When he got to work, he asked his boss to make sure he was seeing the amount correctly. His

boss told him to immediately return to the store. The store associate told him to head to the lottery office.

Keene then called wife Becky to tell her the news.

"What's the matter with you?" she asked him, because he was breathless," Becky said laughing. "He told me he won \$100,000, and I told him to quit lying to me!"

The two screamed and embraced after receiving their check, according to the lottery officials.



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How to recognize and handle deer with Chronic Wasting Disease



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

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On February 19, 2018, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks reported that a 4-year white-tailed deer buck in Issaquena County, Mississippi, had tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

CWD is a chronic, always fatal disease of the central nervous system in mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose, and caribou. CWD belongs to a group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). These disorders are caused by abnormally folded proteins called "prions." It causes a spongy degeneration of the brain of an infected animal. It also causes the animal to lose weight, which is why CWD is called a "wasting" disease.

These diseases also include scrapie in sheep, and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (also known as "mad cow" disease) in cattle. CWD also causes the infected animal to behave in unusual ways, such as not being afraid of people. Eventually, the infected animal will lose control of its bodily functions and die soon after. CWD is always fatal.

In the United States, CWD was first

recognized in captive mule deer in Colorado in 1967, but it was not understood to be TSE until the 1970s.

It is not completely clear how CWD is transmitted. The infectious agent, the protein called prion, may be passed in



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urine, feces, or saliva. The incubation period—the time between the infection and the development of the disease appears to be about 16 months. It is unknown at which point the infected animal begins shedding the CWD agent, which allows the infection to spread to the other animals.

The CWD agent is known to be very resistant to the environment, so it can be transmitted directly, from one animal to another, or indirectly, from a contaminated surface, such as a deer feeder, to another animal.

The movement of live animals is one

of the greatest risk factors in spreading the disease from one population to another, or from one geographic location to another.

The most consistent and obvious symptom is weight loss. The deer looks like it is literally wasting away. CWD affected deer will continue to eat, but the amount they consume decreases. Other signs are excessive drinking and urination, which occur in late stages of the disease.

Behavior changes are very noticeable. An infected animal will drool, lower its head, walk in repetitive patterns, have a blank facial expression, and maybe even grind its teeth.

The changes in physical appearance and a change in behavior patterns are good indications, but to definitely diagnose CWD, a sample of tissue is needed for laboratory testing. There is currently no reliable test that can be performed on a live animal.

So far, it has not been proven that CWD poses a risk to people. There has never been a reported case of a human being contracting the disease from a deer or from infected deer meat. However, public-health professionals recommend that people avoid any exposure to CWD.

In general, it is still safe to eat venison. However, people should not eat

meat from deer known or suspected to be infected with CWD. Hunters and others in the counties of the feeding ban should handle venison with extreme care.

When field-dressing an animal or butchering the carcass, wear rubber or latex gloves, and bone-out the meat. Do not saw through the bones, and don't cut through the skull or spinal cord. Don't handle or consume brain, spleen, lymph, or spinal tissue, because those are at the tissues where CWD agent accumulates.

As always, wash your hands and instruments thoroughly after field-dressing the animal or deboning meat.

If you have your deer meat processed, request that the meat from your deer be processed separately and not mixed with other deer.

The impact of CWD on populations of deer and elk is not fully understood. Computer modeling suggests that, over time, the deer herd will be reduced, because fewer deer will survive. CWD has already caused changes in the way deer and elk are managed in other states. And, ultimately, concerns about risk to human health could cause hunters to be less confident about hunting in CWD-affected areas.

You can have your deer tested. Go to <https://www.mdwfp.com>.

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January 9	Bay Springs	Away	6 7:30 pm
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January 14	Pisgah	Home	6 7:30 pm
January 16	Simpson Acad.	Away	12:45 2 pm
January 17	St. Joe	Away	6 7:30 pm
January 21	South Delta	Home	6 7:30 pm
January 23	Bay Springs	Home	6 7:30 pm
January 28	Riverside	Away	5 6:30 pm
January 31	Pisgah	Away	6 7:30 pm
February 4	St. Joe	Home	6 7:30 pm
February 7	South Delta	Away	6 7:30 pm
February 10-14	Dist. Tourn.	Away	TBA

Shannon McKay Grand Marshal of Pelahatchie Christmas Parade



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Shannon McKay (center) served as the Grand Marshal of Pelahatchie's 2019 Christmas Parade. A lifelong resident of Pelahatchie, McKay has been an assistant teacher at Pelahatchie High School for 14 years. She and her float full of kids rolled through Pelahatchie on Saturday, December 7, in the Christmas Parade. McKay is a graduate of Pelahatchie High School, Hinds Community College, and Mississippi State University. She is a member of Pelahatchie Methodist Church.

