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# Craig Morgan and Runaway June to headline Highway 49 Fest

By Susie A. Wolfe

Craig Morgan and Runaway Jane will perform at Richland's Highway 49 Fest on Saturday, September 29, 2018.

Morgan has made a name for himself as a country music icon, TV personality, celebrated outdoorsman and patriotic Army veteran. He has charted 25 songs on Billboard including Bonfire, Almost Home, Redneck Yacht Club, International Harvester, This Ole Boy, Wake Up Loving You, and That's What I Love About Sunday. From Dickson, Tennessee, Morgan was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2008.

Gates open for the annual festival that includes a Kid's Zone and Petting Zoo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; a car show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; a Corn Hole Tournament that begins at 9 a.m. with 8 a.m. registration; a Run Rangers Run 5K; a Kickin' Cancer Kickball Tournament; and lots of local entertainment.

Stay updated at highway49fest.com.



Special to SW Rankin News Craig Morgan



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#### Runaway Jane

## **New patrolman joins Florence PD**



# Pearl-Richland Intermodal **Connector moving forward**

By Susie A. Wolfe

The \$10M extension of Pearson Road in Pearl to over the railroad into Richland, called the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector, is moving forward, according to Pearl Build-

"Pearson Road will eventually go from Highway 49 all the way up to Treetops Boulevard and Lakeland Drive one day."

ing Official Donnie Sullivan. The MDOT-funded project being built by Pickering Engineering is estimated to take ten months to complete.

"The intermodal project will have a bridge that goes over the railroad tracks, which is going to be great," said Pearl Mayor Jake Windham. "If a



train is coming through, we'll be able to get a fire truck through there, and it will create a much better traffic flow. It's not going to be frustrating for people."

The long-discussed overpass will continued on page 2



# Pearl Garden Club tours Newton



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The 14-member Spring Lake Garden Club of Pearl visited Newton, Mississippi, on June 29. The ladies toured a wildflower plot at the Mississippi Extension Office, viewed the Mississippi Veterans Cemetery, had lunch at Zach Garvin's, toured the Historic Depot, Roxy Theatre, The Secret Garden and Art Studio, and ended the day with stop by Nance Hill for the view. Tours at each stop were given by local residents of Newton. Sissie Haynie, member of the garden club and former resident of Newton, arranged the trip.

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# Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector moving forward

not only improve the flow of traffic and enhance fire protection in the area, it will link highways between the cities of Richland and Pearl. It's being done in two phases, one in Richland and one in Pearl. Richland will get the new connecting road and that bridge over the tracks. Pearson Road will eventually go from Highway 49 all the way up to Treetops Boulevard and Lakeland Drive one day.

Phase I consisted of purchasing all right of ways, removing structures then cutting trees, moving dirt and relocating utilities just south of the Highway

468-South Pearson Road intersection. Families living in the homes had to be relocated, and some eminent domain procedures were utilized to acquire the properties.



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## New look, new owner, new staff to bring more local news to Rankin County

By Sherry Lucas

SW Rankin News managing editor Susie A. Wolfe sees growth ahead for the monthly newspaper that turns a goodnews lens on the Pearl, Richland and Florence communities.

Wolfe, of Pelahatchie and managing editor of the Pelahatchie News for the past three and a half years, added the helm of SW Rankin News in July. She's joined on the staff by designer Katie White of Pelahatchie, who also designs the Pelahatchie News.

SW Rankin News is now jointly owned by Clay Mansell and Dr. Ryan Tracy, both of Clinton. It joins their collection of Mississippi newspapers, dating to 2010, that also includes the twice-monthly Clinton Courier and four other monthlies: Pelahatchie News; Wesson News; Canton News and Long Beach Breeze.

The papers follow a "Good news you can use" mission with a showcase of positive stories about the communities they serve. All are free, made possible by advertiser support, and distributed through racks in the community.

Mansell and Tracy, active in civic organizations, know the void of a town without its own written voice, and strive to provide citizens with a way to display their city's best opportunities through "hyper-local" publications. There, businesses and organizations find an avenue to advertise services and products directly to community residents.

