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## Raffle being held for one of PPD's own

By Alexa Haik

The City of Pearl, in conjunction with the Pearl Police Department (PPD), is currently hosting a raffle for one of their own - a PPD officer. The officer and his family are currently faced with costs associated with a daughter's cancer treatments. Since the child's diagnosis in July, and with the best treatment options at St. Jude in Memphis, the expenses continue to pile up.

The original idea of a fundraiser sprang from a group of city shop staffers and fellow PPD officers who wanted to ease the financial burden for the family in some way. The idea culminated in early fall as a carwash fundraiser at Autozone in Pearl. These efforts alone were able to raise a little over \$3,000.

Encouraged by the success, they saw the need to continue, and the idea of the

raffle was established. As they began to reach out to local businesses, the city shop employees swiftly secured several local sponsors, including:

Code4 Custom Firearms, Sam's Club, NAPA Auto Parts, S&E Towing, Southern Connection, J's Auto Glass, Advance Auto Parts, Thomas Quality Tire, Affordable Forms and Supplies and Revell Hardware.

The day of the raffle drawing has since evolved into a full day of family-friendly activities. Free to all, activ-

ities include a fish fry and a car show, weather permitting.

According to Greg Flynn, the Communications and public information director for the City of Pearl, the hope is that this fundraiser will assist in fund-

ing ongoing travel expenses associated with the three-hour drive from Pearl to Memphis, plus room and board for the family.

"Medical insurance for now is doing great...[so] it is all of the side expenses...the wear and tear on private vehicles, gas, lodging, meals...they are counting every single penny, quite literally."

Raffle prizes to be awarded include an

AR15 rifle, Glock 43 hand gun, Grill Expert gas grill, Blackstone griddle, and tool kits, to name a few.

The drawing will be held Saturday, December 18, at 1 p.m. at PPD. Tickets may be purchased at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or the PPD. The cost is \$10 per ticket, and there is no limit to the number of tickets a single individual may purchase. Tickets will be sold up to and during the day of the drawing. Regular donations will also be accepted the day of the drawing. Raffle winners do not have to be present to win.

Flynn also says that the City will gladly receive any local business interested in donating time, money or resources; "we would absolutely welcome them." For more information, contact the City of Pearl's main line at 601-932-2262, or email Greg Flynn at gflynn@cityof-pearl.com.



## Brumfield helps NWCC win back-to-back championships

By Datti Jinkiri

Pearl High School graduate Sam Brumfield added yet another championship to his junior college football resume. The linebacker played a major part in Northwest Mississippi Community College's 56-21 win over Hinds Community College in the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference (MACCC) Championship Game.

Brumfield was a fixture in the Hinds backfield as he tallied four total tackles, 2.0 sacks, and two quarterback hurries.



Courtesy of NWCC Athletics  
Sam Brumfield

Those two sacks accounted for a loss of twelve total yards.

This is Brumfield's second consecutive MACCC Championship with Northwest. He made three tackles in the Rangers' 2020 MACCC Championship win over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Brumfield currently is eleventh in the country with an impressive 83.0 total tackles. He has also added 5.0 sacks, 5.5 tackles for loss, seven quarterback hurries, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery this season.

## Crane earns soccer all-conference honors

By Datti Jinkiri

Belhaven University women's soccer player Anna Crane was recently named Third Team All-American Southwest Conference (ASC). The Pearl High School graduate was one of seven Blazer women's soccer players to earn individual recognition from the conference. Crane, who transferred from Jones College, had a great debut season in Jackson. The junior forward started all fifteen games in which she appeared. She tied for the team lead with eight goals on thirty-four shots. Five of her goals were game-winners, and she had multi-goal games against both Austin College and Centenary College. She also tallied an assist this season, giving her seventeen points.

The Blazers finished the year with a 10-8-1 record and qualified for the ASC Tournament for the third consecutive season. Crane is one of seven juniors who will return and provide leadership to the team next season.



Courtesy of Belhaven Athletics  
Anna Crane

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## Girl Scouts announce Richland award recipient

Special to Richland News

Local Gold Award Girl Scout Tiara Jackson was selected as the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi (GSGMS) recipient of the inaugural Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) Gold Award Scholarship. She was awarded a college scholarship, thanks to sponsorship from Arconic Foundation and Kappa Delta Foundation, in addition to GSUSA.

Jackson is one of over 3,500 teen world-changers who have created lasting impact on issues that are important to them. Gold Award Girl Scouts identify the root cause of a problem, plan and implement innovative solutions that address that problem, and lead a team of people who support their success. Her project, entitled "Sewing for the Soul," is based on teaching young girls to sew, in the absence of family economic programs at school. Part of Jackson's project is making blankets or "memory quilts"

for elderly dementia and Alzheimer's patients, using their old shirts. A graduate of Richland High School, Jackson is studying Multimedia Productions at Hinds Community College, Utica Campus.

The Gold Award is a Girl Scout's highest achievement, available to girls in high school who drive sustainable change on issues in their communities and beyond.

This year's class of Gold Award Girl Scouts invested over 350,000 hours in taking action to destigmatize conversations about mental health, raise awareness about racism in the healthcare system, organize a youth movement for environmental advocacy, document teens' experiences of the pandemic in state archives, increase LGBTQ+ inclusion, and more.

As they take action to transform their world, Gold Award Girl Scouts gain tangible skills and prove they are the leaders the world needs. Members of the

2021 class say they've become focused project managers (eighty-nine percent), confident public speakers (eighty-four



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Tiara Jackson, Local Gold Award Girl Scout.

percent), strong decision-makers (sixty-seven percent), and empathetic leaders (fifty-nine percent). To help finance their Gold Award projects, the majority generated funds, including from their Girl Scout Cookie earnings, which they learned how to budget. These skills give them an edge personally and profession-

ally—research shows that ninety-nine percent of Gold Award Girl Scout alums take on leadership roles in their everyday lives. Also, according to recent research, most Gold Award Girl Scouts get a boost in earning scholarships, in the college admissions process, and in professional advancement.

"We are so proud of Tiara and all our 2021 Gold Award Girl Scouts for the incredible work they have done driving lasting, positive change," said GSGMS CEO Becky Traweek. "Gold Award Girl Scouts set themselves apart from their peers through their perseverance and passion—and they build their resumes and open up scholarship opportunities in the process. In addition to changing the world around them for the better, they transform their own lives by building skills for academic, career, and personal success."

To join or volunteer, visit [www.gsgms.org/join](http://www.gsgms.org/join).