Pelahatchie VFD hosts Tour of Homes December 7



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The Pelahatchie Christmas Tour of Homes was held Saturday, December 7. More than 200 ticket holders toured the five homes around town. Attendees said all of the homes were absolutely stunning. The family pictured drove in from all over the state to view the Multicraft International Headquarters house on Highway 80, which was built by their grandparents, the Glazes. The whole family came in just to tour the home. They are pictured with Multicraft CEO Andrew Mallinson.

Green named new CRBC music minister

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Rev. Byron C. Green has been named Cross Roads Baptist Church (CRBC)'s Associate Pastor and Minister of Music. He started December 16.

Originally from Forest, Green went to school in Pascagoula before attending Mississippi State University, where he wanted to become a band director. After starting out as a band director, he pursued the Lord's call to go into ministry. He served in Starkville and Kosciusko prior to becoming the associate pastor and minister of music at Cleary Baptist Church in Florence where he served for 14 years. He most recently served as interim minister of music for Oakdale Baptist Church in Brandon for two years.

Green, who is a member of the Mississippi Singing Churchmen, has been seeking the Lord's guidance and is excited to help CRBC come together to seek the Lord and be refreshed in spirit and truth each week.

Michelle, his wife, has been the assistant band director at Brandon Middle



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The Green family recently had this family photo taken. Pictured (l to r) first row, are: Nick Papania, daughter's fiancé; Alex, daughter; and William, son; and second row: Green and his wife, Michelle.

School and Brandon High School for the past 16 years. His daughter, Alex, is a senior in nursing at William Carey University, and his son, William, is a ninth grader at Brandon High School where he is involved in the choir and orchestra.

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Perrett and Thompson named to Who's Who



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Hinds Community College recently honored Pelahatchie students Lona Perrett, right, and Brandon Thompson, left, who were named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges." To receive this honor, the students were nominated by faculty or staff based on their academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and service to the college and/or the community, as well as participation in extracurricular activities.

PHS band members attend State Band Clinic



Photos special to Pelahatchie News

Caleb Watkins (left) and Ricky Beard (right) represented Pelahatchie High School at the Mississippi Bandmasters Association State Band Clinic in Natchez in December. They both placed in the top band with Beard in horn second chair and Watkins in tuba sixth chair.

OBITUARY

Martha R. Lindsay

February 5, 1924-December 5, 2019

Mrs. Martha R. Lindsay, a native of Scott County, born February 5, 1924, remembered by her family as one of America's Greatest Generation, passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Baptist Medical Center - Leake at the age of 95. She lived a life dedicated to her faith, family, and friends. Her career path led her to longtime service with Bell South Telephone Company, as a telephone operator. She enjoyed crocheting and cooking, as well as creating ceramic pieces and working in her yard. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church at Walnut Grove.

She is preceded in death by her husband James D. Lindsay, Sr.; her parents: L.Q. and Lela Harper Roberts; four sisters: Mary R. Lay, Hazel Mae Roberts, Frances Teal and Irene Welch and two brothers: George W. Roberts and John

Mark Roberts.

Survivors include: one son: James Lindsay of Walnut Grove; three grandchildren: Terra Lindsay, Heather Bowden, and James "Bubba" Lindsay; five great-grandchildren: Halley Buffington, Hayden Gray, Holden Gray, Dennis Bowden, III, and Jonicah Bowden and one great great grandchild on the way; several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at Ott & Lee Funeral Home, where funeral services followed in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment followed at Harpersville Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church or to the favorite charity of one's choice.

Ott & Lee Funeral Home, 295 East First St., Forest, served the Lindsay family.

