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Entertainers announced for 35th Muscadine Jubilee

By: Susie A. Wolfe

For more than 30 years, Mississippi has enjoyed the annual music, crafts, food and grape stomp at Pelahatchie's premier event. This year, the featured entertainers – Tracy Lawrence, Jeff Bates and Troy Laz -- have Southern roots and Mississippi ties.

Tracy Lawrence is a country music artist with more than 30 singles on the Billboard country music charts. He grew up in Arkansas and wrote his first song when he was four years old. He moved to Nashville to record his songs but worked as an iron worker and in phone sales until he got his big break with his first hit "Sticks and Stones" in 1991. He has recorded nine albums, three compilations, a live album and a Christmas album.

Jeff Bates is a Mississippi native, born in Bunker Hill and attended school at East Marion High School in Columbia. His debut album "Rainbow Man" was released in 2003, and he has had seven chart singles on the Billboard country charts, of which three reached top 40. Before signing

Tracy Lawrence, Jeff Bates and Troy Laz -- have Southern roots and Mississippi ties. to a record contract, Bates co-wrote Tracy Lawrence's 2002 single "What a Memory."

Troy Laz (Lazerus) is coming back for a second appearance at the Muscadine Jubilee. He performed his mixture of R&B, funk, hip-hop and rock music here in September, 2014. From neighboring New Orleans, he and his band 2Hipnotic perform often around the state.

The 2015 Muscadine Jubilee will be held on Sept. 12. The events take place at the Muscadine Park.



Tracy Lawrence is the headliner entertainment at the 2015 Muscadine Jubilee. (Photo by Shawn Worlow Photography)

Attkisson new Pelahatchie Elementary School principal

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Lisa Attkisson is Pelahatchie Elementary School's (PES) new principal. She said she is "thrilled about being at PES. My heart has always been in elementary."

Attkisson has an elementary education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree in instructional leadership from the University of Mississippi. She was a fourth, fifth and sixth grade teacher in the Northwest Rankin zone for 23 years and an assistant principal at Brandon Middle School for two years.

A graduate of Northwest Rankin Attendance Center, Attkisson said, "I have always wanted to be in the field of education so that I could be involved in the lives of children."

She is ready to build relationships and ready to work hard with the students, teachers, staff, parents and the community, to make a difference in



Lisa Attkisson, PES Principal. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

the school. Parents are encouraged to meet Mrs. Attkisson; she says her door is always open to all.

Tate Promoted to Lt. Col. at Pentagon Joined Army to take care of his country

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Jason F. Tate has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He is assigned to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and as an Army Systems Coordinator supporting guided multiple launch rocket system and long range precision fires.

A Tougaloo University biology graduate, Tate also has a master's degree in environmental management from Webster University and a master's in international relations from the University of Oklahoma. The son of Joe and Brenda Tate of Pelahatchie, Tate attended Pelahatchie Junior High School, where he played football.

Tate's mother, Brenda, a life-long resident of Pelahatchie, said her son joined the Army because he had a desire to take care of his country. He also wanted to travel and has served in Germany, Albania and Afghanistan.



Lt. Col. Jason F. Tate, United States Army (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

His biggest day, recalls his mother, was the day he was graduated from college, married and commissioned into the Army.

Jason and his wife, Kandie Stovall, M.D., have three sons, ages 13, 10 and seven.



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Robinson named new manager at Pelahatchie Lampton-Love facility



Daniel Robinson, Manager at Lampton-Love (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Daniel Robinson is the new manager at the local Lampton-Love facility. He has been at the Pelahatchie office for 8 ½ years, working his way up from service, gas delivery and sales.

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Coxwell named Pelahatchie Municipal Judge during city Alderman meeting

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Mel Coxwell, a Brandon attorney with more than 20-years experience, was approved as Pelahatchie's municipal judge in the July 13 Alderman's meeting. The Municipal Court meets the second Monday of each month at the police station.

Coxwell was recently awarded the Murphy Adkins Community Service Award at the Brandon Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on July 2 for helping coordinate raising funds for a Habitat for Humanity home in Rankin County. He hosted a wildlife dinner that raised over \$75,000 to fund the building of homes.

A former prosecutor, his Brandon law office focuses on family law and criminal defense.



Mel Coxwell (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Dr. Marvin Hogan to speak at Aug. 22 prayer breakfast



Dr. Marvin Hogan will speak at the 2015 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Pelahatchie Baptist Church. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

By: Susie A. Wolfe

Dr. Marvin Hogan, executive director of Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc., is the speaker at the Pelahatchie Prayer Breakfast to be held at Pelahatchie Baptist Church on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015.

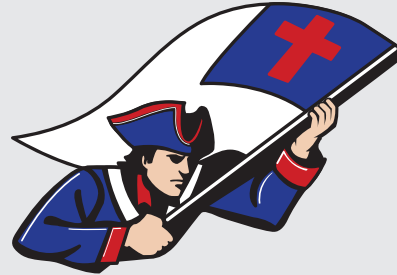
For the past 48 years, Dr. Hogan has directed the private, nonprofit, tax-exempt human service agency providing comprehensive early childhood development services and a broad range of services to children and families in a 15-county service delivery area.