## MS SPAN Receives 14K Banfield Foundation® Grant

Special to Richland News

Mississippi Spay & Neuter (MS SPAN) recently announced a \$13,964.35 grant investment from the Banfield Foundation® to support life-saving work for animals in Central Mississippi. The Banfield Foundation Veterinary Medical Equipment Grant helps expand veterinary care for pets in need. The grant also provides funding toward purchasing veterinary medical equipment for veterinary clinics and practices, including shelters, low-cost and mobile practices.

MS SPAN offers spay/neuter procedures, as well as vaccinations, de-wormers, umbilical hernia repair, micro-chipping, and nail trims at the time of surgery.

"Banfield Foundation is a purpose-driven organization—one that has never lost sight of our responsibility to give back while responding to and meeting the needs of our nonprofit partners,

pets, and communities," says Anthony Guerrieri, President and Chairman of the Banfield Foundation Board of Directors.

Since 2008, MS SPAN has provided high-quality, high-volume spay and neuter services at their Big Fix Clinic.

As of September 30, 2021, 62,485 animals have been fixed at the Big Fix Clinic. Spay/neuter is provided at a low cost,

and no animal is turned away due to a guardian's inability to pay. The Banfield Foundation Veterinary Medical Equip-



Bear Bear, Big Fix Clinic patient.

ment Grant allows Mississippi Spay and Neuter to continue providing a high



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Gandalf, Big Fix Clinic patient.

quality of care for patients with upgraded medical and surgical equipment. In 2020, MS SPAN opened Elaine's Basic Care and Wellness Center. Due to COVID-19 and staffing, the wellness center has only operated during partial business hours, with a goal of opening weekly by the end of 2021. Low-cost wellness services help keep pets healthy and in the home with their family.

"Much of our equipment was purchased when our clinic opened in 2008

and has served us well," said Sharon Garner, Executive Director at MS SPAN. "Unfortunately, much of it is nearing the end of its useful life or has been retired from service. This generous grant from Banfield Foundation will allow us to purchase two surgical tables, an autoclave for instrument sterilization, and a hematocrit centrifuge for patient blood work. We will now be able to offer affordable patient blood work in-house, allowing for increased access to care, especially for older animals who must receive blood work before spay/neuter surgery."

MS SPAN's Big Fix Clinic is located at 657 Highway 49 in Richland, and Elaine's Basic Care may be found directly behind the clinic.

To support MS SPAN, visit [www.ms-span.org](http://www.ms-span.org). For more information on how MS SPAN is serving animals in central Mississippi, contact Shelby Siefers at 601-420-2438.

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# FHS athletics receives national recognition

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Florence High School (FHS) is the recent recipient of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Safe Sports School award for its Florence High Athletics. The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that have met the recommended standards to improve safety in sports.

"Florence High School is honored to receive this First Team recognition from NATA," said Athletic Director Brian Huskey. "We remain committed to keeping our student athletes safe during physical education classes, team practices and games, so they can accomplish their own goals of great competition, winning records, fair sportsmanship, and good health. Our goal is to lead our athletics program to the highest safety standards for our players."

According to FHS Athletic Trainer Kira Berch, "Florence High School has grown over the years in improved safety of athletes...As a school's athletic trainer, our

goal is beyond providing emergency treatment on the football field. We evaluate/plan emergency action plans for each sport, provide on-site emergency care for every home sporting event in a school



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Pictured (l to r) holding the FHS banner are certified athletic trainers and teachers Dr. Danielle Traylor Ed.D, LAT, ATC and Kira Berch Ms, LAT, ATC. They are accompanied by a variety of student athletic trainer aides and proud Florence athletes based on their outstanding success on and off the field.

year, guide optimal referrals, and use specialized techniques to keep players in the game to keep our athletes safe and to reach national recognition such as this."

"The health and safety of student-athletes is critical, as it has both immediate and long-term effects," said NATA President Tory Lindley, MA, ATC. "NATA

created the 'Safe Sports School Award' to recognize and champion schools nationwide that are committed to enhancing safety in sports. We are proud to see the list of award recipients grow expo-

nentially each year, as schools see the immense value in holding themselves to best practices and policies that ensure a high standard of athlete care."

In order to achieve Safe Sports School status, as FHS has, athletic programs have to clear many hurdles, namely: creating a positive athletic health care administra-

tive system; providing or coordinating pre-participation physical examinations; promoting safe and appropriate practice and competition facilities; planning for selection, fit function and proper maintenance of athletic equipment; providing a permanent, appropriately equipped area to evaluate and treat injured athletes; developing injury and illness prevention strategies, including protocols for environmental conditions; providing or facilitating injury intervention; creating and rehearsing a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan; providing or facilitating psychosocial consultation and nutritional counseling/education; and ensuring athletes and parents are educated about the potential benefits and risks in sports as well as their responsibilities.

To apply, schools complete an in-depth questionnaire that assesses adherence to best practice standards and recommendations.

For more information about the Safe Sports School Award, visit [www.athletictrainers.org](http://www.athletictrainers.org).

# Tis' the season to donate a tree to MAHT

By Alexa Haik

The organization dubbed "Mississippians Against Human Trafficking" (MAHT) was established approximately three years ago, originally in the City of Florence. It has since grown to serve the entire central Mississippi region. Their goal, according to the MAHT Facebook page, "is to make Mississippi an inhospitable environment for the crime of human trafficking and to promote victim safety and restoration."

MAHT is currently hosting a special drive through the holiday season, and it involves an unlikely objective – the purchase and placement of trees. This is part of the much-anticipated larger goal of preparing a shelter for the youngest segment of female trafficking victims – ages eighteen and under. To date, no

shelter exists in Mississippi for them.

Although MAHT is hopeful for grant funding, realistically they anticipate that a lot of funding will come from donors, partners, and folks who say, "I am willing to commit to x amount of years to give whatever I can give to this project...no amount is too small."

The planting of these "screening" trees are an important and essential method of providing coverage and privacy to the one-of-a-kind facility. To partici-



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pate, donors may purchase a tree in their name, in memory of, or in honor of someone else. The cost is \$100 per tree.

The property in question was originally owned by another nonprofit, but had remained unused. MAHT approached them, and a deal was struck.

This would be the new home for young and displaced human trafficking survivors.

Renovations are not expected to be massive, however, there are certain federal codes and guidelines that must be

met. The current timeline includes renovations in 2022, with doors open in 2023.

Although the tree project is the current focus of fundraising efforts, there are many ways potential donors may assist. General donations for renovations and/or operational costs are also welcome.

