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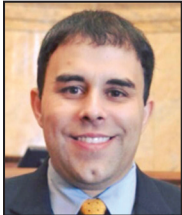
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State appropriates funds for the CARES Act



By Guest Columnist
Mississippi
Representative
Tom Miles

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The last of May we met at the Capitol to continue the debate on how we would appropriate the funds from the CARES Act.

We met in different committees to discuss small businesses, education, rural Internet, cities and counties, and unemployment. I was proud to be in the conversation in these meetings.

The first order of business on the House floor was the Small Business Relief Act. We headed back to the Capitol on the Tuesday after Memorial Day to deal with the rest of the CARES Act appropriations.

What we did pass was an historic, bipartisan \$300 million small business relief bill for businesses impacted by COVID-19. We finished our work a lit-

tle after 12 a.m. on Thursday morning.

The program will provide aid to Mississippi businesses in the following ways:

Phase 1: \$60 million

All businesses with less than 50 employees who filed Mississippi state income taxes in 2018, 2019, or eligible businesses who intend to file for 2020, and who were subject to any COVID-19 related state, municipal, and/or county required business closure or voluntary closure will receive a \$2,000 relief check--no application required. Businesses covered in this phase include clothing stores, dance studios, barber shops, salons, restaurants, etc- any busi-

ness forced to close by state or local government.

Phase 2: \$240 million

All businesses with less than 50 employees who filed Mississippi state in-



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come taxes in 2018, 2019, or eligible businesses who intend to file for 2020, and suffered any interruption in busi-

nesses due to COVID-19 may apply to receive up to \$25,000 in grants to cover payroll, rent, utilities, mortgage interest payments and other eligible expenses incurred during the COVID-19 outbreak. Approved applicants under this program will receive a base payment of \$1,500 and can either (1) receive an additional \$500 per full-time equivalent employee OR (2) itemize eligible expenses on the application form.

A few notes on Phase 2

- Businesses who receive checks under Phase 1 WILL be able to apply for Phase 2 relief without restriction.
- Businesses who DID NOT receive federal PPP funds will receive priority for the first 21 days of the program. After that period, businesses who received PPP funds will be allowed to apply, with a portion of their state aid offset based on the amount of the PPP loan.

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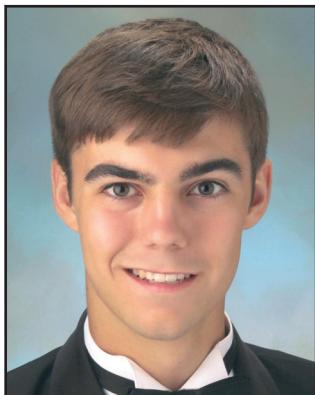
Betts named National Merit Scholarship winner

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Tyler Betts, one of East Rankin Academy (ERA)'s STAR students, was also named a National Merit Scholarship winner.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation chose 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to



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Tyler Betts is both ERA's National Merit Scholarship winner and one of two STAR students. He plans to continue his education at the University of Alabama.

the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

These scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the finalist and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contribution and leadership in school and community activities; and an essay written by the finalist.

Following graduation, Betts plans to attend the University of Alabama.

Betts is the son of Michael and Shirell Betts.

Castillo, Goldman take top PHS honors



Scarlett Suzana Ruth Castillo is the 2020 Valedictorian of the Class of 2020. She holds a GPA of 100.42. She was a member of the Beta Club and Phi Theta Kappa and plans to attend Hinds Community College to pursue a career as an NICU nurse. She is the daughter of Mike and Sue Castillo.



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Sydny Naydene Goldman was named the Salutatorian of the 2020 Pelahatchie High School (PHS) senior class with a GPA of 98.79. She served as Beta president and the band's drum major. This fall, she will attend East Central Community College and be drum major for the Wall O' Sound Band. She plans to major in business. She is the daughter of Jason / Rebecca Goldman and Trish Philley.