Obituaries

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Linda Kay Beeland	71	Morton, MS	11/29/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Lee Blackwell IV	25	Morton, MS	12/14/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Elizabeth Ann Emmons	73	Lake, MS	12/30/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Albert David Kelly	74	Lake, MS	12/8/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Raymond Lee Mabry	79	Lake, MS	11/26/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Chester William Osborne	73	Morton, MS	12/10/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Carole Inez Porter	67	Walnut Grove, MS	12/11/19	Wolf Funeral Serv.
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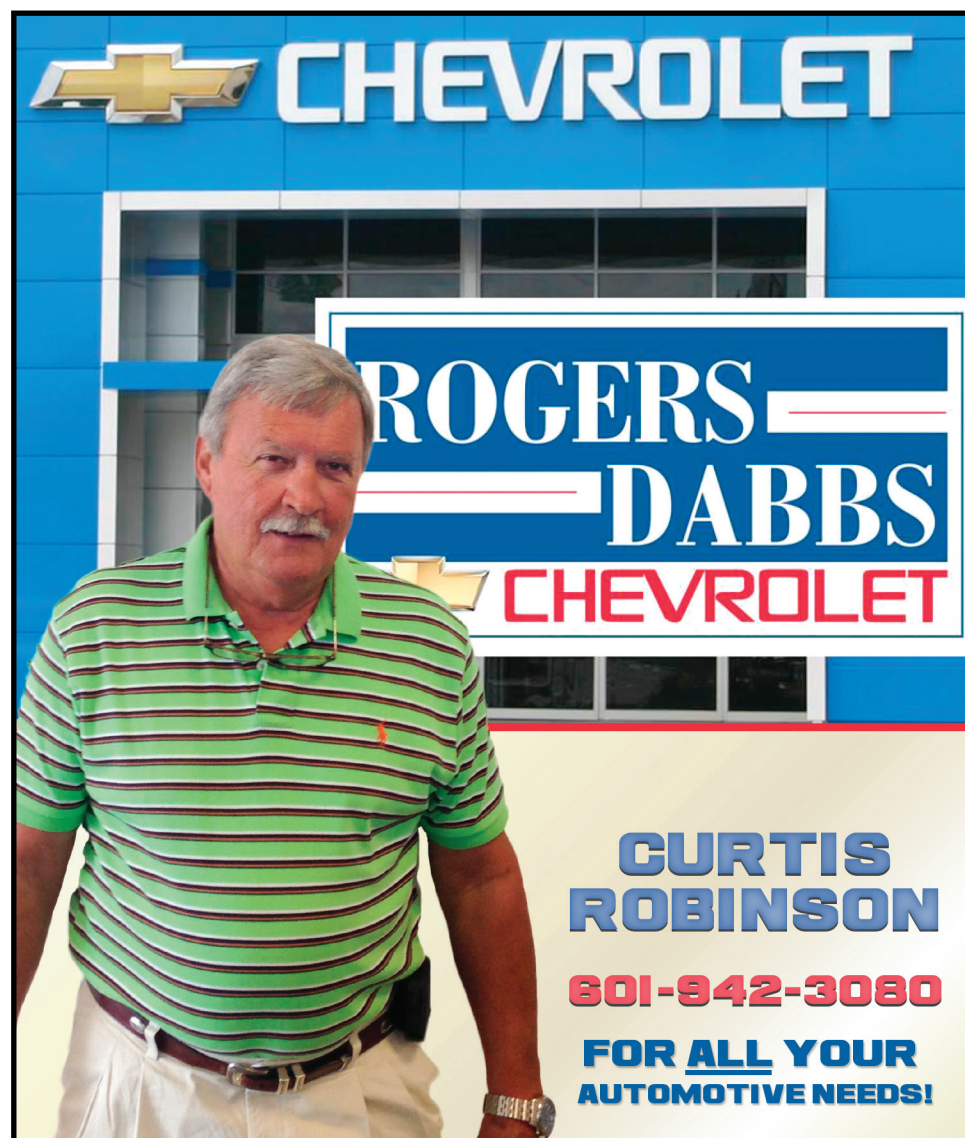
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PHS names November Students of the Month



Students and Teachers of the Month are recognized each month for their excellence and character in various fields. November's Excellence in Attitude and Excellence in Attendance winners pictured (l to r) front row, are: Jamison Bennett, Isaac White, Callie Weems, Antwon Collier, and Ethan Hagood; and back row: Emmie Hoard, Patrick Walters, Makenzie Hester, Nick Boykin, and Denver Sturgill. Not pictured are Cyntia Beard and Janiya Harris.