There are also donations that may be made to MAHT via [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). Participants are offered the option to donate a portion of their purchases from these organizations to a non-profit.

For more information, message MAHT through Facebook, visit their website at <http://nomorems.org/>, or contact them via email at [info@msaht.org](mailto:info@msaht.org).

Stay tuned for the January issue of *The Florence News* that will include an in-depth look at MAHT.

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# Pearl honors Leroy Jones, a decorated veteran, centenarian

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The City of Pearl recently recognized World War II Veteran Mr. Leroy W. Jones on his one hundred and third birthday.

Jones is the father-in-law to the Pearl Chamber of Commerce Treasurer, Debby King Jones, and grandfather to graphic artist at AlphaGraphics of Pearl, Leah Jones. Jones was born October 21, 1918, in

Belzoni. On January 11, 1943, Jones was drafted by the U.S. Army and served as Technical Sergeant (Sgt.) until November 22, 1945, when he was honorably discharged. Jones served in the Iwo Jima,

Saipan and Tinian campaigns.

Jones married the late Audria Kilpatrick, and they shared three children. He now has five grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.



Jones with family.



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Technical Sgt. Leroy W. Jones of the United State Army.

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## Southwest Rankin Fire Department honors newly-certified members



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Southwest Rankin Fire Department recently recognized three of their members as newly certified Emergency Medical Responders. Shaun Howard, Dalton Grantham and Amy Grantham spent sixteen weeks training in Basic Life Support skills. The specialized training included how to aid as first responders on medical calls and how to assist in stabilization and treatment of patients until Advanced Life Support transport is available. Pictured (l to r) are: Chief Brian Bennett; Shaun Howard; Instructor Frank Mitchell, NREMT-P; Dalton Grantham and Amy Grantham.

## Rimes named as new RCSD superintendent

Special to SW Rankin News

The Rankin County School Board (RCSB) recently announced that Dr. Scott Rimes has accepted an offer to become the next district superintendent of the Rankin County School District (RCSD). Dr. Rimes is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools and Athletics for the RCSD. The RCSB decision was made official at the December 8, 2021, board meeting. Rimes will officially transition to his new role on January 1, 2022, after the current district superintendent, Dr. Sue Townsend, retires.

"We were fortunate to have many great candidates, but the board decided to hire from within. We are excited about this decision and the future of Rankin County School District under his leadership," said Grumpy Farmer, RCSB President.

Dr. Scott Rimes stated, "It is an honor to be chosen to serve the RCSD students, staff, and communities as the new superintendent. I appreciate the board's trust in me to carry on the tradition of excellence. I look forward to continuing the greatness of this district with all of our stakeholders."

The school board began the super-



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Dr. Scott Rimes

intendent search process after Dr. Townsend announced her retirement in September 2021 to be effective December 31, 2021. Dr. Townsend has served as superintendent at the Rankin County School District for the past six years.

## The Florence Eagles win RCFL Championship



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The Florence Eagles won the five- and six-year-old Rankin County Football League (RCFL) Championship on Saturday, November 20. They finished the season 10-1. Pictured (l to r) showing their championship rings are, front row: Brantlee Deen, Travis Mitchell, Wynne Williams, Benson Quick, Maddox Spencer, Wyatt Mitchell, Colton Wade, Ellison Ballance and Greyson Pickell; and back row: Coach Marvin Williams, Coach Anthony Mitchell and Coach Guy Spencer.



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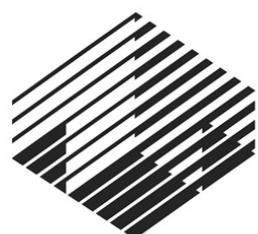
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Charles "Chuck" Ballance, Jr	63	Florence, MS	11/3/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Destry "Ryan" Vaughn	24	Florence, MS	11/4/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Shelgardene "Shelly" Coats	76	Richland, MS	11/4/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Eugene "Gene" B. Harris, Jr	70	Florence, MS	11/5/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Cynthia "Cindy" Witt	49	Brandon, MS	11/5/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Gloria "June" Macoy	80	Harrisville, MS	11/7/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Steven Michael Johnson	32	Terry, MS	11/9/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Daniel "Dan" Lee Ogletree	81	Florence, MS	11/13/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Charles "Larry" Worrell	77	Florence, MS	11/17/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Michael Duane Wall	63	Florence, MS	11/17/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
James "Jimmy" Baker	68	Harrisville, MS	11/11/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Karen Brown	58	Pearl, MS	11/15/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Brenda Overstreet Walton	76	Florence, MS	11/22/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Jonathan "Turtle" Sbravati	40	Lambert, MS	11/23/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home
Gerald L. Phillips	86	Florence, MS	11/28/2021	Chancellor Funeral Home

## Richland's Benji Hernandez signs with Co-Lin



Special to SW Rankin News

Richland High School (RHS) soccer standout Benji Hernandez signed a scholarship with Co-Lin Community College for the 2022-2023 school year. Pictured (l to r) at the signing are, front row: Christopher Hernandez (brother), Regina Hernandez (sister), Laura Hernandez (mother), Benji Hernandez, and Benjamin Hernandez (father); and back row: RHS Assistant Principal Dr. Terrance McEwen, RHS Assistant Principal Corey Yates, RHS Assistant Coach Blake Windham, RHS Coach John Adams, RHS Assistant Coach Corey Myers, RHS Athletic Director Katie Allen and RHS Principal Dr. Marcus Stewart.

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### The Joy Of Christmas

J.T. Morgan



Christmas has always been a special time of year, not in a religious sense, but a time for family and friends to share special time with one another. A real joy is to see the excitement of children as they open gifts. It is not like they have not received gifts during the year, but these gifts are different and have special meaning.

It is a time to stop and consider the blessings we have received and thank of those less fortunate. I especially enjoy the time spent with loved ones as we lay aside the cares and burdens of life and enjoy the company of one another.

It is a bitter-sweet time as well, remembering those in our family of the past who are no longer with us, and enjoying the family of the present.

Christmas is a time we bring the year to a close and look forward to a New Year looking ahead to other holiday times during the year that we can share time with family and friends.

It is this time of year that thoughts of Jesus' birth are upon the minds of millions of people around the world. Did you know that there is no mention in the Bible of the date that Jesus was born? In the Bible there is no reference to Christians celebrating the birth of Jesus as an annual observance. Paul expressed concern about observing days, months and years. (Gal. 4:9-11).