Senator Thad Cochran recognized Dr. Hogan in a March 25, 2015, speech

to the president and Senate. "I wish to commend Dr. Marvin Hogan for his remarkable involvement in the State of Mississippi for more than 40 years... Friends of Mississippi has a notable record of providing quality childhood development and educational services to low-income children in our state.

In the organization's 48-year history, it has transitioned nearly 14,000 children into the public schools of Mississippi."

He is a recipient of numerous distinguished awards, certificates and accomplishments as an advocate for children and families, as well as a recipient of an honorary doctorate degree.



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August 21	Benton Academy	V	Home	7:00
August 28	Newton Academy	V	Away	7:00
September 4	Tri-County Academy	V	Home	7:00
September 11	Simpson Academy	V	Away	7:00
September 18	Heidelberg Academy	V	Away	7:00
September 25	A.C.C.S.	V	Away	7:00
October 2	Canton Academy	V	Home	7:00
October 9	Jackson Academy	V	Home	7:00
October 16	Lamar School	V	Away	7:00
October 23	P.C.S.	V	Home	7:00
October 30	Jackson Prep	V	Away	7:00

August 27	M.R.A.	JV	Away	5:30 7:00
September 3	Tri-County Academy	JV	Away	7:00
September 10	Simpson Academy	JV	Home	5:30 7:00
September 17	P.C.S.	JV	Away	5:30 7:00
September 24	Jackson Prep	JV	Home	5:30 7:00
October 1	Canton Academy	JV	Away	7:00
October 8	Hillcrest Academy	JV	Away	5:00 7:00
October 15	Lamar School	JV	Home	5:00 7:00

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NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Arrangements
Robert Todd Baggett	48	Conehatta	07-01-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Michael Jolly	48	Walnut Grove	07-05-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Kenneth Walters	85	Forest	07-10-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
Mary Nell Sprayberry/Wall	76	Pelahatchie	07-10-2015	Wolf Funeral Serv.
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Perceptions in banking: getting ahead with financial education

By: Whitney Baker, Priority One

Very soon, children everywhere will be heading back to school for a new year full of learning and exploration. They will likely be covering many subjects, some old, and some new. One thing parents often forget, as they send their children off into the world to learn reading, writing and mathematics, is the importance of financial education and the benefits of starting young when teaching your children about sound money management. As a parent, you might wonder, why it is important to teach my children about money? What could they possibly need to know about money at such a young age?

Let's first start with some statistics to show why young children should be taught about money early on and what positive effects it could have on them long term.

- In a recent study put on by the National Financial Educators Council, 10-14 year olds that were given a financial literacy test scored 53% or lower. This study shows the issues our country has with financial literacy and the need for some sort of solution to educate our children.

- Jump\$Start, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C., surveys more than 6,800 high school seniors every other year, asking multiple-choice questions about money, taxes and retirement savings. In 2008, these students answered less than half (47.5%) of the questions correctly. These are kids who will probably be living on their own in a few months, making important financial decisions that could profoundly affect their futures.

If these two groups of children had been targeted at a younger age and taught some basic financial principles, we would be seeing dramatically different results from these types of studies. Research also shows that it doesn't just impact your child on an intellectual level, but there are other pros to financial education that will benefit a child in their everyday life. Janet Bodnar, author of Raising Money-Smart Kids gives just a few of the many examples of how financial literacy can benefit your child both now and in the future.

- Children who are financially literate are less likely to end up back at home and dependent on their parents when they get older.

- Learning Financial Values helps children understand the basic principles of money and teach them about more than just spending. Philanthropy and giving, for example, should be incorporated into education about money.
- Learning to manage money helps children learn responsibility, which can carry over into many other areas of their life.

Now that we have a better understanding of why financial education is important, let's discuss some ways to incorporate teaching these principles into your daily life.

Use the four basic principles of money to explain to them why we have money, and the proper ways to use it. These principles are Save, Spend, Invest and Share and are usually best taught to young children using the example of a "money pie" or some other visual representation that they can easily relate to. These four principles essentially break down an adult's budget in a way that is easy for a child to understand.

Save - the biggest piece of your pie should be saved for larger expenses or a "rainy day."

Spend - a smaller portion of your pie

can be spent on things you want or thing you need like clothing, food, transportation and shelter as well as bills.


Invest - investing a piece of your money pie is a smart way to make sure you'll have some money put away for the future.

Share - sharing is an important part of the "pie" and should not be overlooked. Teaching children about charity and philanthropy can only benefit the world as a whole in the long run.

Utilize an app or online service that helps integrate weekly allowances with money management information. There are a lot of these types of services available that allow you to "plug in" money for allowances and work your children do around the house and have them set goals for things they would like to do with their money. This offers a visual representation of how much money they have, and how much they will need to accomplish a set goal.

Have your child actively participate with you in the monthly bill paying process. It's important for children to learn that we don't necessarily get to keep all the money we we make and

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Cross Roads Baptist Church to sponsor Back to Church Revival

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Cross Roads Baptist Church is holding a "Back to Church" Revival. The Revival will be Sunday through Wednesday, Aug. 23-26. Sunday Services during the revival will begin at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, the services will begin at 7 p.m.

