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Pelahatchie students spend spring break doing missions in Mexico

By Susie A. Wolfe

Six high school students from across Mississippi spent their Spring Break serving and sharing the gospel alongside International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries in Oaxaca, Mexico. The trip was part of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB)'s new EDGE (Equipping and Discipling the Next Generation in Evangelism) program.

The three Pelahatchie students who participated are Jensen Baker, an East Rankin Academy (ERA) senior; Mary Hannah Martin, an ERA senior; and Chase Parker, a Pelahatchie High School sophomore.

"My trip to Mexico was extremely impactful on my life," Martin said. "Experiencing a new culture gave me a new outlook on life and helped me become more appreciative of what I have."

"Teaching English to children my age showed me that they are just like us and were just as eager



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Three of the six students who spent their March 7-13 Spring Break doing missions in Mexico are from Pelahatchie. Pictured (l to r) are: Jensen Baker, a senior at East Rankin Academy (ERA); Skylar Flora; Mary Hannah Martin, an ERA senior; Chase Parker, a Pelahatchie High School sophomore; Jon Benjamin Laney, and Tyler Page.

to get to know us as we were to get to know them," she said. "I built meaningful friendships with both my team and the students we taught at the school.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have had this experience, and I would encourage others to go on mission trips when the opportunity arises. The Lord was clearly at work in Oaxaca, and I hope others get the chance to go and experience that as well."

EDGE is a collaborative effort of the Missions Mobilization and Discipleship/Sunday School departments of the MBCB. The March 7-13 trip was led by Chad McCord, Director of Missions Mobilization; Zach DePriest, Student Ministries Consultant; and Mary Hamilton Bennett, a student at Mississippi College and Baptist Student Union (BSU) summer missionary.

Then EDGE program trains and sends students on cross-cultural missions. Prior to the trip, the students attended a weekend training on February 6-7. Bennett, who has served in Oaxaca multiple times, led a class on the culture of the area and explained its blend of Catholicism and animistic beliefs.

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PHS gains new Asst. Principal



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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) is excited to announce Mr. Jeff White as the new Assistant Principal for the 2026-27 school year. White comes to PHS with over 13 years of experience. His journey began at Pelahatchie Elementary School (PES) many years ago, and now his path has led him back. His wife Grace and his daughter Hadley Grace will be joining him next year as Chiefs.

PHS names STAR Student



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Congratulations to Carson Conn on being named the 2025-26 STAR Student. Upon being selected as the STAR Student, Carson chose Mr. Jordan to join him as his STAR Teacher this year. These two definitely, set the bar for the Tribe. Thank you both for making a lasting impact as a Chief.

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Center of Hope serves Pelahatchie with free pregnancy-related services

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Center of Hope, a non-profit based in Forest, Mississippi, is bringing its pregnancy resource center to the Davis Center in Pelahatchie on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The services offered in the mobile unit include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds to confirm pregnancy, and options information. They also offer STI testing and treatment for both men and women. All services are free.

Additionally, the Center provides education and ongoing support, according to Nurse Manager Kelli Raines of Pelahatchie. The Center can also refer moms to adoption agencies like New Beginnings, Lifetime, and Lifeline. During the month, they also serve Decatur, Raleigh, Carthage, and East Central Community College.

“Center of Hope was founded in 2004 by Mary Lynn Varner, who recognized a need for a crisis pregnancy center in central Mississippi,” Center of Hope Director Stacey Mitchell said. “Her vision was to create a safe and supportive environment for women facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies.”

By 2012, it became clear that the organization needed a new facility, as the existing building required significant repairs. After much prayer, a



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The Center of Hope provides a pregnancy resource center to Pelahatchie on the fourth Wednesday each month in their bus located in Davis Center from 10 a.m.--4 p.m. All services are provided at no cost, including pregnancy testing and confirmation by ultrasound, and STD testing and treatment.

new building was purchased, providing the space to expand services. This growth included the addition of a fatherhood program, which inspired

a name change to better reflect a welcoming environment for both women and men. In February 2013, the organization officially became Center of Hope.

The ministry continued to grow as its leaders felt called to offer ultrasound services, something that had long been part of their vision. After careful planning and prayer, medical services were introduced in September 2016, followed by STI testing services in 2018.

After looking at client data and research in 2024, Center of Hope’s leadership team saw the need for care in our surrounding counties. Many clients were driving one to two hours to receive services at Center of Hope.

“The plan to open a mobile clinic became the goal and in July of 2025, we were able to launch the unit,” Mitchell said. “We are now able to bring our services to not only Pelahatchie, but also to Carthage, Raleigh, and Decatur.”

Other staff members include Rachel Lewis, client services coordinator; McKenzie Weeks, nurse; Cody Watkins, men and church outreach coordinator; and Judy Rodriguez, receptionist.

“We are thankful for the opportunity to bring our services to help serve your great town of Pelahatchie,” said Mitchell.

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Students spend Spring Break doing missions in Mexico



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The Oaxaca IMB team had a desire to form relationships with the nearby public schools where they could not share the Gospel openly. With the EDGE team involved, they now had a tactful opportunity: students teaching English to other students. Mary Hannah Martin is shown teaching English to kids her age who were just as eager to get to know the group as they were to get to know them.

“A big part of our weekend was training this next generation to share the Gospel,” McCord said, “and to be able to do that not only in Mississippi but cross-culturally, as well.”

“God really taught me how present He can be in the lit-

tle things,” ERA student Jenson Baker said. “Being able to start the high school English club was really exciting. Knowing God will be able to use that after we leave made me feel like we actually left an impact.”

“It’s really hard to share the Gospel when you have a translator and to prepare them for the language barrier so they would learn to keep their train of thought going,” McCord said.

