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Multicraft manufacturing American-made PPE

By Susie A. Wolfe

Multicraft Ventures is working with PremierGuard USA of Jackson to bring critical American-made FDA 510(K) cleared Level III surgical masks to the American market serving front line medical personnel, military personnel, and everyday Americans, according to Paul Jones, Multicraft Ventures president and shareholder.

When COVID first hit in America, there quickly developed a shortage of PPE products, and shortly it was realized America's dependence on foreign-made PPE. In pursuing the need to provide PPE for Americans, PremierGuard USA needed a manufacturing partner to produce an American-made mask. Glenn Ferreri, president of PremierGuard, learned about Multicraft through the Mississippi Manufacturers Association.

Ferreri said that Multicraft has a



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Multicraft Ventures is working with PremierGuard USA to bring critical American made PPE Level III mask to the American market serving front line medical personnel, military personnel, and everyday Americans. Multicraft currently has multiple PPE mask machines in production producing a minimum of 75,000 mask per day.

unique platform that can adjust to any industry. Premier Guard USA required a manufacturer that has the ability to solve problems and build a platform for growth for the PPE industry. He is also working with another manufacturer in Corinth, Mississippi.

"Premier Guard USA's face mask recently received its 510(K) approval, which confirms that it meets the highest and most stringent mandated requirements," said Ferreri. "Our product is Berry amendment compliant, meaning that all components, along with the finished mask, are made in the USA."

Multicraft has been an advanced manufacturer to the automotive industry since 1978, and Multicraft and PremierGuard realized the opportunity to apply Multicraft's engineering knowledge to the highly technical manufacturing process for the Level III surgical mask.

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Residents rally for change on steps of City Hall

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On January 23, a group of Pelahatchie citizens gathered on the steps of City Hall, carrying signs and proclaiming, "Enough is enough: It is time." Several cars drove around town, sporting posters encouraging voters to select a new administration in the upcoming municipal election, in which all five aldermen positions and the mayor position will be up for grabs. Citizens who were participating in the rally said that they want respect to return to the City Hall boardroom, the Board members to talk to members of the community and have a conversation on the issues, and the mayor's salary to be reinstated.

Four years ago, Ryshonda Beechem was elected as Pelahatchie's mayor by a twelve-vote margin in a three-way race between three independents - Beechem, Megan Hall and Shannon Boyce. In the race, which had a sixty-six percent



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turnout, James Harrell also beat Chris Courtney by fifty-seven votes for Ward 4 Alderman, a seat left vacant by Megan Hall's run for mayor. Eddie Jones narrowly won the Alderman-At-Large post by three votes against Patsy Watson. Michael Adams (Ward 1 Alderman), Frank Boyd (Ward 2 Alderman) and Margie Warren (Ward 3 Alderman) were unopposed.

From their first Board of Alderman meeting in July of 2017, relations between the Board and the Mayor have been tense.

In February of 2018, the Board of Aldermen voted to cut the Mayor's salary by seventy-five percent, from \$1,000 to \$250, and their own salaries by fifty-percent, from \$500 to \$250.

In recent months, citizens complained that the relationships on the Board and with the mayor have deteriorated further, and they say the entire town is

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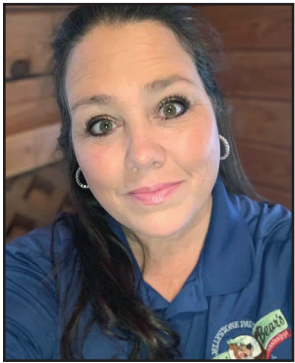
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Goss named Yogi assistant general manager



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Stephanie Goss, left, has been named assistant general manager at Yogi on the Lake. Nikki Ammons, right, is the general manager. Both ladies said they are eager to continue to be the perfect family vacation destination in Mississippi.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Stephanie Goss was named assistant general manager at Yogi on the Lake starting in January. She started working in activities at Yogi on The Lake in March and became assistant general manager in January.

"We are very fortunate to have Stephanie join our team at Yogi on the Lake," said Ammons. "She embodies the type of employee we all aspire to become. Her growth mindset attributes to her exemplary leadership qualities. As we venture into a new season, we are excited and eager to continue to be the perfect family vacation destination in Mississippi."

Goss gave up teaching to pursue this opportunity. She was in the middle of her

seventh year of teaching. She said she loved working as a fifth-grade science teacher for the Scott County School District.

"When I began at Yogi on the Lake, I had no idea I would love it so much. When they offered me the job, I jumped at it. I love Nikki, and we mesh really well. I am so excited for this year and the contributions that I believe I can make at Jellystone."