The Guest Speaker will be Dr. Joe McKeever. Dr. McKeever has been preaching for more than 50 years, and he has been writing articles and drawing cartoons for religious publications for more than 40 years.

For 42 years, Dr. McKeever was the pastor at six southern Baptist churches, followed by five years as director of missions for the Southern Baptist Churches of Metro New Orleans. He was serving in that role when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, and he led the Baptist relief effort.

Dr. McKeever is an accomplished cartoonist, drawing a daily cartoon for the Baptist Press. He also writes a series on "My Favorite Deacon" for Lifeway's *Deacon Magazine*, blogs daily (www.joemckeever.com), and he has published a number of cartoon books.

Dr. McKeever is the father of three children, and he has eight grandchildren. He was widowed in January 2015. His life verse is Job 4:4, "Your words have stood men on their feet."

The Cross Roads Praise Team will lead worship at the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday and the Wednesday night



Dr. Joe McKeever, Guest Speaker, at the Cross Roads Baptist Church "Back to Church" Revival. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

service. The Cross Roads Choir and musical guests will lead worship in all the other services.

Cross Roads Baptist Church invites everyone to come "Back to Church" at 104 Crossroads Rd., Pelahatchie, Miss. The church is located on Hwy. 43, five miles south of Interstate 20. For more information about the Revival or about Cross Roads Baptist Church, call the church at (601)546-2297, or visit their website at www.crossroadspel.org.

Tdap vaccine required for incoming seventh-graders



Thanks to vaccines, most diseases prevented by vaccines are no longer common in this country. (Photo by the CDC)

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All students entering the seventh grade for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year are required to have the Tdap vaccination.

The requirement is one of many vaccines mandated for school children by the Mississippi State Department of Health. The Tdap vaccine covers tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

At registration, parents need to provide a Health Department Form 121 to verify that their child has received this vaccine.

Any family doctor or health care provider can arrange a Tdap vaccination and should provide form 121 at the time of the vaccination. The Rankin County Health Department is located

at 401 Parkway Dr., Pearl, Miss. County health departments throughout the state provide the Tdap vaccination for \$10 per child. The vaccine is covered for children with Medicaid.

According to the Health Department, pertussis — also known as whooping cough — has increased in frequency across the country in recent years as protection from the childhood pertussis vaccine has weakened over time among adolescents.

For a listing of required vaccinations for school entry and recommended vaccinations for all ages, visit the Health Department website at www.healthymiss.com or call (866) 459-4948. To contact the Rankin County Health Department directly, call (601) 420-4959.



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Judge Broome, Judge Hudson are recipients of Chief Justice Awards

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Rankin County Court Judge Thomas H. Broome and Jurist in Residence John N. Hudson are recipients of this year's Chief Justice Award for their work improving the juvenile justice system.

Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. presented the awards on July 10 during the Mississippi Bar Convention in Sandestin, Fla. The annual award recognizes individuals whose work has improved the judicial system.

Retired Court of Appeals Judge Larry Roberts, the third recipient of the 2015 Chief Justice Award, was presented the award on June 25 during his retirement ceremony in Jackson.

Judges Broome and Hudson were honored for "tireless work to ensure the safety and well-being of children." They have worked together and separately to bring about juvenile justice reform. Both have served in state and national leadership positions. Chief Justice Waller noted that their "outstanding leadership has improved the juvenile justice system."

Judge Broome has served as County Court and Youth Court Judge for Rankin County since 2003. He is recognized as a powerhouse of ideas and energy. In July 2013 he was elected as a trustee for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. In 2012, he became vice-chair of the Juvenile Detention and Alternatives Task Force. He is chair of the Mississippi Council of Youth Court Judges and co-chairman of the Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice, where he also chairs a subcommittee which has focused on the Youth Court system. He is chair of the Parent Representation Committee, which is working to develop a program to provide legal representation for low income parents whose children come into the custody of the Youth Courts and the Department of Human Services. Rankin County Youth Court is one of four pilot sites for parent representation.

The Supreme Court appointed



John N. Hudson, Rankin County Court Judge (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

Judge Broome to the Task Force for the Development of Uniform Youth Court Rules of Procedure. Gov. Haley Barbour appointed him to the Mississippi Statewide Advisory Group for Juvenile Justice, where he is the co-chairman of the Legislation Committee. Gov. Phil Bryant appointed him as Vice Chair of the Mississippi Children's Justice Act Task Force and also as Chair of the Legal Subcommittee on the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Blue Ribbon Task Force, which is part of the Healthy Teens for a Better Mississippi Program. A former State Superintendent of Education appointed him to participate in development of the charter Statewide Dropout Prevention Plan.

Judge Broome founded the Rankin County Juvenile Drug Court in 2006, the fourth juvenile drug court in the state. He serves on the State Drug Court Advisory Committee. Judge Broome began work in 2009 to address the recurring scenario of abused and neglected children who started out in foster care and returned to the court system as delinquents.

