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Watson named SCOLT Mississippi teacher of the year

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Pelahatchie High School Spanish Teacher Kimberly Watson was named the Southern Conference on Language Teaching (SCOLT) Mississippi Teacher of the Year. Ms. Watson was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference on Language Teaching (SCOLT). Ms. Watson started her 4 year term of service at the close of the 2024 SCOLT Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Watson's session proposal, "Let Me Tell You: Tells of Reflection and Imagery," was also accepted for presentation at the annual conference.

She shared how she and her students have incorporated consistent weekly writing and discussion journal practices the past 4 years to develop classroom culture, SEL/personal goal development, build a community, integrate levels of Bloom's taxonomy, and support World Language instruction in working to build a World Language program.



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Kimberly Watson



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ERA Robotics wins state championship



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Congratulations to the East Rankin Robotics team for winning the 2024 FTC Mississippi Robotics State Championship held on March 8-9 on the campus of the University of Mississippi. The ERA robotics team, along with their alliance partners, defeated Hatfield Academy, Tupelo Middle School, and Lamar School in the final round of the state competition. During the competition, the team also set the state scoring record for the 2023-2024 season. Congratulations to team members Tyler Upton, Byrnes Fountain, Jackson Fountain, Audrey Hawk, Paige Mayatte, and Hudson Hawk.

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East Rankin cross country girls, Coach Hopper honored



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Congratulations to East Rankin Academy's head cross country coach, Coach David Hopper, who was named the 2023-2024 MAIS 5A Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year (COTY). This is the third consecutive COTY awarded to Coach Hopper as he has led a growing cross country program at East Rankin Academy to three consecutive MAIS 5A state titles.

The MAIS 5A State Championship cross country team was honored with a ring banquet on March 4th at The Vault in Brandon, MS. Seated, first row: Emily Williams (sophomore), Jewel Baker (6th), Audrey Mayatte (junior), Emma Raines (8th), Kate Bryant (7th), Jensen Baker (sophomore), Arin Hawk (sophomore). Second row: Coach David Hopper, Chandler Hunt (6th), Haley Headrick (7th), Rachel Smith (junior), Marlee Rakinic (junior), Katie Simpson (junior), Audrey Hawk (junior), Abby Raines (junior), Katie Lee Tadlock (junior), Lane Riemann (junior), Savannah Smithers (sophomore), Addison Vowell (sophomore), Lydia Collipp (junior), Kylee Holfield (junior), and Leah Collipp (freshman).



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Ward named RCSD Administrator of the month



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Congratulations to Mijia Ward who was selected as RCSD's Administrator of the Month. Some Pelahatchie Elementary students hand painted rocks for her today because she rocks. We appreciate her dedication to the staff and students of Pelahatchie Elementary.

Celebrating Spring at PHS: Leveling Up Athletically and Academically



By Guest Columnist
Voncille Anderson, Principal,
Pelahatchie High School

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As the days grow longer and the air fills with warmth, our school is abuzz with the excitement of spring. From outdoor sports to academic commitments, this season offers an array of activities that cater to the interests and passions of every student.

One of the most anticipated aspects of spring in our school is the resurgence of outdoor sports. From the crack of the bat on the baseball diamond to the precision of archery and the strategic gameplay of esports, every student has an opportunity to participate and excel. Softball and track join the lineup of spring sports, offering athletes the chance to showcase their skills on the field while fostering teamwork and sportsmanship.

In addition to traditional sports, spring also welcomes the thrill of bass fishing. As students cast their lines into the tranquil waters, they immerse themselves in nature and the pursuit of the elusive bass. Bass fishing not only provides a recreational outlet but also teaches valuable

lessons in patience, perseverance, and environmental stewardship.

Amid the excitement of sports and outdoor activities, however, it's essential not to overlook the academic commitments that come with the season. As students gear up for end-of-year assessments and standardized testing, it's crucial to remind them of the importance of preparation and self-care. Encouraging students to prioritize a good night's rest can significantly impact their performance on exams. Adequate sleep not only improves cognitive function but also enhances memory retention, critical for success in testing situations.

To further support students during this time, here are some tips for navigating the testing season:

- 1. Start Early:** Encourage students to begin studying and reviewing material well in advance of their exams. Cramming at the last minute can lead to stress and decreased performance.
- 2. Create a Study Plan:** Help students create a study schedule that breaks down their studying into manageable chunks.



This approach can make studying feel less overwhelming and more achievable.

- 3. Practice Mindfulness:** Teach students relaxation techniques such as deep breathing or meditation to help alleviate test anxiety. Remind them to take breaks and engage in activities they enjoy to maintain a healthy balance.

4. Stay Organized: Encourage students to keep track of important dates and deadlines for exams. Having a clear understanding of what needs to be done and when can reduce stress and promote better time management.

5. Seek Support: Let students know that it's okay to ask for help if they're struggling with a particular subject or concept. Whether it's reaching out to teachers, peers, or utilizing resources like tutoring services, support is available. Several teachers offer after school tutoring sessions to assist students.