SW Rankin News, purchased and rebranded for the July issue, covers three municipalities and has an estimated



Susie A. Wolfe

30,000 readership. It welcomes news about organizations, church groups, community clubs, schools and area businesses and their products and services. A community needs a place to exhibit its accomplishments, owners say.

This is home turf for Wolfe and White, who actually lived across the street from each other, growing up in Pearl.

Wolfe started the Canton News from scratch as editor in 2015 and took over as editor of *Pelahatchie News* then, too.

"When Clay and Ryan decided to purchase the Southwest Rankin News, they knew I was from Pearl and also that I knew a lot about Rankin County. Now, I'm covering most of Rankin County. Even though SW Rankin News focuses on Pearl, Richland and Florence, we distribute in Flowood and Brandon, as well."

"We focus on the communities themselves and the people who work in the communities. That's what people like to read about," Wolfe says. "That's why they're automatically interested in the types of things that we write about."

Wolfe graduated from Pearl High School, majored in journalism as an undergrad at the University of Southern Mississippi, and focused on public relations in graduate school, also at USM. Public relations work with agencies evolved into advertising, marketing, corporate communications and more, in a career that included New Orleans, Jackson and Atlanta.

A bad vehicle accident brought her back home about twenty years ago.

"I was hit by a Mack® truck. It changed my perspective on life," Wolfe says. "I was pursuing things in larger cities; and, after that happened, it changed



Katie White

my priorities on a lot of things."

"I really wanted to be back in my home, where I grew up, and I wanted to be close to my family. A lot of people might choose to stay in other areas, but I felt like I could have my career here.... Moving from Atlanta to Pelahatchie — now, that was a big move! But you can walk your dog on the street, you see people that you know, there's customer loyalty, and I try to shop local. Those are

my values. It's what I enjoy and I appreciate."

"It's not the big city and the fast pace. It's a different kind of living, and I like that.'

Because the newspaper is monthly, Facebook pages allow Wolfe to cover events with a more nimble turnaround, too, and get stories out quickly on social media. Monthly issues are posted and will be archived on swrankinnews. com. She hopes to take SW Rankin News to the size of The Clinton Courier (40+ pages twice a month).

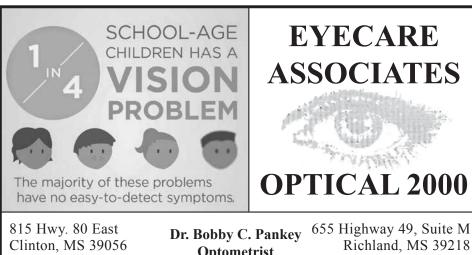
"We're now starting at twelve to sixteen pages once a month, so my goal is to surpass Clinton, and I think we can. There's a lot of business and a lot of growth" in the trio of active communi-

Katie White has been working as a graphic designer since 1999 in various positions. She's worked with the Pelahatchie News since 2012, and edited as well as designed that monthly prior to Wolfe's taking over the editing reins.

White now works full-time as a communications analyst with the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designs the monthlies in her spare time. She enjoys working with Wolfe, she says. "She's a great writer, and she makes it easier to just get down to the design part of it."

White, too, sees the growth potential with three different cities and a hyper-local paper poised to take advantage.

'Local is more personal," White observes. "There's a lot of human interest there; and, with a lot of Mom- and Poptype businesses, it's good for them, too."



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# Mosquito Eradicator

By Guest Columnist Kelsie Walters

On a hot summer afternoon, Jeremy Hirsch watched his pregnant wife apply bug spray. He wanted a better way to protect his family from mosquitoes, so he invented the Spartan Mosquito Eradicator. With a mission to help prevent the negative effects of mosquitoes worldwide, Spartan Mosquito stands to revolutionize the mosquito control industry.

When the weather warms, mosquitoes emerge to hunt and breed, and we try to ward them off using any means necessary. The Spartan Mosquito Eradicator takes a new approach to mosquito cess emits heat and they absorb sunlight.

Eradicators are placed on the perimeter of a property, so they form a barrier to "catch" mosquitoes entering the area. When a mosquito ingests the mixture, the sodium chloride combined with the CO2 produced by the fermentation process causes its stomach to rupture. The mosquito population in a protected area suffers dramatically in the first fifteen days and will be up to ninety-five percent controlled for up to ninety days.

