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Pelahatchie's Muscadine Jubilee is back!

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The Muscadine Jubilee was temporarily put on hold since 2020 because of COVID-19. The town is happy to report that the event will return Sept. 17, 2022.

Mayor Karl VanHorn and the Town of Pelahatchie have been recruiting local entertainment, vendors, and activities for the family. Vendor booths will be available at a discounted rate this year.

Mayor VanHorn said that this year will be a year to "get it back where it was years ago."

Due to COVID-19 and out of an abundance of safety and precaution recommended by the Center for Disease and Prevention, the Town decided to cancel the event in 2020 and 2021. Due to those cancellations, the Muscadine Jubilee lost some ground. However, the Town gets many calls and posts on social media asking about when the event will return - showing there is much interest in the event.

More details about the Muscadine Jubilee are to come in the September *Pelahatchie News* and online.

For information about booth space, call 769-229-4435. The event will take place at its usual location, Muscadine Park on 2nd St. (Hwy. 80) and Go Forth St. in Pelahatchie.

Hebert selected to teach at SR1 STEM Camp

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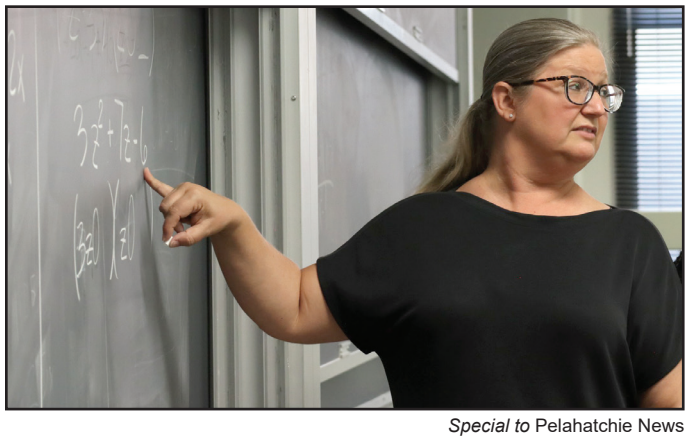
After a rigorous interview process, Leslie Hebert, Instructional Coach and English teacher at Pelahatchie High School, was accepted to teach at the SR1 College Preparatory STEM Academy Summer Camp at Millsaps College. Hebert, along with a pre-med student, led a group of 15 students.

Students and teachers from all over the Jackson-Metro area participated in various thematic weeks at the SR1 Camp that provided unique opportunities for students to become immersed in activities that may not be available during the school year.

Students dissected sheep brains, solved true crime cases using forensics, experienced hands-on activities while touring Mississippi State University, participated in a Japanese Tea Ceremony, and much more. Organizers say opportunities like this help bridge the gap of opportunity that so many of the State of Mississippi's children lost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The teaching at the SR1 Camp was centered around five themed weeks as follows:

- **Week One (June 7-9)** was dedicated to health. It allowed campers to study and even dissect the various parts of the brain as they learned about psychology. This week was designed to increase the student's awareness of physical health and to teach various lifestyle habits that can help the students maintain good health.
- **Week Two (June 14-16)** was all about science. Students used forensics to solve a true crime. Science Week also taught various science-related topics not taught in some schools; as well as prepares the students for college courses.
- **Week Three (June 21-23)** focused on cultural arts. Maika Yamaoka, Japan



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Leslie Hebert helps students from all over the state prepare for a math test.

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May 11	Last Day of School K3 - 8th Grade
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Pelahatchie's Jellystone voted top RV park in the nation

By Trent Hershenson, VP of Marketing Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Camp-Resorts

The Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park location in Pelahatchie was voted the top RV Park in the nation in *USA Today's* 10 Best 2022 Readers' Choice competition.

The Jellystone Park location in Cave City, Kentucky was also voted one of the nation's ten best RV Parks.

Additionally, in *USA Today's* 10 Best Luxury RV Resorts category, the Jellystone Park location in Caledonia, Wisconsin (https://www.jellystone-caledonia.com/) was ranked among top ten properties.

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All three Jellystone Park locations offer exceptional attractions and activities, including some of the best water zones in the country, along with attractive RV sites and deluxe rental accommodations.

"We are thrilled that *USA Today* readers ranked several Jellystone Park campgrounds among the best in the nation," said Trent Hershenson, vice president of marketing for Loveland, Ohio-based Camp Jellystone, which franchises more than 75 Jellystone Park locations across the U.S. and Canada. "These rankings not only reflect the tremendous popularity of Jellystone Park locations across the country, but the efforts of our franchisees to continually improve their parks, which encourages families to return to Jellystone Park locations each year to continue creating great family memories."

Jellystone Park locations have each made major improvements in recent years.

The Pelahatchie location now features a pool, water slide, splashground, sandy beach, mini golf, laser tag, human foosball, and many more attractions in addition to a wealth of daily organized activities with Yogi Bear.

For more information about these and other Jellystone Park locations across the U.S. and Canada, please visit www.jellystonepark.com.

Due to heat wave, MHSAA/SMAC changes time of varsity football games

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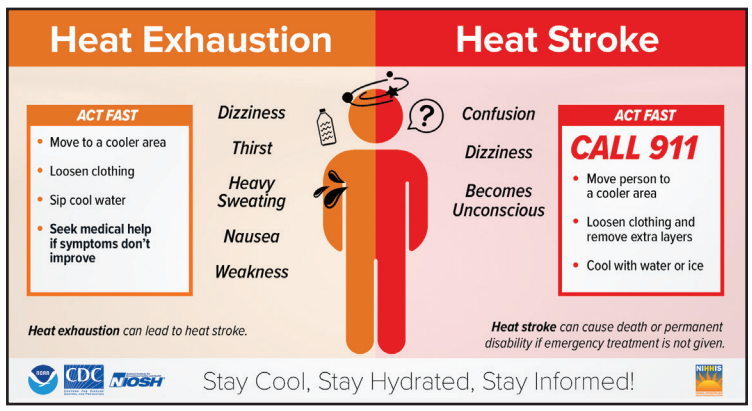
Mississippi has been experiencing record breaking temperatures, 95 degrees and higher, before summer even began on June 21.

The extreme heat has led athlete associations and coaches in Mississippi to push back the time in which public school football games start this season.



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other government health organizations recommend acting fast when heat exhaustion and stroke symptoms occur.

Heat exhaustion causes symptoms such as dizziness, thirst, heavy sweating, nauseu and weakness. A heat stroke can cause confusion, dizziness and unconsciousness. If a heat stroke occurs, it is recommended to call 911.

The Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Executive Committee met in July to address recommendations from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and coaches.

High school varsity football games through the month of September will begin at 7:30 p.m. This will put them in line with the heat timeout, and it will allow teams to warmup later in the day when the heat index begins to drop.

Middle school, ninth grade and, J.V games can still be played earlier, but it is suggested that schools can change these times to begin later in the afternoon as needed.