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Letter of farewell from PES Principal

By Lisa Attkisson

Dear Pelahatchie families,
After five wonderful years at Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES), and 32 years in the Rankin County School District, I will retire at the end of this school year.

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support. Because of my deep love and commitment to the staff, students and Pelahatchie community, this was not an easy decision to make. My passion for teaching and love for students has not subsided.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have served as an educator in such a vibrant, supportive community and district where students, teachers and parents alike value education. I am blessed to have been a colleague to such an extraordinary faculty and staff, and I am humbled by the fact that parents have entrusted a portion of their child's education to me. Being the principal at Pelahatchie Elementary has been a highlight of my career. I have made so many memories, and I will cherish them forever.

I am saddened that the year came to such an abrupt end, and I am unable to say my good-byes in person. While I will greatly miss all of my students, I



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Lisa Attkisson, better known as Mrs. A, is retiring after serving as PES principal for five years and with the Rankin County School District for 32 years. Since she couldn't say goodbye personally due to COVID-19, she put her thoughts in this letter.

cannot wait to see them excel and accomplish amazing things. I will miss each and every one of my students.

I want to thank you for all your encouragement, support and trust you have shown me since becoming principal in 2015. I am confident that Pelahatchie Elementary will continue to flourish in academic excellence in the years to come.

With gratitude, Lisa Attkisson

Mayor contacts auditor again



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In this photo, first published in June 2019 at Deputy Clerk Barbara Harper's swear-in ceremony, are Harper, Mayor Ryshonda Beechem, and Mayor Pro Temp Margie Warren. As a side note, May 21 is the anniversary of when the State Auditor issued the \$500k demand for misspent drug forfeiture funds by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.

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In recent Board activity, Mayor Ryshonda Beechem suspended one-year-veteran Deputy Clerk Barbara Harper on an over-time issue. At a May 15 Special Session, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to override Mayor Ryshonda Beechem's veto of the Board's action of reinstating Deputy City Clerk Harper, of which they found no wrongdoing in her asking for over-time.

Mayor Beechem said that she has already reported this to "the next level of government."

At an additional Special Board Meet-

ing on May 27, the Board were upset because the office employees were not able to use the computer system, and threatened the Mayor with "due to the mayor's failure to properly execute the obligations and duties of her office."

The mayor had her veto ready at the end of the May 27 session, that stated that "...any public officer shall be convicted of any felony other than manslaughter...shall be removed from office by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction..."

The Board gave the Mayor a timeline to have the computer problems resolved and tabled the other action until the computers were corrected.



