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The PEARSON Foundation's mission of community enrichment continues

By Alexa Haik

People Employing Available Resources to Strengthen Our Neighborhoods, A.K.A. the PEARSON Foundation, was founded in 2000, a time when federal funding was made available through the Charitable Choice initiative. The whole idea of the foundation centered around how a faith-based community can access government fundings to advance positive change in the community. This was especially crucial in areas where the community was experiencing some form of trauma...whether it was increasing school drop-out rates or drug issues or even economic challenges. For many years, they flourished.

Then the "Great Recession" hit and, in 2008, PEARSON began to struggle. Donations dwindled, and it became harder to access the block grants and much-needed funding.

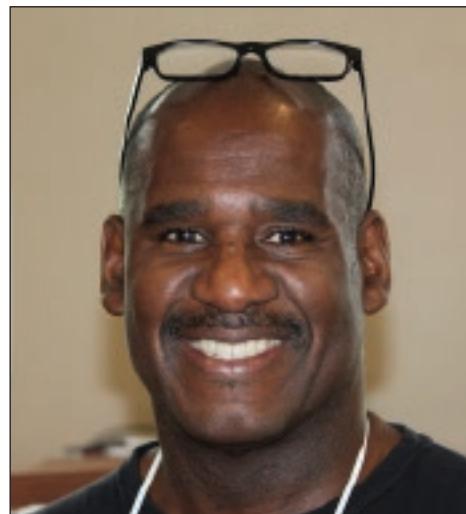
Eventually, in 2011, the board began to consider if they should shut the foundation down for good. During this process of discernment, a conversation took place between Mississippi native Jarvis Ward and the current chairman of the PEARSON Foundation. That conversation led to a pivotal changing of the guards. As a result of the conversation, Jarvis Ward became President of the Foundation in 2014, a position that he proudly holds today.

Under Ward's direction, the PEARSON Foundation has refocused its efforts on doing "a few things very well."

Ward says that since employing this foundational philosophy, "...there has been a significant increase in programing and ministry impact, which is really why the PEARSON Foundation was formed."

Ward says he never takes funding for granted.

"Resources are always a struggle,"



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Jarvis C. Ward serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the PEARSON Foundation, Inc., based in Pearl. He began this role in April of 2014 after having served nearly seventeen years as the National Facilitator of City and Community Ministries with the Mission America Coalition/United States Lausanne Committee. Ward continues to cultivate strategic partnerships locally and nationally for sustained positive and wholistic culture change.

says Ward. "But there are seasons...it's come in seasons. In fact, one of our best years was 2020."

The PEARSON Foundation now runs a number of successful ongoing programs for local youth and the community at-large, including an after-school tutoring program, the Reading Institutes Program, the In-School and Community Mentoring-Leadership Program, which is a mentorship program with the Rankin County juvenile justice court, and the most recent community-based initiative, The Wisdom Challenge.

The PEARSON Foundation is located at 206 Old Whitfield Road in Pearl. For more information, visit www.PEARSON39208.org.

Stayed tuned for the second installment of this two-part series, "Pearl's PEARSON Foundation: Impacting the community one child at a time," available in the June 2022 issue of *The Pearl News*.

MS Street Rod Association to host "Cars for C.A.R.A."

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The Mississippi Street Rod Association will soon present their 44th Annual Dixie Rod Run "Cars for C.A.R.A." (Community Animal Rescue & Adoption). It will be held Friday, June 10, through Saturday, June 11, at Trustmark Park in Pearl.

The family-friendly event begins at noon on Friday, with Saturday's agenda kicking off at 7 a.m. There will be many activities for adults and children alike.

For almost thirty years, the Dixie Rod Run was slated as an event to showcase cars manufactured before 1949. In more recent years, however, the event has opened up, welcoming the general public in an effort to raise money for the local animal shelter, C.A.R.A.

For the participants who have registered cars at the event, there is a

chance to win a pre-owned LS1 motor and transmission.

Parts vendors will be on-site, as will a swap-meet of automotive parts. Saturday's "Best-of" car contest includes awards for car manufactured before 1949; between 1949 to 1973; and from 1973+. An overall "Best in Show" trophy will also be awarded.

Food vendors will be available on-site throughout the event, providing such staples as barbeque, hamburgers and more.

The host hotel for this year's event is Holiday Inn, where rooms may be reserved for \$99.

Car-owner pre-registration is \$20, with day-of registration at \$25. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, June 1. Admission is free to the general public.

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REAL Christian Foundation: Faithful to Mississippi ministries

By Alexa Haik

Rural Education and Leadership Christian Foundation, Inc. (REAL) RICHLAND, also known as REAL Christian Foundation, is a Richland-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose main purpose is to help rural Christian ministries succeed by providing solutions in exposure, resources and structure. They have been in existence since 1998.

Dolphus and Rosie Weary, the co-founders of the REAL Foundation, grew up in Mendenhall. Their vocation began when they chose to take on responsibility of a local Christian ministry.

Shortly after this, they discovered they had challenges to overcome. Specific aspects of these challenges included - being minority leaders serving minorities, overseeing a Christian non-profit organization, and being located in rural Mississippi.