Born in Millington, Tennessee, Goss grew up and went to school in Madison for most of her life.

She married James Goss in 1992, and they have five children: Megan Davis (Justin), Alana, Will, and Wes Goss and Nick Boykin. She also has two grandchildren, Chance & Amelia.

Edwards joins Bank of Yazoo

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Misty Edwards has been named vice president and loan officer for the Bank of Yazoo's Flowood branch. She has more than 20 years banking experience in commercial and consumer lending retail services, operations, credit, and compliance. She was formerly with Trustmark National Bank in Rankin County.

According to Bank of Yazoo CEO and Metro President Ben Aldridge, "Misty brings a wealth of experience to our institution, and we are thrilled that she has joined our Metro team. Her broad-based experience in banking, particularly in Rankin County, allows her to provide valuable financial insight and solutions to our clients. We also appreciate her ongoing desire to contribute to her community through civic service. We are excited to see what the future holds for Misty at our bank."

Edwards earned her Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration at Belhaven University. She is also a graduate of Hinds Community College. She is currently a candidate for graduation from the Mississippi School of Banking in 2021. In 2020, she was the recipient of Rankin County's Top 40 Under 40



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Award.

Edwards is active in the Rankin County community, being involved through her work as a lifetime member of the Junior Auxiliary of Rankin County, having served as finance chair. She has also served as an ambassador for the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer for Stewpot. She and her family are members of the Cross Roads Baptist Church in Pelahatchie.



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Hinds CC names Fall 2020 scholars

By Susie A. Wolfe

Hinds Community College recently named the fall 2020 President's and Dean's Scholars. Pelahatchie students included in the President's list, those with a cumulative 4.0 grade point average, include: Aubree Beeman, Katie Boyer, Claire Brunt, Makaylee Hester, Karen Perrett, Reagan Sanders, and Jessi Thompson.

The Dean's Scholars are those students with a cumulative 3.5 to 3.9 grade point average. Pelahatchie students earning this distinction include: Kelly Brady, Anna Carter, Scarlett Castillo, Christian Earby, Tamatha Hughes, Brooklyn Johnson, Charay Johnson, Paige Loper, Wendy Sparnecht, Chandler Stevens, Dillon Usry, and Skylar

Wilkerson.

More than 1,300 students received credentials from Hinds Community College in December 2020. Credentials include certificates and associate degrees. Of the fall graduates, 187 achieved cum laude, 3.2 to 3.59 grade point average; 97 achieved magna cum laude, 3.6 to 3.99 GPA and 120 achieved summa cum laude, 4.0 grade point average.

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suffering.

The qualifying period for 2021 Pelahatchie municipal elections has begun and will run through Friday, February 5, 2021, at 5 p.m. Those interested in running for office may turn in their paperwork at City Hall.

The Town of Pelahatchie is governed by the Mayor and five elected Aldermen. City elections are held every four years for the positions, and four of the five aldermen are elected from separate wards, with the remaining position being Alderman-at-Large.

For more information about the election requirements and schedule, see page 7.



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ERA students win at MAIS Overall State Spelling Bee



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Three East Rankin Academy (ERA) students won in the 2021 MAIS Overall State Spelling Bee in their grade level. R.T. Tate finished in first place for the seventh grade Overall State Spelling Bee and also finished second place in the combined fourth through the eighth grade MAIS Overall State Competition. Cason Patrick, who finished first in the MAIS District III sixth grade, finished third place in the State sixth grade competition, and Zack Price, second in District competition, finished fourth place in State competition. Pictured (l to r) are: Zack Price; Cason Patrick, and R.T. Tate. Both Patrick and Tate also placed first in the 2019 overall state competition.



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ERA soccer seniors recognized in January



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Senior night came early this season at the fourth game of the season on January 7, 2021. Coach Steven Simmons said that he is proud of the six lads. He said that they've been exceptional on and off the field. ERA won the big district game 6-1 over Park Place. Pictured (l to r) are: Brodie Rials, Elijah Moore, Ethan Ezelle, Coach Steven Simmons, Tucker Loper, Will Freeman, and Jack Pittman.

Multicraft manufacturing American-made PPE

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Multicraft currently has multiple PPE mask machines in production, producing over 75,000 masks per day, with additional planning of machines to increase capacity to over 250,000 mask s per day.

Multicraft International has two operating divisions, Multicraft Technologies and Multicraft Ventures. The Multicraft Ventures facility was opened in 2017 to provide for growth of their existing product lines and industries served and also to provide a platform to create and

develop new products both internally and by working with start-up companies and entrepreneurs. Since opening in 2017, Multicraft Ventures launched new business with Taylor Power to provide wiring harnesses and generator control panels to their Clinton, MS, (operation) and ABB, providing fluid level indicators for the oil/gas industry.

