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Los Amigos opens in Duke's building

By Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie's newest restaurant is scheduled to open by October 4. Los Amigos is a competitively priced Tex Mex run by Carlos Medellin who has been managing restaurants in the Jackson area and Alabama.

The new ownership completely renovated the old Duke's building that was most recently the Pelahatchie Grill. They will serve lunch and dinner.



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Los Amigos opened for business around the first of the month. It added to the restaurant selection for local residents.

ERA introduces 2021 Homecoming Court



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, October 15. The 2021 Homecoming presentation will be during half time of the game that begins at 7 p.m. against Sacred Heart Catholic School. Members of East Rankin's 2021 Homecoming court pictured (l to r) first row, are: Anna Lane Hutson, Kate Betts, Karlee Harrison, and Neely Hawthorne and second row: Lana Jones, Mary Kellan Sartin, Abbey Kelly, and Abbie Hutson.

PHS announces 2021 Homecoming Maids



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The Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Homecoming was held October 1 at the school. PHS hosted Velma Jackson that evening. The Homecoming Theme is "Welcome to Fabulous Pelahatchie, Mississippi (Vegas Week)." Maids pictured (l to r) front row, are: Chrystianna Beeman, Madelyn Cain, Collins Doster, Adlyn Till, and Kaitlyn White; middle row: Nataliya Garner, Zoey Jones, Gracie Jones, Jaleah Ford, Mac-ey Bowman, Gracie Grogan, Linda Gandarilla, Airrianna Beeman, Macy McCamon, and Leah Carter; and back row: Carsyn Kate Baughman, Mary Taylor Nutt, Aliyah Butler, Rylee Watson, Aaliyah Coghlan, and Brooklyn Coghlan. Not pictured is Madison Broome.

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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) Homecoming was held on Friday, October 1. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Flower Girl Jasmine Harvey, and Crown Bearer Rhett Allen; back row: Assistant Principal Philip Nelson, Randy Kenner, 2021 Homecoming Queen Collins Doster, Kenner Doster, 2020 Homecoming Queen Katie Belle Boyer, and Principal Teague Burchfield. Collins Doster is the daughter of Kimberly Kenner Doster and the late Chris Doster.



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RCSD recognizes two from PHS



The Rankin County School District (RCSD) recognized Sally Coward as the Secondary Classified employee for August. RCSD said, "We appreciate your efforts in moving our district from great to BEST."



Kessie Key was also recognized as Secondary Certified employee for August. Dr. Teague Burchfield said, "We are so thankful for Mrs. Key and her investment in ALL things Pelahatchie. Thank you for investing in our students!"

Carter promoted to Director of Operations

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On September 15, 2021, Michelle Carter made the transition from Director of Outreach Programs for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) to Director of Operations for the Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

In 2003, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) established a foundation to assist in protecting and preserving our wildlife heritage. The Foundation is the only outdoor organization that directly supports the MDWFP, which has the primary responsibility for hunting, fishing, shooting sports and conservation in the state. Through the Foundation's financial support, various wildlife and educational projects associated with the MDWFP are made possible. The Foundation also helps fund many additional programs not directly associated with the MDWFP whose goal is to preserve and protect the natural resources of the state.

Don Brazil, CEO of The Foundation said, "both the Board of Directors for The Foundation and I are excited to add Michelle to The Foundation team. She is extremely talented and brings with her a passion for enhancing conservation in our state."

Carter will fundraise for The Foundation in support of MDWFP and wildlife conservation. She began her career with MDWFP as part of the Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Program (MSSP)



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Michelle Carter has been named Director of Operations for the Foundation for Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. She had been serving as Director of Outreach Programs for the MDWFP.

and will continue to direct MDWFP's scholastic shooting program while working for The Foundation. MSSP is a team-based, youth development program that uses the shotgun sports of 5-Stand, Skeet, and Sporting Clays to teach hunting skills through the safe use of hunting equipment, including firearms, and their relationship to hunting situations. MSSP began in 2015 as a pilot program with four participating schools and approximately 30 students. Beginning its seventh year in 2021, MSSP has seventy schools with over 1,200 students. The Foundation provides scholarship money each year to be awarded to MSSP participants.