In 2010, Judge Broome started one of two pilot family drug court pro-



Thomas H. Broome, Rankin County Court Judge (Photo special to *The Pelahatchie News*)

grams in the state. The program deals with juveniles, parents and their extended families to address drug and alcohol problems that are the underlying causes of abuse and neglect, delinquency, domestic strife, crime and other problems. In 2012, Rankin County Youth Court became one of four pilot programs which provide free legal representation to low-income parents in Youth Court. He is working with Forrest County Court Judge Michael McPhail to help establish a Zero to Three Safe Babies Court Team for Rankin County, with plans to expand statewide.

Judge Hudson, of Natchez, became the state's first Jurist in Residence April 1. He retired in December 2014 after 31 years as Adams County Court and Youth Court Judge. He was at that time the state's longest serving County Court judge, having been appointed Aug. 3, 1983. His job as Jurist in Residence is to assist Youth Courts across the state in dealing with abused, neglected and delinquent children. He serves as a mentor, helps with training in best practices, and works to locate and access community and other resources to assist Youth Courts.

Judge Hudson has been a leader in efforts to improve the state's juvenile justice system and the lives of all the state's children. He created the state's first juvenile drug court in 2001, two years after the drug court movement began in Mississippi. He started the state's first pilot family drug court in 2010. He served on the State Drug Court Advisory Committee.

Judge Hudson worked extensively on proposals for uniform county courts in the 1990s. He has contributed significantly to renewed efforts to create a statewide county court system that would provide uniform services to children in all areas of the state. He acts as the advocate before the Mississippi Legislature, particularly on issues involving mental health, abuse, neglect, and delinquency.

Since 2012, Judge Hudson has served as chair of the Juvenile Detention and Alternatives Task Force, which works to find alternatives to juvenile detention, formulate recommendations for licensing standards for juvenile detention facilities, and find funding sources to improve juvenile programs. He is a member of the Parent Representation Committee, and he supervised the Adams County Youth Court's participation in the parent representation pilot program. He has taken leadership roles in the Coalition of Children and Youth, the Mississippi Conference of County Court Judges, the Mississippi Council of Youth Court Judges and the Adams County Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Judge Hudson has implemented numerous programs to assist the Youth Court and the community, including the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in 1991; the Adolescent Offender Program, which provides delinquent youth with an alternative from training school; and the Pendleton Therapeutic Group Home for Adolescent Boys. He secured numerous grants which paid for Adams County programs in delinquency prevention, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, and other programs to assist children and families.

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Pastor's perspective: ministering in Brazil



By: John Vaughn,
Pastor, Cross Roads
Baptist Church in
Pelahatchie

Summer is going by quickly! One of the highlights of my summer was a two week visit that my wife and I made to Brazil. For us, it was a "homecoming" trip of sorts, since we lived in Brazil for 16 years as missionaries. During those years of ministry, we helped to strengthen the work of churches that existed when we got there, and started new churches as well. We made a lot of friends through the many ministry activities we were involved with. We left Brazil 12 years ago and ended up at Cross Roads Baptist Church in Pelahatchie. Of course, when we left Brazil, we left a part of ourselves there. When you invest your life in something, as we invested ourselves in our ministry, you can't simply walk away from it. Part of you stays there forever.

Through these 12 years, hardly a day has gone by that we haven't thought about something or somebody in Brazil. Most of our memories are very good. But, 12 years is a long time,

and time has a way of blurring out unpleasant things and reinforcing positive memories. As with life in general, we tend to remember good things and try to forget other things that may not be so good.

The language of Brazil is Portuguese. There are not any Portuguese speakers around Cross Roads' community that we know of, so we haven't been practicing the language very much in the last 12 years. That was the thing that concerned us most in preparing for the trip. Would we be able to understand people? Would we be able to remember enough to make people understand us? I felt confident that I could get something to eat and find a bathroom if that became necessary, but we certainly wanted to be able to do more than those two things!

Then there was the question of the travel. The trip takes about 24 hours with airport delays and ground transportation. There were plane changes in two major airports. And the main leg is about a 10 hour plane ride. When we lived there, we made that trip every few years, but now our bodies are 12 years older! How would we fare?

As the time of the trip neared, these and other issues concerned us. But the excitement of returning to that place

where we left part of ourselves outweighed all those concerns. The time came, and we were on the plane. We prayed and turned the trip over to God, and when we let Him, God always works for our good!

During the two week stay, we visited with two or three individuals or groups of people every day. Those visits were usually around a meal, so we didn't lack for something good to eat! We visited and I preached in three churches that are all doing well and are stronger than when we left them. And, we were able to understand the Portuguese! Only a few times did I have to ask for something to be repeated. And people said they understood us, too. Although, there were a few times when an expression on a face made me wonder if they really did!

Since Brazil is in the Southern Hemisphere, it was winter there. And, Caxias do Sul, the city that we visited, is in a low lying mountain range, so the winters are cold, and there are occasional snow flurries. So, we left the heat of Mississippi and arrived to rain and freezing temperatures in Brazil! Fortunately, we knew that would be the case, and took cold weather clothes with us. We booked a room in a hotel that had heat in the rooms (not all of



John Vaughn (left) with wife, Kathy (right), visiting a home in Brazil. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

them do!). Unfortunately, the heating system was broken for several days when it was the coldest!