The Bible gives us information concerning the birth of Christ, however not the date of His birth. Note the following:

1. Birth of Jesus (Matt. 1:25; Lk. 2:1-7).
2. Visit of Shepherds.... the same night. (Lk. 2:8-20). It is evident it was not in the winter.
3. Jesus circumcision...8 days old. (Lk. 2:21).
4. Jesus' presentation (at least 40 days after birth) Lev. 12:2-6; Lk. 2:22-38).
5. Visit of the wise men. (Matt. 2:1-12). Scripture does not tell us how many wise men there was.
6. Journey to Egypt. (Matt. 2:13-15).
7. Male children killed by Herod. (Matt. 2:16-18).
8. Return to Nazareth. (Lk. 2:39; Matt. 2:19-23).

In place of a memorial set aside for honoring the birth of Jesus, God gave a memorial that we are to observe weekly as the Lord's Supper. In Revelation 1:10 it was observed on "the Lord's Day". The Bible (Acts 20:7) gives an example that on this day the early Christians came together to partake of the Lord's Supper. It was to be eaten by the Christians each first day of the week and should be so today. (See. 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-29). There are no other examples of Christians observing this supper at any other time, or on any other day.

Yes, we are thankful for the birth of Jesus and rejoice in that fact that He came into the world. More importantly is what Jesus did so that we may have the hope of eternal life.

Florence Church of Christ, P.O. Box 277, 220 White Street  
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Visitors are always welcome!

# PUE announces 2021-2022 Student Council representatives



Fourth-grade Pearl Upper Elementary (PUE) Student Council members pictured (l to r) are, front row: Rachel Evans, Brynn Bennett, Evan Collins, Aleah Morgan, Emily Delarca-Gomez, Ashlynn Chappell and Garrett Smith; and back row: Zoie Walker, Jon Taylor Wallace, Natalie Williams, London Tyler, Cooper Batson and Jack Flynn. Not pictured is Jaycee Chatman.



Fifth-grade PUE Student Council members pictured (l to r) are, front row: Kaitlyn Grace Bailey, Kennedy Shelwood, Ian Bailey-Shoto, Tinley Gilmer, Cameron Drane, Ila Bolls and Kayden Moore; and back row: Makyah Williams, Harley Beckwith, Malik Garner, Brandon Garner, Keyonte Fowler, Autumn Snead and Alyssa Williams. Not pictured is Marley Parker.

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# Whatley, Johns of MHS selected for prestigious MCTM honors



Rebekah Whatley of McLaurin High School (MHS) was recently selected as the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) Graduate Scholarship recipient. Whatley is currently attending Mississippi College and will graduate with a Master's Degree in Mathematics education in December. She has been teaching high school mathematics for three years and is in her second year teaching Algebra 1 and Algebra 2, in addition to coaching softball at McLaurin. Pictured (l to r) are Rebekah Whatley and MHS Head Principal Russell Granberry.



MCTM recently selected teachers of the year in elementary, middle school, high school, and college areas of certification. MHS's Dr. Brad Johns was awarded MCTM High School Teacher of the Year. Dr. Johns has been teaching high school mathematics at McLaurin for the past eighteen years. He serves on many different state committees, including MAAP testing, and has also served as state president of Mississippi Professional Educators. Pictured (l to r) are Dr. Brad Johns and MHS Head Principal Russell Granberry.

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## Celebrate the holiday season with PSS

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Residents are encouraged to visit the Pearl Senior Center (PSC) in the month of December and grab a nine-pack of wood ornaments to personalize. The **Paint Your Own Christmas Ornaments** activity is designed as a perfect project to complete with family during the holidays. Each wood ornament measures five inches. The cost is \$5 per pack.



On Tuesday, December 14, at 10 a.m., Pearl Senior Services (PSS) will host **Chillin' with My Gnomes**.

Participants will learn how to create a Christmas gnome. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. The \$5 craft fee is due at sign-up.



On Thursday, December 16, at 1 p.m., is monthly **Birthday Bingo**. The theme for December is **Christmas Carols**. Attendees can brush up on Christmas songs as the PSC staff enter-



tains with lyrics. Advanced sign-up is a must, as space is limited.

On Friday, December 17, at 10:30 a.m., Pearl Upper Elementary's fifth-grade Honor Choir will perform a **Mini-Christmas Concert** for PSS. Attendees are invited to join in a pizza party following the concert. Tickets are available at PSS. This is a free event. Attendees must present a ticket the day of the event for entry. Space is limited.

PSS also hosts many weekly activities, including: **Monday Men's Coffee** at 8 a.m. followed by 9 a.m. **Senior Power Fitness** and 10 a.m. **Spanish Class**; Tuesday's schedule of **Bible Study** at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. **Chairobics**; Wednesday's offerings of **Senior Power Fitness** at 9 a.m. and **Crochet** at 1 p.m.; Thursday's activities of **Bridge** at 1 p.m. and **Hand and Foot** at 1 p.m. **Intermediate Line Dancing** will also be held Wednesday, December 15, at 12 p.m., followed by **Beginner Line Dancing** at 1 p.m.

PSC will be closed on the following days in December: Thursday, December 23; Friday, December 24; Thursday, December 30; and Friday, December 31.

PSC is located at 110 Valentour Road in Pearl. For more information about these and other upcoming events, call 601-863-3229.

## Mississippi Braves release 2022 home game times



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The Mississippi Braves (M-Braves) will open the 2022 season on Friday, April 9, at 6:35 p.m. against Montgomery.

In conjunction with Major League Baseball, the Double-A South Champion Mississippi Braves have announced home game times for the 2022 regular-season schedule. This schedule includes sixty-nine home games, and all game times are subject to change.

The 2022 regular season begins on Friday, April 9, at 6:35 p.m. against the Montgomery Biscuits at Trustmark Park.

Similar to the 2021 schedule, weekday home games will begin at 6:35 p.m., all Saturday games at 6:05 p.m., and Sunday games, besides September 4, will have a scheduled first pitch of 2:05 p.m.

The M-Braves will host a pair of Monday games featuring fireworks in 2022. Fourth of July fireworks return Monday, July 4, at 6:05 p.m. against the Pensacola Blue Wahoos. Fireworks will also light up the night sky above Trustmark Park for Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, at 6:05 p.m. against the Montgomery Biscuits.

The M-Braves will host an 11:05 a.m. Education Day game on Wednesday, April 20, against the Chattanooga Lookouts. To accommodate the earlier

start time, the Tuesday, April 19, game will begin at 6:05 p.m.