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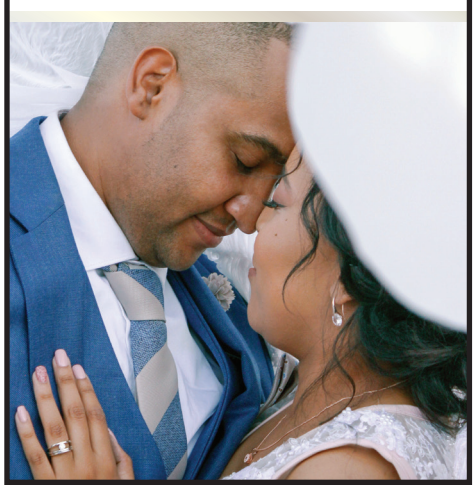

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Low-Income Energy Assistance for MS families

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With the rising summer temperatures come rising energy bills.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides financial assistance to eligible households for managing costs associated with:

- Home energy bills
- Energy crisis
- Purchase, repair, or replacement of air conditioners and heaters

To be eligible for LIHEAP, an applicant's household income must be at or below 60% of the state median income (approximately $27,906) to qualify for these programs.

"Rising temperatures and fuel costs are having an impact on Mississippians," said Robert G. (Bob) Anderson, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services. "For many, LIHEAP and the Power to Care programs serve as a lifeline. Connecting these important resources to our neighbors is critical to our mission of offering Mississippians young and old tangible help today to create a lasting hope for tomorrow."

For residents who do not meet the eligibility criteria for LIHEAP, the Mississippi Department of Human Services works with utilities to provide energy assistance to low-income households across the state.

Entergy Mississippi's The Power to Care Program, administered by the Salvation Army, provides bill payment assistance to low-income elderly and disabled customers. Employees and customers contribute to this fund. Their donations are matched dollar-for-dollar by Entergy shareholders up to $500k.

"By giving to The Power to Care, donors are providing relief for people in our communities who need it most," said Valarie Mabry, Entergy Mississippi public affairs representative. "Helping build stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities is an important part of Entergy's mission and our goal to become the premier utility."

Entergy also offers level billing for customers of any income level. Level billing gives the option to spread out the annual cost of a utility bill over 12 months so that no one will be surprised with higher bills in the summer due to the heat. This service is excellent for budgeting.

Energy-efficiency tips are also offered to Entergy customers. These tips will help customers manage their energy use, and most tips are low to no cost. Examples of these tips range from letting customers know the ideal temperature to set their a/c on to save money and be comfortable.

MDHS is working with Entergy and other energy providers to ensure that the people of Mississippi have access to affordable utilities and assistance with budgeting.

For more information or to register for utility assistance through MDHS, visit https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/energy-assistance-programs-benefit-mississippi-families/ or call 601-359-4500.

Free at-home COVID-19 tests
available at county health departments

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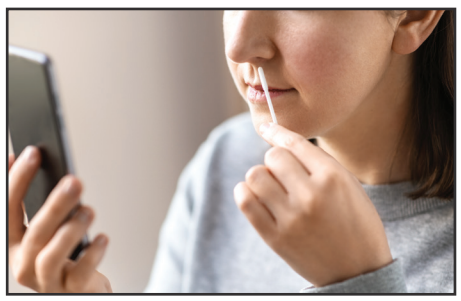
Free at-home COVID-19 tests will be available at all Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) county health departments.

Each family can receive eight tests (four packages) of BinaxNOW antigen rapid self-tests per month. No doctor's note or documentation of any kind is necessary. These tests are not for resale.



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Tests may be picked up without an appointment during regular health department hours.

To find hours of operation of a county health department, visit HealthyMS.com/locations.

Homebound residents, can order tests for delivery through www.covid.org.

If a positive home test result occurs, report it to MSDH online at HealthyMS.com/positive. Reporting test results helps MSDH monitor COVID-19 activity in the state.

For questions regarding at-home testing or reporting positive results, call the COVID-19 hotline at 877-978-6453.

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Hebert selected to teach at SR1 Camp

Outreach Initiative Coordinator with the University of Memphis, demonstrated a formal Japanese Tea Ceremony and allowed participants to practice making the tea. Cultural Week aimed to increase the students' tolerance and understanding of different cultures, thereby preparing students for the diversity that is encountered once attending college and entering the work force.

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- **Week Four (June 28-30)**, it was time for math. Students learned techniques to master the math portion of the ACT. During Math Week, students also applied math topics to real-world scenarios, thereby strengthening the students' math backgrounds and abilities in an interactive manner.
- **Week Five (July 12-14)** was College Week. Students learned how to choose the college or university that meets future career goals as well as current social, athletic and educational needs. The goal was to prepare students for college by illustrating the college process and strengthening both academic and social perceptions of college.

Combining the themes of science and the cultural arts, students joined campers from other areas of the state to tour Mississippi State University (MSU). The College of Forest Resources at MSU provided hand-on activities for students to learn about sustainable natural resources, wildlife management and forest conservation. MSU's College of Food Science allowed students to make and taste ice cream from various milk sources.

Hebert spoke fondly of the camp saying, "A lot of people question the adults of tomorrow - the children of today. These kids have a desire to learn, and the general public doesn't see that. My faith in our children was solidified at the camp. If these are the leaders of tomorrow, then we are in a good place."

The non-profit group, SR1 Scientific Research, focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). To learn more about SR1, visit SR1 online at www.sr1tech.org, or email SR1 at info@sr1tech.org.

Local education travel group 2023 trip

By Susie A. Wolfe

Area students along with others from the community will be traveling to the capitals of the British Isles in June 2023. The EF (education first) Tour will include stops in Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh, London, and Paris on the 12-day trip from May 31-June 11, 2023.

According to Eles Renfroe, a local travel enthusiast, "EF Tours' educational tours like this one will help students and adults gain a deeper understanding of the British Isles' geographical, political, and social history by exploring five of the capital cities.

There will be stops at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Edinburgh Castle, Buckingham Palace, and the Giant's Causeway natural wonder."

Renfroe said that EF Tours has a comprehensive schedule, including attractions, museums, and restaurants. There will be local tour guides and a bus driver accompanying the group for the 12-day tour. Renfroe and her family went on a similar trip to Europe in June.

She said that there is a QR Code for a Go Fund Me account to help students raise money for the trip. The code is in the flyer promoting the capitals of the British Isles trip. The group will consist of approximately 16 people.

For more information on this British Isles' trip, contact Renfroe at kindred-spirits@live.com, or Will Ragland at willragland52@gmail.com. This tour is not affiliated with Pelahatchie High School (PHS).

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A group of around 16 students and adults will be traveling to five capitals of the British Isles in June, 2023. The QR Code in the photo is for a Go Fund Me account to help students raise money for the trip.