Another daunting activity the students participated in was to hold up signs which read ‘Come practice English with us’ at a local park. Through these exchanges, the students were able to segue into deeper Gospel conversations with the help of their translators.

“Our hope is that this evangelistic engagement in Mexico will carry on into their evangelism here in Mississippi,” said McCord. “We want them to be evangelists in their schools, now and when they go to college, in their part-time jobs, and wherever they go.”

The Baptist Record writer concluded, “What began as a group of strangers, most of whom were nervous and reserved, became a tight-knit, talkative, and terrific team,” Lindsey Carraway wrote in the Mississippi Baptist Record. “Over the week, their confidence and camaraderie had increased through their training, their travel, and most of all, their trust in the Lord.”

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The Great May Mix-Up is Coming to PES



By Guest Columnist
Robin Sanders, Principal,
Pelahatchie Elementary School

Pelahatchie Elementary School is excited to announce The Great May Mix-Up, happening May 19–21.

This special event is designed to promote strong school attendance and help us continue reducing chronic absenteeism—all while having a blast together!

Students can look forward to choosing from a variety of fun, engaging activities each day, including: Gimkit Challenge, Sphero Battle Bots, Junk Journaling, Tie-Dye Studio, Paper Airplane Academy, Origami Creations, GoNoodle & Bamboozled Dance Class, and so much more!

Every school day counts. When students are present, they build strong academic skills, stay connected with their teachers and peers, and gain confidence in their learning. Missing



even a few days can make it harder for students to keep up, especially as we wrap up important end-of-year learning and activities.

The last weeks of school are just as important as the first. The Great May Mix-Up is a fun and meaningful way to celebrate a year of growth, reward positive attendance, and encourage students to finish the year strong. We want every student here, engaged, and enjoying these final moments together before summer break.

Summer Library Program at Pelahatchie Public Library

By Guest Columnist Brenna Renfro
Branch Manager, Pelahatchie Public Library



Let the adventures begin! As temperatures rise, humidity thickens, and the sun shines down from bright blue Mississippi summer skies, families begin to look for fun activities to keep active and engaged over the summer break. Well, look no further than your local public library!

Throughout the entire month of June, the Central Mississippi Regional Library System will be celebrating Summer Library Program with special programs, crafts, activities, and more. The theme this year is “Unearth a Story,” and it is all about dinosaurs! Join us for a roaring good time throughout the entire month.

In June, Pelahatchie Public Library will offer family programs every Thursday at 2:00 p.m., plus other programs for teens, adults, and senior adults. To kick off our Summer Library Program on June 4, we will be having Natasha Haynes from the MSU Rankin County Extension Service lead us in a dinosaur

Mississippi Museum of Natural Science will be bringing some super cool animals to show us, and they are going to share all sorts of fascinating stories about them. On June 18, join us for a dinotastic time at our Dino Adventure Show! We will enjoy a visit from some dinosaur friends for a whacky skit, fun songs, and a craft. On June 25, get out of your shell and come learn all about how extraordinary turtles are! Central MS Turtle Rescue will be here to teach us all about our native turtle and tortoise species. They may even be bringing some friends. These family programs are sure to be a fun time for all ages. We will also have plenty of program options for adults, senior adults, and teens, so please visit our website calendar (<https://cmrls.trumba.com/>) or call the library at 601-854-8764 to learn more. No registration will be necessary. However, be forewarned that space is limited so please come early to guarantee a spot. We look forward to having you at Pelahatchie Public Library this summer!

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ERA defends district championships, qualifies directly to MAIS 4A State

By Guest Columnist April Williams

The East Rankin Academy (ERA) Patriot Track & Field teams returned to district championships to defend their titles. The meet concluded April 18 with both teams winning for the third consecutive year.

Due to a controversial realignment of MidSouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS), this year featured upheaval within the association, pitting much smaller former 5A schools against the two-to-three times larger 6A schools, both groups now representing the association as 4A. The twenty current 4A programs are additionally split into four districts, with ERA in District 2 competing directly against Hartfield Academy, Starkville Academy, Lamar School and Heritage Academy. Because of an additional new feature, each of this year's four district winners were able to directly qualify their full team of competitors for the 4A championship, skipping the regional north or south state meets.

With both boys' and girls' varsity teams defending their district champi-



Photo by Diana Tate

Front row, left to right: Chandler Hunt, Kate Bryant, Charlianne Hunt, Jewel Baker, Isabella McLeod, Savannah Smithers, Leah Collipp, Lily Kanengiser, Emma Raines, Edie Tate; Back row, left to right: Coach Steve Boozer, Zack Price, Ben Tingle, Jon Riemann, Channing Diveley, RT Tate, Taylor Stroh, Chris Chalk, Gane Boozer, Coach David Hopper.

onship, the varsity girls will face Madison Ridgeland Academy, Bayou Academy, and Silliman Institute. The varsity boys face Madison Ridgeland Academy, Jackson Prep and Jackson Academy. East Rankin Academy is the only former 5A school to qualify both boys and girls directly to the championship.

Among the many performances from the varsity teams, the following athletes or relays were district champions: Ethan Butler (110 hurdles), Emma Raines (300 hurdles and 400 meter dash), Taylor Stroh (800 meter run), Jewel Baker (800 meter run, 1600 meter run and 3200 meter run), RT Tate

(3200 meter run), Gage Crapps (discus), Jillian Breland (discus), Taitum Thomas (high jump), Leyton Phillips (long jump), the boys 4x100 relay (Ethan Butler, Jon Riemann, Aiden Carlisle, Channing Diveley), the boys 4x400 relay (Zack Price, Jon Riemann, Taylor Stroh, Channing Diveley), the boys 4x800 relay (Zack Price, Taylor Stroh, Walker Sartin, RT Tate), the girls 4x400 relay (Savannah Smithers, Isabella McLeod, Chandler Hunt and Jewel Baker) and the girls 4x800 relay (Alex Burkard, Hadley Erickson, Caroline Thornton, Jensen Baker).