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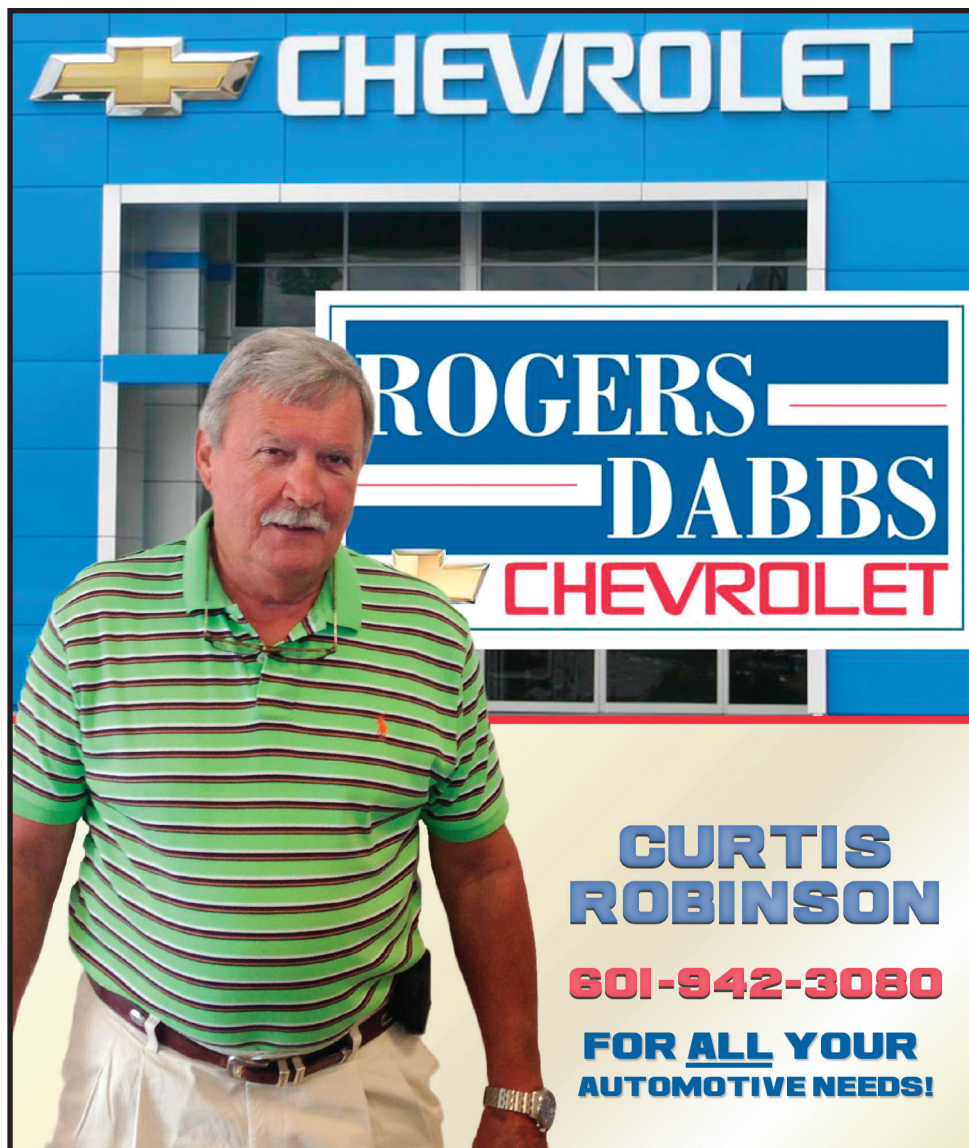
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Warren graduates from Co-Lin

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Emily Warren, a 2018 graduate of ERA, was recently graduated from Co-Lin Community College. She was on the President's List all 4 semesters; vice president of Student Body; and was members of Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Leadership and Mu Alpha theta Vice President of Communications and Finance. She was also a Trailblazer (student recruitment team); two-time Tutor of the Year; the 2020 William Winter Scholar; and a member of the 2020 Co-Lin Hall of Fame.

Warren plans to attend Ole Miss and major in Communication Science Disorders, and minor in English. She also plans on enlisting in Mississippi Air



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Emily Warren plans to next attend Ole Miss and enlist in the Mississippi Air National Guard.

National Guard.

Warren is the daughter of Leigh and Richard Warren of the Shiloh Community. She is a third generation Co-Lin graduate.

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State appropriates funds for the CARES Act

- For the first 60 days of the Phase 2 program, \$40 million will be reserved for minority-owned businesses.
- Grants awarded will not be subject to tax.

Both programs will be administered by the MS Development Authority. Work has already begun at MDA to get

Phase 1 payments sent to eligible business owners without delay. I will continue to provide updates regarding the application for Phase 2.

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy, and their health will be essential during the long recovery ahead. As always, I look forward to hearing from you about this or other ways you think I can help.

Welcome home, Coach Keeton

By Susie A. Wolfe

Ryan Keeton is the new Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. He previously spent three of his eighteen years coaching as a PHS defensive coordinator.

"Pelahatchie has always been home for me, because it is where my parents are," said Coach Keeton. "The years I coached here previously were three of the best and most fun I've had as a coach, mostly because of the people and the community."