Multicraft Ventures has also developed internal products. The Badgerhead weed trimmer head and a Kitty Quest board game are offered on Amazon.

PHS names Character Trait winners



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) named Character Trait winners for December and January. Pictured (l to r) are: Jessie Stewart for generosity, and Bailey Johnson for responsibility.

Pelahatchie VFD releases 2020 numbers

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Pelahatchie Volunteer Fire Department (VFD)'s 2020 activities included: Medical Aid, 165; House Fires, 9; Commercial Building Fires, 1; Vehicle Fires, 11; Grass Fires, 9; False Alarms, 19; Public Relations, 12; and Motor Vehicle Crashes, 35.

The Pelahatchie VFD is one of the oldest VFDs in Rankin County, established in 1952.

They currently have 25 members, with two of those being women.

According to Fire Chief Karl VanHorn, "Our call volume was down last year due



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to the COVID-19 and the revamp response plan that Rankin EOC put out. We need to start looking at upgrading some of our equipment, so we are in compliance with the latest standard. And, we have a few members that will be attending classes to become certified volunteers through the Mississippi Fire Academy."

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East Rankin Academy announces ACT 30 or Above Club



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) announced the ACT 30 or Above Club in January. The tenth through twelfth grade students honored for 2020-2021 first semester pictured (l to r) first row, are: Will Price, Brandyn Luke, Max Gainey, and Elijah Rowell; and second row: Jonathan Lamberth, Colby Stewart, Elijah Vining, Elijah Moore, Barron Burnham, Dylan Davis, and Brennan Rials.

East Rankin names 2020-2021 class officers



East Rankin Academy (ERA) recently announced the 2020-2021 class officers. In the top photo, the twelfth grade officers pictured (l to r) are: West Winstead, president; Brennan Rials, vice president; Elijah Moore, treasurer; and Elijah Vining, secretary.



Pictured (l to r) are, eleventh grade: Reese Harper, president; Cole Moudy, vice-president; Brooke Renfro, secretary; and Will Price, treasurer.



Pictured (l to r) are, tenth grade: Jonas Vining, president; Dylan Davis, vice-president; Sarah Kate Alexander, secretary; and Katiana Hayman, treasurer.



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Pictured (l to r) are, ninth grade: Liam Wilkerson, president; Kyla Huffman, vice-president; Abigail Stevens, secretary; and Anna Leigh Dearing, treasurer.



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H&H wins Community Service Award



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Pelahatchie Lodge #276 presented H&H Electrical with the Humanitarian Award for their outstanding community service to the Town of Pelahatchie. Pictured (l to r) are: H&H owners Drew Hall, Kevin Hall, and Lodge representative Bobby Bishop.

Pecan Phylloxera can be successfully controlled



By Doug Carter,
Rankin County
Extension Agent

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I have been receiving questions about knotty growths on the twigs of Pecan Trees and what can be done about it.

The answer is that these growths are galls caused by a small aphid-like insect called the Pecan Phylloxera and, if the tree has already leafed out, there is nothing you can do about it for the rest of the year. Warty-like bumps on pecan leaves can start popping up in May. Resembling chickenpox, these bumps are the result of the Pecan Phylloxera. Once the feeding damages the leaf tissue, the plant then tries to compartmentalize the wound. Then an unattractive gall develops like a blister, in an effort to limit the spread of the wound.

Phylloxera overwinter as eggs in the bark of the tree, and the egg hatch coincides with bud break. Even though damage created by the insects is unattractive and concerning at first glance, it generally does not hurt the tree or impact nut production. As with all insects and disease problems, there needs to be enough damage to justify action. Therefore, if

only minor damage occurs, treatment is not necessary; if the damage is extensive, it may be best to treat for this issue.

Timing is very important for phylloxera control. Successful control depends on applying insecticides before

ing the entire trunk and large branches with an insecticide labeled for controlling aphids. The trunk is sprayed, because a majority of the eggs are laid in the cracks and cervices of the bark. The eggs hatch in the spring when the



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galls have formed around the phylloxera, while she is still exposed. Spray as soon as you see new growth emerge, or before new growth is half an inch to three-quarters of an inch long. This can vary each year, but usually occurs around the first week in April.

Proper treatment consists of spray-

ing leaves start to develop on the tree. It is recommended to spray two or three additional times as outlined on the label of the product used. It is also a good idea to clean up any leaves on the ground at the end of the year, since some eggs do overwinter in the galls.

