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Pelahatchie Elementary Recognized for Literacy Excellence



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Robin Sanders, Head Principal (left) and Mijia Ward, Assistant Principal (right)

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Pelahatchie Elementary was recently named a 2026-27 Mississippi Emerging Science of Reading School by the Mississippi Department of Education. This designation recognizes schools where educators are putting the science of reading into practice, strengthening classroom instruction, and creating a schoolwide culture dedicated to developing skillful, strong readers in kindergarten through third grade. The recognition reflects the dedication of Pelahatchie's teachers and staff who continue to grow their knowledge, refine their instructional practices, and make literacy a priority for every student. Congratulations, Pelahatchie Elementary!



Watkins Earns 4th-Degree Black Belt and Bronze Medal

Guest Columnist Bill T. Rials

Pelahatchie resident Bryant Watkins recently reached a major milestone in his martial arts journey, earning promotion to an internationally recognized fourth-degree black belt during the Global Traditional Martial Arts Globals event in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The international event, held July 22 through July 25, brought together martial artists, instructors, Masters and Grandmasters from around the world for advanced testing and tournament competition.

During the high-rank black belt testing, Watkins performed before a distinguished panel of Masters and



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From left to right: Grandmaster Daniel Longoria, Bryant Watkins, and Grandmaster G.K. Lee.

Grandmasters. Following a successful evaluation, his promotion was officially confirmed and awarded by Grandmaster G.K. Lee, one of the most highly respected leaders in the world.

Watkins also competed in the GTMA Globals International Tournament, where he faced experienced black belts from across the country. He earned a bronze medal and third-place finish in the Traditional Weapons competition.

His accomplishments reflect more than a decade of training, persistence and commitment. Watkins began practicing martial arts after his daughter, Dana Duckworth, joined the sport. What began as a shared family interest grew into a long-term pursuit and

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Watkins Earns 4th-Degree

eventually an opportunity to teach others.

Today, Watkins is an instructor at Fusion Martial Arts in Pelahatchie, where he teaches alongside Dana and his son-in-law, Garrett Duckworth. Dana serves as Fusion's head instructor. Fusion Martial Arts has been teaching students in the Pelahatchie community for over 20 years. Fusion Martial Arts helps students develop martial arts skills while emphasizing confidence, discipline, physical fitness and personal growth. Fusion Martial Arts offers classes for both children and adults on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. No previous martial arts experience is required, and classes are designed to provide a fun, exciting and welcoming environment for beginners as well as experienced students.

Fusion recently relocated inside the Explosion Sports baseball practice facility at the end of the Davis Shopping Center. The new location gives area families another convenient opportunity to participate in martial arts training close to home.

Watkins' promotion to fourth-degree black belt and his bronze-medal performance are significant accomplishments, both for him and for the local martial arts community. His journey from supporting his daughter's interest to becoming a high-ranking black belt and instructor demonstrates what can be achieved through sustained effort and a willingness to keep learning.

For information about classes at Fusion Martial Arts, call or text 601-210-9190.

Rankin County Supervisors Enact 30-Day Burn Ban

The Rankin County Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the Mississippi Forestry Commission, has instituted a 30-day ban on outdoor burning activities beginning Friday, August 21, 2026.

The burn ban will be in effect from August 21, 2026 through 12:01 a.m. on September 21, 2026, unless terminated sooner by action of the Board of Supervisors.

The decision follows a period of limited rainfall, low humidity, and high winds, creating conditions that increase the risk of wildfire and the potential for fires to spread rapidly.

The burn ban applies to all outdoor burning activities, including agricultural land-clearing.

Exempt from the burn ban are: Mississippi Forestry Commission, Certified Burn Managers, Rankin County Fire Services, Commercial Contractors with Heavy Construction Equipment.

Residents and businesses are urged to comply with the burn ban to help protect lives, property, and natural resources throughout Rankin County.

For more information, contact Rankin County Emergency Operations at 601-825-1499.



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Jellystone Park Pelahatchie employee spotlights



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Meet Stephanie & Alana!