A box of two Spartan Mosquito Eradicators will cover up to an acre. Spartan suggests deploying at the first sign of a mosquito to prevent the mosquito pop-

control, eliminating mosquitoes rather than trying to repel them.

Mosquitoes are drawn to dark, contrasting colors, and Eradicators are black and orange. Mosquitoes are also drawn to CO2, which is released by the fermentation process in the Eradicators (CO2 is the only thing released into the atmosphere). Additionally, mosquitoes are attracted to moisture and heat, and Eradicators are filled with water and become warm as their fermentation proulation ever taking hold. If deploying after mosquito season is underway, have no fear: simply double your first deployment to bring the population under control. For optimal reduction rates, Eradicators should be replaced after each deployment period of up to ninety days until mosquito season ends.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Spartan Mosquito Eradicators are available at Revell Ace Hardware in Clinton or Byram and on-



# Spartan Mosquito presents | Pearl High students awarded \$2,500 Chamber scholarships





Pictured (I to r) are Pearl Chamber President Scott Baldwin, scholarship recipient Neely Robertson, and Chamber Education Committee Chair Ron Morgan.

Pictured (I to r) are Pearl Chamber Education Committee Chair Ron Morgan with scholarship recipient Brower Myers.

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Pearl High School seniors Brower Myers and Neely Robertson were recipients of \$2,500 scholarships from the Pearl Chamber of Commerce. Both students will attend Hinds Community College Rankin Branch this fall and enroll in nursing pre-requisites. Myers plans to obtain his Associates Degree for a R.N. and work in the nursing field and then work in pharmaceutical sales with emphasis on diabetes drugs and equipment. Robertson plans to take all pre-requisites for nursing and then transfer to Mississippi College for a four-year B.S.N. Degree.

# Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	Funeral Home
Mr. Curtis "Vence" Cooley	62	Moss Point	6/26/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Ms. Deborah Faulkner	65	Richland	7/2/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mrs. Barbara Morea	64	Florence	7/3/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mrs. Brenda Taylor	66	Louisville	7/4/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mr. Timothy Baxley	57	Pearl	7/7/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mr. Richard "Rick" Harper	75	Richland	7/8/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mr. Aaron Hancock	27	Brandon	7/8/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mr. Joe Lacey	44	Florence	7/9/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mrs. Jean Malone Ruff	86	Florence	7/11/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Ms. Cynthia Pruitt	55	Florence	7/13/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mrs. Cathy Jeffcoats	65	Brandon	7/18/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Ms. Eva Ravarino	90	Florence	7/19/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mrs. Mary Bunn	62	Florence	7/22/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Infant Brentley Beaver	0	Pearl	7/22/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Ms. Destiny Gay	23	Richland	7/23/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Ms. Cynthia Best	60	Pearl	7/25/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mrs. Laura Clapp	75	Florence	7/25/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mr. Terry Moody	52	Richland	7/26/18	Chancellor Funeral Home
Mrs. Pauline Taylor	93	Florence	7/29/18	Chancellor Funeral Home





#### Florence Trustmark collects school supplies



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The Florence branch of Trustmark Bank collected donations to purchase school supplies for those who could not afford to purchase them. Pictured giving supplies to Florence Elementary staff (I to r) are: Lindsay Starbuck, assistant principal; Amanda Clark, principal; and Joan Greenwalt, Trustmark Florence branch manager.



#### City Lights Ministry shines a new light on roller skating

By Susie A. Wolfe

Funtime Skateland in Pearl lets middle and high school kids skate free on Sunday nights if they attend a worship service too. Kids skate for an hour, sing and worship for an hour, then skate for another hour. The only cost is the snack bar.

Owners Jeff and Star Lott, who have owned Funtime Skateland for six years, also operate City Lights Ministries. They said, "our business is our ministry." They offer regular skating sessions and play secular music, but feel "we are here for a reason, to minister to youth."

An average of around 70 students plus parents attend the Sunday night skate services. Many kids and adults have accepted Jesus during these times, and later were baptized in the back of a pickup truck on the property. According to Star, "We have seen miracles where families were restored and powerful worship."