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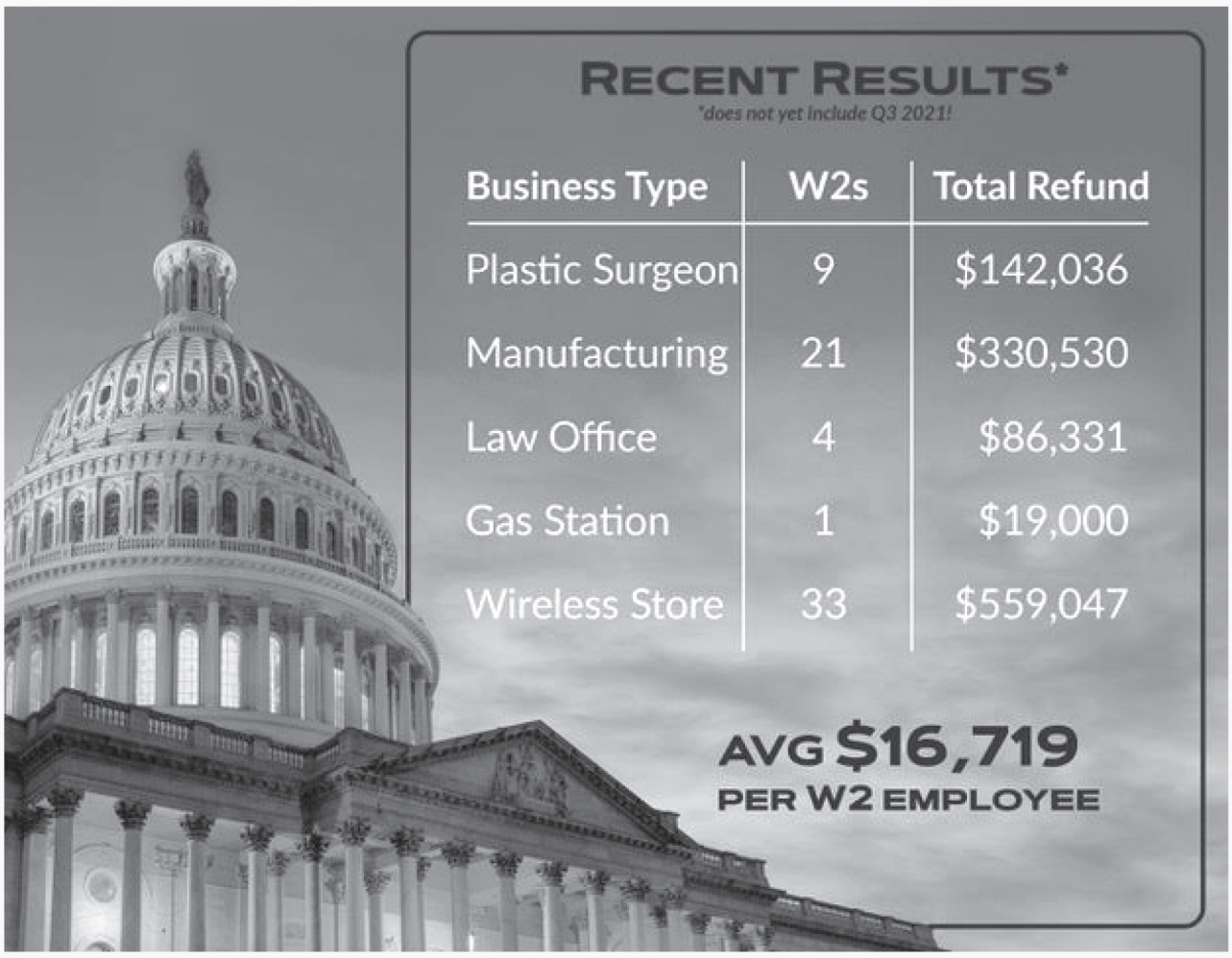

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2022 EAST RANKIN ACADEMY VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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AUG 5 @ SYLVA BAY (SCRIMMAGE)	AUG 11 @ TRI-COUNTY JAMBOREE	AUG 19 VS OAK HILL ACADEMY	AUG 26 @ COLUMBIA ACADEMY	SEPT 2 VS ST. JOSEPH CATH SCH*
SEPT 9 VS PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN SCH*	SEPT 16 @ ETHEL HIGH SCHOOL	SEPT 23 VS W. LINCOLN HIGH SCH	SEPT 30 @ LAMAR SCHOOL*	OCT 7 VS LEAKE ACADEMY*
OCT 14 @ SACRED HEART CATH SCH	OCT 21 @ SIMPSON ACADEMY*			

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SEP 15 VS SYLVA BAY / LAMAR 5:00 / 8:30 PM	SEP 22 VS SIMPSON 5:00 / 8:30 PM	SEP 29 @ PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN 5:30 / 8:30PM	OCT 6 @ ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC 5:30 / 8:00 PM

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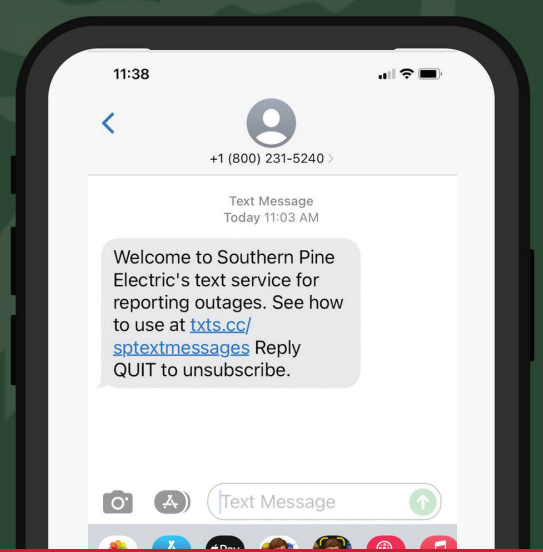

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When silverfish inhabit our homes

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By Doug Carter, Rankin County Extension Agent

The silverfish is an elongate silver colored insect. We sometimes find these little gray bugs in our bathtubs. They fall in and can't climb out. We wonder what they are and are they harming anything in our house.

Silverfish live outdoors, but they are also inhabitants of most Mississippi homes, where they damage book bindings, stored papers, wallpaper, photographs, cotton fabrics and similar products. Because they are chewing insects, they can eat through your belongings. It seems that items that have been in storage and left undisturbed for a long time are the most likely to be damaged.

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Silverfish do not bite, sting, or carry diseases or pathogens. Even though they are not a threat to your health, silverfish are not pests you want to live with. Silverfish can damage household goods and building material, and their creepy presence will quickly make your home an unpleasant place to be.

For most homeowners, the nuisance effect of seeing these gray, carrot-shaped, half-inch long insects scurrying around the bathroom or other rooms in the house is more important than the relatively minor damage they do. However, damage to books and other paper products can be significant when items are stored for long periods of time in moist, humid areas such as basements or attics. Silverfish also occasionally feed on cotton, liner or silk clothing. Silverfish do not live by carbohydrates alone, they also feed on dead insects and other sources of protein.

In homes with significant infestations, it is common to find these insects trapped in a sink or bathtub. Silverfish thrive in indoor areas with high humidity. They have an elongate body that tapers from head to tail, with two long antennae protruding from the head and three long filaments protruding from the rear. Silverfish are said to have "no metamorphosis" because the immatures are so similar to adults.