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Jace Laird	22	Forest	9/7/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Joseph Allen	44	Morton	9/9/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Paul D. Watkins	77	Forest	9/10/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
S.L. "Buck" Alman	91	Pelahatchie	9/19/2021	Wolf Funeral Services

Cooler weather means homecoming and sports



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

For Pelahatchie High School (PHS), the closing days of September and the beginning of October have been busy with homecoming festivities. Our theme for this year is "Welcome to Fabulous Pelahatchie" and our entire community has contributed to ensure a successful week.

Through door decorating contests, "Vegas"-themed crafts, and homecoming float preparation, I can't say enough how proud I am of our staff, students, and community for the energy they have brought to our campus throughout the week. We look forward to capping off the week with a victory as we host Velma Jackson, followed by a fun and safe homecoming dance for our student body!

Switching gears and as a reminder, the end of the first term is Friday, October 8. To start the second nine weeks, the Rankin County School District has em-

bedded a Fall Holiday on Monday and Tuesday (Columbus Day and a Teacher Professional Development Day, respectively) for our students. What a great opportunity for us all to reset and refocus for the second nine weeks. We hope that rest and relaxation is on the agenda for you during this extended weekend!

As October brings on cooler weather, we are reminded of a transition into the winter sports season. With lots of experience returning from last year's squad, Coach Jones' Girls Basketball Program is preparing for yet another stellar year. We are also excited to introduce to you Coach Jerriek Porter and Coach Matthew Bobo. In his first year as Head Boys basketball coach, Coach Jerriek Porter is excited about building a program around a tremendous group of young men. Not to be outdone, Coach Matthew Bobo has been trusted with guiding both of our Girls and Boys soccer programs this year.

We look forward to seeing you all at these events; keep a close eye to our athletics calendar on our social media outlets. Go Chiefs!



Graphic by Maddie Grace Walters
T-shirt design for PHS Homecoming 2021.

Pelahatchie Library announces October activities



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Mayvonyae Christon, age 9, won the backpack loaded with school supplies from the Pelahatchie Public Library in September.

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Residents are encouraged to visit the Pelahatchie Library on their way to the town's Treat Street on Thursday, October 28, for a treat from the library.

October is TeenTober. Teens may pick up a make-and-take craft to create their own freaky Frankentoy.

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Enjoy the change in the Fall weather



By Doug Carter, Rankin County Extension Agent

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Autumn began September 22. This time of the year is a glorious transitional season between the hot summer heat and the cold damp days that are ahead, which we experience in the winter months. The cooler nighttime temperatures in September were telling us to get ready, there is a change coming.

Changes in the weather are just a few of the changes, even though other changes are related to the weather. In the world around us, living things are getting ready for winter and getting about the business of finishing their summer activities. Some are in the process of getting ready to travel to warmer climates, while others are putting on their winter coats and storing food for winter.

Trees also transition from summer to winter. There is a process called photosynthesis, which is where chlorophyll in the trees leaves forms sugars and starches. The process occurs by absorbing the sun's energy and then using it to convert carbon dioxide and water into food.

The green pigment of chlorophyll gives leaves their green color. Green



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chlorophyll is not the only pigment found in trees. There are also yellow, orange and purple pigments, or whatever color the leaves change to in the fall. However, the leaves are so full of chlorophyll in the summer, it washes out the other colors.

While leaves are all green during the growing season, they come in different shades of green. Some trees have leaves that are deep, dark green, while others have leaves that are light, nearly lime green. Part of this is due to the presence of other pigments, which chlorophyll is covering up. Each of these pigments serve various functions in the leaf. Some pigments, like carotenoids, give leaves the orange or yellow color. An-

other group of pigments give trees a red color.