During the course of the district competition, two East Rankin Academy school records fell, both nearly a decade old. Both were boys hurdle events. Sophomore Ethan Butler breaking the 110 hurdles record that was set in 2016 and junior Jon Riemann breaking the 300 hurdles record set in 2017.

"The team returns to competition on May 1 to contend for field events at Jackson Academy and May 2 at Jackson Prep to contend for running events, culminating in a ... Championship," Coach David Hopper said.

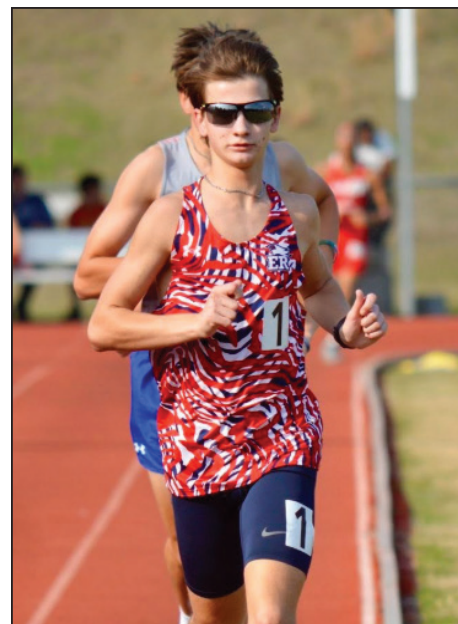
Diveley breaks ERA record at Barnett



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Senior Channing Diveley broke the East Rankin Academy 400 meter sprint record with a time of 49.98 at the Woody Barnett Invitational at Pearl High School on April 10. The prior 400 meter record was 50.12, set by ERA grad Jacob Weldan in 2012.

ERA's Tate signs with Millsaps



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Senior Rone "RT" Tate will continue his running career at the next level, signing to run track and cross country with Millsaps College. Tate is the current East Rankin Academy school record holder in outdoor track 3200 meter with a time of 10:31.80, indoor track 3200 meter with a time of 10:45.75 and cross country 3200 meter with a time of 10:38.88. Tate has also been an integral part of the Patriot men's 4x800 meter relay team, two-time defending state champions and current East Rankin Academy record holders with a relay time of 8:32.00.

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BRUNCH & BOOKS: ADULT BOOK CLUB – MAY 20 AT 11:00 A.M.
PELAHATCHIE PETALS GARDEN CLUB – MAY 21 AT 5:00 P.M.
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Farmers Market Spotlight: Local Goods and Live Music



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The Artful Farmer combines the lifelong love of the outdoors, gardening and farming by Amy and Tommy Lyle. That's why they were so excited when Grace started the Pelahatchie Farmers Market two years ago. They're excited to be original market vendors and are looking forward to seeing how the market grows in its third year. Tommy is a lifelong resident of Pelahatchie and Amy has called it home for over 30 years.

As a child, Amy and her mother would brave the red bugs and pick wild blackberries and make jelly. That's probably where her love of canning and preserving began. Amy now makes jellies and all sorts of

pickled vegetables. Tommy focuses on the honey bee hives and newly added grass fed beef production. Their honey is about as local as you can get with their hives being located just outside the city limits of Pelahatchie. Hopefully as their number of hives grow, so does the harvest. They are excited to "bee" able to share honey with our local community again this year. The Artful Farmer also sells fresh cut flowers and produce from their garden when available.

The Pelahatchie Farmers Market is thankful that Amy is a part of the market team; she helps bring fresh new ideas to the Pelahatchie Farmers Market.

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The Pelahatchie Farmer's Market's first market of the season will have lots of vendors, returning and new, that can't wait to see you there. There is also a musical guest—Cole Thompson will be sharing his talents at Pelahatchie Farmers Market on Saturday, April 25th.

COLETRAIN

Cole Thompson, a senior at East Rankin Academy, will be performing at Pelahatchie Farmers Market on Saturday, April 25th.

Cole, who performs under the stage name Coletrain, will attend Holmes Community College, after which he plans to attend Mississippi State University. He hopes to get a B.S. in electrical engineering with a minor in music production. One day, he hopes to own his own record label.

Cole is just starting to branch out into performing live music. Cole



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serves as the youth worship leader at The Church of Shiloh. He is the lead guitarist of the church's praise band, and he is also a member of the ERA praise team.

City Beat: Mayor, Alderman meeting for Monday, April 6, 2026



By Shaun McInnish, Sr., City Beat Writer,
Pelahatchie News

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Pelahatchie Mayor and Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, at Town Hall. Mayor Karl VanHorn presided, with all members of the board present: Alderwoman Diane Hill, Alderwoman Sandra Harvey, Alderman David Gray, Alderman Eddie Jones, and Alderman James Harrell.

VISITORS' BUSINESS:

The scheduled annual update from the Pelahatchie Public Library did not occur, as no representative was present. Mrs. Sara Butler then addressed the board to announce she is running for Circuit Court Judge and will be on the ballot in November.

DEPARTMENT DISCUSSIONS AND ZONING:

Police Vehicles: The board discussed the purchase of three used police package Ford F150 trucks from the Missouri State Police. The vehicles will be paid for out of seized funds, noting this is the same agency the town purchased its last two used vehicles from. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Alderman Gray. The motion passed with all in favor.

315 McDonald St. Zoning: The board reviewed

plans for a new single-family residential structure noted as being over 2,000 square feet, though it was mentioned that no set of plans was provided. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve, seconded by Alderwoman Hill. The motion passed with all in favor.