To control silverfish, practice good moisture management and sanitation. Repair water leaks, use ventilation to lower humidity, avoid clutter, vacuum regularly and thoroughly, and be sure to store important documents in bug-proof containers. Apply ready to use spray or aerosol insecticides containing active ingredients like deltamethrin, cyfluthrin, cypermethrin or bifenthrin, to cracks, crevices and voids. This also includes spraying under and behind furniture and appliances, and along baseboards. Dusts containing deltamethrin can also be applied to cracks, crevices and voids. Be sure to follow labels.

Source: *Bug's Eye View*, Number 19 "Silverfish," Mississippi State University Extension, Dr. Blake Layton.

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Aug. 4	**K4 and KS Students and Parents "Back-to School" Day** (8-9:30 a.m.) **1st-4th Grades "Back-to-School" Night** (5-6:30 p.m.) **5th-8th Grades "Back-to-School" Night** (6:30-8 p.m.)
Aug. 5	**K3 Students and Parents "Back-to-School" Day** (8-9:30 a.m.) **9th Grade Student Orientation** (8-9:30 a.m.)
Aug. 8	**Regular School Day** (K3-12th Grade)
Sept. 5	**Labor Day Holiday**
Sept. 23	**Homecoming** (School will dismiss at 11:30)
Oct. 10	**Columbus Day**
Nov. 21-25	**Thanksgiving Holidays**
Dec. 2	**MAIS Teachers Convention** - Student Holiday
Dec. 19-Jan. 2	**Christmas Holidays**
Jan. 3	**First Day of Second Semester**
Jan. 16	**Martin Luther King Holiday**
Feb. 20	**Presidents Day Holiday**
March 13-17	**Spring Holidays**
April 7-10	**Easter Holidays**
April 24	**Awards Night** (7th-12th Grade)
April 25	**Awards Night** (4th-6th Grade)
April 27	**Athletic Recognition** - Varsity Sports
April 30	**Kindergarten Graduation Program**
May 7	**High School Graduation**
May 11	**Last Day of School** (K3-8th Grade) School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.
May 12	**Last Day of School** (9th-11th Grade)
May 15-16	**Make-up Days** (if needed)

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July 26-28	**New Teacher Orientation**
Aug. 1-4	**Staff Development**
Aug. 5	**First Day of School**
Sept. 5	**School Holiday**
Sept. 7	**Progress Reports**
Oct. 7	**End of 1st 9 weeks** (45 days)
Oct. 10	**School Holiday**
Oct. 11	**Elementary Parent Teacher Conference & Staff Development / Student Holiday**
Oct. 12	**Start of 2nd 9 Weeks**
Oct. 13	**Report Cards**
Nov. 9	**Progress Reports**
Nov. 21-25	**Thanksgiving Holidays**
Dec. 16-21	**Exams**
Dec. 21*	**Reduced Day** (60% day) / **End of 2nd 9 weeks** (46 days)
Dec. 22-30	**Christmas Holidays**
2023	
Jan. 2-6	**Christmas Holidays**
Jan. 9	**Staff Development/ Student Holiday**
Jan. 10	**Students Return / Start of 3rd 9 Weeks**
Jan. 12	**Report Cards**
Jan. 16	**School Holiday**
Feb. 8	**Progress Reports**
Feb. 20	**School Holiday**
March 10	**End of 3rd 9 Weeks** (42 days)
March 13-17	**Spring Break / School Holiday**
March 20	**Start of 4th 9 Weeks**
March 23	**Report Cards**
April 7	**School Holiday**
April 10	**School Holiday**
April 19	**Progress Reports**
May 22-25	**Exams**
May 25*	**Reduced Day** (60% day) / **Student Last Day / End of 4th 9 Weeks** (47 days)
May 26	**Last Teacher Day**

**Denotes Reduced Day*

USM President's and Dean's lists for Spring 2022 includes Pelahatchie residents

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The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) has released its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2022 spring semester.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average (all A's). Dean's List scholars are those with at least a 3.5 grade point average, but less than a 4.0.

Six of those USM students who were recognized are Pelahatchie residents.

They include:

President's List - Lindsey Clair Ferguson; James Andrew Harrell and Tiffany Hoard.

Dean's List - Peyton lamar McKinion; Emaleigh Winter Ousterhout and Kristen Tullos.

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Bassi elected to the PriorityOne Bank Board

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Robert J. Barnes, President and CEO, PriorityOne Bank, recently announced the election of James O. Bassi to the PriorityOne Bank Board of Directors.

Bassi is a native of Leland, Mississippi. He graduated from Leland High School in 1972 then went on to attend MS Delta Community College, and Mississippi State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. Bassi is a member of the Mississippi Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Bassi graduated from the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking of the South in 1989.

Bassi previously served as the Executive Vice President of Operations for PriorityOne Bank, formerly Bank of Simpson County, from 1983-1990. Prior to joining Bank of Simpson County, Bassi was a Senior Auditor at Arthur Anderson & Co. Bassi is currently working as the Chief Risk Officer and Chief Accounting Officer at LLOG Exploration, which is one of the largest privately owned oil and natural gas producers in the United States.

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Barnes stated, "I have known James for many years and have the utmost respect for him and his ability to add significant value to our Board of Directors."

Bassi has long been involved in many community service-oriented roles, such as the Board of the Cathedral School in Natchez and his church financial committee; he enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren. Bassi is married to the former Debra K. Herrington of Magee, Mississippi, and the couple currently resides in Mandeville, Louisiana.

PriorityOne Bank, based in Magee, Mississippi, operates fifteen offices in twelve Mississippi communities: Collins, Seminary, Sumrall, Hattiesburg, Magee, Mendenhall, Richland, Brandon, Ridgeland, Flowood, Pelahatchie, and Morton. The bank has assets of approximately $1 billion.

Prince elected to the National AICPA PRB

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Robert J. Barnes, President and CEO, PriorityOne Bank, recently announced the election of Charles R. Prince to the National AICPA Peer Review Board for a three-year term as the NASBA's regulatory representative. The Peer Review Board is the senior technical committee governing the Peer Review Program. The primary activities of the PRB are to establish and conduct, in cooperation with state CPA societies, a Program for AICPA members engaged in the practice of public accounting.

The mission of the PRB is achieved through establishing and conducting the Program. This includes developing, implementing, maintaining, and enhancing comprehensive Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews (Standards) and related guidance for firms subject to peer review, those performing peer reviews and others involved in administering the Program for the PRB.

In addition, the PRB is responsible for overseeing the entire peer review process.

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The Peer Review Board (Board) is responsible for maintaining, furthering, and governing the activities of the Program, including the issuance of peer review standards, and peer review guidance, while being mindful of the profession's covenant to serve the public interest with integrity and objectivity.

Barnes stated, "This is a very distinguished honor that very few CPAs ever achieve, and we are proud to have Mr. Prince as part of the PRB Team serving on our Board and as Chairman of our Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee!"