Stephanie is Jellystone Park TM Pelahatchie's general manager, and Alana is our manager-in-training. Together, they are a hard-working duo keeping the park running smoothly. Our staff is so grateful to have them on our team.



Meet Sue!

Sue joined the Jellystone Park TM Pelahatchie team about a year ago. She works in the Activities department. Her favorite part is that every day is different, which makes her job exciting. Sue is known for being reliable and hard-working and encouraging campers to join in the fun! Our staff is grateful to have her on the team.

Griefshare support group starts Sept. 2

By Susie A. Wolfe

Cross Roads Baptist Church (CRBC) has been offering Griefshare since 2014 to help those grieving a loss find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

The 13-week program, starting September 2, is now on a new day. It will now be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the church at 104 Crossroads Road, south of Pelahatchie. Childcare will be provided. Dinner is also available at 5:30 p.m. for eight dollars.

The weekly grief support group welcomes anyone in the area that has lost a loved one. Each week the group views a video on a grief-related topic that participants face. The videos offer advice from counselors, pastors, and people who have been through grief on how to handle grief's challenges. After that, the group will discuss the video content and how it applies to each person's life.



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The CRBC Griefshare support group will be held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for thirteen weeks. It offers support, direction, and help after a loved one's death.

Jo Ann Brown, Griefshare Church Coordinator, said, "Our Griefshare group gives support and lets each person grieving know that they are not alone. The support group walks with each person on their personal grief journey."

For more information, call 601-942-4439 to contact Jo Ann Brown.

Muscadine Field Day was held Aug. 27

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Muscadine producers gathered to learn about producing the specialty crop during a recent special event.

The 2026 Muscadine Field Day was on August 27 at the Mississippi State University McNeill Research Unit in Carriere. From 9 to 11 a.m., attendees learned from local experts in muscadine cultivation.

The event was co-hosted by the MSU Extension Service, the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service. Speakers from all three units held discussions on issues related to the growth of muscadines.

Topics included new leafhopper pests, selecting muscadine cultivars for success, and insect and disease management.

The Vitis x Muscadinia, or VxM, research project, was also discussed. MSU is one of 13 universities across the U.S. that have partnered for the



File photo by MSU Extension Service/Eric Stafne

Attendees gathered at the MSU McNeill Research Unit in Carriere for the 2026 Muscadine Field Day.

project, which is focused on developing a hybrid grape for quality and disease resistance.

Attendees, who ranged from commercial farmers to hobby producers, also explored passionfruit, learned about pesticide modes of action, learned about transitioning to an organic program, viewed winemaking equipment, and explored the vineyard for a fruit tasting.

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Mansell new chairman of the MSGOP United Republican Fund

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The Mississippi Republican Party is pleased to announce the selection of State Rep. Clay Mansell as the new chairman of the MSGOP's United Republican Fund ("URF").

Mansell succeeds Phil Buffington, who helped strengthen the organization's efforts to support the Mississippi Republican Party and its advancement of conservative causes across the state.

Mansell and Buffington recently spoke together at a meeting of the Lee County Republican Club in Tupelo. The appearance served as an informal passing of the gavel as they discussed the future of URF and plans to expand its grassroots network throughout Mississippi.

"Phil and I enjoyed the opportunity to talk about the United Republican Fund and our plans to grow URF's grassroots network across Mississippi," Mansell said. "We appreciate Lee County Republican Club President Rita Buse for the invitation and her hospitality. We are excited about what is ahead and look forward to getting more Republicans involved in every corner of our state."

The United Republican Fund serves as the sustaining membership and small dollar fundraising arm of the Mississippi Republican Party, helping to provide a continuing stream of resources necessary for MSGOP operations, education, recruitment, and training.

Mississippi Republican Party Chairman Mike Hurst praised Mansell's selection and expressed confidence in the future of the organization.

"Clay Mansell is a proven conservative leader, successful businessman and dedicated public servant who understands the importance of building strong organizations from the ground up," Hurst said. "His passion for grassroots engagement and his commitment to growing the Republican Party will serve URF well. I look forward to working with him as we continue expanding our reach and strengthening the Republican Party in every corner of Mississippi."