102 Ragan St. Zoning: The board reviewed plans for a single-family residential structure. Dr. Edwards spoke on the matter. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the plans, seconded by Alderwoman Hill. The motion passed with all in favor.



NEW BUSINESS:

March Minutes: Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2026 meeting, seconded by Alderman Harrell. The motion passed with all voting yea and none voting nay.

Unpaid Claims Docket: Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the docket, seconded by Alderman Harrell. The motion passed with three

voting yea and Alderwoman Hill and Harvey voting nay.

Morgan and White Insurance (\$1,157.66): Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the bank draft payment, seconded by Alderman Gray. The motion passed with all favor.

EMC Insurance (\$6,509.53): Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the bank draft payment for property insurance, seconded by Alderman Gray. The motion passed with all voting yea and all in favor.

Blue Cross Insurance (\$8,534.16): Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the bank draft payment, seconded by Alderman Gray. The motion passed with all voting yea and all in favor.

March 2026 Payroll: Alderman Jones made the motion to approve and ratify the general (\$66,833.71) and enterprise (\$27,435.71) payrolls, seconded by Alderman Gray. The motion passed 3-2 with Alderwoman Harvey and Alderwoman Hill both voting nay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:14 p.m., Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Hill, to enter an executive session regarding personnel matters within the police department. At 6:17 p.m., Attorney Banks announced a personnel matter. The police chief called Robbie Williams into the session at 6:19 p.m. Officer Irwin was then called back into the executive session at 6:26 p.m. At 6:30 p.m.,

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Southern Pine Electric feature: April is National Lineman Appreciation Month

The linemen of Southern Pine Electric are often a welcome sight when the lights go out—but their job isn't just waiting for an outage. Every day, they maintain equipment, build and upgrade lines, connect new members, troubleshoot issues, and invest time in training and safety education. No matter the weather, they show up with grit, determination, and a whole lot of hard work. Help Southern Pine to thank them by giving them the space they need to work safely. Slow down near roadside crews, and never approach a worksite. Your caution helps them focus on what they do best: bringing the power.

April is National Lineman Appreciation Month, and Southern Pine is proud to honor the men who work day and night to keep the lights on across our communities. From New Hebron to Brandon, Newton to Taylorsville, and every mile of line in between, the linemen brave the heat, cold, storms, and long nights with grit and determination. Their office is the power pole, and their mission is to bring the power safely and reliably to your homes, schools, farms, and businesses. Help us thank the linemen of Southern Pine Electric, the everyday heroes working hard to keep our lights on.



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City Beat: meeting cont'd.

Banks announced the result of the session was one salary and rank increase. Everyone returned to the meeting room at 6:31 p.m.

ALDERMAN DISCUSSIONS:

During open discussion at 6:32 p.m., Alderman Gray asked about a draft ordinance concerning creating a leisure and recreation district that Attorney Banks then stated would, if passed, create a leisure and recreation district in town and allow open containers of alcohol in said boundaries of such district. She mentioned it was similar to what the city of Jackson has passed in the past with their Leisure and Recreation Districts. The mayor stated they were currently reviewing the draft ordinance. Alderman Jones reminded the public that April is storm season and advised residents to stay weather alert. Alderman Jones also asked for ideas regarding upcoming Tri-centennial events and announced that the police chief will collect donations for July 3, 2026. Alderwomen Hill and Harvey, along with Alderman Harrell, had no further discussion items.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION:

Mayor Karl VanHorn brought several key items and announcements before the board. He discussed and asked for approval to get the Town Hall windows that were broken replaced. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the repairs, seconded by Alderwoman Hill. The motion passed with all in favor. The mayor also announced that May 2 through May 9 will be designated as town Cleanup Week. The mayor also discussed the installation of security cameras at the city warehouse to prevent theft or unauthorized access.

Mayor VanHorn also announced that the state legislature is giving the town \$850,000. These funds are allocated as \$350,000 for streets and roads, and \$500,000 for the Lagoon project.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was recessed and adjourned at 6:43 p.m. Alderman Jones made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Hill. The motion passed with all voting yea and all in favor.

ERA names Val and Sal 2026



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Congratulations to Paige Mayatte, valedictorian, is a member of Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, ACT 30+ Academic Team, and the ERA Chapter of the National Honor Society. Paige serves as captain of East Rankin's academic quiz bowl team and is also a member of our school's upper school superior rated band. Paige was also honored by being named a National Merit Commended Scholar. Paige will be attending Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering with plans of attending medical school.

Congratulations to Olivia Griffing, salutatorian, is a member of the ERA Chapter of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, and ACT 30+ Academic Team. She is also a multi-year participant and top award winner on East Rankin's state championship shooting sports team. Olivia plans to major in civil engineering at Mississippi State University.

Pelahatchie Petals Garden Club feature: Iris blooms and shows spring's arrival



By Guest Columnist
Eddie Smith, MSU
Extension Service

One of the first signs that spring has truly arrived in my garden comes at the end of March when irises begin to bloom.

Their elegant flowers rise above sword-like foliage, bringing color and renewal to the landscape. Each bloom feels like a celebration of spring returning to the South. Irises have long been favorites in Southern gardens, and several different types thrive particularly well in our warm, often wet conditions.

The Southern blue flag iris, known scientifically as *Iris virginica*, is one of my favorites.

This beautiful native plant is right at home in areas with moist soil or along the edges of ponds and ditches. The flowers are a soft bluish-purple, with delicate veining and a graceful form that almost looks like a butter-

fly hovering above the foliage.

As a native, Southern blue flag iris is also a wonderful plant for supporting wildlife. Pollinators are drawn to the blooms, and the plant thrives in naturalized areas where many other garden plants may struggle. This iris can turn a wet or low-lying spot in the yard into a showpiece each spring.