Eventually, the Wearys chose Richland as their home. Emboldened by their desire to be the resource that they did not have, a



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Dr. Rosie Weary,
co-founder



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REAL Christian Foundation currently supports twelve ministries in ten counties around the State of Mississippi, including: Mound Bayou (C2K); Mount Olive (Mount Olive Ministries); Lexington (Do All Things Children's Circle, Inc.); Lexington (Lexington Colts); Tchula (Wesley Youth Foundation); Prentiss (Jefferson Davis Outreach Ministries); Greenwood (Young-Lives Delta); Marks (Quitman County Development Organization); Pearl (Pioneer Ministries, Inc. (Home of Camp Pioneer)); Cary (Cary Christian Center); Mendenhall (The Mendenhall Ministries (Home of Genesis One Christian School)); and Tylertown (Jayess Community Development Association).

simple idea - a dream - was born.

The dream that was to become REAL Foundation began with no financial support. What the Wearys did have was an autobiography, Dolphus's *I Ain't Comin' Back*. So they began by selling the book, collecting proceeds as well as donations, building up the foundation, one dollar at a time.

Since its inception in 1998, REAL Foundation has given away over \$1.5 million dollars in the state of Mississippi. It has also supported over twenty-five organizations. The financial support that comes through those

endowments allows the foundation to award scholarships and grants to ministry leaders, as well as to college students and boarding high school students, throughout the state.

Upon the Wearys retirement in 2019, Chanda Roby became president of the foundation. As a child, Roby grew up in Mendenhall, attending a school that was part of the Christian Ministries that the Wearys at that time oversaw. After high school, she went on to graduate law school.

Now a practicing attorney, Roby says, "It definitely is a full circle moment. I am living breathing proof of their philosophy of giving back to the community from a Christ-centered approach. I believe that everything that we are doing helps Mississippi, even if it may take us a while, and generations later, to see the results."

The Wearys remain active as board members and still reside in Richland.

For more information, visit REAL at www.realchristianfoundation.org.

Richland Parks and Rec hosts 2022 summer camp

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In keeping with their belief "in the benefits of participating in organized programs and leisure activities," the City of Richland Parks and Recreation Center will be hosting a summer camp in 2022.

Seven weeks of planned activities and fun, summer camp will kick off on Monday, June 6, and conclude with a "Back to School Bash" on Saturday, July 30. Each week of camp will highlight a special theme: week one will be art; week two, pirates and beaches; week three, camping and nature; week four, around the world; week five, summer snacks; week six, Olympics/sports; and week seven, friendship.

The camp will be limited to thirty kids per week, and is open to ages five through twelve. The hours will be 9 a.m.



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until 2 p.m. with drop-off between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Pick-ups must be made by 2:30 p.m.

Camping activities begin Monday,

June 6, and run through Friday, July 1, with a one-week break the week of the fourth of July. Activities will then gear back up Monday, July 11, and run

through Sunday, July 24.

Registration is currently open and must be made in-person. The cost per participant is \$175 for all seven weeks of activities. Space is limited. Weekly registrations of \$30 per week are also available.

All participants must wear or bring tennis shoes and bring a change of clothing. Some days/weeks, participants will be asked to provide their own sack lunch. Richland Rec Center will provide a morning snack and drink each day. Details will be discussed further the day of registration.

The Richland Parks and Recreation Center is located at 460 East Harper Road in Richland.

For more information, contact the City of Richland Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator, Jennifer Black, at 601-487-9989.

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FYSA continues the tradition with MudBowl 2022

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Hosted by the Florence Youth Soccer Association (FYSA), the MudBowl is an annual community-wide event centered around a recreational soccer tournament. The goal is to provide an opportunity for recreational teams to participate in a local tournament to further their skills, while enjoying the game in a truly competitive atmosphere. All recreational soccer teams are qualified to participate.

This year's MudBowl hosted just under two dozen teams competing for the coveted 2022 MudBowl Championship title. Activities began Friday night, March 25, with the first round of scheduled games; but the competitions really kicked into high gear Saturday morning at 9 a.m., when many teams competed in two or more games.

The concession stand was booming, with vendors setting up bright and early,



Attendees enjoying the temperate weather during MudBowl 2022.

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including a separate t-shirt stand where participants could purchase a one-of-a-kind 2022 MudBowl t-shirt.

Volunteering their services this year was the Boy Scout Troop 85, who assisted with parking, and, as always, the Florence Police Department had a strong presence.

Perhaps the biggest surprise for this year's event was the weather. Typically

held during rainy and chilly conditions, this MudBowl 2022 will be remembered, in part, for the sunny, warm and breezy weather that remained throughout the weekend.

See page 3 for photospread of 2022 MudBowl Champions and Finalists.

For more information, visit online at www.florencesoccer.com.



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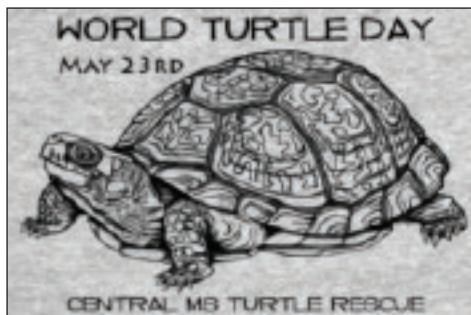
The 2022 MudBowl Champions were awarded gold medals, and MudBowl Finalists were awarded silver medals.