Over the past two years, Keeton has served as co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Tupelo High School. Before that, he was the head football coach and athletic director at Nanih Waiya Attendance Center, where he guided the football team to a South State Championship appearance in 2016 and a State Championship appearance in 2017. He amassed a record of 37 wins and 8 losses in his three years there.

He is hoping that he can get his team on the practice field by June 1, even if they have to make some adjustments due to COVID-19. Keeton feels it is important to develop strong relationships with his players. He said he is a lifelong learner and is open to new ideas but will use some of the successful



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Coach Ryan Keeton is beginning his nineteenth year as an educator and coach at PHS where he previously served three years as a defensive coordinator.

things he's done with his other teams.

"It really feels good that there's been an outpouring of support from people in the community," said Keeton.

His mom, Kaye Payne Keeton, is a PHS graduate who was a majorette in the band. His dad, Rex Keeton, played football at Morton, East Central Community College and Delta State.

Keeton is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a B.S. in coaching and sports administration. He furthered his education at Arkansas State University, where he received a M.S. in educational leadership.

He and his wife, Alayna, have two daughters, Ava, 5, and Josey, 4.

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Zilpha Ann Reid	75	Mendenhall, MS	4/26/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Earnestine Blakely	85	Morton, MS	4/30/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Johnny Earl Harrison	88	Pulaski, MS	5/1/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Louie Parkman Sr.	83	Pulaski, MS	5/4/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
John Garey	67	Forest, MS	5/4/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Becky Beard	66	Morton, MS	5/5/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Lorenzo Marcos Tema-Lopez	46	Morton, MS	5/7/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Linda Bond	70	Lena, MS	5/8/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Olivia M. "Peggy" Williams	95	Madison, MS	5/13/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Earnestine White	66	Morton, MS	5/17/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Robert Willis Wallace	89	Morton, MS	5/17/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Jacob Deering	70	Meridian, MS	5/19/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Hal Dewayne Richmond	70	Carthage, MS	5/21/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Wesley Hicks Jr.	62	Morton, MS	5/25/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Patsy Holifield	65	Morton, MS	5/26/20	Wolf Funeral Serv.

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SPC soldier returns home after a year in Middle East



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SPC Devon Day returned to Pelahatchie Thursday, May 21, after spending a year in Kuwait and Iraq with the Army National Guard. Pictured (l to r) are his mom, Kelly Pate, with Day.

By Susie A. Wolfe

SPC Devon Day returned home after spending two months in Kuwait, seven months in Iraq, and two weeks in quarantine at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. The 2018 Pelahatchie High School graduate joined the Army National Guard in the middle of his senior year.

Day currently serves as an electrical engineer, which is what he plans to practice after he gets out of the service in three more years. He said his work

has been fixing rooms inside tents.

Asked what it was like in the Middle East, he said there was no grass where he was, only sand and heat. He liked being able to see other places but was limited by the coronavirus there so wasn't able to explore much. He felt that COVID-19 was not as bad there, but they still took the necessary precautions.

Day said he missed his family and his two dogs and two cats the most and was glad to be home.

White named PHS Parent of the Year

Special to Pelahatchie News

David White was recently honored as Pelahatchie High School's Parent of the Year. He has been pastor at Pelahatchie Baptist Church since January 7, 2019.

According to the Pelahatchie Baptist Church website, "David White is a preacher's kid that's been in ministry circles his whole life. He is a graduate of Clinton High School and Mississippi College, and earned Master and Doctorate Degrees from Baylor University's Truett Seminary. He lives in a girl's world with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters, Mary Frances and Martha Kate. In his spare time, David likes to hunt, play golf, and build things out of wood."

Recently, his woodworking skill came in handy in his work to build lockers for the ladies' basketball locker room.