Another highlight in my late-March garden is the various Louisiana irises I have blooming.

These spectacular irises are beloved across the Gulf South where they are native species. They come in an incredible range of colors, including deep purple, rich burgundy, bright yellow, soft pink, copper and even striking bicolors.

Louisiana irises thrive in the same conditions that make many Southern gardeners scratch their heads. Like the Southern blue flag iris, they are often planted near ponds, rain gardens or low areas that stay moist.

When they bloom, the flowers are large, dramatic and almost or-



MSU Extension Office

The Southern blue flag iris has long been favorites in Southern gardens, thriving in warm, often wet conditions.

chid-like in appearance.

What I enjoy most about Louisiana irises is their color diversity. Many gardeners often collect different varieties, and when they all bloom together, it creates a beautiful patchwork of color perfectly suited to a Southern spring garden.

Another iris that blooms in my landscape is the yellow flag iris, known scientifically as *Iris pseudacorus*.

The bright, golden-yellow flowers of this selection bloom around the

same time as the other irises. This plant is extremely vigorous and thrives in wet conditions.

But be aware that yellow flag iris is known to be invasive in many areas, particularly around natural waterways where it can spread aggressively. Because of that, I grow mine only in contained areas of my landscape where it cannot escape into natural habitats.

With a little management and careful placement, this iris can still be enjoyed as a striking ornamental plant without creating problems for nearby ecosystems.

Whether you prefer the native charm of Southern blue flag, the incredible color range of Louisiana irises, or the bold golden blooms of yellow flag iris grown in controlled spaces, these plants bring beauty, elegance and wild Southern character to the landscape each spring.

In my yard, their arrival is always one of the moments that tells me the gardening season has officially begun.

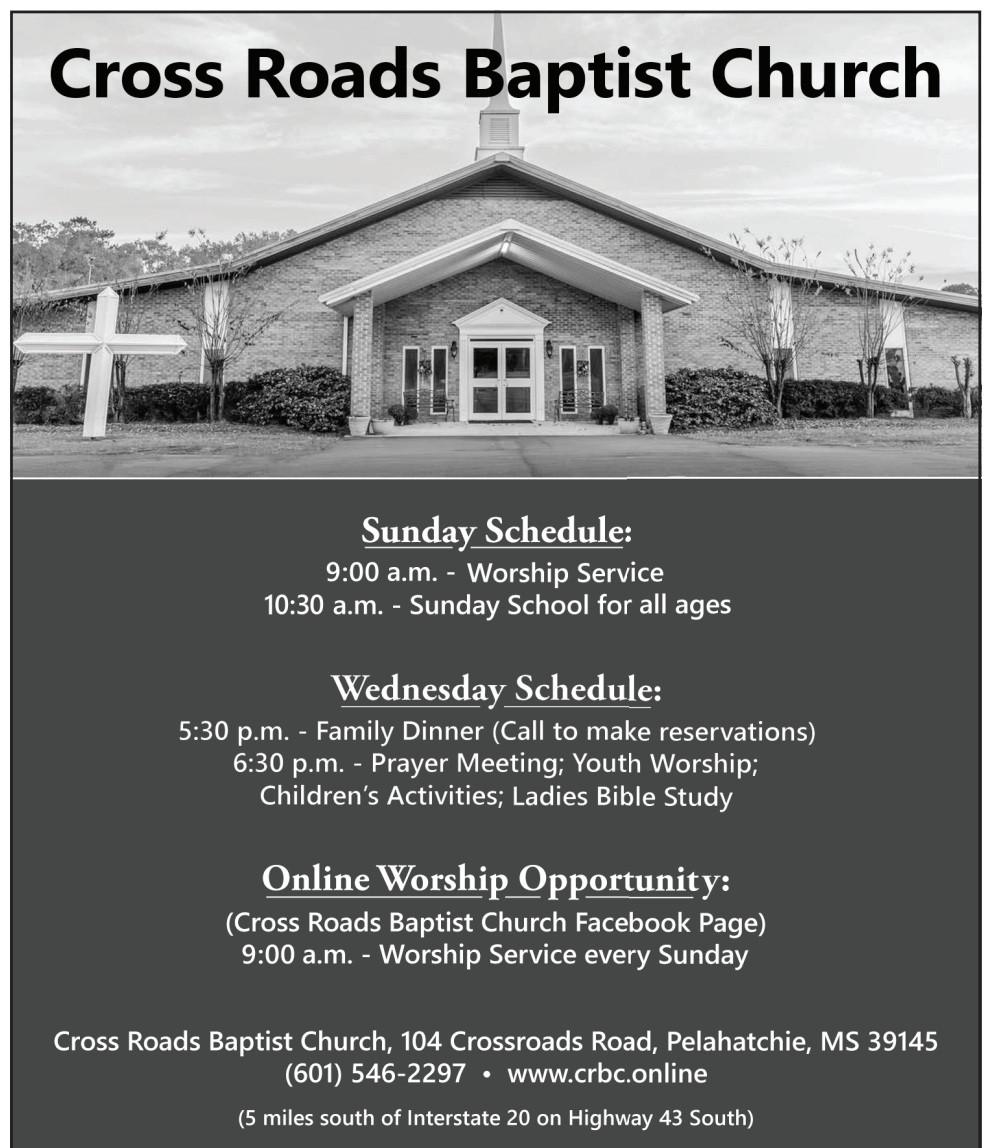


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6:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting; Youth Worship;
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ERA awarded All Superior rating ERA students place at Literary Festival



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Congratulations to these East Rankin Upper School Band for being awarded an All Superior rating at the 2026 MAIS Spring Band Concert.