The biggest challenge for homeowners

is safely and effectively treating a tree that is large. Currently, the primary method for treating these insects is by using an insecticide that is sprayed onto the tree's trunk and large branches. For most homeowners, hiring someone to spray a large tree is impractical, and cost prohibitive. Also, most homeowners cannot afford to invest in the equipment needed to properly spray the tree on their own.

Severely damaged trees should recover. Trees that are severely damaged one year will usually recover in subsequent years, and then go many years without suffering a serious infestation. However, this does not always happen the very next year, and trees that had heavy infestations one year may have infestations several years before the cycle breaks.

One thing we can do is keep the trees as healthy as possible. Fertilize the tree in late February, and lime in the fall according to soil test recommendations. Also, pecan trees should be watered weekly during periods of drought for the best development of the pecan crop.

Sources: Clemson Cooperative Extension Service Factsheet-HGIC 2212, July 22, 2016 and Bug-Wise Number 2, March 2016 MSU Extension

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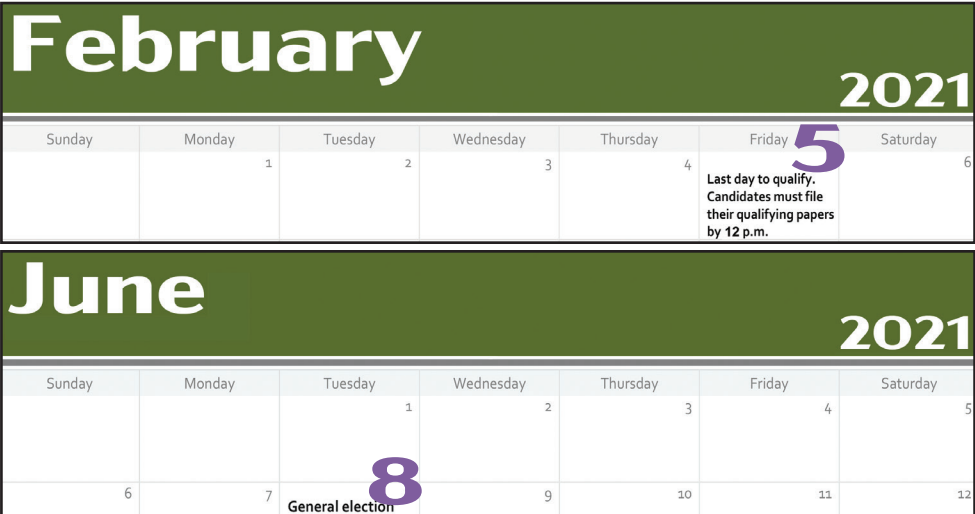
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The qualifying period for 2021 June municipal elections has begun and will run through Friday, February 5, 2021, at 5 p.m. Candidates who had announced by press time include Diane Hill, Ward One; Sandra Harvey, Ward Two; JW "Boomer" Graham, Ward Three; Patsy Watson and James Harrell, Ward Four; and Catherine Poarch and Eddie Jones, Alderman at Large.

The Town of Pelahatchie is governed by the Mayor and five elected Aldermen. City elections are held every four years for the Mayor, one Alderman-at-Large and four Ward-designated Aldermen to represent each respective ward.

The winning candidates in the primary elections will participate in the June General Election as the political party's nominee(s) for specific offices. An independent candidate participates only in the June General Election and, for the purposes of the ballot, has no designated political party affiliation.

Parties interested in running in the 2021 municipal election cycle who choose to participate in a primary election to seek the nomination of a particular political party must submit to the Deputy Clerk's Office a "Qualifying Statement of Intent for a Candidate for Party Nomination,"



The calendar for the 2021 election cycle is as follows: February 5, 2021: Last day to qualify. Candidates must file their qualifying papers by 5 p.m. (Candidates should contact City Hall to advise if they will be opened past the noon closing time.) June 8, 2021: General election. For more information, visit www.sos.ms.gov/elections-voting/Pages/default.aspx.

together with a qualifying fee of ten dollars, by 12 p.m. on February 5, 2021, which is sixty days prior to the date of the first primary election.

The Deputy Clerk will forward the Statement of Intent and the filing fee to the Secretary of the proper political party's Municipal Executive Committee. Qualifying forms are available from the Deputy Clerk's Office and on-line from the Secretary of State's website.