Support Central MS Turtle Rescue on May 23

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World Turtle Day (WTD), held annually on May 23, is dedicated to celebrating and protecting both turtles and tortoises. The day was first recognized by American Tortoise Rescue in 2002, and its purpose is to highlight the suffering and the dwindling numbers of these animals due to human interference and environmental hazards. It also provides an opportunity for schools, rescue centers and nature lovers to come together to learn more about these creatures and pledge their allegiance to help save them.

To that end, Central Mississippi Turtle Rescue (CMSTR) has created three new styles of t-shirts, each comes in a variety of colors and styles, the pro-

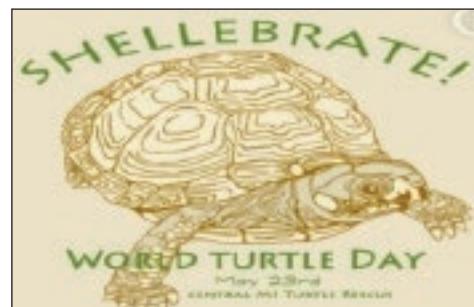


ceeds of which will support their conservation and rehabilitation efforts.

CMSTR was founded in 2013, born from the passion and dedication of two Florence natives who recognized the need for a qualified turtle rescue facility in Mississippi. They provide rescue and rehabilitation for injured, sick, abused, neglected, or abandoned turtles and tortoises.

Their goal is to release all native,

wild rehabilitated turtles back to their natural environment. Turtles that are not native to Mississippi or are unable to be released to the wild are re-homed through adoption to qualified appli-



cants or remain in the care of CMSTR to safely live out their lives. CMSTR also provides education to the public about turtle conservation and provides pet turtle owners with education about proper husbandry, diet and

medical care.

CMSTR is an authorized wildlife rehabilitator under an Administrative Rehabilitation Permit through the MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

To support CMSTR's mission by purchasing a t-shirt or through donations, visit them on Facebook or at www.centralmsturtlerescue.com.



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The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

A book report by Beth Woodmansee for
The Friends of the Richland Library

In 2019, Kim Michele Richardson's *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, was published. It is a novel; however, the information about the "Blue People of Kentucky" and the Kentucky horse librarians are facts.

The Pack Horse Library Project arose out of President Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration to create jobs for women and provide books to the poorest, most isolated people of eastern Kentucky in the 1930s. It ran from 1935 to 1943; the pay was twenty-eight dollars a month, and the women provided their own four-legged transportation, as there were no real roads in this area.

This fictional story follows one book woman, Cussy Mary Carter, who, in 1936, was nineteen-years old: her father was a coal miner. Her salary was needed, but, Cussy's father thought she should be married so she would be taken care of when he died, which he expected would be soon. He lit the courting candle often

at night, in spite of Cussy's not wanting to be married; a married woman could not be a book woman. When a man wanting a wife spotted the lit candle and "came-a courtin'," the woman would leave with him, if the two men were in agreement. Her father added a deed to ten percent of his land.

No man wanted to marry Cussy, because she was the last of the "Blue People of Kentucky." Her skin was blue, sometimes pale blue or a dark blue to almost purple. Some said she looked like she was dead. Superstition was rampant, and most shunned her, afraid even of her touch. Some of her patrons would not allow her to come onto their property to bring books or pick up returned books, opting to use a hollowed-out tree. Many of them

accepted Cussy, or "Bluet," as she was usually called.

One night, old Charlie Frazier, a filthy, vile man, came to the cabin and took Cussy (and the deed, of course) to be his wife. Because she was blue, he beat her to near death in violating her. Before the night was over, he himself died. Doc diagnosed a heart attack, and he was buried.

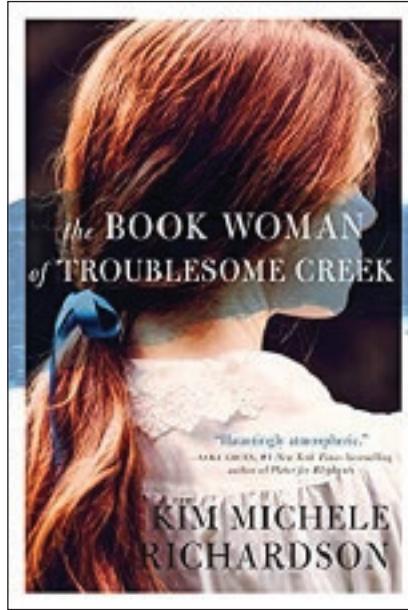
Bluet's injuries were so bad, it took a month for her to heal enough to resume her duties as a book woman. One good thing is that she inherited the mule Charlie owned. He had mistreated it terribly, resulting in its hating all men. Gently treating her wounds, Bluet named her Junia.

She was a good "pack horse," protecting Bluet from danger on the

trail. It was Junia who alerted Bluet to an evil, dirty-minded, so-called preacher stalking Bluet - old Charlie Frazier's cousin who wanted to "save her soul." What he intended was to violate her, then kill her by "baptizing her"-- holding her under water until she drowned. Rumors of such "baptisms" by "preacher" Vern-er Frazier were never proved.