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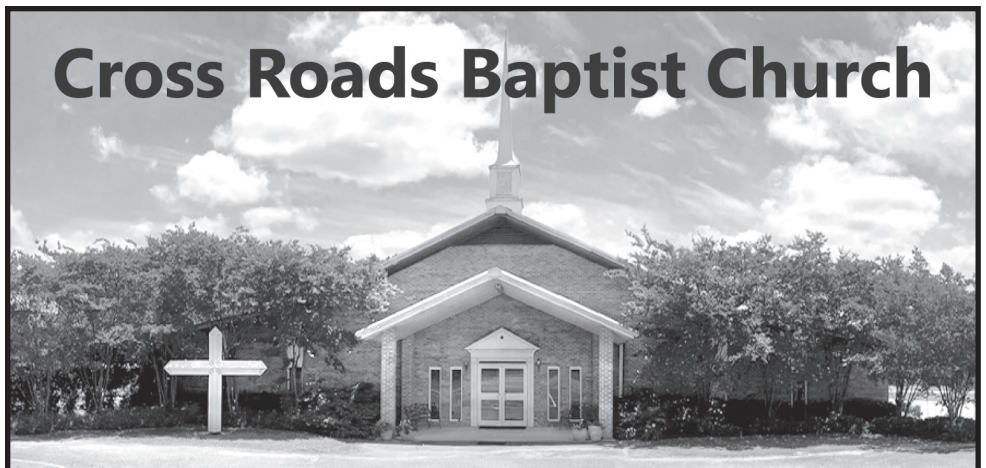

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11:00 a.m.- Blended Worship Service led by the Choir

Wednesday Schedule:

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Warner places First Place Overall at Mississippi 4H State Invitational

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Brayden Warner, a high school student at East Rankin Academy, won First Place Overall in the Mississippi 4H State Invitational. Warner shot 48 in skeet, 48 in trap and 47 in shotgun. Warner had an overall winning score of 143. He qualified to represent Mississippi in the National 4H competition in the summer of 2023 in Grand Isle, Nebraska.

Pel. Elem. 3rd-4th grade school supplies

3rd Grade

- No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free — 24
- Expo black dry erase chisel tip marker 1 ea. — 2
- Sharpie accent pen style highlighter yellow — 1
- Wide ruled 8x10.5 filler paper 200 ct. — 1
- Crayola Crayons 24 ct. — 1
- Fiskars 5” blunt tip scissors — 1
- Elmer’s washable purple glue stick .77 oz. — 2
- Red poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Blue poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Green poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Yellow poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Wide ruled black marble composition book 100 ct. — 1
- Latex free pencil cap erasers 6 pk. — 1
- Pink bevel eraser latex free — 1
- Assorted plastic school box 8.5x5.75x2.5 — 1
- 1 subject wide ruled spiral assorted notebook 70 ct. — 1
- 3x5 ruled white index cards 100 ct. — 1
- Crayola classic thick markers 8 ct. — 1

4th Grade

- No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free — 24
- Expo black dry erase chisel tip marker (1 2-pk.) — 2
- Sharpie accent pen style highlighter yellow — 1
- Assorted highlighters 4 pk. — 1
- Wide ruled 8x10.5 filler paper 200 ct. — 1
- Crayola Crayons 24 ct. — 1
- Fiskars 5” blunt tip scissors — 1
- Fiskars 5” pointed tip scissors — 1
- Colorations purple large wash glue stick .88 oz. — 2
- Blue poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Green poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Wide ruled black marble comp book 100 ct. — 2
- 3x3 yellow sticky notes 50 ct. 4 pk. — 1
- 3x3 assorted sticky notes 50 ct. 4 pk. — 1
- Latex free pencil cap erasers 6 pk. — 1
- 7.25x10.25 clear top pencil bag with grommets — 1
- 3x5 ruled white index cards 100 ct. — 1
- Crayola classic thick markers 8 ct. — 2
- Red medium stick pen — 1
- 1.5” white view vinyl binder — 1
- Assorted poly insert dividers 5 tabs with pockets — 1

2022 PELAHATCHIE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 19 HOME SCRIMMAGE 6:00 PM	AUG 26 @ FLORENCE	SEPT 2 @ COPIAH ACADEMY	SEPT 9 VS LAKE	SEPT 16 VS CHARLESTON
SEPT 23 @ MORTON	SEPT 30 @ VELMA JACKSON*	OCT 7 VS SCOTT CENTRAL*	OCT 14 VS NANIH WAIYA	OCT 21 @ PISGAH*
OCT 28 VS PUCKETT*				

*Region Game
All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

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JR. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 30 VS PUCKETT*	SEPT 6 @ PISGAH*	SEPT 12 @ SEBASTOPOL	All games begin at 6:00 p.m. (unless otherwise recommended.)
SEPT 20 VS MCLAURIN**	SEPT 26 @ LAKE	OCT 4 VS PISGAH	

2022 PELAHATCHIE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 9 VS FOREST JH 4:30 | JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 11 @ MORTON JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 16 @ MCLAURIN JH 4:30 | JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 18 VS MORTON JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 19 NESHOBA TOUR. V ONLY TBA
AUG 20 WARREN CENTRAL TOUR. JR VARSITY ONLY TBS	AUG 23 @ FOREST JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 25 **VS VELMA JXN V ONLY 5:30	AUG 27 @ RICHLAND TOUR. JH ONLY TBA	AUG 30 VS MCLAURIN JH 4:30 | JV 5:30 V 6:30
SEPT 1 VS FLORENCE JH 5:00 | JV 6:00 V 7:00	SEPT 6 **@ PISGAH JH 5:00 | JV 6:00 V 7:00	SEPT 8 **VS PUCKETT VARSITY ONLY JV 5:30 | V 6:30	SEPT 13 **VS PISGAH JH 5:00 | JV 6:00 V 7:00	SEPT 19 **@ VELMA JXN V ONLY 5:30
SEPT 20 **@ PUCKETT JV 5:00 V 6:00	SEPT 22 VS MCEVANS JV 5:30 V 6:30	SEPT 27 @ SCOTT CENT. JV 5:30 V 6:30	SEPT 29 VS MCEVANS JV 5:30 | V 6:30 SENIOR NIGHT	OCT 4 @ FLORENCE JH 5:00 | JV 6:00 V 7:00
OCT 6 @ WARREN CENT. V ONLY 5:30 | 6:30				

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Lady Chiefs 2022 volleyball teams

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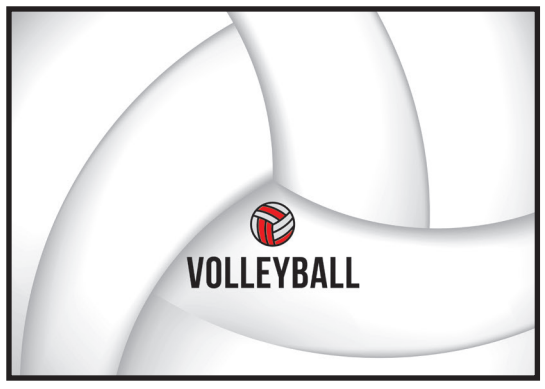
Pelahatchie Junior High and High School Lady Chiefs will kick off their 2022 volleyball season on August 9 at the Pelahatchi High School gymnasium.