Alexia Jones, Pelahatchie High School Assistant Athletic Director and Girls' Basketball Coach, said, "Brother David is an epitome of a servant leader. He's about people and the community. I asked him to help me with something small, and he went over and beyond,

not only for my program but for others also. Anytime he can help he's always there. He's always behind the scenes doing anything he can to make Pelahatchie better. Not to be praised, but to serve people as he serves God."

Pastor White said, "I am extremely honored by this recognition. It is my joy to partner with such great educators to invest in the future of this community and consider my service as an expression of Christ's love to our students. This is how we better our community, and I look forward to supporting and partnering with them again next year."



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David White has been pastor at Pelahatchie Baptist Church since 2019. He was named the 2020 PHS Parent of the Year recently. Pictured (l to r) are: Elizabeth, his wife; daughters Martha Kate and Mary Frances; and White.



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There are advantages to raised bed gardening



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
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As I drive around, I am seeing more and more raised bed gardening. Raised beds can help where garden space is limited, the site is low and collects water, or the soil drains poorly. Raised beds are planting areas, where the soil is several inches higher than the natural grade. This is accomplished by adding soil to the growing area, or by adding and mixing into the native soil amendments such as compost, sand, and bark.

Where the native soil is adequate, raised beds can be made by removing several inches of soil from the area, filling the excavation with organic matter like manure or old hay, and mixing the soil with the added organic matter. It is also possible to pull soil from the walkways between beds and place it on the beds, filling the walkways with mulch materials like pine needles.

Raised beds can be framed with wood, bricks, or cement blocks, or they can be left unframed. Framing adds to the appearance, and depending on materials used, may provide seating.

Ideally, raised beds should be no wider than four feet (so you can easily reach the center from either side) and no longer than 25 feet, unless cross overs are provided. Beds four feet wide and 25 feet long contain 100 square feet and makes calculations for rates of application of fertilizer easier. Beds accessible from only one side should be narrower than 4 feet. All framed beds should be the same width so covering materials (shade frames) fit all ends, making rotations easy.

Raised-bed soil that has been improved by adding organic matter and sand often enables excellent root crops like carrots and onions to grow, even though they will not grow well in native soil. It is best to select vegetables that produce a lot for the space they occupy.

Raised beds require more water than ground-level beds, but when the alternative is no garden at all, it's worth the extra effort.

Some additional advantages of raised beds are: 1) raised beds produce more veggies per unit of garden space, because space is not wasted with walkway and space in between rows; 2) soil in raised beds dries more quickly, which permits earlier planting in the spring; and 3) soil does not compact, because



Photos by Pelahatchie News

Amy Till, a Pelahatchie resident, has squash, tomatoes, and okra in her raised bed gardens. She is also growing potatoes in tower style beds shown in the bottom photo.

the soil in the beds is not walked on.

Disadvantages of raised beds are: 1) closer spacing of plants reduces air flow and may increase disease problems; 2)

raised beds may require more frequent watering because of improved drainage; 3) raised beds with permanent sides make it difficult to relocate the garden; and 4) raised beds can be expensive to establish.



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PHS finds a way to commence safely with CDC protocols for 2020 Graduation



May 21, 2020

Dear Pelahatchie High School and East Rankin Academy 2020 Seniors:

Let me start off by saying, Whew! What a year you have gone through, but you made it!

You have made it to the end of a life cycle and the beginning of another. COVID-19 brought us pain, sorrow, sickness and death, yet one thing we know for sure it has shown how resilient you are to rise to the occasion.

This class is an extraordinary class. You are our future and we believe in you! Every end has a new beginning. March might have been your last month in the school building, but your actual lesson starts today.

You are embarking on a new journey where you set your own rules and guide yourself. You must leave your comfort zone and live in the new reality. However, God has not brought you this far to leave you.

Proverbs 3: 5-6

[5] Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. [6] In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Every situation and every experience that you have gained through this COVID-19 Pandemic will enrich your life and give you life-long memories, good or bad. It is said that there is no success without losses.

We are in strange times, and with strange times comes different circumstances that I know the Class of 2020 is equipped to handle.