In the fall, as the days get shorter, the leaf gets exposed to less and less daylight. This, along with cooler temperatures, is a signal for the tree to get ready for dormancy. The tree will begin pulling as much of the important rarer nutrients from the leaf as it can, so they won't be lost with the leaf when it falls to the ground. Nitrogen is one of the most important nutrients. Deciduous trees retrieve as much nitrogen as possible because of the limited supply.

Chlorophyll is full of nitrogen. It is broken down and removed from the leaves, leaving other pigments that show us the leaves' true colors.

In the fall, trees such as dogwoods, red maples and persimmons have a red and purple fall leaf color. These colors are caused by another group of pigments (anthocyanins). Unlike chlorophyll and other summer pigments, these pigments are made only in the fall and become visible as they build up in the leaves. Brown leaves result from pigment mixing or leaf death.

Just like some animals hibernate until spring, trees become dormant until spring. Starches and sugars made during the summer months go down to the root system and are stored there and are used to keep the tree alive until spring. When temperatures rise and days grow longer in the spring, trees will move the food energy from their roots to their branches to start the growth of new leaves for the new growing season.

Fall is such a beautiful season of the year. Please take some time to walk away from your computer and TV, leave your cell phone in the house, and get outside and enjoy this time of year.

Sources: Butch Bailey, *The Overstory*, "Why do Leaves Change Color," October 2016; and Dr. Leslie burger, *Extension Outdoors*, "New Season Brings Fall Color Changes, October 2016.

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OBITUARY

Christopher M. Doster

January 14, 1973-September 18, 2021

Christopher M. Doster, 48, of Brandon, passed away on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

The family received friends on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Shiloh United Methodist Church in Pelahatchie. The funeral service followed visitation that same day in the Church. Burial took place afterwards at the Shiloh United Methodist Church Cemetery.

He was born on January 14, 1973 to the late Benny Doster and Martha Stevens Doster. Chris worked for several years as a sales manager at ConsteelCo. An avid outdoorsman, he loved being at deer camp. Chris was big on boating and hunting, as well as being a diehard fan of the University of Alabama football team. Above all, however, he loved his family. Chris was extremely supportive in anything his children were involved with, faithfully attending every single game or event. He even was named "Honored Parent of the Year" in 2018 at Pelahatchie High. He treasured any time spent with them and especially loved the holidays because they could all be together and celebrate traditions.

In addition to his parents, Chris was preceded in death by his grandparents,



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George and Betty Stevens.

He survived by his dear wife, Kim Doster; children, Collins and Kenner Doster; brother, Doug Doster; brother-in-law, Matt Hillard; sister-in-law, Miranda Kenner (husband Paul Becker); nephews, Colton Becker and Gabriel Becker; and several beloved aunts, uncles, and other extended family members.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to The Tribe at Pelahatchie High School for their cherished support during this difficult time.

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"Football is a great sport that is great for kids," said Wallace, president of the insurance agency. "We have many clients in the area and want to support the kids at both schools."

All Players of the Week will be posted on *Pelahatchie News* social media as they are announced and then printed in the monthly issues.



Caleb Leach was named Player of the Week in East Rankin's game against Park Place on September 10.



Elijah Williams was selected as the Insurance Associates Player of the Week in the PHS vs the Florence Eagles' game on August 27.



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Ross Phillips was selected from the September 3 PHS vs Covich Academy game.

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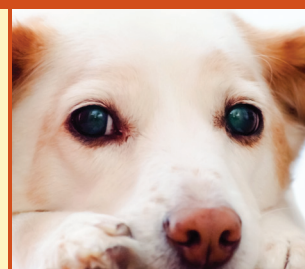
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Start with Hello Week

*By Guest Columnist Dana Lee,
Pelahatchie Elementary School Counselor*

September 20-24, your child took part in Start With Hello Week at Pelahatchie Elementary School.