All in all, we had a great trip. Some lessons learned: 1) it is good to have pleasant memories; 2) it is okay to think about the past, but you cannot and should not try to live in the past; 3) home is where you make it; 4) the warmth of friendships is stronger than the cold of the weather; and 5) good things that you do for God really do last.

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MDE encourages parents to apply for special needs scholarships

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) announced recently that 166 families have qualified for educational savings accounts that will provide funding for parents of students with disabilities who want to withdraw from public school to seek educational services elsewhere.

The MDE began taking applications July 1 for the scholarship program created through the 2015 Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act. The agency will continue to accept applications until all scholarships have been awarded, and parents of students with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

To participate in the program: the applicant must be a Mississippi resident; the student must have had an active Individualized Education Program (IEP) within the last 18 months; and the parent must sign an agreement to adhere to the rules of participation.

The MDE had received more than 261 applications. Twelve applications are pending review, and 83 applications have been denied. The majority of the denials are because students don't have official IEPs issued by a

school district. Per federal law, only a public school can issue an IEP.

Applications are reviewed for eligibility on a first-come, first-served basis until 50 percent of the annual enrollment limits are reached. All remaining eligible applicants will be placed on a waiting list, and a random selection process will then be used to choose the recipients of the remaining scholarships.

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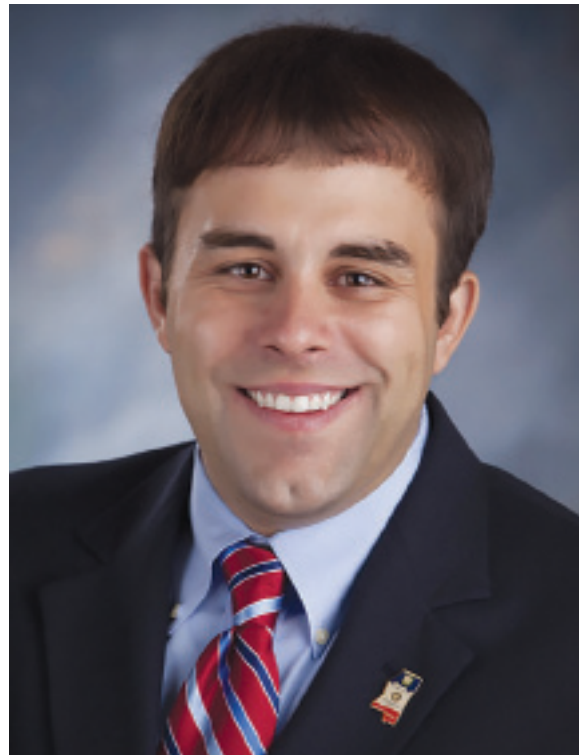


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Roberts announces candidacy for Chancery Court Judge



By: Haydn Roberts

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Recently I was appointed, by Senior Chancery Court Judge John S. Grant, III and Chancery Court Judge John C. McLaurin, Jr., as the Rankin County Chancery Court Family Master, a part-time judicial position that assists these judges by presiding over

temporary hearings, paternity matters and Department of Human Services' cases.

My past years of service as Staff Attorney have equipped me with the necessary tools, knowledge and experience needed for Rankin County's next chancery judge. These eight years of judicial training have given me proficient knowledge of chancery law and procedure allowing me, if elected, to immediately "hit the ground running" adjudicating cases efficiently and effectively with honesty, integrity, and fairness. Growing up as a child of divorced parents, I have a unique perspective when it comes to the importance of the family unit, which is often the subject matter of chancery court litigation. The sanctity of marriage, the preservation of morality and grounded faith in God are principles of utmost importance in my life and are virtues Rankin County's next Chancery Court Judge should practice and embody.

My wife, Morgan, and I have called Rankin County home for eleven years. We have been blessed with three wonderful children, Mary Milton (5), Sar-

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Pelahatchie Town Hall in August



Summertime scene at Pelahatchie Town Hall. (Photo by Susie A. Wolfe)



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August 21	Choctaw County	HS	Home	7:00
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September 11	St. Al	HS	Home	7:00
September 18	Mize	HS	Home	7:00
September 25	Morton	HS	Away	7:00
October 2	Scott Central	HS	Home	7:00
October 9	Pisgah	HS	Away	7:00
October 16	Lake	HS	Home	7:00
October 23	Puckett	HS	Away	7:00
October 29	St. Joe	HS	Away	7:00
September 8	Puckett	JH	Away	TBA
September 14	Pisgah	JH	Home	TBA
September 21	Sebastopol	JH	Away	TBA
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9th annual Crooked Creek Car Show coming in Sept.

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

The 9th Annual Crooked Creek Car Show (CCCS) will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Muscadine Park in downtown Pelahatchie, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Judging of the cars begins at 12 p.m. and ends at 2 p.m. The winners are chosen by registered participants.