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Congratulations to these East Rankin Academy students who recently placed at the Hinds Community College (HCC) Literary Festival. These students include: 1st Place Essay - Samantha Gardner, 2nd Place Essay - Kennedy Laine Harper, 3rd Place Essay - Sara Blake Thornton, Honorable Mention Essay - Edie Tate, and Honorable Mention Essay - Madison Arnold.



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Guaranty Income Life Insurance Co.
2638 S SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD.,
SUITE 200
BATON ROUGE, LA 70816
Total Assets\$ 11,367,371,275
Total Liabilities\$ 10,863,778,176
Capital Stock\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds\$ 501,093,099
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 503,593,099
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 11,367,371,275

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Guardian Life Insurance Co., Inc., The
10 Hudson Yards
New York, NY 10001
Total Assets\$ 10,946,622,852
Total Liabilities\$ 10,257,457,895
Capital Stock\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds\$ 686,664,957
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 689,164,957
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 10,946,622,852

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Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America, The
10 Hudson Yards, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10001
Total Assets\$ 93,784,661,509
Total Liabilities\$ 83,820,136,014
Capital Stock\$0
Surplus Funds\$ 9,964,525,495
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 9,964,525,495
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 93,784,661,509

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Gulf Guaranty Life Insurance Co.
7 River Bend Place
Flowood, MS 39232
Total Assets\$ 92,812,470
Total Liabilities\$ 22,572,292
Capital Stock\$1,813,760
Surplus Funds\$ 68,426,418
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 70,240,178
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 92,812,470

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Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Co.
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford, CT 06155-0001
Total Assets\$ 12,822,685,233
Total Liabilities\$ 10,148,574,805
Capital Stock\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds\$ 2,671,610,428
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 2,674,110,428
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 12,822,685,233

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HCC Life Insurance Co.
225 TownPark Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30144
Total Assets\$ 1,803,183,627
Total Liabilities\$ 1,013,596,059
Capital Stock\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds\$ 787,087,568
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 789,587,568
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 1,803,183,627

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Heartland National Life Insurance Co.
4200 Little Blue Parkway, Suite 400
Independence, MO 64057
Total Assets\$ 281,800,892
Total Liabilities\$ 273,732,658
Capital Stock\$1,500,000
Surplus Funds\$ 6,568,234
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 8,068,234
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 281,800,892

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Heritage Life Insurance Co.
227 West Monroe Street, Suite 3775
Chicago, IL 60606
Total Assets\$ 14,720,264,210
Total Liabilities\$ 13,033,359,437
Capital Stock\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds\$ 1,684,404,773
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 1,686,904,773
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
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HM Life Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 535061
Pittsburgh, PA 15253-5061
Total Assets\$ 1,071,305,255
Total Liabilities\$ 595,131,714
Capital Stock\$3,000,000
Surplus Funds\$ 473,173,541
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 476,173,541
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 1,071,305,255

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Homesteaders Life Co.
P. O. Box 1756
Des Moines, IA 50305-1756
Total Assets\$ 4,379,664,303
Total Liabilities\$ 4,046,191,841
Capital Stock\$20,000,000
Surplus Funds\$ 313,472,462
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 333,472,462
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 4,379,664,303

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Horace Mann Life Insurance Co.
1 Horace Mann Plaza
Springfield, IL 62715
Total Assets\$ 9,927,341,543
Total Liabilities\$ 9,540,037,917
Capital Stock\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds\$ 384,803,626
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 387,303,626
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 9,927,341,543

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Humana Insurance Co. of Kentucky
PO Box 740036
Louisville, KY 40202
Total Assets\$ 305,995,641
Total Liabilities\$ 167,042,871
Capital Stock\$2,000,000
Surplus Funds\$ 136,952,770
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 138,952,770
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 305,995,641

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IA American Life Insurance Co.
PO Box 2549
Waco, TX 76702-2549
Total Assets\$ 316,278,907
Total Liabilities\$ 197,242,873
Capital Stock\$11,640,370
Surplus Funds\$ 107,395,664
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 119,036,034
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 316,278,907

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Ibexis Life & Annuity Insurance Co.
250 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 1525
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Total Assets\$ 3,292,024,648
Total Liabilities\$ 3,149,147,268
Capital Stock\$5,320,000
Surplus Funds\$ 137,557,380
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 142,877,380
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 3,292,024,648

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IdeaLife Insurance Co.
400 Atlantic Street, 9th Floor
Stamford, CT 06901
Total Assets\$ 21,379,358
Total Liabilities\$ 1,608,183
Capital Stock\$2,500,000
Surplus Funds\$ 17,271,175
Total Capital & Surplus\$ 19,771,175
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds
.....\$ 21,379,358

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3 ERA teams go to state capitol



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) is so proud of these three state championship teams. These teams include ERA's girls' basketball, boys' soccer, and shooting team. Thanks to Senator Rhodes for recognizing them at the Capitol.



White Receives Taylor Medal, University of Mississippi's Highest Award



Bill Dabney/Bill Dabney Photography

Kaitlyn White, of Pelahatchie, MS, majoring in Elementary Education, was among the more than 90 University of Mississippi students to receive a 2026 Marcus Elvis Taylor Memorial Medal, the university's highest academic award. The honorees were recognized for their achievements on April 9, with a dinner at The Inn at Ole Miss Ballroom followed by a ceremony at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts. The Taylor Medals were established at UM in 1904 by Dr. William A. Taylor, of Booneville, in memory of his son, an honored 1871 alumnus of the university. The award recognizes no more than 1% of the student body each year.

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By Doug Carter, Rankin County Extension Agent

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Homeowners eagerly wait for spring to fire up their lawnmowers. However, be sure to get your lawn mower serviced and get your mower blades sharpened or replaced. Change your engine oil and filter. Clean oil and a new filter will increase the life of an engine.