6. Eat Well Balanced Meals: Make sure students are eating proper meals. Breakfast is especially important when sitting in a testing room for several hours. A glass of milk, a sausage biscuit, or some fruit will help energize the brain and provide stamina for the task at hand.

By celebrating the diversity of spring activities in our school, we can create a well-rounded and enriching experience for all students. Let us embrace the spirit of spring, fostering a culture of growth, achievement, and camaraderie within our school community.

Go Chiefs! Level Up!

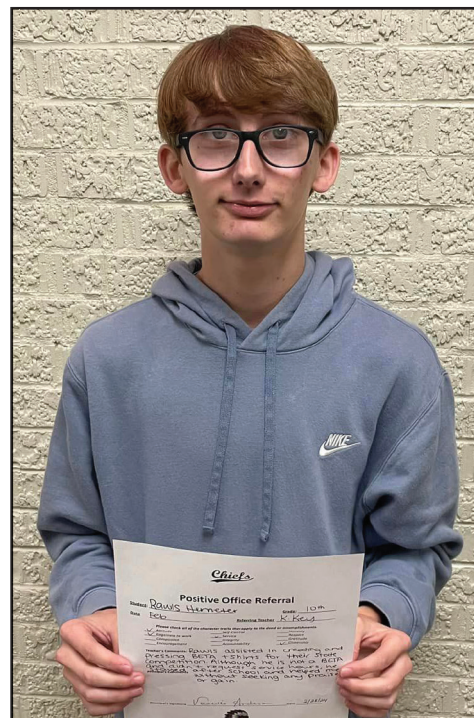
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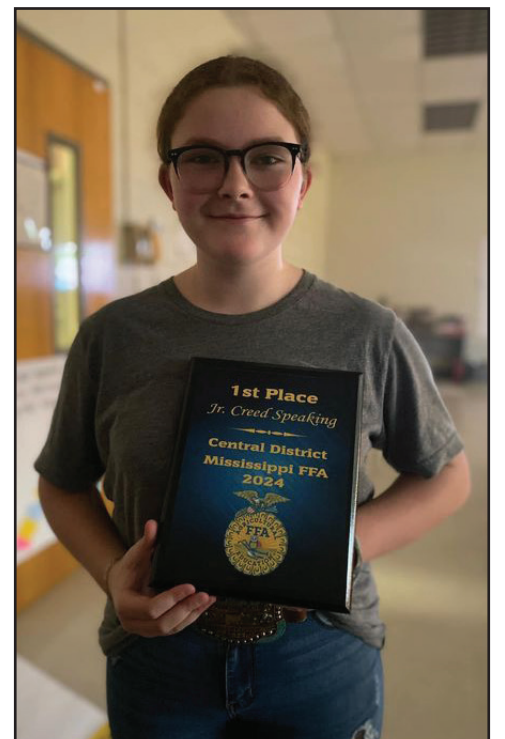
Hemeter receives award for service



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PHS started Spring Break by awarding a Positive Office Referral to Rawls Hemeter. Rawls gives so much to many of the athletic teams as well as clubs and organizations around campus. He willingly gave many after school hours with zero expectations of service hours or recognition. He also volunteers numerous hours taking pictures at sporting events when he is not videoing as manager of basketball teams. Thank you Rawls for being a leader in the classroom, school, and community.

PHS, PES FFA advance to state



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Bailey Joy Key won first place in Jr. Creed Speaking today at the FFA Central District competition. She will compete in April at the State level. Also, congratulations to all our teams that advanced to State Competition: Bailey Joy Key- 1st Place Jr Creed; KatieBelle Herrington - 2nd Place National Creed; Alice Lopez - 2nd Place Senior Creed; Jr. Opening and Closing - 2nd Place; Sr Opening and Closing - 3rd Place; Arc Welding - 2nd Place.

Kindergarten classes visit Mr. Bob at high school greenhouse



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Our kindergarten classes visited Mr. Bob and the high school greenhouse this week. He explained the planting process and how the high school students planted each plant they have. We are so thankful for opportunities to learn from our tribe!

Wunderlich Joins Board Of PriorityOne Bank Directors

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PriorityOne Bank proudly announces the addition of Blair Wunderlich to its current Board of Directors.