Bluet's new patron, Jackson Lovett, moved back after years of working on Hoover Dam in the West. Sharing an interest in books, he proved himself to Bluet and slowly made friends with Junia. They fell in love and got married; however, their hardships were only beginning. The sequel, *The Book Woman's Daughter*, will be published in May 2022.

The Blue People of Kentucky suffered from a rare genetic disorder of the blood, called methemoglobinemia, in which the color of the blood was not red, but brown. Taking one pill each day caused Bluet's blue skin to clear up to normal. A section at the end of the book gives more detail on this fascinating history of eastern Kentucky.



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FYSA's 2022 MudBowl Champions and Finalists

The Florence Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) recently held the MudBowl, an annual community-wide event centered around a recreational soccer tournament. This year's MudBowl hosted just under two dozen teams competing for the coveted 2022 MudBowl Classic Championship title. The final results included: U8G Champions: Remus (FYSA); U8G Finalists: Hebert (FYSA); U8B Champions: Byram Eagles (BSA); U8B Finalists: Cavanaugh's Red Strikers (FYSA); U10G Champions: Scoring Eagles (FYSA); U10G Finalists: Wild Cats (RFC); U10B Champions: Kicking Khaos (PFC); U10B Finalists: Lightning (NWRAA); U12G Champions: Rockers (RFC); U12G Finalists: Chili Dogs (FYSA); U12B Champions: Survivors (RFC); U12B Finalists: Brandon Dawgpounders (BFC).



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RFC Freedom-U16 Open Cup State Champions pictured (l to r) are: Joel Dykes, Coleman Patrick, Cooper Hammons, Tyler Hanson, Abram Yates, Tanner Coleman, Kyle Webb, Trent Walker, Gage Boyer, Landon Vaughn, Grant Patrick, William Boling, Harrison Rudd and Maddox Bonner.



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FYSA MudBowl U12 Champions pictured (l to r) are: Riccario Humphrey, Christopher Guevara, Mathew Barranco, Ian Sanchez, Stone Russell, Karter Troth, Brantley Canoy, Cooper Stroud, Bentley Pearson, Anderson Jolly and Austin Walker.



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FYSA's U12 Girls MudBowl Champions pictured (l to r) are: Kandence, Adelynn, Makayla, Elizabeth, Baylee, Breena, Emmalyn, Alyssa, Skylar, Chole, Ruth, Coach Bridges and Miller.



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FYSA's U10 Muddbowl Finalists pictured (l to r) are: Marisol Negrete, Valerie Germany, Harper White, Zariah Freeman, Adalynn Edwards, Krysta Gardner, Hannah Collins and Bayleigh Sanford. Team member not pictured: Taylor Shields.



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M-Braves offering a summer camp day field trip

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The Mississippi Braves (M-Braves) will be offering a special Camp Day Field Trip on Wednesday, July 13, at 12:05 p.m. when the Braves will face off with the Rocket City Trash Pandas. It is a perfect outing for day camps, youth centers, YMCAs, etc.

The cost is \$12 per person (game ticket with lunch package) or \$5 per person (w/out lunch package). Tickets must be purchased in advance, and discounts do not apply on game day. Parents and guardians not included in a group purchase must buy tickets at the box office. All attendees must have a ticket, including all teachers, bus drivers and chaperones. Buses may park in the north lot off

of the Highway 80 entrance.

Additional food and drink may be purchased from the concession stands at regular prices.

The lunch package will include a hot dog, bag of chips, and a twelve ounce can of Coca-Cola, and no substitutions are allowed. No outside food or drinks are permitted through the gates at Trustmark Park.

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catalyst. The modules are found online at www.baseballhall.org/discover-more/education/curriculum, and they include free lesson plans that may be printed out for use in the classroom. Each lesson comes with directions, activity suggestions, and reproducible handouts.

All of the lesson plans are aligned with the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts. Additionally, many of these lessons support Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) learning goals.

To book this field trip, complete a registration form, available online at www.milb.com.

For more information, contact the M-Braves at 601-664-7600.

programs for on-site field trips, which can enrich the experience and may also be used independently to help teach a variety of subjects, using baseball as a



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Jesus confirmed the Old Testament and promised that the Holy Spirit would come and inspire the apostles in the continuation of His teaching and in the writing of what would become the New Testament. (Jno.14:25-26; 16:12-13). The apostles demonstrated that they came with the authority of God through the miracles they performed. The book of Acts records the acts of the apostles and records the miracles and works they did. The book of Acts has also proven to be a historically accurate record written by a first century eyewitness.

Many religious books claim to be divinely inspired, but only the Bible has evidence of supernatural confirmation. Prophecy by biblical authors of the Old Testament of future events that have come to pass in the manner they were predicted. No book has ever been written that can compare to the Bible that covers hundreds of topics yet without contradiction. The amazing fact is the Bible was written in a span of over fifteen hundred years. More than forty different authors from every walk of life with different occupations and backgrounds. The Bible was written on three different continents: Asia, Africa and Europe. Written over fifteen hundred years, forty different authors, various themes and circumstances and the Bible proclaims a unified message.

The writers address numerous controversial subjects yet there are no contradictions. The Bible is an incredible book! The law of non-contradiction states that two contradictory statements cannot be true at the same time. If one proposition is known to be true the opposite is false. Since the Bible is the inspired word of God any teaching that contradicts the Bible must be false. There are exclusive claims regarding God, truth and salvation that would exclude other scriptures. The Bible teaches that any deity other than the God of the Bible is a false deity (Exodus 20). Jesus declared that He is the divine Son of God, the source of truth and the only way to eternal life (Jno.1:3:25-18;14:6).