An individual who chooses to partic-

ipate in the general election only, without any political party affiliation, must submit to the Deputy Clerk's Office a "Qualifying Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate," together with a Qualifying Petition, no later than 5 p.m. on February 5, 2021, but the normal hours for Pelahatchie City Hall close at 12 pm. Candidates should contact City Hall to advise if they will be opened past the noon closing time. Independent candidates do not pay a qualifying fee, but

their Qualifying Petition must be signed by at least fifty qualified (registered) voters of the municipality or ward from which the candidate seeks office.

The Deputy Clerk's Office must certify the signatures on the Qualifying Petition are those of registered voters of the municipality and/or ward. Qualifying forms, including Petitions, are available from the Deputy Clerk's Office and on-line from the Secretary of State's website.

In order to qualify for office, all candidates must be a qualified elector (registered voter) of the State of Mississippi and in the municipality/ward of the office for which the candidate seeks election; be a resident of the municipality, county or county district office that he or she seeks to represent for two years immediately preceding the day of the election; along with meet requirements for not having been convicted of specific crimes, as explained on the Mississippi Secretary of State's website.

Additionally, there are other duties a candidate running for office will need to do, such as filing a Statement of Economic Interest with the Mississippi State Ethics Commission within fifteen days of qualifying. They will also be required to file Campaign Finance Reporting Statements.

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Tommy Warren	66	Pelahatchie, MS	12/20/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Marvin Ware	83	Lake, MS	12/21/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Roger Wooten	77	Forest, MS	12/22/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Dixie Craig	65	Morton, MS	12/23/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Robert Hodges	81	Forest, MS	12/24/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Eugenia Peterson	82	Trussville, AL	12/31/2020	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Marion Myatt	67	Forest, MS	1/1/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Wanda Cleveland	86	Forest, MS	1/2/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Bobby Brantley	66	Panorama City, CA	1/4/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Courtney Jones	40	Forest, MS	1/5/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Brenda Harris	65	Forest, MS	1/11/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Ruthie Thomas	80	Morton, MS	1/14/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Patricia Butler	65	Lake, MS	1/16/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Toby Reed	40	Forest, MS	1/16/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Leona Milner	78	Lena, MS	1/17/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Amanda Robinson	40	Morton, MS	1/19/2021	Wolf Funeral Serv.

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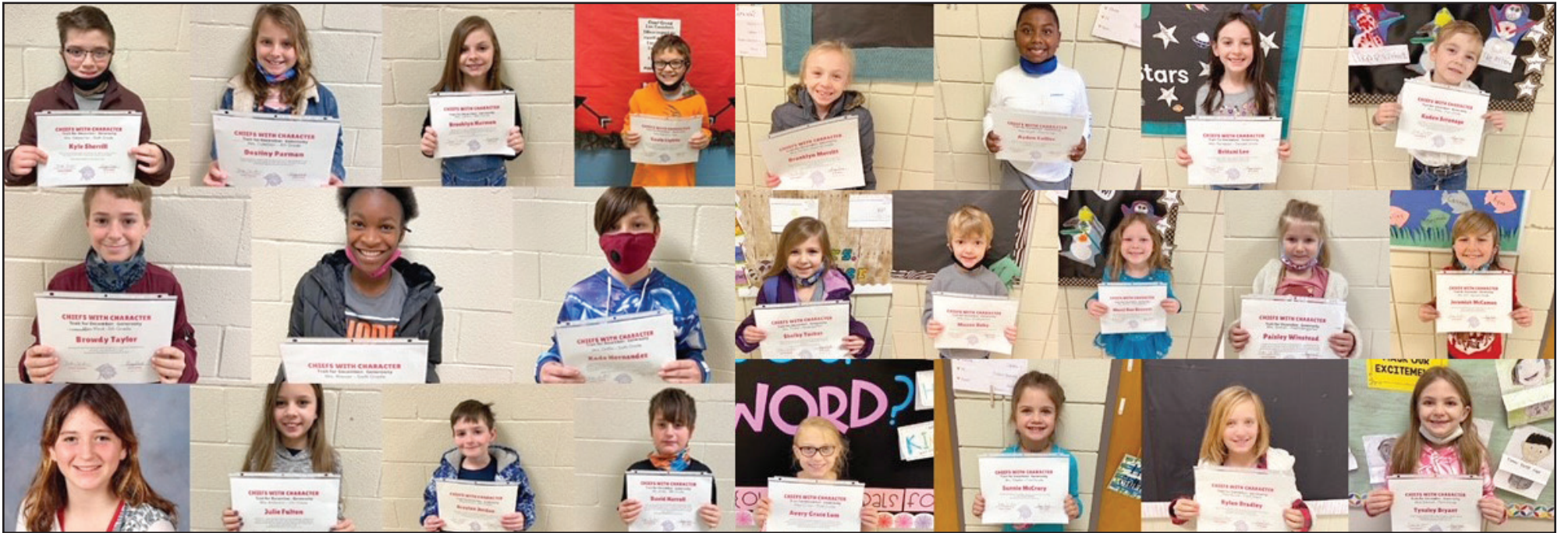
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*By Guest Columnist,
Robin Sanders,
Principal, Pelahatchie
Elementary*

I'm writing today to acknowledge the challenges you and your children have faced over the past nine months due to the COVID pandemic. The children have had an extended break from learning from March to August, and we are working hard to close that gap.