The services are led by local pastors, missionaries and volunteers, and a worship team made up of youth in the area. An ordained minister, Allison Holcombe is a Funtime Skateland employee who leads the drama team and works with the youth.

Jeff's mom, Mary Lott, managed Funtime Skateland from 1985-1994, so Jeff grew up skating. She became the owner in 1994, and he worked with her for many years. Jeff and Star became the owners in December 2015. After a life of



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The City Lights Worship Team are pictured (I to r) front row: Savannah Grissom and Taylor Mayeux; and top row: Grayson Lott, Caleb McKeown, Josh McKeown, and Andrew Mooney. Not pictured is Joshua Grissom

using alcohol and drugs, he said, "God flipped a switch," and he was saved and trained to work with youth. City Life Ministries developed from both of their "radically transformed" lives. The ministry is based on Matthew 5:14, which says "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." The area where the rink is located off Highway 80 in Pearl is near "center city,"

"We want to teach and encourage people to the lights that God has called them to be," said Jeff Lott.

where downtown buildings in Jackson

can be seen.

The Lotts invite middle and high school kids from churches, any denomination, or unchurched kids to attend from 5-8 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, visit info@funtimeskate. com, citylightsministry@comcast.net, or call 601-939-0880.

## White attends MC orientation



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Veronica White of Florence attended Mississippi College's freshman orientation July 26-27. She is pictured with her dad, John White, on right. The biology major will begin classes in late August.

#### Florence National Night Out set for August

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The City of Florence will host National Night Out activities on Thursday, August 30, beginning at 6 p.m. at Hemphill Park. This is a time for cit-

izens of the town to interact with the Florence Police Department.

There will be free hot dogs and pizza provided by local businesses, plus kids are invited to play at the splash pad and bounce houses.

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# Clark named FES principal

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Amanda Clark has been in the Rankin County School District for fifteen years, serving ten of those years at Florence Elementary. She has been the assistant principal for the past five years before taking over as head principal this year.

Mrs. Clark says she is excited to continue to move Florence Elementary from "great to BEST!" She views that a collaborative school culture and community are the keys to creating success for all students. Mrs. Clark says she is excited for the new year and proud to be an Florence Elementary Eagle.



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Register at Parks & Recreation Office 371 Scarbrough St. (across from Richland Library)

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# Leadership Rankin graduates 2018 business leaders from area







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The 2018 Rankin County Chamber Leadership Rankin Class included (I to r): Brian Grantham, Rankin County, Florence; Tanner Wilson, State Farm, Florence; and Fatima Chase, BKD, Pearl.



### **Brandon Amphitheater offers top-names**

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Brandon City officials, along with Red Mountain Entertainment, are unveiling acts slated to perform at the Brandon Amphitheater as part of the C Spire Concert Series. In June, Chris Stapleton, Alan Jackson and Dave Matthews had sold-out concerts in the new venue. July saw Imagine Dragons and Jason Aldean, and Alabama and The Charlie Daniels Band are coming on September 8. The Beach Boys are coming October 4, and Odesza is scheduled for October 10.

With a flexible capacity of 7,000 – 8,300, the Amphitheater is comprised of lower- and upper-level seating, box seats, and state-of-the-art audio and video infrastructure, complete with LED video walls. There are ample concession windows and beverage kiosks throughout the venue. The Community Bank Club is a private VIP club for Amphitheater sponsors and box seat holders.

City officials began laying out their vision in 2014 to bring about more tourism, recreation and lifestyle improvements to one the fastest growing cities in Mississippi through an entertainment venue and surrounding 250-acre park.

"The Board of Aldermen and I began

brainstorming this idea years ago, and it took a lot of people to bring this to fruition," said Brandon Mayor Butch Lee. "From the beginning, the City's goal for the Brandon Amphitheater and The Quarry was to create a quality family-centric atmosphere that will bring more economic growth and increase tourism to our city, as well as the state."

Highlighting the natural terrain of the area, the Brandon Amphitheater sits on 250 acres designed for family lifestyle activities. The surrounding park, also known as The Quarry, will include walking and biking trails, a dog park and tournament-equipped baseball fields.