"It has been an honor to serve as chairman of the United Republican Fund, and I am excited to see Clay take the organization to the next level," Buffington said. "Clay brings energy, vision and a genuine desire

to grow our party. I have no doubt he will build upon the foundation we have established and help create even greater opportunities for Republicans across Mississippi."

As URF Chairman, Mansell said one of his primary goals will be expanding the organization's volunteer network and increasing its presence throughout the state.



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From left to right: Clay Mansell, new URF Chairman; Rita Buse, Lee County GOP Chairwoman; Phil Buffington, former URF Chairman.

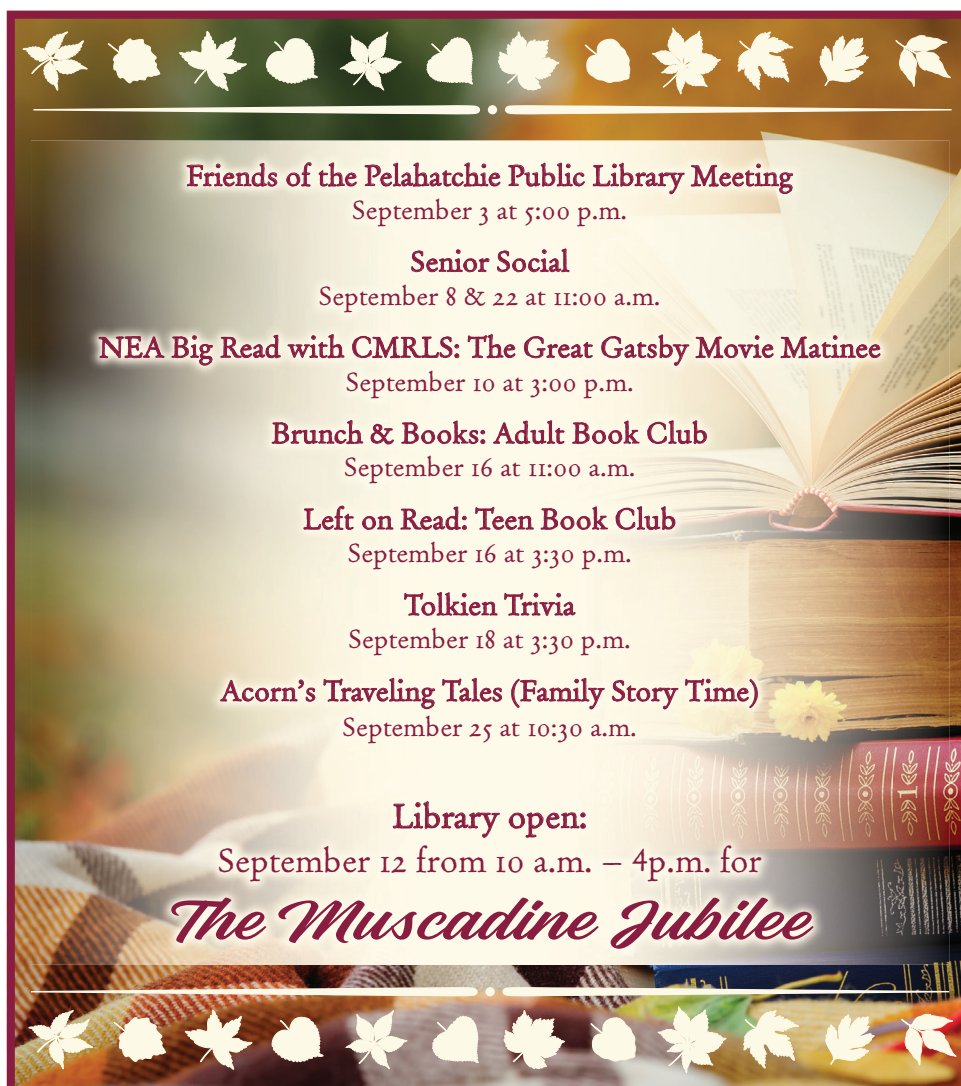
"Serving as Chairman of the United Republican Fund is both an honor and a privilege," Mansell said. "The Republican Party has achieved tremendous success in Mississippi, but there is still important work ahead. I want to see URF continue to grow its membership, strengthen its grassroots efforts and engage more Mississippians than ever before."