Students started this school year in a hybrid learning scenario and slowly transitioned back into a traditional learning environment with intense safety and cleaning procedures in place. You've worn masks everyday all day. You have stayed six feet away from your classmates and teachers as best as you can. You have washed your hands probably now more than ever. You are not getting to go to recess with your whole grade or getting to sing at music.

And who else misses checking out books from the library? I sure do. You are discovering ways to learn differently than before. Some new ways of learning are awesome, like Google Classroom and Nearpod, but some of the old ways, like working and talking

together in groups, we really miss that! These are not easy days, and you have demonstrated resilience and patience. Pelahatchie families, we can't even begin to thank you!

We continue to work each day to ensure our campus remains open to teach students, and to do so as safely as possible. We are only just beginning to understand the scale of this public health challenge and the changes needed to support our community. With that in mind, we also thank you for your engagement as these issues unfold.

Making phone calls about students who need to quarantine are difficult to make, because we truly understand the burden that it may cause for some families. Believe me, we would rather have students here learning with us. Thanks to you who have been contacted already this year who understand the need for quarantine and help us make it work. We greatly appreciate it!

This has not been an easy year for Pelahatchie Elementary, but it has been and continues to be a privilege to face these difficulties and uncertainties alongside you. We will emerge from these challenges a stronger, more resilient campus.

And I have never doubted the strength and determination of our Pelahatchie Elementary families!

Ward named November Athlete of the Month



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Breanna Ward was named the Farm Bureau Athlete of the Month for November. Pictured (l to r) are: Dr. Teague Burchfield, principal; Ward; Tanner Wilson, Rankin County Farm Bureau; and Leslie Herbert, instructional supervisor.

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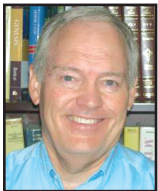
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Pastor's Perspective: Are you carrying around dirty laundry?



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

Let's suppose you're going on a trip. It may be for a weekend or for a couple of weeks. Before you go, you pack your bags with all the clothes you think you will need on the trip. You count how many days you will be gone and pack a clean set of underclothes for each day, plus a couple of extras, just in case. You get all of the toiletries together that you think you will need, and some you don't think you'll need, just in case.

You go on your trip and enjoy yourself. When it's time to come home, you pick up the dirty clothes from the pile in the corner and stuff them into one of the suitcases you have with you. But when you get home, instead of unpacking the bag with the dirty clothes, you stick it in the back of the closet, out of the way.

When it's time for the next trip, you get a different bag and go through the process you always go through. You count the number of days you'll be away from home, and pack enough clothes for that many days, plus some extra things, just in case. And, before you leave, you look in the back of the closet and pull

out that bag with your dirty clothes from the last trip and take it with you. You go on the trip and come home with two bags of dirty clothes.

When you get home, you put all the bags with dirty clothes in the back of the closet without unpacking them. You follow this pattern each time you go on a trip. Pack what you think you'll need for that trip, plus a little extra. And you always pull out the bags with the dirty clothes in them and take them too, without ever opening those bags. After a few trips, you run out of room in the closet for the bags with the dirty laundry, so you start putting them in the spare bedroom. But each time you go on a trip, whether short or long, you take all of the bags of dirty clothes with you. And the number of bags with dirty clothes continues to grow.

Now this little story seems odd in the least, or down right ridiculous in the

worst case. But it illustrates exactly how some people go through the trip we call "life."

We all have things that happen to us in life that are the equivalent of dirty laundry. You have an argument with your spouse, you have a dispute with your neighbor, you get your feelings hurt by someone at church, you lash out at your children in anger, you let some petty



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issue come between you and a friend or family member, you allow greed or jealousy, or envy or lust get the best of you and fall to some temptation. You let bitterness or pride affect your decisions.

All of these things and so many others are like dirty laundry that we refuse to wash. And as you go through life, you carry all that baggage with you every-

where you go. At first, those negative emotions don't seem to hinder you much, but sooner or later, all that baggage is going to weigh you down, and keep you from experiencing the joy and peace that God desires you to have in life.