"Needless to say, the M-Braves' organization is looking forward to continuing the excitement created by our recent league title," said Pete Laven, vice president and general manager of the Mississippi Braves. "Our 2022 promotional calendar will feature tributes to the 2021 Double-A South Champion M-Braves and great giveaways honoring World Champion Atlanta Braves members. We look forward to reuniting with our fans on Friday, April 9!"

The M-Braves will see the Rocket City Trash Pandas (LA Angels) for the first time in 2022. They play six games at Rocket City June 7-12, while hosting the Trash Pandas for six games at Trustmark Park from July 12 through July 17.

Season tickets are now available for purchase by calling the M-Braves front office at 888-BRAVES4. Single-game tickets for the 2022 season will go on sale at a later date. For all the latest Mississippi Braves news, visit [www.mississippibraves.com](http://www.mississippibraves.com) or sign up for the M-Braves email newsletter.

The Mississippi Braves claimed the 2021 Double-A South Championship. The league title was the second in M-Braves history and fourth in franchise history. The Mississippi Braves are the Double-A affiliate of the World Champion Atlanta Braves.

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## FHS Drill Team takes first overall



Florence High School (FHS) JROTC Drill Team members pictured (l to r) are, front row: John Michael Lindsey, Mackenzie Watson, Tori Morgan and Bradley Lewis; middle row: Rileigh Cox, Matthew Allen, Destiny Lightel, Ashley Dykes and Trinity Barnett; and back row: Madison Lawrence, Payden Norsworthy, Tanner Rori, Jada Berry, Kyle McLendon, Emily Bruce, Brooke Ray, Josh Craft, Ethan Terrones and Caleb McFarland.



Pictured (l to r) are: John Michael Lindsey, Emily Bruce, Brooke Ray, and Bradley Lewis conducting Color Guard routine.



Cadet Tori Morgan reporting to the judge before her Unarmed Platoon routine.



FHS JROTC Unarmed Platoon starting their routine. Pictured (l to r) are: Emily Bruce, Trinity Barnett, Rileigh Cox, Elana DePoyster, Brooke Ray, Bradley Lewis, Sean Fain, Ashley Dykes, Destiny Lightel, Madison Lawrence, John Michael Lindsey and Mackenzie Watson.



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Cadet Mackenzie Watson leads cadets Rileigh Cox, Tori Morgan, John Michael Lindsey, Brooke Ray, Bradley Lewis and Emily Bruce in the Unarmed Squad routine.

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On Saturday, November 13, the Florence High School's (FHS) JROTC Drill Team participated in the RCSD Drill Meet at

Northwest Rankin High School. FHS placed first overall by securing wins in Armed Squad, Armed Platoon, Unarmed Squad, Unarmed Platoon and Color Guard routines.

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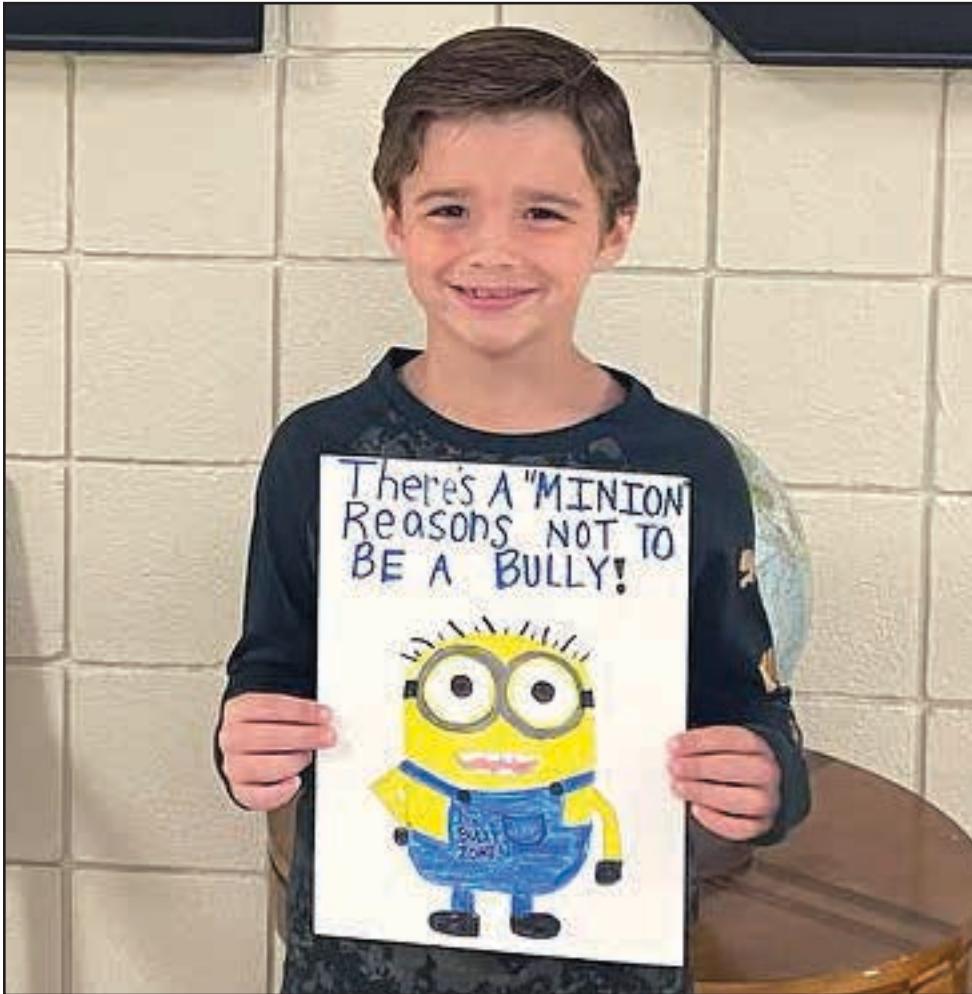
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## Richland Elementary recognizes outstanding students



Richland Elementary School (RES) second-grader Bentley Fallin recently won first place in the Bullying Poster Contest.



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Courtland Brown was recently selected as the RES October Leader of the Month for showing individuality in the classroom.

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# Local libraries offer many holiday treats in December

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The Pearl, Richland and Florence Public Libraries will host many holiday-themed activities for the month of December. There is something for everyone, from newborns to senior adults. Below is a sampling of what is in store this holiday season.

To kick things off, Pearl Public Library (PPL) will host a **Christmas Circulation Raffle**.