Today, we say goodbye to everything that was familiar, everything that was comfortable, but we must remember when all else fails in life, we must trust God's plan. Even before anything goes astray, putting our faith in the Lord is a great way to get the assurance we need to press onward. This is one of the most important things Christians can do. There is so much we do not know about how our lives are going to turn out, but God does know, and He can guide us forward on our journeys if we have faith in Him.

The world will apply immense pressure, but you are diamond-- "A diamond is a chunk of coal that did well under pressure" and you have that ability and the strength to PUSH BACK!

So as I end this message, I am going to leave you with something my grandmother left me when I graduated in 1998 from Pelahatchie High School, and I hope you carry it as I have carried it with me,

"KEEP PUSHING"

"KEEP PUSHING" – when you cannot see

"KEEP PUSHING" – when no one else believes

"KEEP PUSHING" – when you hear the word NO while pursuing your dream

"KEEP PUSHING BECAUSE THE ONLY PERSON THAT CAN STOP YOU.....IS YOU."

Love,

Mayor Ryshonda Beechem

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Graduates escorted by Pelahatchie Police had the Fire Department cheering them on too.



There's Merit in Education.

Here at Merit Health Rankin we're proud of the 2020 graduates for being able to step outside of the usual graduation traditions for the greater good of preventing the spread of COVID-19. Congratulations on graduating **Pelahatchie High School Class of 2020!** Take what you've learned through this experience and persevere to the fullest.

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Picture of the Drive-In Baccalaureate Service at New Liberty Baptist Church.



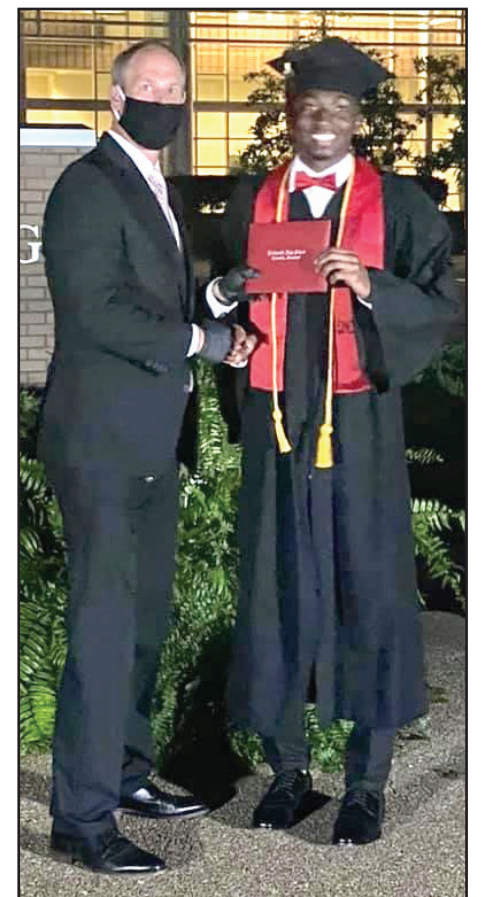
Pelahatchie High School Faculty 2019-20

Pictured (l to r) bottom row, are: Heather Greene, Angela Skinner, Tina Roberts, Patrick Creel, Bob Robinson, Tyler Walters, Brian Edwards, Sammy Goodin, and Tip Nutt; row two: Donna McMillian, Liz Renfrow, Heather Sells, Abby Sweeney, Megan Davis, Wendy Carter, SFC John Gough, Helen Rettger, and Mandy Herrington; row three: Cedrick Wilder, Sandra Shivers, Nikki Nutt, Sherree Rayner, Luke Cotham, Eles Renfroe, LTC Greg Hargett, Emily Hayes, and Duncan Tucker; row 4: Kimberly Watson, Jennifer Davis, Laura Grice, Kessie Key, Susan Caraway, Christi Smith, Mike Chambliss, Amy Till, and Shannon McKay; and the back row: Dr. Teague Burchfield, Bryan Collins, Kelsey Nobles, Sam Williams, Alexia Jones, Brandi Johns, Leslie Hebert, Constance Sherrod, and Lavadius Lyles.