Dull mower blades are not good on your grass and leave a ragged appearance. Good sharp blades cut the grass evenly and make less work for your lawnmower. Improper mowing heights is still a big problem. Scalping your grass is not healthy for your lawn. Be aware of different mowing heights for different types of grass. Bermuda grass can stand being mowed at 1 inch, but St. Augustine can't. St. Augustine should be mowed at 2 ½ to 3 inches. Improper mowing height can unnecessarily stress grass and cause disease problems.

When mowing, objects on the ground (for example – toys, rocks, debris, etc.) can become projectiles when stuck by cutting blades. These objects can travel up to 200 miles per hour after leaving the discharge chute on a lawn mower. Discharge chutes and openings are equipped



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with a protective guard or deflector to stop objects from becoming projectiles. This can be the plastic flap or metal plate on a lawn mower or the chains on a rotary cutter. The guard should be maintained and kept in good condition to remain effective.

A common and dangerous practice is tying up the deflector to increase grass flow from the mowers chute. This defeats the purpose of trying to reduce a projectile's speed. Objects can still be thrown out of the discharge; however, the deflector will reduce the speed of the object and the dis-

tance the object will travel.

Listed below are a few steps to follow to help avoid injury and property damage while mowing:

1) Inspect the area to be mowed. Clear the work area as much as possible before you begin. Pick up sticks, rocks, wire and other debris before you begin to mow.

2) Keep children and bystanders away from the area. If someone or a vehicle is passing by, turn the cutting blades off.

3) Mow in a direction that blows discharge away from people, buildings, vehicles, and roadways. In addition to the obvious injuries to people and possible broken windows & holes in siding from projectiles, grass clippings themselves can be a danger

to motorcyclists, and bike riders. Glass clippings are often blown on and left on roadways, which is equivalent to ice in the road for motorcycle and bicycle tires. This could lead to serious injuries and even death for those involved.

4) Shut off blade rotation when crossing a sidewalk, driveway or road. Also, always shut off blade rotation when driving the equipment to another area that needs mowing.

Source: Mississippi State University Extension Safety Newsletter, August 2020

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ERCO selected for REACH award

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We are humbled to announce Ever Reaching Community Outreach has been selected as the REACH Award recipient for Rankin County by the Children's Foundation of Mississippi for making a meaningful difference for children and families.



As a REACH Award recipient, our work will be featured in the Children's Foundation of Mississippi's 2026 KIDS COUNT Risk and Reach data report. Additionally, REACH Award recipients will be acknowledged as part of the 5th Annual Children's Summit, Sowing Seeds of Success: Cultivating a Bright Future for Mississippi's Children, taking place April 29-30, 2026, at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl, Mississippi.

Thank you to our volunteers who dedicate their time, service & skills to serve those in need. Thank you to our monthly financial supporters who keep the lights on & our doors open. Thank you to our donors of physical items that provide for 500+ families each month. Thank you to Feeding America, local grocery providers & supporters who keep our pantry stocked; and, more importantly, thank you to our prayer warriors and intercessors who ask on our behalf so that those in need can receive.

PES robotics team places at competition

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Recently, the PES Chiefs Robotics Team put their STEM skills to the test at the Mississippi Robotics STEM Competition hosted at NISSAN. Students competed in seven different events on different topics related to STEM and workforce development skills. The PES students represented the school well and also placed in multiple events.

In the Sumo Robotics Competition we had two teams tie for 3rd place:

Colton Roby and Mason Holmes & Levi Pope and Xzavier Lee

In the 3rd - 5th grade individual events (out of all students in these grade levels):

Colton Roby - 3rd place in small engine parts identification

Levi Pope - 2nd place on the science test

Addie Harrell - 3rd place on the science test and 2nd place on trim triangle (an event created by NISSAN)

Josey Keeton - 1st place on the math test

Jerry McDaniel - 2nd place on the math test

In the 6th - 8th grade individual events:

Ava Keeton - 1st place trim triangle

Riley Jordan - 2nd place trim triangle

PES students showed great spirit, teamwork, and camaraderie during the entire event. We are proud of what they accomplished! We are also thankful for the sponsors and parents who support these students and help them build a passion for robotics.



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Pastor's Perspective: A Faith That Follows Fully

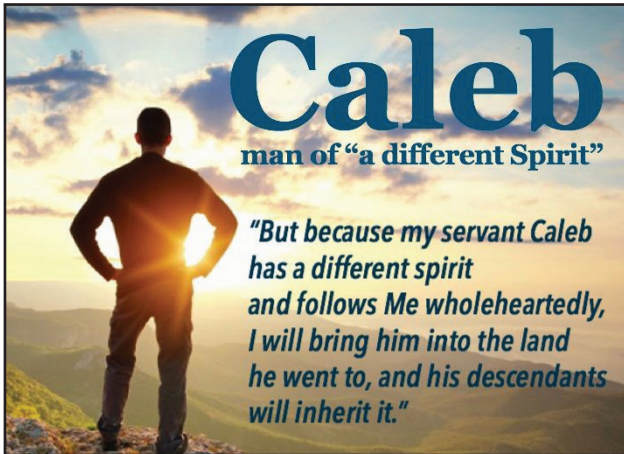


By Guest Columnist Spencer Sullivan, Pastor, Pelahatchie Baptist

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As parents choose names for their children, there is a broad spectrum for where names come from and how they are chosen. Sometimes, parents choose names because of reasons like how the name sounds or maybe it's uniqueness or even it's popularity in culture. However, in many cases, names are chosen because they are special for a certain reason and have meaning or significance behind them. This is certainly the case when family names are chosen to pass down to the next generation. When Melanie gave birth to our first child, we had already chosen the name we wanted to give our son. His first name is not a family name, but it certainly has significant meaning to us. We chose to name our son Caleb after the Biblical character in the Bible. Personally, I had always liked how the name sounded, but that was certainly not the reason we chose it. The significance of the name has to do with who this man was and how he lived his life. In you aren't familiar with the Caleb from the Bible, let me tell you about him.