Start with Hello teaches students the skills they need to reach out to and include those who may be dealing with chronic social isolation and create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within their classroom, school or youth organization.

Social isolation is the overwhelming feeling of being left out, lonely, or treated like you are invisible. It is a growing epidemic in the United States and within our schools. Excessive feelings of isolation can be associated with violent and suicidal behavior. In fact, one study reports that chronic loneliness increases the risk of an early death by 14%. Furthermore, young people who are isolated can become victims of bullying, violence and/or depression. As a result, many further pull away from society, struggle with learning and social development and/or choose to hurt themselves or others.

We encourage you to talk to your child about the Start With Hello program and ask them to share what they have learned. Not only will that help you learn how to support your child to identify isolation, reach out and connect, and Start With Hello, it also demonstrates to your child that you take this subject seriously and can support them in their



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actions to create a more connected and inclusive home, classroom, school and community.

For more information on Start With Hello and to sign up to receive the Start With Hello Parent Brochure, please visit: <http://www.sandyhookpromise.org/bringstartwithhello>.

Cross Roads Baptist Church



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11:00 - Blended Worship Service led by the Choir

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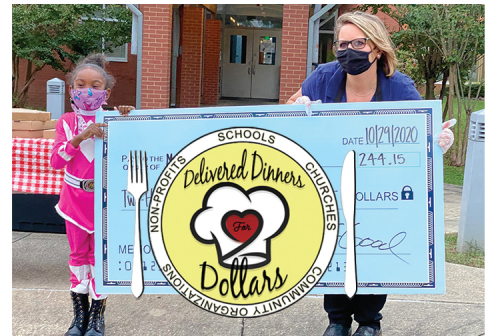
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Hebert wins PHS door decorating contest PHS names August Student of the Month



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Leslie Hebert, Instructional Coach and English Teacher, is the winner of the Pelahatchie High School Vegas-themed Homecoming Week door decorating contest. PHS Homecoming Week was celebrated September 27 - October 1, 2021.



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS)'s August Character Trait winner is Maley Johnson. The trait is wisdom.

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Pastor's perspective: Unlike the seasons, God does not change



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

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summertime!

Autumn is officially here! But as is typical for us in Mississippi, many days, it will feel like we're still in the summertime!

Autumn is one of my favorite seasons. With cooler temperatures, it makes doing yard work and outside chores more pleasant. And of course, it is the season for football!

Someone has related the seasons of the year to the seasons we experience in life. With that in mind, the autumn of life is a strange mixture of nostalgia, blessings, and potential. It yields the harvest of seeds we've sown throughout life and braces us for colder days to come. When life's autumn arrives, we look back and better understand the way God led us; but we still have work to do - the best and fullest. It's a good transition time.

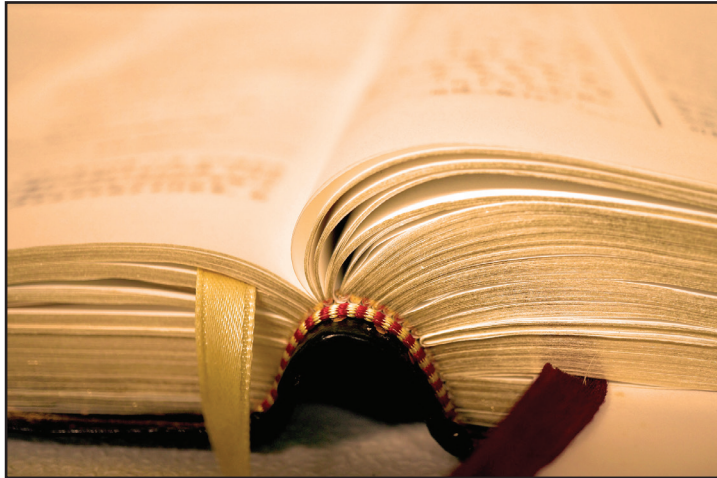
How can we take advantage of the "autumn of life?" We should start by recognizing the unchanging nature of God. The seasons come and go, and our lives change too. So we need something

stable to cling to. It is important to focus on the God who remains unchanged and unchanging. The Psalmist reminds us in Psalm 90: 1-2, "LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or before You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."