The car show is hosted by The Pelahatchie Mississippi Lion's Club. The cost to register a vehicle is \$20. Funds raised by The Pelahatchie Lions Club will be donated to the White Canes project through the International Lions Club, which supports the blind and seeing impaired.

The International Lions Club has the following to say about International White Cane Safety Day, "Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. The white cane is a symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired."

"The white cane was initially developed and put into use as a measure of safety, especially in traffic situations. Sufficient training with an Orientation

and Mobility specialist can aid in successful cane use, technique and safety. Several countries have traffic laws designed to protect the person using the white cane."

"International White Cane Safety Day (October 15) gives Lions an opportunity to increase awareness of the white cane traffic safety laws."

The Pelahatchie Lions Club also supports the Seeing Eye Dog Foundation and those in the community who need help with eye exams, eye glasses and hearing aids (certain qualifications apply).

Sponsors for this year's CCCS event are: Mississippi Baking, Brewer Healthcare Clinic, Country Boys Farm and Construction, Lakeland Tractor, Forest Services, Rhodes & Robby Drugs, Trustmark Bank, Gleason Tire & Auto, Walter's Automotive, Napa, Yogi on the Lake, Glenda and Willie Shoemaker, Ross & Betts, CPA, Priority One Bank, Dukes Steakhouse, H & H Electric, and The Pelahatchie News.

Not only will there be a large display of antique and modern cars, there will also be music, food and door prizes. To register a vehicle or for more information, call Brian Hall at (601) 954-1009 or Gary Windham at (601) 613-2328.



One of the many antique cars at the 2014 8th annual Crooked Creek Car Show hosted by the Pelahatchie Lions Club. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)



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Mayor reports current town building projects

- **Kangaroo Crossing** - The new facility just south of I-20 is progressing. There will be a food counter, but no new restaurant.
- **Land cleared just north of I-20 across from Chevron** – Nothing has been planned for this land. The owners just decided to clear it for the future.
- **Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church** has started construction on a new fellowship hall.
- **Milltown Park** – though the fields are in playable condition, there will be upgrades in the irrigation system.
- **As part of a \$1 million FEMA Grant**, the town will get a number of upgrades to make the town safer, including two new storm sirens. They will be added at Milltown Park and at Yogi Bear Park. Current sirens are at the Fire Department, behind the Standwood Building near Heard, at I-20 and at the Industrial Park.
- **A safe room and restrooms** will be added to Milltown Park as part of the FEMA grant, as well as a sidewalk from Heslep St. to Milltown Park.
- **East Rankin Academy** is adding a softball field.



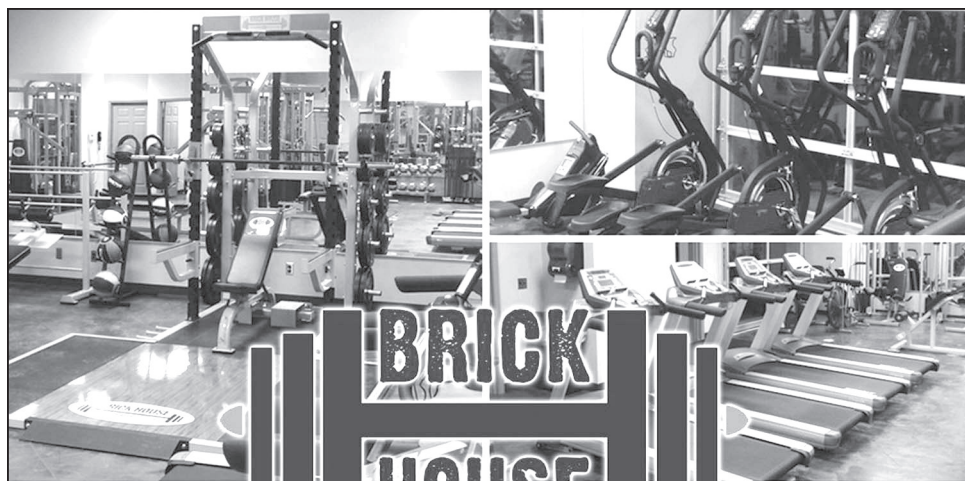
The irrigation system at Milltown Park receives upgrades



East Rankin Academy adds a softball field



Mt. Carmel Baptist Church constructs new fellowship hall (Photos by Susie A. Wolfe)



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Trustmark Pelahatchie Branch Manager Sharon Bray, center, is shown providing a yearly check to Pelahatchie High School's Partner in Education Program for academics as well as athletics. Shown from left is PHS Principal Bryan Marshall, Mrs. Bray, and Brandi Johns, PHS Counselor. Trustmark has supported the PHS Adopt-A-School program for 10+ years helping with as many programs as possible. Principal Marshall said he is so "grateful for all the support from the businesses in Pelahatchie. We could not be successful without the community support. We are truly blessed to have them at our side." (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

There's something different about Duke's Steakhouse



Dukes reopened in July after a vehicle went through the restaurant's front door. The well-known steak restaurant added a new entryway with seating and a sign-in registry and chalkboard. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

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Rankin County residents "Laugh Away SMA"

By: Stephanie Goss

Stop SMA, a non-profit organization located in Central Mississippi, hosted a family friendly fundraiser on July 18 at the Clyde Muse Center of Hinds Community College in an effort to raise money and awareness about Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

This event, Laugh Away SMA, featured two comedians who have hearts as big as their talent – Henry Cho and Dave Coulier. Beginning with a silent auction and ending with a comedy show, Laugh Away SMA was an event to be remembered. However, the real stars that night were the amazing fighters of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

SMA affects approximately 1 in 10,000 babies, and about 1 in every 50 Americans is a genetic carrier. SMA does not discriminate when it comes to race or gender. SMA does not affect a person's ability to learn, to think, or to interact with others. It does, however, affect a person's ability to perform the most basic functions of life, like breathing and swallowing.