In our religious world today there is a lot of debate of what is right and wrong concerning our faith, obedience, salvation and eternal life. There are as many differing viewpoints as there are denominations. Which one is right? What and who determines what is right? Not everyone with differing opinions can be right? What and who is the final authority? If we can accept that the Bible is the inspired word of God and the one and only book that is inspired then we have a basis to find the truth concerning the authority or rule book that will answer these questions.

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Pearl Upper Elementary names Students of the Month



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Pearl Upper Elementary (PUE) recently presented its fourth-grade students of the month for March. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Caiden Hill, Eric Patrick, Skylar Torrence, Nathaniel Cox, Dhara Patel, Kyleigh Parker and Addy Alford; and back row: Shelbee Clay Martin, Ryder Watkins, Zeh'Tario Davis, Macie Knight, Edgar Morales-Saturno, Israel Watts, Tyreon Young and Principal Gavin Gill.



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PUE recently presented its fifth-grade students of the month for March. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Jackie Hernandez, Ja'Toya Harris, Lucas Sanders, Brianna Arbuthnot, Ruby Russell, Kendyal Porter and Harley Beckwith; and back row: Kaitylyn Grace Bailey, Karlena Cheatham, Cheyenne Tyler, Hallie Jo Couey, Peyton Robinson, Alfonzo Smiley, Lawrence Powell, Jayce Nickelberry and Assistant Principal Dr. Sheila McKay. Not pictured is Tripp Myers.

RHS recognizes latest Character Trait SOM winners



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Shontrese Cage, an eighth-grader at Richland High School (RHS), is the January 2022 Character Trait Student of the Month (SOM). The character trait for the month was self-control.



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Brianna Sanchez is Richland High School's Character Trait SOM for February 2022. The character trait for the month was compassion.



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City of Pearl's latest offerings

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The following are a few of the latest offerings available to Pearl residents. For starters, Pearl Public Works is providing local residents with the option of paying their monthly bills via debit or credit card. Card readers have been installed at the water department, allowing for the option to pay water bills either at the drive-thru window or in the lobby. Cards are now also accepted at the City landfill, as well.



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For more information visit www.cityofpearl.com/government/public-works/.

For the recreationally minded, Pearl Parks and Recreation has made major upgrades to the City's disc golf course, with new baskets and tee boxes. Locals are encouraged to try out their newest facilities. The course is located at the top of Center City Drive behind the soccer fields and softball complex.

For more information, contact www.pearlparksandrec.com.

Finally, Entergy is now offering free efficiency kits to all its customers. The

kit includes fourteen energy-saving items to help conserve energy at home: four standard LED bulbs, two LED battery backup bulbs, two LED specialty bulbs, one advanced power strip, one LED night-light, one kitchen faucet aerator, two bathroom faucet aerators and one efficient-flow showerhead. At an overall value of \$59, the Energy Efficiency Kits are available to Entergy Mississippi residential customers as long as supplies last.

For more information, visit www.msentergysolutions-marketplace.com.

MS SPAN's "Summer Spaytacular" event to be held in June

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Each year, Mississippi Spay and Neuter (MS SPAN) of Richland holds a fundraiser designed to defray the daily expenses of running the non-profit organization. Their primary goal is to provide low cost spay and neuter services across the state of Mississippi. This year's "Summer Spaytacular" is being held as an online event and will feature an online auction.

To participate in the online auction — or to donate items — visit www.msspan.org/summer_spaytacular_2022. Bidding will begin on Wednesday, June 1, at 12 a.m. and will end on Sunday, June 12. Items and experiences will be added as they are received.

This year's Summer Spaytacular will also feature an online 50/50 raffle. Tickets may be purchased online. The winner will be selected on Sunday, June 12, and will receive half of the raffle proceeds.

MS SPAN continues to seek sponsors for this year's event. Sponsorships provide resources which ensure that families can access spay/neuter services at affordable prices and that no one is ever turned away based on their ability to pay. On average, families

need \$22.50 in financial support per surgery performed at MS SPAN's clinic. Each surgery saves countless lives through prevention.

Event sponsorship provides an opportunity for companies to be featured in MS SPAN's pre-, during and post-event promotion that reaches thousands of people across Mississippi. Event sponsorship opportunities start at just \$250. Organizers say that the sooner sponsor submissions are received, the more pre-event advertising can be offered via promotional website, emails and more.

MS SPAN is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, funded by grants, individual donors, and sponsorships; contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Their EIN is 20-2938077.

To learn more, submit donations and purchase tickets visit: www.msspan.org/summer_spaytacular_2022.



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Mr. Philip A. Gregor	80y	Florence, MS	04/14/2022	Chancellor FH
Miss Charlotte "Charlee" McPherson	11wks	Florence, MS	04/15/2022	Chancellor FH
Mr. Larry Corley	77y	Florence, MS	04/19/2022	Chancellor FH
Mr. Ben Larry McCulley	77y	Florence, MS	04/20/2022	Chancellor FH
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New collaboration births "Rankin Soccer Club"

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The newly formed Rankin Soccer Club (RSC) is the result of three of the largest and most successful soccer organizations in Rankin County - Pearl Futbol Club, Florence Soccer and Brandon Futbol Club - coming together to increase the soccer experience for players in the Central Mississippi area.