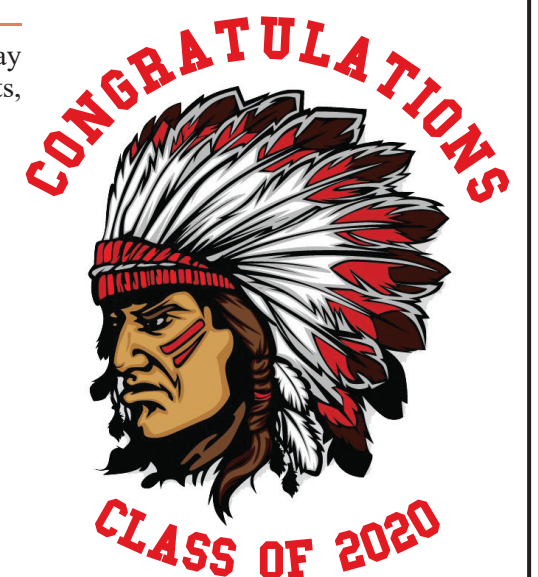
From Dr. Burchfield: "It's been a tough finish to the 19-20 school year, but I wouldn't want to do it with anyone else! I can't say enough of how proud I am of the Pelahatchie High School Faculty and Staff and the servant heart each of them has for their students, each other, and the Pelahatchie Community...Go Chiefs!"



The Muse Center even mentioned the Chiefs' graduation on their billboard by the Rankin campus.



Photos special to Pelahatchie News
Dr. Burchfield with a mask with Ian Jackson.



Nelson named PHS assistant principal

By Susie A. Wolfe

Philip Nelson was named the new Pelahatchie High School (PHS) assistant principal.

"Mr. Nelson comes to us with 21 years of experience in education. Nineteen of those twenty-one years were earned in the Rankin County School District, with his last six years spent as transportation supervisor of the Brandon zone," said Dr. Teague Burchfield, principal.

Nelson has taught seventh-grade math, pre-algebra, transition to algebra, advanced algebra, trigonometry, geometry, keyboarding, and computer applications. He has also served as a teacher trainer around the state.

He has an undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University as well as an M.S. in technology.

He said, "I am very excited to be at Pelahatchie this year. It is an opportu-



Special to Pelahatchie News

Philip Nelson will be PHS' new assistant principal for the new school year. He comes from Brandon.

nity to work in a school with less students which means more attention per young person."

Nelson and his wife, Christina, a teacher at Brandon Middle School, have three children, Jeremiah (13), Bradley (11), and Lucy Mae (8).

Nelson replaces Bryan Collins, who will serve as principal at Puckett High School.

Georgetown appointed to Little Zion UMC



Special to Pelahatchie News

Dr. Ricky Georgetown has been appointed for the 2020-2021 year to Little Zion UMC, according to Bishop James E. Swanson, who made an announcement on May 6.

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Pastor's Perspective: Don't count your chickens before they hatch



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

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We have a small flock of chickens in a backyard chicken pen. There are just six hens and a rooster, but they keep us furnished with eggs. A month or so ago, one of the hens began to stay in a nest and wouldn't leave. I reckoned that she was feeling her "motherly" instinct and wanted some baby chicks. It has been a long time since we let a hen set eggs and raise chicks, so I decided to give her some eggs and see what would happen. I figured that all of them might not hatch, and some of the chicks probably wouldn't survive, so I gave her a dozen eggs to sit on.

It takes 21 days for eggs to hatch. I noticed that during that time, she did not stay on the eggs as much as I thought she should. Normally a sitting hen will only leave the nest for just a few minutes a day, if that. But this hen might get off her nest several times a day. I began to wonder if she was keeping the eggs warm enough for the chicks to develop. Well, I waited about a week past the time for the eggs to hatch and no chicks hatched out. She went back into the pen

with the other hens!