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The 2022 Lady Chiefs Junior High team includes the following players: Carlye Grogan; KatieBelle Herrington; Zanyia Hollis; SarahBrooks Hopson; Addison Irby; Lauren Longino; Samatha Adams; Kendell Gordan; Natalie Hand; Mary Taylor Nutt and Payton Wilson.

The Lady Chiefs 2022 High School team includes the following players: Madi Holmes; Mayley Johnson; Addison Lindsey; Maddie Grace Walters; Holly White; Addison Archie; Maggi Gilliam; Gracie Grogan; Abby Grace Hemeter; Olivia Laseter; Payton Sanders; Shelby Surkin; Aliya Ward; Erin Winder; Melanie Ball; Rylee Covert; Aliyah Butler; Ricazmine Lee; Jada Thompson; Skyylar Ousby and Rylee Watson.

Pelahatchie Elementary kindergarten-2nd grade school supply lists

Pre-K

There is no supply list for Pre-Kindergarten. Parents may purchase a backpack for their child. Please keep a change of clothes inside your child's backpack for emergencies. Parents may purchase a very small blanket for their child that will be used during nap time. Rest mats/cots will be provided by the school district. A wish list may be provided during Meet the Teacher Day.

Kindergarten

- Fiskars 5" blunt tip scissors 1
- Elmer's small purple washable glue stick .21 oz. 8
- Assorted poly pocket with brad folders 4
- 12x18 manila paper 50 ct. 1
- 9x12 assorted construction paper 50 ct. 1
- Crayola Crayons 24 ct. 4
- No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free 24
- Crayola ultra clean wash thick tip markers 8 ct. 2
- Expo black dry erase chisel tip marker (1 4-pk.) 4
- 7.25X10.25 clear top pencil bag with grommets 1
- 1 subject wide ruled spiral assorted note book 70 ct. 2
- Wide ruled black marble composition book 100 ct. 1

1st Grade

- Fiskars 5" blunt tip scissors 1
- Elmer's small purple washable glue stick .21 oz. 4
- Assorted poly pocket with brad folders 4
- 12x18 manila paper 50 ct. 1
- 9x12 assorted construction paper 50 ct. 1
- Crayola Crayons 24 ct. 3
- No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free 24
- Crayola ultra clean wash thick markers 8 ct. 1
- Pink bevel eraser latex free 2
- Expo black dry erase chisel tip marker (1 4-pk.) 4
- 7.25X10.25 clear top pencil bag with grommets 1
- 1 subject wide ruled spiral assorted notebook 70 ct. 2
- Wide ruled black marble composition book 100 ct. 1
- Assorted plastic school box 8.5 x5.75x2.5 1

2nd Grade

- Fiskars 5" blunt tip scissors 1
- Colorations purple small wash glue stick .32 oz. 4
- Red poly pocket with brad folders 1
- Green poly pocket with brad folders 1
- Yellow poly pocket with brad folders 1
- Blue poly pocket with brad folders 1
- 12x18 manila paper 50 ct. 1
- Crayola Crayons 24 ct. 3
- No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free 24
- Crayola ultra clean wash thick markers 8 ct. 2
- Pink bevel eraser latex free 2
- Expo black dry erase chisel top marker (1 2-pk.) 2
- 1.5" black hardback vinyl binder 1
- 7.25x10.25 clear top pencil bag with grommets 1
- 1 subject wide ruled spiral assorted notebook 70 ct. 2
- Wide ruled 8x10.5 filler paper 100 ct. 1
- Wide ruled black marble composition book 100 ct. 1
- Assorted plastic school box 8.5x5.75x2.5 1
- Fluorescent yellow highlighter 2

Applying for free or reduced meals

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The nationwide waiver allowing all students to eat free school meals has expired. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) made it possible for school nutrition programs to serve all students free breakfast and lunch through "waivers."

Although Congress did not extend these waivers for the upcoming school year, public schools can apply for free or reduced lunch or breakfast. For 2022-2023, across the country students must qualify for free or reduced lunch based on household income eligibility. Only one application per household is needed.

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If a letter was received from the school referring to automatic approval (directly certified) of free meals for the 2022-2023 school year because someone in the household participates in a federal or state assistance program such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), submission of an application is not necessary.

RCSD suggests the following to make the application process fast and easy:

- For participation in a federal or state assistance program such as SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, a case number is required (not the card or account number).
- If a family does not participate in any of the above assistance programs, the family will need to report the total household income as following:
  - If a family member in the house hold has a job, then reference the earnings statement or pay stubs to report the gross income, which is different than the amount actually received in a paycheck.
  - If a family member receives Social Security or retirement benefits, then gather the benefit statements to report the amount and frequency of the payments.
  - It may also be necessary to reference other financial documents for additional sources of income.

There is a Help link available if a family is unsure of everything they will need to apply. While applying for the program, the Help link is located on the Income section which contains detailed instructions and explanations about the sources of income a household must include. Additional information may be gathered at this time.

To apply online, visit RCSD's School Lunch App at https://zcu.io/WWwd. If access to a personal computer is not available, a computer will be provided by Pelahatchie Elementary, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and at Pelahatchie High School, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Be sure to bring the information as outlined if applying on location.

Pelahatchie Elementary 5th-6th grade school supply lists

Fifth-grade

- No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free — 24
- Expo black dry erase chisel tip marker — 4
- Wide ruled 8x10.5 filler paper 200 ct. — 1
- Crayola Crayons 24 ct. — 2
- Fiskars 5" blunt tip scissors — 2
- Elmer's washable purple glue stick .77 oz. — 8
- Red poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Blue poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Green poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Yellow poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Wide ruled black marble composition book 100 ct. — 2

Sixth-grade

- No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencil latex free — 24
- Expo black dry erase chisel tip marker (1 pack) — 2
- Wide ruled 8x10.5 filler paper 200 ct. — 2
- 7.25x10.25 clear top pencil bag with grommets — 1
- 7" pre-sharpened colored pencils 12 ct. — 1
- Elmer's washable purple glue stick .77 oz. — 2
- MJ25180R red poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Blue poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Green poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Orange poly pocket with brad folders — 1
- Wide ruled black marble composition book 100 ct. — 1
- Assorted highlighters 4 pk. — 1
- 3x3 assorted sticky notes 50 ct. 4 pk. — 1
- Latex free pencil cap erasers 6 pk. — 1
- Assorted poly insert dividers 5 tabs with pockets — 1
- 1 subject wide ruled spiral assorted notebook 70 ct. — 2
- Double pocket paper divider 5 ct. — 1
- Crayola classic thick markers 8 ct. — 1
- 1.5" white view vinyl binder — 1

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	ARRANGEMENTS
Brad McDonald	58	7/1/2022	Conehatta, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
James D. Mitchell	51	7/4/2022	Lake, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Virginia J. Kirkpatrick	84	7/8/2022	Pulaski, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Richard L. Stroud Jr.	91	7/8/2022	Jackson, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Skip Copeland	25	7/9/2022	Morton, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Lily Jane Phillips	6 mos.	7/15/2022	Eupora, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Doug Merchant	59	7/18/2022	Marion, IL	Wolf Funeral Home
Beth Chandler Parker	92	7/22/2022	Carthage, MS	Wolf Funeral Home

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Pastor's Perspective: When mistakes are made

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

Last month, I wrote about the inspiring story of the Ole Miss Rebel baseball team. They had a "roller coaster" season, to say the least. Early in the season, they were ranked the number one college baseball team in the country. Then they lost some games and fell out of the rankings all together. But they kept playing hard, and although there were many doubters, at the end of the season they were invited to play in the NCAA College Baseball Tournament.