"Sitting at the crossroads of the South between Memphis, New Orleans, Dallas and Atlanta, this world-class venue will allow the City of Brandon to bring the caliber of artists this region craves. As we've seen with similar venues, the Brandon Amphitheater at The Quarry is sure to have a positive economic impact on Central Mississippi and create many lasting memories in this community for years to come," said Jay Wilson of Red Mountain Entertainment.

Follow the Brandon Amphitheater's website and social media platforms, or call 601-724-2726 for more information on events.

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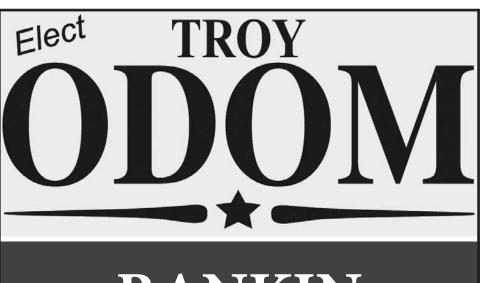


#### South Rankin Rotary installs new officers



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The South Rankin Rotary Club installed new officers at a July meeting. Pictured (I to r) are: Jonathan Johnson, president elect; Sherri Grimes, secretary; Dywayne Watkins, club membership; Joan Greenwalt, president; Jim Stanley, club foundation; Zack Ball, sergeant-at-arms; Danny McDill, Rotary Interact Club; Eddie Grimes, club public relations; and James Osborne, chaplain.



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# Richland Business Expo scheduled for August 23

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The Business Expo, sponsored by the Richland Economic Development Association (REDA), will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, at the Richland Community Center. Admission is free to discover what products are available in Richland and surrounding areas.

Approximately 40 businesses will have booths in the Community Center, and the Discovery Zone for kids will be set up outside. The Discovery Zone features a variety of large trucks and equipment plus police and fire vehicles.

"The purpose of the Expo is to pro-

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mote our businesses in Richland," said Terri Wood, Community Center Director. "We want people to learn what's available here, and discover opportunities to shop locally and purchase locally."

Local businesses have until August 17 to reserve a booth, which is free to REDA members. Non-members in the area are charged \$50, and businesses outside town pay \$75.

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## Allow for opportunities to be refreshed



pastor at Richland First United Methodist Church

By Barbara Taylor,

Peace.

Special to SW Rankin News Sw Rankin News It's what everybody longs for, right? In this fast-

paced world that we have grown increasingly accustomed to, I wonder if we have lost the craving that we once had for stillness, quiet and peace? Along with the advent of a 24-hour news cycle came an addictive attachment to mobile devices. It sometimes seems as if we are never alone or able to completely unplug from the constant voices that surround us.

I would venture to say that Jesus knew a little bit of how that feels! The Bible tells us of instances when multitudes followed Jesus wherever he went- even going so far as to wave goodbye to him from one side of a large lake only to circle around and meet him as he got off the boat on the other side! As connected as

Jesus was to the people and their needs, he was also very intentional to take the opportunity to slip away and spend time alone in prayer with his Father.

On a recent sabbatical, I discovered that the absence of distractions in my usual routine opened up an inviting space for me to just be still. What a delicious blessing it was to enjoy coffee on the porch surrounded by the sounds and smells of a soft summer rain! In my life, opportunities for stillness are some of the sweetest "getting to know you better" moments with God that I have ever had. In fact, God encourages us to "be



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still" and know him (Ps 46:10).

As summer fun and activities draw to a close, let me encourage you to seek moments of stillness and allow for opportunities to be refreshed and renewed. God meets us in those moments and we are drawn closer to Him...and near to God's heart is where you will find peace. EDITORS NOTE: Barbara Taylor has been pastor at Richland First United Methodist Church since June of 2016. She attended Pearl High School, Hinds CC and graduated with highest honors from Belhaven University.







# White to wed Adcock in Richland



Mr. and Mrs. James (Skip) Bishop and Mr. Bobby White, Jr. of Richland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndsey Madison White, to Aaron Tyler Adcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Adcock of Brandon. Miss White is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McClenic of Vicksburg, MS, Mr. Bobby White, Sr., and the late Mrs. Monette White of Richland, Mississippi and the late Mr. and Mrs. James C Bishop of Pearl, Mississippi. Mr. Adcock is the grandson of Mrs.