Mansell also announced plans to establish a network of county directors across Mississippi to expand the organization's footprint at the local level.

"Today, URF has four board members representing Mississippi's four congressional districts, and that structure has served the organization well," Mansell said. "My goal is to build on that success by recruiting a director in each of Mississippi's 82 counties. These local leaders will help us grow our membership, strengthen volunteer engagement and ensure we have a presence in every community across our state."

Individuals interested in serving as a county director for the United Republican Fund are encouraged to contact Mansell at ClayMansell@Mansell-Media.net.

Pelahatchie Library September Events



Friends of the Pelahatchie Public Library Meeting
September 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Senior Social
September 8 & 22 at 11:00 a.m.

NEA Big Read with CMRLS: The Great Gatsby Movie Matinee
September 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Brunch & Books: Adult Book Club
September 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Left on Read: Teen Book Club
September 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Tolkien Trivia
September 18 at 3:30 p.m.

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City Beat: Mayor, Alderman meeting for Monday, August 3, 2026



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



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The August 2026 Pelahatchie Mayor and Board of Aldermen regular meeting was held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl VanHorn presided and called the meeting to order. Alderwomen Diane Hill and Sandra Harvey, along with Aldermen David Gray, Eddie Jones, and James Harrell, were in attendance for the proceedings.

Residents/Visitors' Business:

Representatives from Southern Pipe and Supplies attended the meeting to discuss possible new Master Meter water meters for the town. The representatives noted there are about 700 meters in town and mentioned that both the Fannin and Pisgah water associations currently use Southern Pipe's Master Meter water meters.

Department Discussions:

The Town Clerk announced this year's Muscadine Jubilee will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Muscadine Park in downtown Pelahatchie, MS.

New Business:

The board discussed, considered, and voted to approve the minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on July 6, 2026. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve, and Alderman Gray seconded

the motion. The measure passed with all in favor.

The board discussed, considered, and voted to approve the payment of the unpaid claims docket. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve, and Alderman Gray seconded the motion. The measure carried with a 3-2 vote with Alderwoman Hill and Alderwoman Harvey voting no.



The board discussed, considered, and voted to approve the disbursement of a bank draft payment to Morgan and White Insurance in the amount of \$1,006.16. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve, and Alderwoman Hill seconded the motion. The measure passed with all in favor.

The board discussed, considered, and voted to approve a bank draft payment to EMC Insurance for property insurance in the amount of \$6,804.32. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve, and Alderwoman Hill seconded the motion. The measure passed with all in favor.

The board discussed, considered, and voted to ap-

prove a bank draft payment to Blue Cross Insurance in the amount of \$8,075.61. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve, and Alderman Gray seconded the motion. The measure passed with all in favor.

The board discussed the approval and ratification of the payment of payroll for July 2026, which included \$75,787.43 for the General fund and \$26,634.60 for the Enterprise fund. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the payroll, and Alderman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote with Alderwoman Hill and Alderwoman Harvey voting no.

Mayor's Discussion:

Mayor VanHorn asked about a motion to extend a bank CD the town has with PriorityOne Bank. Alderman Jones made the motion to approve the extension, and Alderwoman Hill seconded the motion. The measure passed with all in favor.

Alderman Discussions:

Alderwoman Harvey inquired about an emergency contact list update she proposed last month. It was noted that the list hadn't been created yet, but was a work in progress. Alderman Jones briefly commented on the hot weather and reminded everyone to stay weather aware.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Alderman Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderwoman Hill seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Pelahatchie gets Rhodes family mural



By Susie A. Wolfe

The Rhodes & Robby mural downtown in progress.

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Rhodes & Robby Pharmacy has been a staple downtown at the railroad tracks for more than 46 years, being the longest running business in town. Jack Rhodes' grandfather and father preceded him as pharmacists in town at different locations over the twentieth century. The first Rhodes pharmacist in Pelahatchie was Samuel Rhodes, who was first licensed in 1892. Rhodes' descendants would follow his path in pharmacy, including Jack Rhodes.