According to the Muscular Dystrophy Association website, www.mda.org, Spinal Muscular Atrophy is a genetic disease that affects the part of the



Stop SMA was founded by Dee and Jeff Horton to help raise awareness about Spinal Muscular Atrophy. It is their hope that one day there will be a cure for SMA. Pictured (l to r) front row: Evie and Jake Horton; back row: Dee Horton, Henry Cho, Dave Coulier and Jeff Horton. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

nervous system that controls voluntary muscle movement. Since most of the nerve cells that control muscles are located in the spinal cord, this accounts for the "spinal" part of SMA. The "muscular" part of SMA is because its primary effect is on muscles, which are not receiving the signals from the nerve cells. "Atrophy" refers to something getting smaller, which is what

happens to muscles when they are not active. There are four types of SMA that are determined by when the onset of symptoms begins and the highest physical milestone achieved.

August is SMA Awareness Month. One project highlighted at the event was the "Chase Me!" program. Through this program, children with SMA receive independence and mo-

bility through a Panthera Micro manual wheelchair, which is loaned to them by the Stop SMA organization. The wheelchair is very light and is important for children who lack the upper body strength to move a normal chair. These chairs normally cost around \$3,500. This project takes the burden of that cost from the parents. More information about this project can be found at www.chasemeproject.org. To donate, find more events supporting SMA, or view a list of sponsors, go to www.curesma.org.

As of now, there is no approved treatment for SMA, but it is known by the National Institute of Health as the neuromuscular disease closest to a cure. The causes of SMA are now known as well as what needs to be done to develop effective therapies. Most of all, researchers of SMA are on the verge of incredible breakthroughs that will strengthen bodies, extend life, and eventually lead to a cure. Ten years ago there was only one research project that focused on SMA. Today there are eighteen.

For more information about SMA, explore websites such as www.curesma.org, www.laughawaysma.org, www.mda.org, or like the Stop SMA page on Facebook.

Atty. Gen. asks phone carriers to offer call-blocking technology

Special to *The Pelahatchie News*

In July, Attorney General Jim Hood joined 44 other state attorneys general calling on five major phone companies to offer call-blocking technology to their customers. In a joint letter to the chief executives of the carriers, the attorneys general said a new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rule clarification allows telecommunication service providers to offer customers the ability to block unwanted calls, and verifies that federal law does not prohibit offering the services.

In the letter to AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile and CenturyLink, the attorneys general stated, "Every year, our offices are flooded with consumer complaints pleading for a solution to stop intrusive robocalls. Your companies are now poised to offer your customers the help they need. We urge you to act without delay."

Attorney General Hood said phone carriers had previously claimed they could not offer such services. At a July 2013 hearing before a Senate subcommittee, representatives from the US Telecom Association and CTIA

testified that "legal barriers prevent carriers from implementing advanced call-blocking technology to reduce the number of unwanted telemarketing calls."

"The FCC has made it clear that phone companies can assist us in our fight against unwanted, annoying, and sometimes expensive calls," Attorney General Hood said. "We will continue to press these phone carriers to give their customers what they have been asking for - a way to stop these calls before they ever come through."

Atty. Gen. Hood said call-blocking

options already exist for Voice-over Internet Protocol phone service and Android cell phones, and the phone carriers should move quickly to implement and inform their consumers of these options.

Last fall, thirty-nine attorneys general, led by Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, called on the FCC to allow phone companies to utilize call-blocking technologies. The FCC chairman endorsed the request in late May, and the FCC voted to pass the rule clarification on June 18.

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Perceptions in banking: getting ahead with financial education

use it for whatever we want. Involving them in the bill paying process, at least once, will open their eyes to the types of things they'll need to be prepared to pay for in the future. Remember, less than half of high school seniors are prepared to go out into the world and manage their own money, teaching your children about the realities of being an adult and managing money responsibly could be a lesson that sticks with them forever.

Open a savings account with your child, and have them make a practice of depositing a set amount of their own money on a regular basis. Not only will this teach them about managing their money, so that there is enough to deposit, but it will also leave them with a well established savings when they get older and head off into the world. This is also a great opportunity to teach your child about interest.

Have your child choose a charity or a cause that is important to them and encourage them to use some of their allowance to donate to that cause. This is a great way to instill in your children some important values as well as a sense that they are doing their part to help someone in need.