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For every five books checked out in December, participants will be entered to win a Walmart gift card. There is no limit to number of entries. One adult and one child will be selected as winners.

For patrons birth to twelve-years of age, **Pre-school Story Time** will be offered at PPL beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. There will be stories, music and crafts.

PPL's **Peanuts K-four Story Time** is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesdays in December. This month's themes are: *Reindeer, Snowmen, Christmas Decorations, The Night Before Christmas, and New Year's*.

For teens, PPL offers **Teen Make and Take Craft**. Teens are encouraged to visit the Pearl Library to pick up a kit for December. This month features a Christmas do-it-yourself project.

On Wednesdays, December 15, and December 29, the **Pearl Book Club** will meet at 11 a.m. to discuss the book of the month.

**Adult Coloring** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, at 6 p.m. at PPL, where attendees will color a dream-catcher. Color sheets and colored pencils will be provided. Adult patrons are encouraged to come to "relax and unwind."

**Game Night** at PPL is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, at 6 p.m. Patrons can join PPL for classic card games, such as speed, numbers, and battle.

**Simply Crafts** will be hosted by PPL on Tuesday, December 28, at 6 p.m. This is an adult craft group whose purpose is to create fun and useful do-it-yourself projects.

Richland Public Library (RPL) presents the birth to twelve-years **Pre-school Story Time** every Monday at 11 a.m. They will provide books, songs and crafts. The theme for December 20 is *Christmas is here*.

RPL also provides seasonal family fun with their annual **Ornament Painting**

program, scheduled for Thursday, December 16, at 6 p.m. The library will provide glass ornaments and acrylic paint, and instruct on how to create hand painted ornaments.



For adult and senior adult patrons, there is the **Richland Writer's Group**. This group of local writers will meet on Monday, December 6, at 6 p.m. to discuss the craft of writing. All skill levels are welcome.

**Richland Book Club** will gather on Tuesday, December 14, at 11 p.m. The topic of discussion is C.S. Lewis's *The*



*Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. To request a copy, visit [www.cmrls.lib.ms.us](http://www.cmrls.lib.ms.us).

Florence Public Library patrons are encouraged to "save the date," as Santa will be on-site Wednesday, December

15. **Santa Storytime** will be hosted by FPL at 11 a.m. There will be Christmas stories, crafting, milk and cookies, and pictures with Santa. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Visit [www.cmrls.lib.ms.us](http://www.cmrls.lib.ms.us) or the Central Mississippi Regional Library System Facebook page to reserve a spot.

Library holiday schedule: CMRLS libraries will be closed Thursday, December 23, through Monday, December 27, for the Christmas holiday. Regular library hours will resume on Tuesday, December 28. CMRLS Libraries will also be closed Friday, December 31, through Monday, January 3, for the New Year's holiday. Regular library hours will resume on Tuesday, January 4.

Pearl Public Library is located at 2416 Old Brandon Road in Pearl. For more information, call 601-932-2562, or visit [www.cmrls.lib.ms.us/cmrlsbranches/pearl](http://www.cmrls.lib.ms.us/cmrlsbranches/pearl).

Richland Public Library is located at 370 Scarbrough Street in Richland. For more information, call 601-932-1846, or visit [www.cmrls.lib.ms.us/cmrlsbranches/richland](http://www.cmrls.lib.ms.us/cmrlsbranches/richland).

Florence Public Library is located at 115 West Main Street in Florence. For more information, call 601-845-6032, or visit [www.cmrls.lib.ms.us/cmrlsbranches/florence](http://www.cmrls.lib.ms.us/cmrlsbranches/florence).

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## RHS names Students of the Month



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Richland High School (RHS) recently named the October 2021 Students of the Month. These students are nominated and selected by their teachers for such qualities as dependability, attitude, leadership, attendance and class work. October Student of the Month winners pictured (l to r) are, front row: Brooke Conger and Abram Yates; and back row: Joshua Dunson, Garrett Myers and Carson Rimes. Not pictured is Alyssa Strack.

# Investiture ceremony held for Rankin Judge David Morrow

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Rankin County Court Judge David L. Morrow Jr. said that he will seek God's guidance and surround himself with a team of good people.

"I pledge to you that I will walk with God and that I will make decisions that He would have me make," Judge Morrow told a crowd gathered at the Rankin County Justice Center in Brandon on Wednesday afternoon, November 10, to watch him take the ceremonial oath of office.

"I am blessed to be surrounded by good people," he said, introducing some of his staff.

Governor Tate Reeves appointed Judge Morrow to the vacancy created by Rankin County Court Judge Kent McDaniel's September 30, retirement. Judge McDaniel gave Judge Morrow the oath of office on the afternoon of September 30, so that he could go to work at the start of his appointive term on October 1. Judge McDaniel administered a ceremonial oath on November 10, before a courtroom full of public officials, family and friends. It is traditional to hold a formal oath ceremony at a later time.

Early in the program, Rankin County Chancellor Haydn Roberts asked all military veterans in the audience to stand and be recognized.

Judge Morrow, a U.S. Air Force veteran,

said that he will take the same approach that he did as a young Second Lieutenant commanding experienced non-commissioned officers who had been in the Air Force longer than he had been alive: he will listen to and rely upon the team. "Together as a team, we were able to accomplish a lot more than we would have been able to accomplish as individuals," he said.

A dozen judges, from the trial courts of Rankin and Madison counties, the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court, attended the ceremony. "I love the show of unity here," Judge Morrow said.

U.S. Congressman Michael Guest, guest speaker at the swearing in ceremony, called Judge Morrow "a man of honor and integrity...I am excited to see what he is going to be able to accomplish as our County Court Judge."

Judge Roberts said that



Rankin County Court Judge David L. Morrow Jr., at left, is pictured with U.S. Congressman Michael Guest at Judge Morrow's November 10 oath ceremony.



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Rankin County Court Judge David L. Morrow Jr., at left, takes the ceremonial oath of office on November 10, as his wife, Sara Morrow, holds the Bible. Retired County Court Judge Kent McDaniel, at right, administers the oath.

Judge Morrow is much more than a judge. He's a family man – a father and grandfather with a long history of involvement in his community.

Rankin County Chancery Clerk Larry Swales said, "He has a great heart."

Judge Morrow said that Judge McDaniel wanted him to be the next Rankin County Court Judge. "He's been telling me for years, 'When I retire, I want you to take my job.'"

Judge McDaniel told the crowd, "He's perfect for this job."

Congressman Guest also praised Judge McDaniel's twenty-four years of service as Rankin County Court Judge. The former District Attorney said, "Thank you for the impact you have had on my life."