Jack and Rosie Rhodes wanted to highlight the Rhodes' Pelahatchie history. They had been considering a mural for the railroad-side of their building for a few years. They contacted Gavin Bird, an artist from Bird's Nest Studio Jackson, after seeing the Brandon, Mississippi Egret/Guitar mural commissioned by Downtown Brandon.

"We spent two years looking, and were very fortunate to find Gavin," said Rosie Rhodes. "Jack and I talked with him on the history and showed him the actual items he used in the mural, so we built it together. We are very pleased with the result!"

"I love it," said Jack Rhodes, who is the third-generation Rhodes pharmacist. "His children, Holly Rhodes Harper and Justin Rhodes, represent the fourth generation of Rhodes pharmacists. They operate the pharmacy today." The business has grown to include four pharmacists, seven techs, and a number of clerks.

Bird has painted 60-70 murals in the last six years. Originally from Jackson, Bird graduated from Madison Central and Holmes Community College but did not study art. He and his identical twin, Rowan, are now both artists in the Jackson area. His brother works with stained glass at the Pearl River Glass Studio. His father, Joe Bird, is the art director at WDSU in New Orleans.

Bird said painting a mural typically takes a couple of weeks, but the Rhodes' mural has taken three to four weeks due to weather conditions. He said

that typically a design like this will last more than ten years. He plans to have it finished for the Muscadine Jubilee.

After drafting a digital design, Bird put it in Pro Create on his iPad to get the grid that he painted with spray paint.

Bird said, "Public art often provides excitement and a sense of community that encourages other improvements in the area."

Other businesses in Town are talking with Bird on future projects. For more information and to see many of the actual items in the mural, visit Rhodes & Robby Pharmacy.



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Jack and Rosie Rhodes of Rhodes & Robby Pharmacy are having Gavin Bird paint a mural for them on the brick wall facing the railroad tracks. Pictured (l to r) are: Jack Rhodes, Bird, and Rosie Rhodes.



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Rhodes & Robby owners with staff pictured (l to r) first row, are: Justin Rhodes, Rosie Rhodes, Jack Rhodes, Holly Harper, and Sarah Ingram; and second row: Katlynn Murray, Shelly Miller, Whitney Woitt, Amber French, Hayden Faulkner, Audrey Brown, and Charleigh Jones. Carla McGuire is not pictured.



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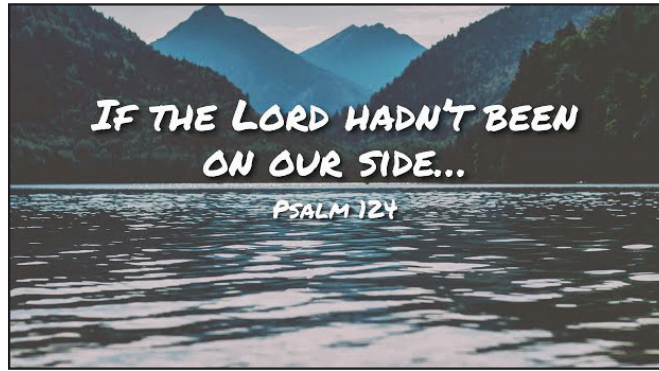
By Guest Columnist
Spencer Sullivan, Pastor,
Pelahatchie Baptist

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In college, I played baseball one season with a guy named Adam Huddleston. He transferred to Belhaven for his senior year. Before coming to Belhaven, he had played two years at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and was actually drafted by the New York Yankees after his second year there. However, he didn't sign a pro contract and instead played the next season at the University of South Alabama, a D1 school. In 2000, the one year he played with us, he was the Conference and Region Player of the Year. He batted well over .400 and hit over 20 homeruns. In scrimmages, I can remember pitching to Hud four times. I actually struck him out twice, but the other two times, he hit absolute moonshot homeruns off of me. Even before our season started that year, I can remember thinking, *man, I'm glad*

he's on our side. Have you ever thought about whether God is on your side?