There's a lot of change occurring in our world today, much of it unwelcome. Moral and cultural changes bother us most when we turn on our television or glance at the magazines. We're painfully aware our kids and grandkids are growing up in a world far different from the one we knew as children. And personal changes are ongoing in our lives - children leaving home, the passing of dear friends, and the slow, steady decline in our vitality and health. But amid all the changes, there is one thing; one person, that never changes - our

eternal God.

Theologian J. I. Packer points out that God does not change. His life is al-



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ways the same. His character is always dependable. His truth, ways, and purposes do not change. His Son does not change. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

His children will enjoy His fellowship a million years from now. The world may fade, the stars may fall, the seasons may change, and winter may come. But the God who has been our help in ages past is still our hope for years to come. In Him we have permanence, sta-

bility, joy unshakable, and life unending. We've all suffered setbacks along the way. But our Savior knows the end from the beginning, and He will bless whatever is yielded to Him. Focus on Him and His providence, grace and sovereignty.

The autumn of life is a great time to focus on God's wonderful blessings - family, friends, strength, shelter, provision, guidance, care, fruitful ministry, opportunities to serve, more time to pray and study His Word, and eternal life still to come. During life's autumn, we have a richer perspective and can count more blessings than ever before. Autumn is also a good time to focus on your commitment to God. Some of the saddest words in the Bible are in Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

If you've never made a commitment to Jesus Christ, do it now, while there is still time. If you are a follower of Christ, remember to remain close to Him during the shifting seasons of life. During autumn, we all know that winter lies ahead, but if winter comes, can spring be far behind? Be sure to take your family to church on Sunday.

(Some of these thoughts came from an article by Dr. David Jeremiah.)



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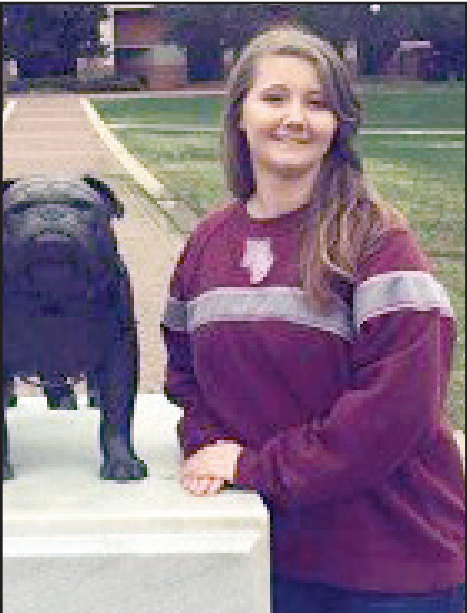
six new teachers for the 2021-2022 school year, teaching seventh to twelfth grade.



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Matthew Bobo, Soccer Coach, MS Studies, and Geography



Katelyn Foster, Dual Credit



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Bo Hust, Transportation Director and ACT Prep (Math)

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Yogi on the Lake holds Muscadine Stomp



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Local celebrities gathered at Yogi on the Lake on September 18 to take part of the annual Pelahatchie ritual of stomping muscadines. The Annual Celebrity Stomp is usually held at the Muscadine Jubilee, which has not taken place the last two years. Pictured (l to r) are: Louis Hernandez, rising boxing star; Kevin Roberts, Fit Chef; Patrick Ellis, WLBT Meteorologist; Yogi Bear; Therese Apel, owner Dark Horse Press; Brian Easterling, Forged in Fire Champion; Tom Miles, MS State Representative District #75; Noel Daniels, Rankin County businessman; and Bryan Bailey, Rankin County Sheriff. Apel was declared the winner based on the largest amount of juice.



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