I don't know what may be in your baggage, but let me urge you to stop, set the bags down and open them up. Let me warn you that there may be some moldy things in there. And some things may even be rotten. For sure, there will be some stinky things to deal with. But you really do need to unpack and get things cleaned up and stop carrying all that baggage from the past with you wherever you go.

I Peter 2:1-3 tells us, "Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."

Don't let any dirty baggage keep you from the fulfilling and joyful trip through life that God wants you to have! Psalm 55:22 tells us to, "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you..."

Be sure to take your family to church on Sunday, or watch a service online together.

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*Wednesday:

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Calling all PHS seniors



By Guest Columnist
Dr. Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School

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As we continue to progress through this school year, I must say how proud I am of Pelahatchie High School's Class of 2021. I have had the fortune of walking alongside these ladies and gentlemen for the past two and a half years, and I am extremely impressed with their growth and maturity. Whether it be their academic strengths, athletic abilities, as well as their bond with each other as a class, this group of young adults have proven to be quite the well-rounded bunch.

The past 12 months have forced these 52 students to endure some of the harshest educational terrain imaginable. While COVID-19 has affected everyone,

our seniors certainly didn't envision their final two years of high school to look as it has. From an altered finish to the 2020 school year, canceled seasons and competitions of all sorts, social distancing guidelines and mask mandates, quarantines and outbreaks, as well as minimal opportunities to gather with peers in and out of school, our seniors have gone through so much.

While much has been asked of them, they have navigated this tough terrain with quite impressive ease. Patience and understanding come to mind when I

think of how they have responded to all of the many processes and procedures that COVID-19 has brought on. Flexibility does, as well, as they learned to navigate many online platforms that were introduced due to this change in the academic environment. And, while social distancing has pushed us further apart physically, the Class of '21 will look back on this time with nothing short of a sense of togetherness.

The Class of '21 currently stands less than four months from their goal of graduation. There is still much to accomplish along the way. GPAs and ACT scores can still be raised. Winter and spring competitions are up for grabs. Resumes are in need of creation or updating. College visits are in need of being scheduled. College applications

are awaiting your undivided attention. Again, there is still much to accomplish!

It will be here before you know it. Do not take it for granted, and certainly

do not wish it all away, as it will be history before you know it. Instead, enjoy your remaining days as a student at Pelahatchie High School. Embrace the time you have left with your peers. In the months ahead, glean as much knowledge as possible from your teachers. Be a model for those coming behind you.

The future is calling on you; finish here at Pelahatchie High School first, so that you will be prepared to answer the call. Finish strong, and, as always, Go Chiefs!

Class of 2021

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Sanders named RCSD Administrator of the Month

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Robin Sanders
PELAHATCHIE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

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The Rankin County School District (RCSD) recognized Pelahatchie Elementary School Principal Robin Sanders as Elementary Administrator of the month for December. Sanders, a Pelahatchie native, attended Pelahatchie schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade. She taught at Pelahatchie Elementary for eight years prior to joining the RCSD staff. She started the year saying that she was fully committed to making Pelahatchie the greatest elementary school in Rankin County.

PES names second nine weeks honor roll

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Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) named the second nine weeks honor roll in January.

Those students named to the "All A" honor roll include: Carsyn Kate Baughman, Arianna Gipson, Celeste Adams, Parker Jones, Kaiah Myers, Parker Peavey, Bethany Tucker, Madelynn Coleman, Jadyn Conger, and Noelle Gardner.

Students named to the "A/B" honor roll include: Samantha Adams, Tristan Burns, Kloe Crosby, Lucas Gardner, Zion Grant, Kade Hernandez, Jack Herrington, Nova Lamb, Heaven Lewis, Jamirah Magee, Sara Myers, Mary Taylor Nutt, Natalie Redditt, Kaylee Renfro, Landyn Rodgers, DaMarion Snow, Devin Westbrooks, Johnathan Adams, Mallarie Adams, Chyna Bowie, Branch

Boyer, Nathan Brown, Marlie Conn, Carter Edwards, Amelia Garcia, Destiny Gibbs, Jayse Gilliam, Jacob Harvey, KatieBelle Herrington, Sarah Brooks Hopson, Addison Irby, Alaina Jordan, Grayson Matthews, Madeline McKee, Katlynn Murray, Chase Parker, Madysen Roby, Natalie Scherer, Samuel Shoemaker, Aidan Smith, Dawson Edwards, Caiden Gray, Avery Greer, Brooklyn Harmon, Grady Hobock, Jayla McInnis, River Pierce, Kali Reddmann, Eli Roberts, Khloe Sherill, Gavin Upton, Wesley Walters, Blake Baughman, Madison Charleston, Dawson Courtney, Casey Crenshaw, Alana Cupstid, Dannea Hicks, MaKenza Hicks, Aubrey Hudson, Jordan Hurst, Bailey Joy Key, Casen Kilgore, Abel Lamb, Brantley Rivera, Hunter Sanders, Evelyn Surkin, Lou Ellen Wilson, Stacey Wilson, and Samaria Wynn.