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Applying even a few of these strategies to your daily life with your child can help immensely in making sure they are well prepared for a sound financial future. You might even be surprised at how well they do with these principles, and maybe you'll even learn a thing or two while you're teaching them!

Editor's note: Whitney Baker is the Marketing Director for PriorityOne Bank. For more information about financial literacy and the programs PriorityOne Bank, call 601-423-0166, email her at wbaker@priorityonebank.com or, visit www.priorityonebank.moneyisland.com. make and use it for whatever we want.

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Roberts announces candidacy for Chancery Court Judge

ah Elizabeth (4) and John Stuart (1). My wife and I are charter and active members of The Pointe of Brandon, a United Methodist Community of Faith. My family and I appreciate your consideration and support,

but most of all we are grateful for your prayers as we go through this journey together. For more information on my candidacy, please visit www.rankinforroberts.com or www.facebook.com/rankinforroberts.

Kelly Gallagher consults with Pelahatchie School educators



Summer workshop helps with literacy education. (Photo special to The Pelahatchie News)

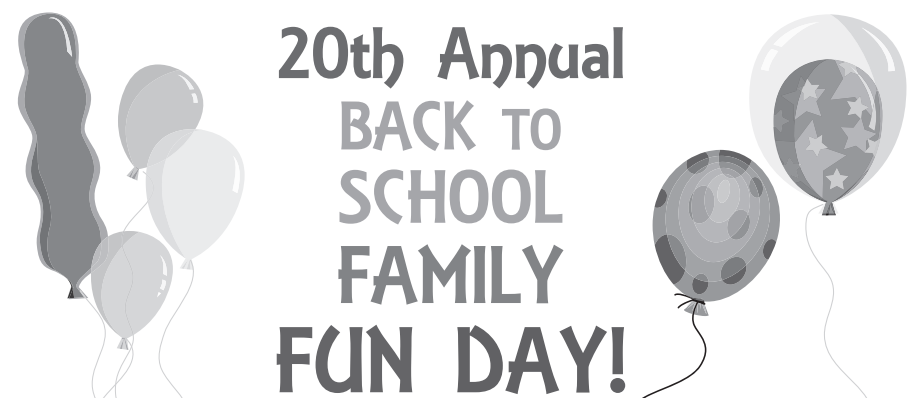
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In July, Pelahatchie School staff, faculty and administration prepared for the 2015-2016 school year by attending a workshop led by Kelly Gallagher - one of the leading voices in literacy education.

Gallagher travels to school districts

and conferences to share his insights on literacy education and helps guide his colleagues to more effective classroom instruction. Despite his demanding schedule, Kelly also remains a dedicated writer.

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Don't become an Internet victim: Improve cybersecurity practices

By: Jay White, Information Security Director, Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services

The convenience that technology and the Internet offers continues to capture our imagination and excitement. Surfing the Internet once meant using the one computer we had at home to search for various things. Once we were through surfing, we would carry on with our normal lives. Now, our normal lives consists of being connected to the Internet in some fashion at all times, and surfing the Internet is a phrase of the past.

Our increasingly digital lives put

us at greater risk of identity theft and fraud. Cybercrime in all its many forms (e.g., online identity theft, financial fraud, stalking, bullying, hacking, e-mail spoofing, information piracy and forgery, intellectual property crime, and more) is a reality for anyone that uses the Internet. Staying safe online is just as important as staying safe in the physical world - when was the last time you left your car unlocked when shopping at Walmart?

A recent study performed by Google researchers gives us a glimpse of the online security practices of Internet users who aren't security experts compared to those of security experts.

Non-experts relied on cybersecurity practices such as using anti-virus software, using strong passwords and changing passwords regularly. On the other hand, experts chose cybersecurity practices such as installing software updates, using unique passwords for different websites, and using 2 factor authentication.

There is no silver bullet for preventing cybercrime, just as there is no silver bullet for preventing traditional crime. We may not all be security experts, but we should improve our online security practices to reduce the chances that we become a victim of cybercrime. So the next time you

"surf" the Internet, try surfing for information about how you can improve your cybersecurity practices. Here are a few resources:

- www.staysafeonline.org
- <https://www.us-cert.gov/home-and-business>
- <http://www.stopthinkconnect.org/>

Editor's Note: Jay White is the Director of Security at the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS). ITS facilitates effective planning, deployment, and operation of information technologies for Mississippi State Government. White lives in Pelahatchie, Mississippi.



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Pelahatchie 'Night Out' strengthens community ties in 15th annual event



National
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By: Susie A. Wolfe

National Night Out festivities lit up the July 30 night in Pelahatchie. Designed as a family event to provide an opportunity for the community and fire and police personnel to interact, the local event celebrated each year included a complimentary outdoor movie, children's activities and food. Dozens of families brought their lawn chairs and blankets to view "Big Hero 6," sponsored by Priority One Bank and Mississippi Baking Company, and to enjoy children's games and free hot dogs and drinks.

According to Police Chief Glenda Shoemaker, the event gives her department a chance to provide educational and safety materials and to have lots of fun with residents.

National Night Out is a cohesive effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This year, more than 37.8 million neighbors in 16,124 communities are expected to celebrate this event in July and August.



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