Student of the Month Winners in Academic Achievement and Athletic Achievement pictured (l to r) front row, are: Nahgee Hawkins, Madyson McGee, and Katie Belle Boyer; and back row: Mackenzie Waggoner, Symon Stringer, and Camden Patton.



Photos special to Pelahatchie News
The Farm Bureau Athletes of the Month for November are Jimmy Holifield and Reagan Sanders, and the Teacher of Innovation is Kessie Key. Pictured (l to r) are: Dr. Teague Burchfield, Jimmy Holifield, Mrs. Kessie Key, Reagan Sanders, and Tanner Wilson with Farm Bureau.



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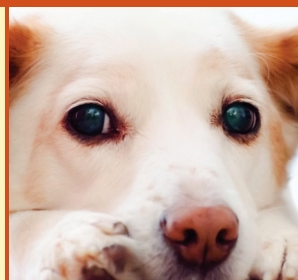
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Lee named PES Teacher of the Year

By Susie A. Wolfe

Dana Lee has been a counselor at Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) for ten years. She wears many hats, from counselor to Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) coordinator.

She said she truly enjoys the small town environment of Pelahatchie. Over the last ten years, she has been able to build relationships with the students and their families. These relationships have been one of her greatest rewards.

Principal Lisa Atkinson said, "Mrs. Lee does not work or serve for awards or accolades, but simply to inspire and impact all those she comes in contact with each day. She has mastered the elusive art of being firm but fair, having rules yet maintaining relationships, and keenly remembering that though she teaches numerous grade levels... she is really teaching and counseling 'children' whom she freely offers love, acceptance, and grace."

Lee has a Master of Education, school counselor K-12, from Mississippi College, and a Bachelor of Science in English education 7-12, from Delta State University.



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Dana Lee has been a counselor at Pelahatchie Elementary for ten years. She serves as school counselor and Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) coordinator.

She began working in education at Gary Road Intermediate in the Hinds County School District. She stayed there for two years and felt a calling to work in counseling at the high school level. She worked as a high school counselor at Clinton High School,

which is also where she completed her internship for her Master's degree. Lee worked at Clinton High School for two years before moving back to elementary counseling. Lee has been working at Pelahatchie Elementary School since 2010.

"We live in a chaotic world that introduces children to the idea that you must look a certain way, be a certain way or have certain material items to matter," said Lee. "It is my charge to send a different message to my students. I want each and every child to know that they matter and are valued. They matter for just being who they are, not because of the way they look or the clothes they wear. It is important for children to be true to who they are on the inside. I want to model empathy, smart goals and good decision-making to my students. I want to provide an environment where students feel safe to be themselves and create life lessons that promote emotional stability. All educators should strive to create an inclusive classroom and community that allows students to be just who they need to be. I believe instilling a sense of value in all children is something that extends beyond the classroom."

Originally from Raymond, Lee now lives in Clinton. Her husband, Jimmy, is food service director at Hinds Community College (HCC) in Raymond. Her daughter, Anna Lauren, 18, attends HCC, and her son, Tanner, 15, attends Tri-County Academy.

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PHS Cheerleaders win Dixie Regional Championship

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On December 8, 2019, the Pelahatchie Cheerleaders competed in their second competition of the season in Jackson at the UCA Dixie Regional Championship. Teams from all over the Southeast Region came to this competition to win and earn a bid to the UCA High School Nationals on February 7-9 in Orlando, Florida at Disney World.

Last year, this competition was the first for the cheerleaders to participate in, and they placed tenth place out of ten. The ladies wanted revenge on their own score, and the goal was to beat themselves from last year. Not only did they more than double their score from last year, they brought home first place. Pelahatchie Cheer competed in the Medium Varsity Non-tumbling Game-day division. There were four teams in this division this year.

The Cheerleaders also won the Deep South Blues Classic Championship in Jackson on November 8.



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The PHS cheerleaders have had a successful season so far, winning and placing in key events. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Madelyn Cain, Isabella Rust, Madison Holmes, Makenzie Hester, Madi Holmes, Katie Belle Boyer, and Adlyn Till; and back row: Coach Mandy Herrington, Haley Mills, Collins Doster, Maddie Grace Walters, Malori Scherer, Camden Patton, Meghan Herrington, Rose Gibney and Coach Drake.