They won their Regional Tournament and Super Regional without a loss and went to the College World Series. There, they overcame some setbacks and eventually won the College Baseball World Series! All of that information was in the article for July.

When I received the *Pelahatchie News* in the mail and checked the article, I immediately was disappointed. You see, after telling the Ole Miss story, I applied their experience to our lives, and used scripture to teach what I thought was a valuable Spiritual lesson. In life, you will have "mountain top" experiences and also have seasons "in the valley." But if you will be faithful and keep doing your best, in the end, you will win the victory in the Lord.

But the article stopped after the Ole Miss story. The Spiritual application had been taken out! I jumped to the conclusion that the editor had purposefully cut off the most important part of the article. And of course, I was very disappointed that they would do that. So, I called the *Pelahatchie News* office and asked the editor why the most important part of the article had been left out.

The response was, "We didn't do any editing on the article. We printed it just as you sent it." I was confused by that, because the whole article had not been printed! While we were talking, the editor checked again and discovered that there was a third page to the devotion that had been overlooked, and had not included with the article. The editor was very apologetic, and offered to run the same devotion this month.

And then she shared why she had overlooked part of the devotion. The font size was so large that the devotion extended to three pages, and she had simply overlooked the fact that there was a third page. Let me explain how that happened.

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When I am writing, I always use a large font to make it easier for me to see the words on the computer screen. Usually, after the article is completed, I reduce the font size before sending it in. After it is reduced to a normal font, the article often fits on one page, or sometimes has a paragraph on page two. But it has never been three pages before!

So, while the editor was apologetic and accepted responsibility for the error, it was obvious to me that I shared some of the responsibility, as well. If I had reduced the font size, as I should have done, she would have seen the full article and printed it as submitted.

There is an important spiritual lesson in this story, as well. The Bible teaches that we are all sinners. In fact, I John 1:8 makes that clear: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

Just like we are all sinners, we also all make mistakes. I'm not saying that mistakes and sin are the same thing, although some mistakes could in fact be sinful. What I am saying is that no person can say they don't make mistakes. We all do. The question then becomes, "What should you do when you make a mistake?" When you sin, you should confess it; and when you make a mistake, you should acknowledge it.

The problem is that many people are too prideful or too stubborn to admit when they make a mistake. Or they demand that the other person apologize for their mistakes while denying any responsibility. When we fail to acknowledge our mistakes and refuse to correct the situation, the results can be hard feelings, stressful situations or broken relationships. And it can happen in families, between friends, and among neighbors or co-workers.

So, there are two important lessons this month. Like the Ole Miss Baseball Team, keep trying to do your best, and in the end, you'll be a winner. And when you make a mistake, own up to it, correct it and get on with your life! If you do both of these things, you'll have a more satisfying and happy life!

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Town of Pelahatchie water fluoridation update

By Katie White

During the July 5, 2022, meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Pelahatchie, the board voted whether or not to discontinue fluoridation in the Town's water supply due to cost and its necessity. This is the first step in the process.

The vote was tied with two yays by Alderman Eddie Jones and Alderwoman Margie Warren. Alderwoman Sandra Harvey and Alderwoman Diane Hill voted nay. Mayor Karl VanHorn broke the tie with a yay.

In April 2022, the Town of Pelahatchie proposed to stop adding fluoride to its drinking water.

The governing board proposed to discontinue community water fluoridation, stating the following reasons:

- Fluoride is already found in toothpaste, and most developed countries do not fluoridate their water.
- The chemical fluoride affects many tissues in the body besides the teeth, (i.e., thyroid, and endocrine disruption), and it is not a natural process.
- The use of fluoride causes severe health risks to Town employees.
- Fluoridation is an increased expense to the citizens of the Town.
- Several water systems in the State are non-fluoridated.

Before the board voted, Melissa Larmer with the Bureau of Public Water Supply spoke about the importance of fluoridation as founded by several organizations.

Larmer reported that fluoridated water has been around for thousands of years. In countries where water fluoridation is already prevalent, for example, China and India, these countries opt to not add fluoridation. To do so would be harmful, as the levels of fluoridation would be too high.

Fluoride is not just added to the water in the U.S. – it is also regulated. Water fluoridation is recommended by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Association for Dental Research, The American Dental Association, The Center for Disease and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization, Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH) and the National Academy of Medicine – just to name a few.

According to the CDC (www.cdc.gov/), fluoride additives consist of three ingredients: 1) A dry salt additive, sodium fluoride; 2) A dry salt additive, sodium fluorosilicate; and 3) A water-based solution, hydrofluorosilicate. These additives must comply with all national safety standards. The additives are regulated with a system of standards,

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testing and certificates by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) and The American National Standards Institute (ANSI). These organizations are nonprofit, nongovernment organizations. They regulate all fluoride that comes into this country. The fluoride must have the NSF seal.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has authority over safe community drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The EPA regulates the level of fluoride in drinking water. Fluoridated community water systems adjust fluoride to approximately .7 mg per liter. Because in some rare locations where fluoride is naturally present in water at much higher levels, the EPA established a Maximum Contaminant Level for fluoride of 4.0 mg per liter.

Larmer expressed her concern for Mississippians who are at the poverty level who do not have access to basic necessities such as toothpaste and toothbrushes. Many citizens also do not have the means to visit a dentist. Larmer continued to report that where fluoride has been added in such cases, it has been credited with a national reduction in dental disease throughout a person's life span.

Having pulled water supply records for Pelahatchie, Larmer said, "our system does not have natural fluoridation. This area does a good job sampling and keeping the levels where they need to be."

For questions, contact Larmer or the MSDH Local Water System Office at 601-854-5224. For other concerns, visit Pelahatchie City Hall, located at 705 2nd St. Comment forms are available at the first window inside the building.