In Psalm 124, King David started this psalm by really leaning into this question. He led the people of God to consider what would have happened to them if the Lord had not been on their side. He began: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side..." To really get their attention, he immediately followed up with: "let Israel now say— if it had not been the Lord who was on our side..." He called the whole nation, each person, to consider what would have been the outcome in their time of tremendous need if the Lord had not been on their side. Who knows the specific occasion that inspired David to write these words, but there were many times (Exodus from Egypt, Goliath/Philistines, etc.) in the Old Testament that would have ended in their complete destruction if God had not delivered them. If God had not been on their



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side, David suggested that their enemies would have swallowed them up, overwhelmed them like a flood, or swept them away like a torrent. He uses powerful imagery here in this psalm, but do you resonate? Can you think of a time in your life when you felt hopeless and helpless only for God to do what only He could have done to deliver you?

Upon personal reflection, there are multiple situations in my life that could have led me to write as David did here. If it had not been the Lord who was on my side, I would not be here today. However, there is certainly one situation that we all

have in common that could lead us to write or say words like David used to begin this psalm. We are all dead in our sin against God and we are helpless to save ourselves. One of my favorite preachers, H.B. Charles Jr., likes to tell this story. In the middle of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln was asked: "Do you think God is on our side?" To which Pres-

ident Lincoln replied: "It does not matter if the Lord is on our side. It only matters if we are on the Lord's side." God has shown His great love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He endured punishment for sin that was not His so that we can gain a righteousness that is not ours. But, while our salvation has been paid for, we must receive this free gift through repentance and faith. So, I ask you, are you on the Lord's side? By grace have you repented of your sin and believed upon what Jesus did for you? Have you taken up your cross to follow Him?

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East Rankin athletics spotlight



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Recently, East Rankin Academy (ERA) Patriot Alex Burkard placed second in the senior division at the annual Mississippi Triathlon in Madison.

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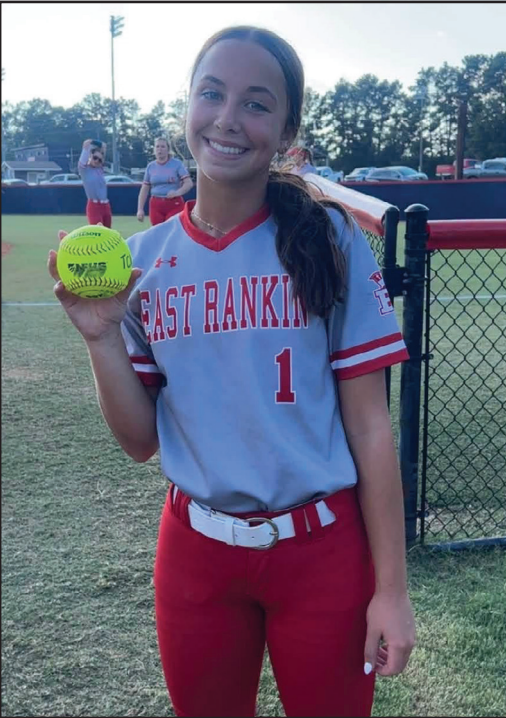
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- “Pelahatchie Elementary School recognized for literacy work”
- “Local musician earns international recognition for music honoring late wife”



ERA’s Ana Layne Shoemaker recently scored a home run in the Junior Varsity game vs Tri-County.



East Rankin Academy is proud of Patriot Ali Beth for committing to further her career at Hinds Community College.

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Rules for the Road: Safe driving



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By Doug Carter, Rankin
County Extension Agent

Statistically, driving on a public road is your most dangerous worksite. Transportation incidents continue to be the most frequent occupational fatalities at 38% of all. The majority of those fatalities involve a roadway collision with another vehicle.

The good news is most crashes are preventable. It's more than just following traffic laws; proactive driving is the proven strategy that puts you in a position of more control.

Proactive driving was once called defensive driving, but now offensive driving seems to be the new catch phrase. No matter how you want to categorize it, the end goal is to get to your destination safely without incident to you,

another person, or your vehicle.