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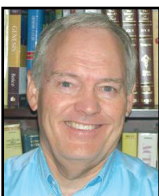
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Pastor's Perspective: Put God in His place in your life



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

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We recently had a problem with our washing machine. It is a newer model with a digital control board. It has a digital timer that shows how much time is left in each cycle. The problem was that it stopped at the 26 minute mark. The owner's manual said that if the drain filter gets stopped up, it will shut the machine down.

When I took the filter out, the water began to drain out of the tub, all over the floor! The filter was clean however, so I knew that was not the problem. I thought that maybe the control board needed to be reset, and that sometimes by unplugging the machine it will do that. So we unplugged the machine and plugged it back up.

We started the wash cycle again, and again it stopped with 26 minutes left in the cycle. I'm not a washer repairman, but the problem seemed easy to diagnose. Because the machine stopped at

exactly the same point, it seemed pretty obvious that the problem must be in the control board. I asked around and found a repairman who was willing to come look at the washer.

I described the problem and gave him the model number of the machine so he could bring a new control board when he came, since it was obvious that the control board was bad. Of course, I was not looking forward to buying a new control board, but I reasoned that it would be less expensive than a new washing machine!

After a few days, the repairman came. I described the problem again and explained my theory that it was probably the control board gone bad. When we went to the laundry room, I expected him to remove the upper panel so he could get to the control board, since obviously that was the problem. But rather than remove the upper panel, he took off the lower panel so he could get to the drain pump. As I watched, I wondered if he knew what he was doing or if he was trying to run up the price on me! After all, I had already told him that the problem was probably a bad

control board!

When he got the drain pump out, he stated confidently that it was the problem and showed me that it was locked up. He then explained that the wash cycle would drain the water from the tub several times and that the first drain time was at 26 minutes left in the cycle. Because the drain pump was locked up, the water could not drain from the tub, and the machine shut down with exactly 26 minutes left in the cycle!

He replaced the drain pump, and we tested the machine. It performed perfectly and did not stop until the wash cycle was completed. And he never even looked at the control board!

My experience with the washing machine is a lot like what many people face in their lives. Things just don't seem to be working out right, so they evaluate their situation and determine what the problem is. They may be unhappy with their job, so they find a new one, only to discover that they are still not happy. Or they may decide that their marriage is not working out and that is the source of their unhappiness in life. So they leave the marriage and look for

a new partner, only to find out that their unhappiness continued. The list goes on with finding new friends, changing churches, getting a new car, moving to a new house, etc.

But those efforts to self-diagnose their problem and find a solution to make their life better fails to address the real problem. Finding solutions to life's problems is like my experience with my washing machine. I thought I knew what the problem was and how to fix it. But when the repair man came, he knew exactly what to do to fix the problem.

When God created you, he left a "God shaped hole" in your life. As long as that hole is empty, you will feel unhappy, insecure or unfulfilled. You may try to fill that hole with lots of different things, but until you put God in His place in your life, you will continue to feel that emptiness.

As we begin a new year, why not make sure that you put God in His place in your life. Only He can fill that void and make your life complete! Be sure to take your family to church on Sunday.

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Resolutions for a better financial plan



By Guest Columnist
Todd Barnthouse,
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This list will focus on your retirement accounts and help you stay on top of your future retirement.

Improve Your Savings and Budget: Evaluate your plan and accounts to ensure that you are allocating an appropriate amount. The earlier you start saving, the longer compounding can work for you.

Make sure you have a "sleep at night" plan in place: If your current plan keeps you up at night, this is the perfect time to make the changes that will help you feel more confident and secure.

"Why do I own these particular investments in my accounts?": It is more important to take the time to sit down with your advisor and make sure that you know why you are invested in particular investments

Know how much you are paying in fees: Do you know how much your financial advisor is getting paid? Some

advisors charge commissions, some charge a management fee while some charge a hybrid of both.