Caleb is first mentioned in the Bible in Numbers 13. God had just used Moses to lead the people out of slavery in Egypt and onto the doorstep of a land that He had promised them. Caleb was chosen as one of 12 spies to check out the land, its inhabitants, and then report back to Moses and the people. When the 12 returned, they confirmed that the land was desirable,



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but 10 of the 12 reported that the inhabitants were too numerous, fierce, huge (giants), and that there was no way that the people of God could overtake them. Only 2, Caleb and Joshua, reported that they should absolutely move forward because God had promised them and was on their side. After all, they had just seen God do astounding miracles, including part the Red Sea for them to cross on dry land. Can you imagine? Why would He not go before them and with them and fulfill the promise He made to them? Yet, tragically, the people listened to the 10 rather than the 2. It took courage and tremendous faith to believe and obey God rather than be influenced by the majority (peer pressure). That's a hard thing to do thousands of years later, right? Yet Caleb was a man of integrity and conviction. This is certainly not the only example that

set Caleb apart.

As a result of the people listening to the 10, rather than the 2, God punished the people by keeping them in the wilderness for 40 years before He would later fulfill His promise and lead them into the land. Only the 2, Caleb and Joshua, would enter the land from that generation. You have to know that was an incredibly long and difficult 40 years, even for the faithful 2. Yet Caleb continued to display his trust and faith in God throughout the 40 years, showing tremendous patience. Then, 45 years later when Caleb was 85 years old and as the people were finally settling into the Promised Land, he showed tremendous courage and strength to overtake the Anakim (giants) in the land of Hebron to claim an inheritance for his family. Caleb was a different dude. In fact, God Himself said: "... my servant Caleb, ... has a different spirit and has followed Me fully."

This is why we named our son Caleb. Our desire for him has always been to have a different spirit and to follow God fully. But, you don't have to bear the name to follow the example. To be clear, we can't just generate this kind of belief and faith. It is built over time, trusting Him day by day with every part of your life. As you walk with Him day by day, you will inevitably have your own God moments and experiences where His faithfulness is evident and confirmed in your life. Some of those moments may initially be hard, but often it's in the valleys where you experience His presence and faithfulness the most. As you come to find Him faithful, may your faith be built up to resemble Caleb's and then follow Him fully!



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RCSD recognizes powerlifting athletes



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State Powerlifting Champions and Record Setters —

We are proud to recognize these outstanding student-athletes who were celebrated during today's board meeting for their incredible achievements in powerlifting!

Korbin Boydston, Pelahatchie High
Shaun Westbrook, Puckett High
Tenley Granberry, Pisgah High
Maddison Phillips, Richland High
Mason Giles, Richland High
JW Fisher, Richland High

Justin Robison, Northwest Rankin High

Raiya Johnson, Florence High

Noah Myers, Florence High

Cade Sills, Florence High

A special thank you to the dedicated coaches who support and guide these athletes to success. Your leadership plays a vital role in these accomplishments!

We are incredibly proud of each of these students for their strength, discipline, and commitment to excellence—both in competition and in the classroom!

PHS students compete at 2A track meet



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Pelahatchie High School track and field athletes recently competed at the MHSAA Region 5 - 2A Track Meet held in Ridgeland, MS. They are coached by Jerrick Porter.

Girls Shot Put: 1st Place Rylee Watson and 3rd Place Jermya Johnson

Boys Shot Put: 2nd Place Jamauri Hollis

Boys Discus: 3rd Place CJ Collier

Boys High Jump: 2nd Place Braylan Boyd

Girls Long Jump: 3rd Place Zanyia Hollis

Boys Long Jump: 1st Place Laterrion Irvin

Girls 4x100: Jamiee Hill, Zanyia Hollis, Arionna Roby, and Jayla Davis

Girls 200 Meters: 4th Place Jamiee Hill

Girls 300 Hurdles: 2nd Place Jamiee Hill

Boys 400: 2nd Place Christian Beeman

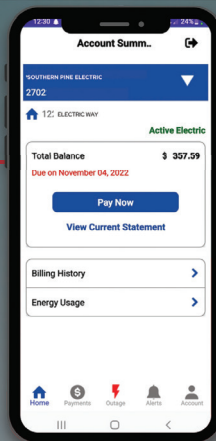
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Pelahatchie High School baseball senior spotlight: #16 Tate Hopson



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Congratulations to senior baseball player Tate Hopson #16. Pelahatchie High School (PHS) is proud of you. Thanks for representing the Chiefs on and off the field.

Pelahatchie's McGill receives Carla McCulloch scholarship



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Mariah McGill's journey at Hinds Community College began as a band student at the Raymond Campus, where she was the lead drum major in fall 2024.

Now she is continuing her journey in the Associate Degree Nursing program at Hinds' Rankin Campus and as the winner of the 2026 annual Carla McCulloch Scholarship, which will pay her tuition for the 2026-2027 academic year. The Carla McCulloch Scholarship has been given to a second semester Associate Degree Nursing student since 1991.

"You get so many life skills with band—communication skills, problem-solving

skills, time management skills, things of that nature." McGill stated. "All of those skills can be applied to nursing school, especially time management. Everything is on a schedule; everything has deadlines. I feel like those having those skills early set me up for success when it came to nursing school."

McGill's next step after Hinds nursing school is to work in a hospital with an ADN (Associate Degree Nursing) to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program.

"That will allow me to continue working while I'm getting my education to get my bachelor's," McGill stated.

Ultimately, she wants to become a Nurse Practitioner or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

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- School is out this month!**

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