Judge McDaniel was visibly moved by the tribute.

Judge Morrow graduated from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree. He served for five years on active duty, earning the rank of Captain. He earned a law degree from Mississippi College School of Law, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1998. His private law practice included real estate, domestic, probate, trusts and wills. He served as attorney for the Rankin County Board of Supervisors from January 2002 until December 2007.

He began serving as a Rankin County Chancery Court family master in 2016.

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# Petco Love and MS SPAN offer free pet vaccinations

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Mississippi Spay & Neuter (MS SPAN) will provide free vaccinations for area cats seen at their spay/neuter and wellness clinics. The free vaccines are made possible through Petco Love's new national vaccination initiative, which is providing one million free pet vaccines to its existing animal welfare partners, including Mississippi Spay & Neuter, for family pets in need.

Panleukopenia in cats is one of the most prevalent deadly diseases impacting pets that is preventable with a simple vaccine. An estimated thirty percent of pet parents do not take their pet to a veterinarian annually for preventative care. To address this critical need, MS SPAN and Petco Love are partnering to make pet vaccines free and accessible in an effort to ensure the health and wellness of beloved pets.

MS SPAN aims to vaccinate 300 cats through this effort. MS SPAN will offer these free vaccines as part of their spay/neuter package and at their wellness clinic.

Vaccines distributed through the Petco Love initiative will be HCP Feline vaccines. Rabies vaccines are required at the time of service if not current, and cost \$12.

"Thanks to Petco Love, we can offer these important vaccines at no cost to

pet owners," said Sharon Garner, MS SPAN Executive Director. "We urge community members to take advantage of this free resource to ensure the health and wellness of our communi-



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ty's pets."

"It is heartbreaking when any pet suffers or dies from a disease that could have been prevented. It is further exacerbated when unvaccinated pets come into busy shelter kennels, where these deadly diseases can spread quickly, resulting in multiple deaths, skyrocketing expenses, and hindering saving pet lives," said Susanne Kogut, Petco Love President. "By creating greater awareness and making this crucial preventative care more accessible to pets not currently receiving these lifesaving vaccines, we can prevent the dangerous spread of disease."

For more information about vaccine distribution, contact MS SPAN at 601-420-2438. To learn more about Petco Love's lifesaving impact, visit PetcoLove.org.

# Pearl Upper Elementary honors veterans



PUE students participated in various activities on Thursday, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day. Pictured (l to r) displaying some of their work are, front row: Beau Allen, Natalie Dougan and Jenny Sanders; and back row: Abigail Slawson, Alexis Wilkinson, Anthony Banks, Madisyn Johnson, Kaelynn Howard and Hayden Hauck.



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Pearl Upper Elementary (PUE) fourth- and fifth-grade students created handprints during weekly art classes. The handprints were then used to create an American flag, which was displayed at the front of the school in honor of Veterans Day. Pictured (l to r) are Art Teacher Bailee Creighton, Brantley Morgigno and Kendall Giramonti.

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# NFGFC hosts virtual ribbon cutting at MAC

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Governor Tate Reeves, Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils Jake Steinfeld, sponsors and students recently cut the ribbon "virtually" on the new state of the art DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center at McLaurin Attendance Center (MAC) in Florence. MAC was one of three Mississippi schools selected as the state's most outstanding educational institutions for demonstrating leadership in getting and keeping their students fit.

This year, NFGFC decided on safety first, and opted to celebrate by holding a "virtual ribbon cutting tour," where the Governor, Steinfeld, sponsors, school staff and students came together on a virtual platform to celebrate the opening of the fitness center. During the video, Steinfeld, Governor Reeves, as well as MAC staff, students, and sponsors spoke about what the new fitness center means to them, and also provided a live stream of the ribbon cutting as the new fitness center was unveiled.

Governor Reeves shared these thoughts to those in attendance:

"Your school, the students and your staff have a lot to be proud of. You ha-



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ven't quit. In fact, you have committed, and I am so proud that you have been willing to do that. You have

committed to getting healthy. And you have committed to staying there. You have committed to helping our Mississippi kids to become healthy Mississippi adults ...on behalf of the entire State of Mississippi, I have to give a big big thank you to Jake Steinfeld and his team at the National Foundation for Governors Fitness Council for your commitment to instilling healthy habits in young people. Our partnership is



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also create great habits for all of our students who are unsure of how to start with nutrition and how to start with physical exercise."

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going to help ensure that the next generation of Mississippi leaders are healthy for years to come."

McLaurin Tigers on-site for the event also spoke about what the fitness center means to them:

"Family fitness means everything...It helps your mental state, makes you feel better and ultimately it builds confidence. It [can]

Coca-Cola Company, Amerigroup Foundation, Wheels Up and Nike, and does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding. Fitness in Motion provides all the fitness equipment, which is manufactured in the United States. The foundation's goal is to build a nation of the fittest, healthiest kids in the world.

Every year since 2012, the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils gifts twelve DON'T QUIT! Fitness Centers to four states; and, each year, Steinfeld and governors join forces at the winning schools to cut the ribbon on their newly installed fitness center.



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Virtual ribbon cutting at MAC's DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center.

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PPSD announces 2021-2022 Teachers of the Year



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Pearl Public School District (PPSD) recently congratulated the 2021-2022 Teachers of the Year. One of these teachers will be selected through an application and interview process to be the PPSD Teacher of the Year.

City of Pearl announces "Fall Clean-Up"

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The City of Pearl "Fall-Clean Up" initiative is right around the corner. The Public Works department will be collecting leaves and limbs that are left at the curb in Pearl neighborhoods through Saturday, December 18.

During this time, Pearl residents may also transport bulk items, such as furniture and appliances, to the City compactor for free. The compactor is located at 201 Landfill Road located off Highway 80. No hazardous or toxic items will be accepted, including flammable liquids, potentially explosive materials, paints, or tires.

For more information, call the City of Pearl's Public Works Department at 601-932-3520.



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Richland High School awards "Top Rangers"



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Richland High School recently announced the Top Rangers for October. The Top Ranger Award is given to students who have shown exemplary behavior in and out of the classroom. Students receiving this award have been standout students and have continually worked hard at their coursework. Top Rangers pictured (l to r) are, front row: Sierra Cage, Joselyn Martinez, Brooklyn Conger, Adriana Dees, Mary-Lynn Brannan, Cassie Webb, Bailey Fields, Kadence Booth, Madison Wilson and Mia Tisdale; and back row: Damitris Sardinas, Alejandro Martinez, Dylan Hood, Noah Nix, Isaiah Green, Christopher Reel, Milton Simmons and Michael Welch.