The type of driving strategy you use will likely depend on the situation you find yourself in. Recognizing a hazard so you can make a good move before an accident happens is the key.

We may wonder, how do we avoid a hazard? The first thing is to be observant! Also, avoid distractions, which can be your phone, the music, another person in your vehicle, or rubber necking at whatever is being passed by, as you are on the road.

Adjust your rearview and side mirrors so you can easily watch other vehicles coming up and beside you.

Always put your vehicle in a safe position or find a safe location after anticipating problems. It's about you making the first move, not waiting for something to happen and then reacting.

1) Scan intersections well ahead or in advance. Whether you are the one approaching or the one pulling out.



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2) Maintain a safe distance of at least 3 to 4 seconds. When traveling at higher speeds, when road conditions deteriorate, or behind trailers hauling materials/equipment, a greater following distance is necessary.

3) Leave space when stopped behind another vehicle at a light, and especially in heavy traffic.

4) Never assume the other driver will do the right thing. Aggressive drivers may fail to yield to other drivers and

pedestrians, fail to use turn signals, make necessary lane changes, pass on double yellow lines, or tailgate other drivers.

Inexperienced drivers tend to make sudden stops & accelerations or lack the confidence to make turns and merge into traffic smoothly.

Both types of drivers cause hazards, and the best response is either fall back or go on around them; simply stay out of their way.

It is not about slowing down; in some cases, the only way to prevent a bad incident on the road is to accelerate to evade a threat. Every situation is different as is the appropriate reaction. Being observant and considerate with anticipation helps you to be a better driver.

Source: *Dawg Tacks Safety Newsletter*, July 2026, MS Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station and MSU Extension Service.

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Muscadine Jubilee coming to Downtown Pelahatchie on September 12



The 44th Annual Pelahatchie Muscadine Jubilee takes place on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Muscadine Park in downtown Pelahatchie.

This year’s Festival lineup includes Light of Mine, Miles Flatt, and Doctor Zarr’s Amazing Funk Monsters. There will be food trucks and craft vendors, and waterslides for the kids. Of course, Pelahatchie’s famous Muscadine Stomp is at noon.

****\$5 entry fee at the gate, and children ages 4 and under get in free****

The Pelahatchie Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, September 5.
For questions, call Town Hall at 601-854-5224.
Town Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 12 pm and 1pm to 5 pm, then on Friday 8 am to 12 pm.

Come out to Muscadine Park on Hwy 80 in Pelahatchie for a day full of family fun!

Event Schedule & Highlights

- Date & Time: Saturday, September 12, 2026, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Location: Muscadine Park (714 2nd Street / Go Forth Street), Pelahatchie)
- Live Entertainment: Performances by Light of Mine, Miles Flatt, and Doctor Zarr’s Amazing Funk Monsters
- Activities: The famous muscadine stomp, craft booths, and local food trucks

Three diverse musical acts performing at the Muscadine Jubilee, including:

Light of Mine is a talented mother-and-daughters singing gospel/inspirational group kicks off the afternoon lineup with a focus on family-friendly harmony. They are widely known throughout the region for their heartfelt songs, captive vocal blending, and stirring melodies.

Miles Flatt plays Country, Pop, and Rock Cover Band. The group was formed in Mississippi and named after the unique flatness of the Mississippi Delta, this highly popular regional five-piece group features lead vocalist Jon Clark, a former Flowood and Brandon firefighter. Billed as a tight-knit family band, they deliver a high-energy, upbeat mix of music spanning everything from Jason Aldean and Tom Petty to Three Doors Down. They are regulars at Mississippi regional festivals and have previously shared stages with national country acts like Exile and Randy Houser.

Doctor Zarr’s Amazing Funk Monsters are famous for 1970s Disco and 1980s New Wave / Dance. Hailing from Memphis, Tennessee, this legendary party cover band has traveled the South playing more than 1,500 live performances over a career spanning more than two decades. Known as the ultimate flashback band, they put on a theatrical show complete with retro costumes, wild choreography, and heavy crowd participation. They specialize in getting audiences singing and dancing to classic funk, disco, and synth-pop hits.

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