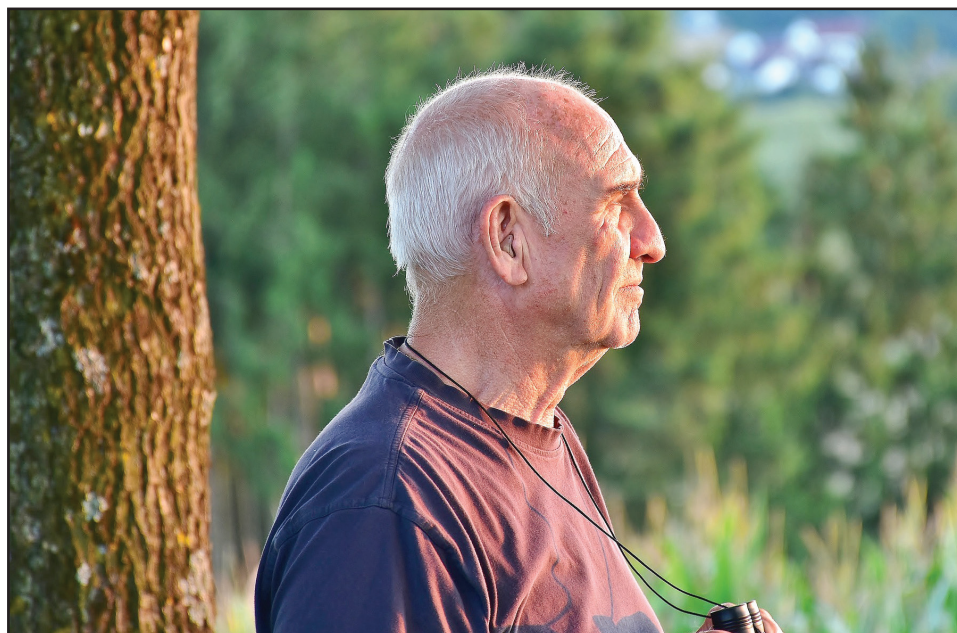
time to consider the benefits of alternative forms of communications like social media, online and mobile ac-

member to keep a long term outlook on your retirement plan. Do not panic during market downturns and corrections. Corrections are fairly common and help stimulate healthy growth in the economy and market. A market downturn may only be a bump in the road to a fruitful retirement.

Get to know your financial advisor: As a valued customer, you should be able to feel confident that your advisor is trustworthy and that your personalities match. Get to know your advisor personally. Speak with the firm's current customers and see if they are satisfied and would recommend them.

This list will result in a better retirement plan as well as an effective advisor review. Making progress on a few of them can have a lasting impact on your experience with your advisor and the overall success of your retirement plan.

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Turning your bundle of money into income: The main focus of retirement plans is typically on the accumulation of assets, but the distribution options you will have at retirement needs to be considered.

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"2020 Vision" for Pelahatchie High School



By Guest Columnist
Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School

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Happy New Year! I hope you have had a restful Christmas Vacation with family and friends. A new year (and decade) has arrived; hopefully, reflection and goal setting have been a small part of your holiday. In what areas can we improve ourselves academically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually? What goals have we set for ourselves in those areas so that we can improve? Only by answering these questions will you find clarity and fulfillment for what is to come.

As for Pelahatchie High School (PHS), expect an increased devotion to instruction and student engagement. Regarding instruction, expect a renewed focus on the fundamentals of the classroom. How we begin class, how we deliver instruction and transition to other tasks, as well as how we close the lesson will all be key reflection items for our staff as we look to

improve ourselves in the upcoming year. In turn, a focus on the aforementioned fundamentals will only translate to an increase in student engagement.

As we move into the spring semester, the final stages of construction can be seen across our campus. We are nearing completion of the new front office entry area, administrative office, and multipurpose room and hope to be opening these areas up to our faculty, students, and to the community soon. Construction of the band hall and new east wing are in full swing, as well, and will be quite prominent additions to our campus. As always, thanks for being patient with us as progress continues on our campus.

In closing, we have a lot to look forward to here at Pelahatchie High School. Examples of academic and extracurricular success abound. Facility enhancements through the bond issue project keep us excited about the future. Our vision in 2020 is just that...20/20!

On behalf of everyone at Pelahatchie High School, we wish you the very best in 2020! Go Chiefs!



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PES names November Students of the Month



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The PES students pictured were recognized by their teachers as Students of the Month. Pictured (l to r) first row, are: Anistyn Hannah, Tori Kilgore, Bentlee Smith, Braylee Akins, Abel Pineda, Landon May, Mayvonyae Christon, and Madison Charleston; second row: Natalie Scherer, Karley Griffin, Gabe Becker, Briley Boykin, Jaimee Hill, Jose Cortes, and Ty Bowie; and third row: Jack Herrington, Harley Kitchens, Lucas Gardner, Tristan Burns, Tyson Beeman, Christian Beeman, Amber Wiltcher, Rachel Myers, and Hunter Hall. Not pictured are Brayden Greene, Nathan Brown, and Dawson Edwards.



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