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FMS honors eighth-grade football team for exceptional season



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Florence Middle School (FMS) recently celebrated their eighth-grade football team. The team had an incredible season led by Coach Vince Granberry, Coach Demarcos Davis and Coach Josh Morehead. FMS also bestowed the following honors to these individual players: The Most Valuable Player Award went to Bryan Davis; the Most Valuable Offensive Players Award went to Morgan Weathersby and J.B. Buckley; the Most Valuable Defensive Player Award went to D'Anthony Hicks; the Most Valuable Line-man Award went to Tripp Smith; the Rock Solid Eagle Award went to Bryce Bufkin; the Hustle Award went to Andy Barnett; the Clutch Player of the Year Award went to Kayne Ashley; the Most Improved Skill Player award went to Jeremy Ross; the Most Improved Lineman Award went to Braxton Byrd; the Breakout Player of the Year went to Lane "Stretch" Stewart; and the Academic Award went to Avery Clark and Tyler McGee. Not pictured are Avery Clark and Andy Barnett.

## FHS's Hemphill signs with Copiah-Lincoln Community College



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Florence High School (FHS) senior Ryland Hemphill recently signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Copiah-Lincoln Community College (CLCC) in Wesson. Hemphill is the son of James and Shelia Hemphill. Pictured (l to r) during his signing ceremony are, front row: Ryland Hemphill; and back row: FHS Assistant Baseball Coach Joal Rankin, FHS Assistant Baseball Coach Tony O'Hair, FHS Head Baseball Coach Josh Anderson, FHS Assistant Principal Jason Thomas and FHS Assistant Baseball Coach Danny Nelson.

## Richland's own Tiara Jackson crowned



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Richland High School Alum and Utica radio and television student Tiara Jackson was recently crowned Miss Hinds Community College 2022. She is the first Miss Hinds Community College from the "U" (Hinds' Utica campus).

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# The Dog Who Spoke to Santa Claus, by Katherine R. Forbes

By Beth Woodmansee for The Friends of the Richland Library

In 1956, a new book, *The Dog Who Spoke to Santa Claus*, by Katherine R. Forbes, with drawings by Joan Rayson, was published. Mrs. Forbes relates how Calhoun gives a speech, helping a boy have a merry Christmas.

Calhoun, a hound from the Deep South, lives in an apartment house in New York City with his master, Mr. Peters. A lobby sign, "No Barking Dogs Allowed on the Premises," started it all. Calhoun doesn't bark; he bays—a clear, clarion sound. When Calhoun bays, the little dogs upstairs start barking, the neighbors complain, and the janitor bangs on Mr. Peter's door warning him to keep Calhoun quiet. One day, Mr. Peters told Calhoun if he bayed once more, the Animal Rescue League would take Calhoun away!

So, Calhoun learned to talk like a man. He tried out his new skill on Mrs. Frampton, saying, "Merry Christmas, Ma'am," in his best southern drawl. She clutched herself, screamed and slammed the door.

Humans reacted like this every time. On Christmas Eve, Calhoun went outside to find a child who might not react in fear. Three children, a little boy in

a thin jacket and two girls, were across the street.

Calhoun ambled over and heard the girls taunting the boy—telling him Santa wouldn't visit him. They pushed him down in the snow.

"Stop this minute!" Calhoun said in a deep voice. The girls saw the dog; but, no man; so, they ran away. Calhoun pulled the boy out of the snow; he said he was Joey Bough, then started crying. His mother recently moved the family; she'd been so busy with the new baby, she forgot to send their new address to Santa Claus. Joey wants "a shiny new sled." His little brother, four-year-old Bill, wants a cowboy suit and two guns; and his twin sisters, Cherry and Berry, younger than Bill, want dolls. Now, though, Christmas wouldn't come.

Calhoun told Joey that a "bay" is a sound he makes when he sits on his haunches and looks up at the moon. Calhoun made the bay sound by starting out low, then rose to



Image courtesy of Beth Woodmansee

Joan Rayson drawing from *The Dog Who Spoke to Santa Claus*.

Joey and Calhoun fled into the alley. They found Angela, a tree-top angel with a broken wing, blowing a gold trumpet. Minutes later, a scrawny cat called "Curtainface" arrived, followed by a pigeon who flew into the alley. They discussed how to help the children have Christmas.

Calhoun said he could tell Santa Joey's new address and what everyone wanted. Pigeon knew where Santa always landed before flying into the city and could lead Calhoun there. Joey went home, and Pigeon led Calhoun to the dump then flew to her own family.

As he sat there alone, he lifted his head, pointed his nose at the moon and let out a glorious bay, ending it on the highest note any dog can reach. Up in the sky, Santa and his reindeer heard him and landed the sleigh nearby.

Santa liked Calhoun's baying and listened to the dog's speech. Time was passing. Santa shouted, "Merry Christmas!" and lifted off. On his way home, Calhoun stopped at Joey's tenement; looking through a window, he saw all was well. Finally, a tired, happy Calhoun got home, curled up on his chair by the fire and went to sleep. Christmas morning, he found the hard dog candies that Santa had left for him. Merry Christmas to you all!

a high note: "c-a-L-HOUUN!" People stopped and stared at the dog; the policeman directing traffic turned his head to see, causing a traffic jam.

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# McLaurin High School congratulates Students of the Month



McLaurin High School's (MHS) seventh-grade October Students of the Month are Taylor Thaggard and Jamari Horton. Pictured (l to r) are: Head Principal Russell Granberry, Thaggard and Horton.



MHS's eighth-grade October Students of the Month are Kayleigh Vanek and Joseph Booth. Pictured (l to r) are: Vanek, Booth and Principal Granberry.



MHS's ninth-grade October Students of the Month are Elizabeth Johns and Levi Johnson. Pictured (l to r) are: Principal Granberry, Johnson and Johns.



MHS's tenth-grade October Students of the Month are Allyson Hughes and Kaleb Bullock. Pictured (l to r) are: Hughs, Principal Granberry and Bullock.



MHS's eleventh-grade October Students of the Month are Ryleigh Johnson and Bob Penton. Pictured (l to r) are: Johnson, Principal Granberry and Penton.



MHS's twelfth-grade October Students of the Month are Madilyn Hemphill and C.J. Starkey. Pictured (l to r) are: Hemphill and Principal Granberry.



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