Fundamentally, RSC will allow for greater opportunities for players, their families and coaches and will ensure more players continue playing soccer and develop skills at a much higher rate. The merger will take place for the fall of 2022.

All recreational programs will keep their respective community-based names, identities, brands and cultures while allowing the clubs to work closer with one another to improve programming, scheduling, organization and development. RSC will not disband teams or pull players off of teams that are currently already playing at Brandon Futbol

Club. They will take each situation case-by-case if a player wants to play in their local city. RSC plans to make the decisions that are best for each team and player.

From the U9 to U11 age groups, RSC plans to have at least one team in each location - Rankin Soccer Club Brandon, Rankin Soccer Club Florence, and Rankin Soccer Club Pearl.

At U12, the goal is to merge the teams into Rankin Soccer Club Premier, Rankin Soccer Club Elite, and Rankin Soccer Club Select. The location-based teams will train in their respective cities. For any merged teams, training will be decided based off the coach and dynamic of the team to help with travel and make it as convenient as possible for everyone involved.

Teams will train a minimum of

three times per week. There will be two sessions with their team coach. A third session will be held on Wednesday nights for all locations at Shiloh Park, called Small Sided Nights. Small Sided Nights will be an hour of playing 3v3 or 4v4 with other players of the same talent/skill level. These nights will be run by Assistant Director of Soccer Ousmane Coulibaly and other RSC staff coaches.

At U15, players will merge with other partnered clubs, MS Rush and MS Brilla, to go into the MS Rush United organization. For more information about MS Rush United, visit www.msrushunit.com.

Each club will be equally represented by the newly-formed RSC Board. Coaching staff will also con-

sist of coaches from each previous individual club.

Each team will have a licensed coach who is the best fit for the age group and gender. All staffing decisions will be made by the Rankin Soccer Club Directors.

Cost for membership is as follows: U9 is \$145 per month for a ten-month cycle; and U10-U14 is \$165 per month for a ten-month cycle. These fees include all tournament/league fees, coaching fees, administration fees, programming, etc. Financial assistance is available on an as-needed basis.

All tryouts will take place at Shiloh Park in Brandon, located at 105 Kennedy Farms Parkway in Brandon. Tryouts will be Monday, May 16, through Monday, May 23.

Tryout registration is available online at www.rankinclub.com by clicking the "tryouts" tabs. All registrations will be through Playmetrics.

Contact Executive Director Wesley Noble at 601-720-7641 for further information.



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Florence youth places in Easter Coloring Contest

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The Mississippi Egg Marketing Board announced the winners of its annual Easter Coloring Contest on Saturday, April 16, during the Easter festivities at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

The winner of eight- to nine-years-old division was Quinn Minor. Quinn, a student at Steens Creek Elementary in Florence, is the eight-year-old daughter of Dominique Smalley.

Entries were accepted one month prior to Easter, with the contest open to all Mississippi school children ages four- to nine-years-old. Nearly seventy-five Mississippi school children from around the state participated in the contest. The winner of each age division received a \$50 gift.



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Quinn Minor, a student at Steens Creek Elementary in Florence, won the 8-9 year division. Her art is pictured in the center.

Artwork submitted as part of the contest will be on display at the Mississippi Farmers Market, located at 929 High Street, Jackson, during the month of May, in recognition of National Egg Month.

PJHS students named 2022 Carson Scholars



Pictured (l to r) are: Jack Durr and Abby Grace Lewis.

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Two Pearl Junior High School (PJHS) students were recently recognized as Carson Scholars for 2022. Jack Durr, an eighth-grader, is a 2022 Recognized Carson Scholar. Durr was first named a Carson Scholar in 2021. Abby Grace Lewis, an eighth-grader, is a new Carson Scholar.

The Carson Scholars program awards students in grades four through twelve who have embraced high levels of academic excellence and community service with \$1,000 college scholarships. Carson Scholars are eligible for annual renewal of the award as long as they maintain high academic standards and a commitment to their communities.

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Richland Soccer Team honored at State Capitol



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The Richland High School (RHS) Soccer Team was recently recognized at the Mississippi Capitol for winning the state championship. Congressman Michael Guest was present when the team received the momentous recognition. The members of the 2022 Richland High School Soccer Team are: seniors, Ajari Fairley, Cameron Allison, Logan Bynum, Jacob Young, Jose Chavez-Gutierrez, Benji Hernandez, Chino Gerado Hernandez, Alex Mariano-Gregorio, Nathan Smith and Carson Rimes; juniors, Jose Arellano, Garrett Myers, Jameson Miller, Jeremy Thomas, Braden Clark and Michael Mendoza; sophomores, William Guevara, Garrett Burney, Noah Rayburn, Kevin Ragoyta, Orlando Zarazua and Jordan Jones; freshmen, Charles Williams, Gavin Myers, Abram Yates, Cooper Hammons, Harrison Rudd, Nolan Smith, Eric Zarazua, Noah Aldridge and William Boiling Jr; and Manager Yesi Baltazar-Diego.