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PHS names honor roll

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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) named the first semester honor roll. The seventh through twelfth grade students are listed below.

The first semester "All A" honor roll included:

Twelfth grade - Katie Boyer, Meghan Herrington, MaKaylee Hester, Mackenzie Hester, Joshua Jenkins, Bailey Johnson, Reagan Sanders, Cass Walters, and Chloe Walters.

Eleventh grade - Justin Beeman, Madelyn Cain, Kiara Gary, Bailey McKee, Laura Renfroe, Sterling Simmons, and Kaitlyn White.

Tenth grade - Tyler Bayliss, Eli Boyer, Nataliya Garner, Madison Holmes, Addison Lindsey, Maddie Walters, and Holly White.

Ninth grade - Jimmy Holifield, Tyler Johns, Payton Sanders, and Issac White.

Eighth grade - Melanie Ball, Amelia Griffin, Braiden Hernandez, Mary Frances White, and Tyler Wiltcher.

Seventh grade - Christian Beeman, Kyra Bryant, and Isabell Davis.

The "A/B" honor roll for the first semester included:

Twelfth grade - Kayla Hobson, Alexis Johnson, Brooklyn Johnson, Jacob

Thompson and Joseph Watkins.

Eleventh grade - Chrystianna Beeman, Madison Broome, Abbigale Davis, Collins Doster, Levi Goldman, McKinley Goodin, Daniel Henley, Hayden Huff, Janay Johnson, Cole Jordan, Owen Lusk, Julia Myers, Cooper Sirmon, Randy Thompson, Adlyn Till, Marie Valentine, Mackenzie Waggoner, Garland Ward, Callie Weems, and Prentiss Wilson, Jr.

Tenth grade - Haley Adams, Hart Adams, Logan Carlino, Leah Carter, Alisha Cooper, Kaylee Hall, Nabri Hernandez, Erica Hunt, Mallorie Irby, Kendall Jones, Elizabeth King, Macy McCamon, Mariah McGill, Camden Patton, Destinee Purvis, Nicole Rainer, Cameron Rayborn, and Ella Tucker.

Ninth grade - Macy Bowman, Savannah Dennis, Samuel Gibney, Madyson McGee, and Revonda Renfrow.

Eighth grade - Isabel Brown, Kaydence Hesseltine, Mickey Jennings, Wyatt Renfroe, Cooper Scherer, Ethan Stevens, Jessie Stewart, Myles Stringer, Samuel Till and Adyson Wraight

Seventh grade - Savannah Carlino, Carson Conn, Baelah Crosby, Ricazmine Lee, Harmony McGill, Terrell Moran, Jaci Smith, Breanna Ward, Rylee Watson, and Savannah Whiddon.

Two PHS cheerleaders perform in Orlando



Photos special to Pelahatchie News

Meghan Herrington and Katie Belle Boyer performed at the Varsity Spirit Spectacular at Universal Orlando Resort in November.

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Meghan Herrington and Katie Belle Boyer from Pelahatchie High School (PHS) traveled to the Universal Orlando Resort in Orlando, Florida, November 22 – November 25, 2020, with high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the country to represent the camp brands of Varsity Spirit in the Varsity Spirit Spectacular.

The individuals invited to perform were a part of the All-American program at Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) and National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) summer camps across the country. All-Americans are chosen based on superior athletic and leadership skills. Only the top 12% of athletes who attended camp earned the chance to perform in the holiday spec-

tacular.

The individuals invited to perform also included a select group of ninth to twelfth grade captains, co-captains and officers who attended a Varsity Spirit summer camp hosted by UCA, NCA, Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Dance Alliance (NDA), United Spirit Association (USA) and Urban Cheerleading Experience (UCE).

Herrington and Boyer performed in an exclusive performance at the Universal Orlando Resort. Besides enjoying a sunny trip to Orlando, performers had the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across that nation and enjoy a magical holiday season at the Universal Orlando Resort parks.

Herrington also earned the distinguished UCA All American Cheerleader title before attending the event.



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