Betty Adcock and the late Prentiss Adcock of Richland, Mississippi, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Passons of Flowood, MS.

The bride-elect is a 2013 graduate of Richland High School and graduated from Holmes Community College in 2016 with a degree in Applied Sciences. She is currently employed at Baptist Neurological Associates in Jackson, Mississippi.

The prospective groom graduated from Brandon High School in 2008. He attended Mississippi College and graduated in 2012 with a degree in Business Administration. He is employed with Passons Specialized Services Inc. in Richland, Mississippi.

The couple will exchange vows September 14, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Richland, MS at 7:00 p.m., and will honeymoon on a cruise to St. Maarten, Puerto Rico, and Haiti. After the honeymoon, the couple will reside in Florence, Mississippi.

#### Richland citizens pass two referendums in July



Photos by SW Rankin News

Children playing at Richland's new Westside Park.

By Susie A. Wolfe

The two percent extension of the pre-existing tax on prepared food and beverages passed a city-side vote on July 24 to continue to benefit Parks & Recreation and Tourism, according to Mayor Pat Sullivan. More than seventy-eight percent of voters renewed the tax that built the Community Center. The new three percent hotel/motel tax also passed with more than 60% of citizens vot-

"Both referendums were negotiable to the citizens of Richland, but benefit them through improvements to our community," said Sullivan.
"There is a robust 20-year master plan in place to upgrade and improve infrastructure that will improve quality of life for everyone."

"The passage of these two referendums absolutely makes me feel good that the citizens have the forethought to go out and plan for and invest in quality of life through these two referendums," said the Mayor.







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## Area Spotlight: Parks & Rec growing | RFC Revolution wins silver medals by association with athletic groups

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The City of Richland has been working towards growing its public relations and looking into creating associations with area athletic programs. The Richland Futbol Club is one example. Because of this association, Richland's soccer program has grown over just the last year of it being created and has created more competitive opportunities for the city's youth. Parents are already getting together to form a softball/baseball association that they hope to roll out the spring of 2019.

During the fall/winter, Parks and Rec will offer a few different programs, such as fall soccer, tackle and flag football, cheerleading, fall baseball and softball, and basketball. There are many opportunities available for the city's youth;



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and, for the adults, Parks & Rec will have a flag football league.

"We have some great things planned for the future of our department," said Parks & Rec Director Cole Smith. "If you get the opportunity, please stop by, and we would love to show you what's in the works."

For questions, call 601-487-9989, or go by the office located at 371 Scarbrough Street, across from the library.



The Richland Futbol Club's U14 D2/Rec. Plus team RFC Revolution won silver medals in the highly-competitive first division at State Games of Mississippi in Meridian June 15-17. Players are pictured (I to r), front row: Kennedy Phillips, Tyler Hubbard, William Guevara, Jameson Miller, Albert Burgos, and Jason Ramos; and back row: Brennan Bullock, Jeremy Thomas, Laila Anderson, Austin (AP) Putnam, Tyson Moore, Ian Vazquez, Colby Cook and coaches Joe and Virginia Miller.

#### Ambush baseball wins USSSA 10U World Series



Several Rankin County children on the team Ambush Baseball recently played in the Global World Series in Gulf Shores, Alabama and were named USSSA 10U 2018 World Series Champions. Pictured (I to r) are, front row: Payne Weaver, Russ Ingram, Owen Cooper, Baylor Partie, Aiden Rowe, Jack Shivers, Nichols Katsaboulas, Morgan Weathersby, Ryder White, and Austin Pickett; and back row: Coaches Shannon Shivers, Lee Pickett, and Bradley Weathersby.







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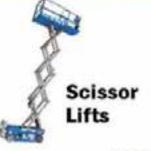






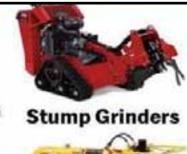














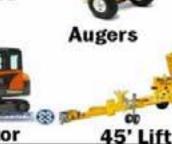




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