Pearl Indoor Percussion takes second place in State Championship



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The Pearl Indoor Percussion placed second in the Mississippi Indoor Association State Championships, where they competed against twelve other schools. They went on to compete in the Winter Guard International Percussion World Championship on April 20, in Dayton, Ohio. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Hunter Grice, Merkeyia Wiltshire, Ayanna Lyons, Aubrey Gammill, Drew McAlpin, Julian Rivera, Ariel Watts and Rhett Cutliff; middle row: Jon Desposito, Austin Ward, CJ Wortham, Austin Legit, Catalina Owens, Dayon Livingston, Logan Malone, Aayanna Johnson and Gavin Runnels; and back row: Knox Rogers, Landon Hales, Zac Byrd, Patrick Pfister, Kaden Hollingsworth, Megan Reed, Nathan Jenkins, Derrion Bullock, Michael Brown and Noah Martin.



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RHS awards students for leadership

Each month, Richland High School (RHS) recognizes two students for exemplary performance in academics, leadership and service. The students are selected by teachers and announced to the student body.



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RHS Seniors Destiny Robertson and Nathan Smith were chosen for the February Leadership Award.



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RHS Seniors Calea Barrett and Brysten McGriggs were chosen as the recipients of the March Leadership Award.



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Seventh-graders Mary-Lynn Brannon and Isidro Vieyra were chosen for the January award.

RCSD offers multiple employment opportunities in SW Rankin

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The Rankin County School District (RCSD) recently announced employment opportunities within southwest Rankin.

RCSD requires that applications be submitted online by visiting www.rcsd.ms, then by clicking on the "employment" tab at the top right corner of the screen. All principals and district hiring managers use the platform to search, interview and hire applicants.

In order for an application to be considered, job seekers must obtain all the required supporting documents, including references and verification of previous employment.

All application responses are saved, allowing job seekers the opportunity to easily apply for additional positions in the future.

RCSD does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religion, color, national origin, age, or handicap.

Current employment opportunities in the the southwest Rankin area include: McLaurin Elementary School: assistant teacher, custodian, and elementary teacher; McLaurin High School: secondary teacher and bus driver; Richland Elementary: cafeteria worker and elementary special education teacher; Richland High School: secondary teacher, secondary teacher/coach and bus driver; Richland Upper Elementary School: assistant teacher/ARI para-professional special services and elementary teacher (gifted); and Steen's Creek Elementary School: custodian.

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Latest news from Florence JROTC Drill Team



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The Florence High School JROTC Drill Team recently competed in the RCSD Spring Drill Meet. The seniors, competing in their last competition, helped ensure a first-place overall finish. The cadets are now preparing for next year's season.



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Florence High School JROTC PT team recently competed in the RCSD Spring PT meet, placing first overall. Team One placed first in the events of the shuttle run, tire flips, one mile rope run, litter carry, and the ammo can relay. Team Two placed second in the events of ammo can relay, one mile rope run, litter carry, and tire flips. Team Three placed third in the one-mile rope run. They will continue to compete in the state competition at Germantown High School.



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The Florence High School JROTC Orienteering Team recently competed in a meet in Brandon Mississippi, where they took first-place overall.



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Members of Florence High School's JROTC battalion recently visited Columbus Air Force base to watch the Air Force Thunderbirds perform. The cadets also had the opportunity to see other aircraft and aerial demonstrations.



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The Florence High School JROTC PT team recently competed in the Regional meet at Ridgeland High school, where they placed first overall.



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During Florence High School's JROTC battalion to Columbus Air Force base, they participated in many STEM activities, such as a virtual reality pilot simulation and robotics, and had the opportunity to learn from professional pilots about the different options in the air force.

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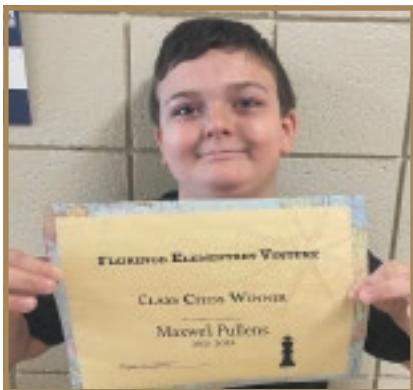


FES Venture Chess Champions honored

Florence Elementary School (FES) recently honored their students who placed at the Venture Chess Champions and Class Chess competition. The grade level champions were Ty Vincent, Korbyn Russum and Charlie Cavanaugh. These students went on to represent FES in the Rankin County School District Venture Chess Tournament.



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2021-2022 Florence Elementary Venture Class Champion Charlie Cavanaugh.



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2021-2022 Florence Elementary Venture Class Champion Winner Maxwell Pullens.



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2021-2022 Florence Elementary Venture Class Champion Winner Ty Vincent.



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Pictured (l to r) are 2021-2022 Florence Elementary Venture Class Champion Winners: Korbyn Russum, Sy Tucker and Marshall Kegley.



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Pictured (l to r) are 2021-2022 Florence Elementary Venture Class Champion Winners: Tate Stewart and Keller Patterson.

PJHS recognizes March Staff Member and Teacher of the Month



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Pearl Junior High School (PJHS) recently announced the teacher and staff member of the month for March. Nominations are open to all teachers and employees, and recipients are chosen based on various criteria. Pictured (l to r) are: Teacher of the Month Sarah Jane Hodges and Staff Member of the Month SRO Kyle Carmadelle.