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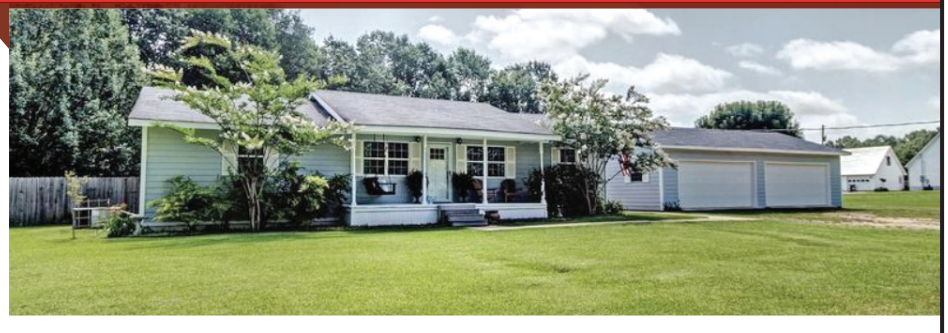

"More homes sold in Pelahatchie than any other agent."

Mississippi SNAP households are eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program

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Mississippi students and families can now benefit from a new program that will help bridge the digital divide.

As Mississippi students prepare to return to the classroom in August, digital connectivity will play a key role in preparing students for the workplace of tomorrow.

The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) in partnership with the Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) are working to spread awareness about the Affordable Connectivity Program, a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Program.

"BEAM encourages all who are eligible to take advantage of ACP. Connectivity is such a vital part of education, healthcare, and the workforce today. We want all Mississippians to be connected and a part of today's digital world of opportunities," stated Sally Doty, BEAM Director.

This program is for eligible households struggling to afford internet service; the long-term benefits will help lower broadband service costs for households.

Those eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program can receive up to $30 off their broadband service per month and up to $75 off their service if they live on tribal lands.

Benefits also include a $100 discount per household on a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes between $10 - $50 to the purchase through a participating broadband provider.

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A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of these criteria:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in one of several Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the relevant income qualifying standard), Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

"Connecting Mississippians to tangible help today to create lasting hope for tomorrow is the mission of the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Internet connectivity in the home is an essential resource in preparing students for the workforce of tomorrow," said Robert G. (Bob) Anderson, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or by 1) going to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an online application or print a mail-in application and 2) contacting their preferred participating broadband provider and selecting a plan. For more information about the Affordable Connectivity Program, please visit www.fcc.gov/ACP or call 877-384-2575 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET any day of the week.

Learn more about other utility assistance programs by visiting Community Services - Mississippi Department of Human Services (ms.gov).

To determine eligibility for SNAP benefits, visit the Pre-Assessment Pre-Assessment | Common Web Portal (ms.gov).

Additions and upgrades at Pelahatchie Public Library

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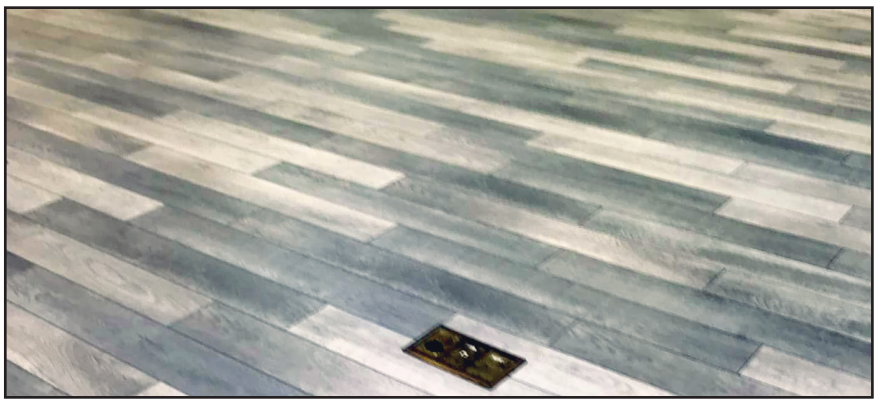
The Pelahatchie Library has recently had a new addition and upgrade, enhancing the Town's library experience.

On April 7, the Pelahatchie Public Library hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Little Free Library, located in Muscadine Park. Mara Polk, Central Mississippi Regional Library System Director, and Tina Mauney, Pelahatchie Branch Manager, were joined by members of the Pelahatchie Community and library patrons for the event.

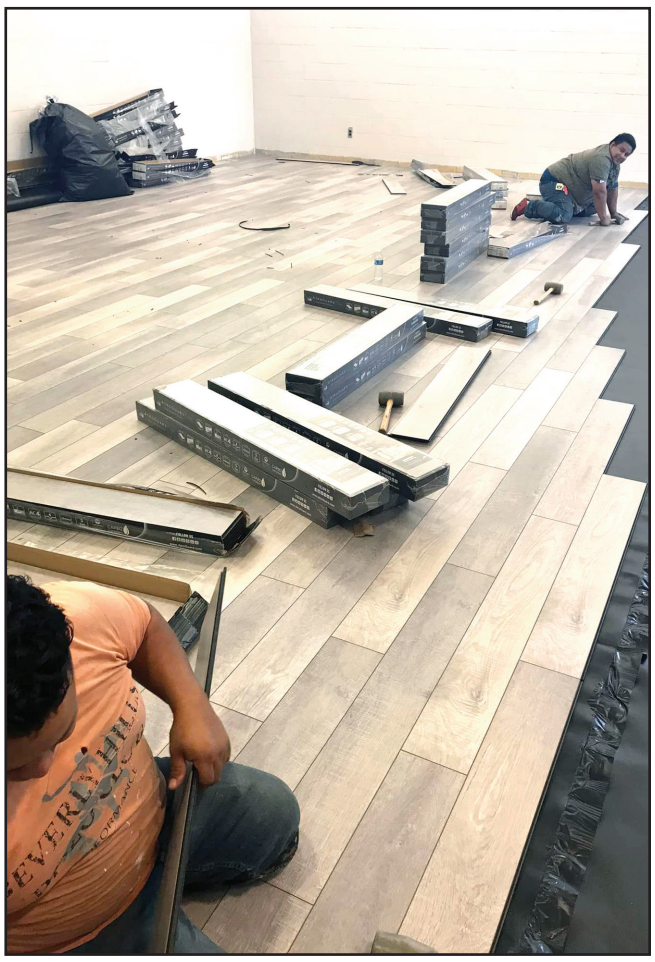
A reception was held afterward for all who attended. The Little Free Library was purchased with grant funds from the Mississippi Library Commission through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The uprade was installation of new flooring which was completed on July 26. Once it was completed, library staff began filling it with the shelves, books and all the items usually found in the library. The library thanks Rankin County and the Town of Pelahatchie for the renovation.

On April 7, the staff at Pelahatchie Public Library hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Muscadine Park to mark the opening of the new Little Free Library. Pictured (l to r) are, Alderwoman Margie Warren, Mayor Karl VanHorn, Branch Manager Tina Mauney, former library employee Alice Johnston, CMRLS Director Mara Polk, Alderman James Harrell, Alderwoman Sandra Harvey and Shirley Harrell.



New flooring at Pelahatchie Library was installed and completed on July 26.



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Installation of the new flooring at Pelahatchie Library.

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