That experience reminded me of the old saying, "Don't count your chickens before they hatch." That was certainly true for our experience with this sitting hen. I began to wonder what the history was behind that saying. I did some research (i.e. Google search) and discovered that the phrase, or something similar, has been used for hundreds of years in many areas of the world.

One account goes as follows: This saying occurs in the fable "The Milkmaid and Her Pail." Patty, a farmer's daughter, is daydreaming as she walks to town with a pail of milk balanced on her head. Her thoughts: "The milk in this pail will provide me with cream, which I will make into butter, which I will sell in the market, and buy a dozen eggs, which will hatch into chickens,

which will lay more eggs, and soon I shall have a large poultry yard. I'll sell some of the fowls and buy myself a handsome new gown and go to the fair, and when the young fellows try to flirt with me, I'll toss my head and pass them by."



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At that moment, Patty tripped and lost the pail full of milk. Her mother admonished, "Do not count your chickens before they are hatched." That version goes back to the early 1500s.

The fable expresses hope for future gain without considering all the possi-

bilities of not achieving the goal.

In the Bible, James addresses that topic, as well. He says in James 4:13-14, "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business 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." Then James clarifies what we should do in verse 15, "Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'"

James is not saying that we should not make plans or have big dreams. What he is saying is that we should never leave the Lord out of our planning process. When our plans include following the Lord's will and dependence on His guidance, our success is virtually assured.

We thought it would be fun to have some baby chicks, but our plans did not depend on those eggs hatching out. As we go through life, we should always include in our planning process a complete dependence on the Lord and His will for us.

The restrictions imposed by COVID-19 are being lifted. As soon as you can, be sure to take your family to church!



Due to the COVID-19 virus, all services and activities at Cross Roads have been suspended until further notice.
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McKay invites everyone to ring bells for healthcare



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Shannon McKay reminds all her Facebook friends to ring a bell or blow a horn at 6 p.m. each day in honor of health-care workers during this Pandemic. A Mississippi State University fan, she personally rings her cowbell each day. She has done this every day since March except a few days.

Summer lunches provided for kids

By Susie A. Wolfe

A group of Pelahatchie residents are starting the Tuesday lunch in the park feeding program at the end of May. Since the Muscadine Park is closed due to COVID-19, they will deliver lunch

to any child in the town of Pelahatchie. This will be on Tuesdays beginning at 11 a.m. If anyone is interested in volunteering, donating, or wants to be added to the delivery list, contact Shannon Boyce at 662-571-9779 or Scott Walters at 601-278-4816.

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Sanders recognized for ACT Most Growth



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Reagan Sanders was recently recognized by the Rankin School District for the MOST growth on her ACT at Pelahatchie High School. Sanders, a junior, was given an award by Priority One Bank.

Hudson gets 4.0 GPA at MC

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Taylor Hudson was named to Mississippi College's President's List for the Spring Semester. The East Rankin Academy graduate was also in leadership with the Fellowship of Christian athletes, plus involved with the KISSI-MEE social tribe; Freshman leadership group; Swerve dance team; and was a cheerleader.



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Ole Miss Spring 2020 honor rolls

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The University of Mississippi recently announced Pelahatchie students named to the Spring 2020 Honor Roll lists, including Chancellor's Honor Roll. The students include Jordan White, Hannah Kaitlyn Whitney, and Joseph Ward Winstead.

"Our Chancellor's Honor Roll students set the bar for academic excellence at the University of Mississippi, and I congratulate them on their outstanding achievement," said Chancellor Glenn F. Boyce. "Their success is the result of an incredible amount of hard work and dedication and truly showcases their commitment to the pursuit of academic and personal greatness."

Kaci Lynn White was recently named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2020 Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action.



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