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Richland High School salutes March Top Rangers



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The Top Ranger Award is given to Richland High School students who have shown exemplary behavior in and out of the classroom. Students receiving this award have been stand-out students and have continually worked hard at their coursework. The March 2022 Top Rangers pictured (l to r) are, front row: Destiny Lesh, Miley Clark, Maria Bartolome, Melanie Mosqueda and Miranda Benson; middle row: Chloe Owens, Brenna Sanford, Ciera Shepard, Rose Kieth, Samaria Thompson and Jacara Collier; and back row: Javian Bailey, Collin Knight, Caleb Brown, Joshua Jackson, Ryan Chambers, John Shedd and David Gardner.

Save the date: Richland Senior Center Arts and Crafts Show

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Richland Senior Center recently posted multiple images on social media of paintings created during their monthly art class. These unique works of art will be on display Tuesday, July 19, at the Richland Senior Center for their "Senior Arts and Craft Show."

Richland's Senior Services is designed for seniors ages fifty-five and over, and provides opportunities for

social interaction and physical activity. A wide variety of programming is offered, including game days, exercise programs, trips, dances and luncheons. Visit the Richland Senior Center Facebook page for latest news and updates, the monthly newsletter and calendar.

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Florence Middle announces March award winners



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FMS's sixth-grade March 2022 Student of the Month is Kayden Beard (right). He is pictured with FMS Head Principal Keith Reed (left).



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Florence Middle School's seventh-grade March 2022 Student of the Month is Kane Nelson (right). He is pictured with FMS Head Principal Reed (left).



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FMS's eighth-grade March 2022 Student of the Month is Victoria Brock (right). She is pictured with FMS Head Principal Reed (left).

MHS students honored at RCSD FFA Banquet



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McLaurin High School's Paisley Tew, Valerie Rodgers, Katie Culpepper, Marion Harvey, Chelsie Holifield, Chloe Morris, Trevor Mayberry and Addison Holifield were recently honored at the Rankin County School District Future Farmers of America Banquet.



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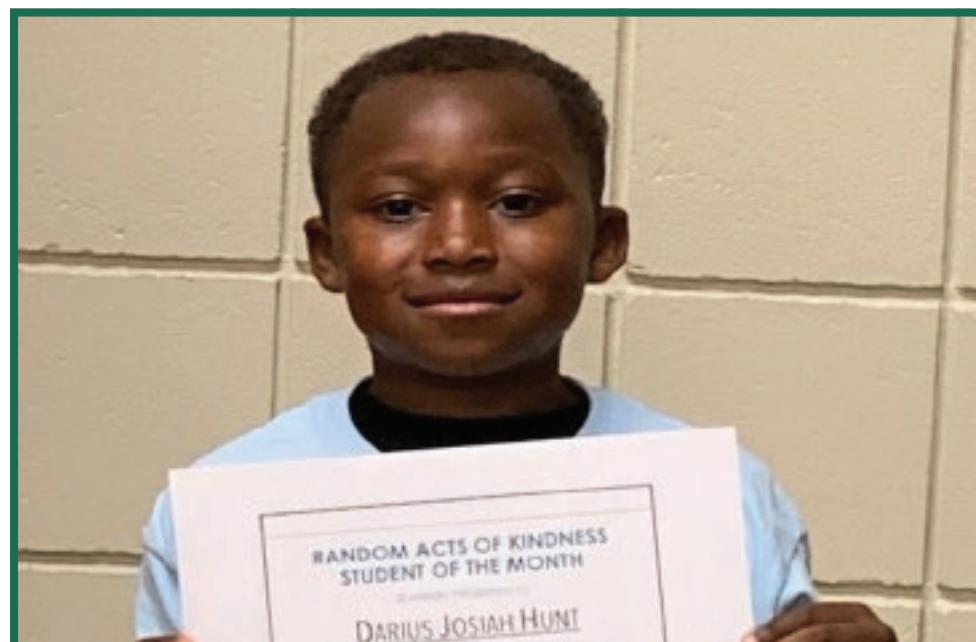
FMS's March 2022 Teacher of the Month is Nicole Greer. Pictured (l to r) are: FMS Assistant Principal Brock Sistrunk, Greer, FMS Assistant Principal Kelsey Williams and FMS Head Principal Reed.



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FMS's March 2022 Staff Member of the Month is Robert Higdon. Pictured (l to r) are: FMS Head Principal Reed, Higdon, FMS Assistant Principal Williams and FMS Assistant Principal Sistrunk.

McLaurin honors Hunt as Character Trait winner



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McLaurin Elementary School (MES) recognized student Darius Josiah Hunt as January's Character Trait Student of the Month. He was nominated for his demonstration of self-control.

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Florence's Big Red Band presents ensemble groups



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Recently, Florence Middle School's (FMS) Big Red Band presented the Big Red Brass and the Percussion Ensemble.



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Pictured (l to r) are: Robert Short, Zach Rideout, Jacob Ward, Belle Clark, Maddie Tucker, Trent Barnes and Westin Walker.



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Florence's Jaylon Taylor leads the Big Red Brass.



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Florence's Joshua Menard leads the Percussion Ensemble.

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