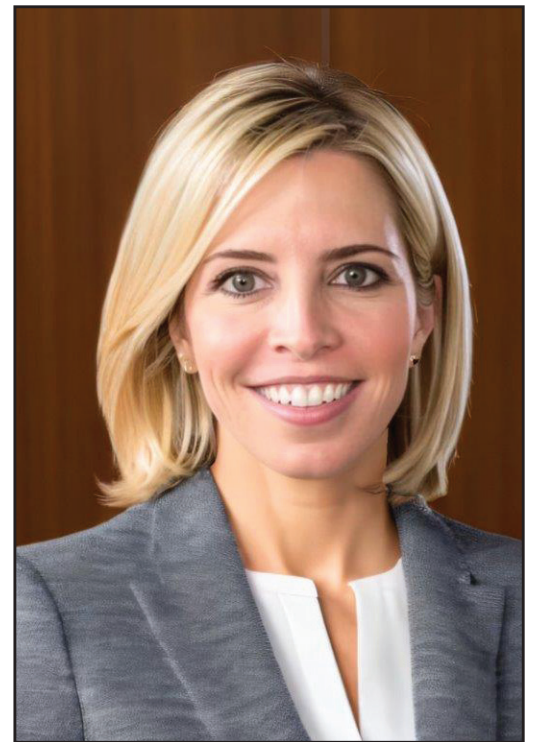
Blair is a native of Jackson, MS. She attended St. Andrew's Episcopal School and went on to attend St. John's College in Sante Fe, NM where she graduated in 2006. She received her master's in art history from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London.

Blair Wunderlich currently works at Risk Strategies, a leading national specialty brokerage and consulting firm. Blair brings 15 years of fine art insurance expertise to her role. As a Risk Advisor, Blair provides guidance on complex risks such as insuring museums, university and municipal collections, corporate collections.

Previously, Blair worked as a broker at Aon where she focused on risk management for institutional clients. While at Aon, Wunderlich advised museums, foundations, corporate collections, galleries, and high net worth clients. In addition, she developed new policy coverage targeting emerging private collectors and developed a focus on cyber risks.

She was recently named to the 2023 Power Broker list by Risk & Insurance, which recognizes insurance brokers who stand out amongst their peers in industry knowledge, problem solving skills and exceptional client service. She has been named Power Broker in 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023.

Upon welcoming Blair Wunderlich to the Board of Directors, Robbie Barnes, President, and CEO of Pri-



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Payton Sanders

orityOne Bank, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We are thrilled to welcome Blair to our Board of Directors. Her exceptional track record, diverse expertise, and family legacy with PriorityOne Bank make her a valuable addition to our team."

Blair enjoys the outdoors and spending her summer in Taylor, MS with her two daughters. She and her husband Ben Wunderlich, are based in Washington DC and have a second home in Taylor, MS.

PriorityOne Bank, based in Magee, Mississippi, operates seventeen offices in thirteen Mississippi communities: Collins, Seminary, Sumrall, Hattiesburg, Purvis, Magee, Mendenhall, Richland, Brandon, Flowood, Ridgeland, Gluckstadt, Pelahatchie, and Morton. The bank has assets of approximately \$1.1 Billion.

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ERA relay teams break records Pelahatchie Library March Events



The ERA 4x800 boys team recently placed 3rd at the MRA Invitational with a time of 9:08.42. The biggest news is that time broke an East Rankin Academy record of 9:09 set in 1988. They also locked down the No. 1 ranked spot in MAIS 5A...and the oldest member on the team is a sophomore.



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Also, the 4x200 girls team recently broke an ERA record set in 2010. The 2010 mark of 1:52.50 was broken by fractions down to 1:52.26. Team members included Leah Collipp, Katie Simpson, Lydia Collipp and Emily Williams.

PHS Coach Nutt 2024 All-Star

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Congratulations to Coach Tip Nutt, who was chosen as one of the All-Star Baseball Coaches for the 2024 D.M. Howie Mississippi High School All-Star Baseball Games! PHS is so proud of all you invest and do for the students and baseball program. Your efforts to go above and beyond are evident in the character of your players and the presentation of your facilities.

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PHS concert band all-superior rating at state evaluation

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Congratulations to the all-superior Pelahatchie High School Concert Band! The band received straight superiors on stage and in sight reading today to achieve the program's first ever all-superior performance in concert State Evaluation. We are so proud of our students for their hard work this year.



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East Rankin's Sartin, Thompson serve as pages for MS Senate



Walker Clark Sartin of Pelahatchie recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Walker is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, and Senator Brian Rhodes, who sponsored his visit. Walker is the son of Katie and Brendan Sartin and attends East Rankin Academy. When asked about the week, Walker said, "I've enjoyed getting to see how our Capitol is ran. It's a very interesting process. I have enjoyed getting to spend time with my senator, Mr. Brian Rhodes. Overall, it's a cool and very fun experience."



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Cole Bradley Thompson of Pelahatchie recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Cole is pictured with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, and Senator Brian Rhodes, who sponsored his visit. Cole is the son of Chad and Jessica Thompson and attends East Rankin Academy. When asked about the week, Cole said, "One of my favorite parts of being a Junior Page was getting to know all of the other pages. Even though we've only been with each other for a week. I feel we've grown closer together more than most friends. I would definitely recommend to anyone to become a junior page."

PHS boys powerlifting team moving up to 2A state meet



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Congratulations to these Pelahatchie Chiefs for moving on to the State Boys Powerlifting 2A South State meet. Results from Boys Powerlifting 2A South State: Roshea McCoy - 3rd place, 148 weight class; Korbin Boydston - 2A South State Champion, 181 weight class; Damarion Snow - 3rd place, 220 weight class.

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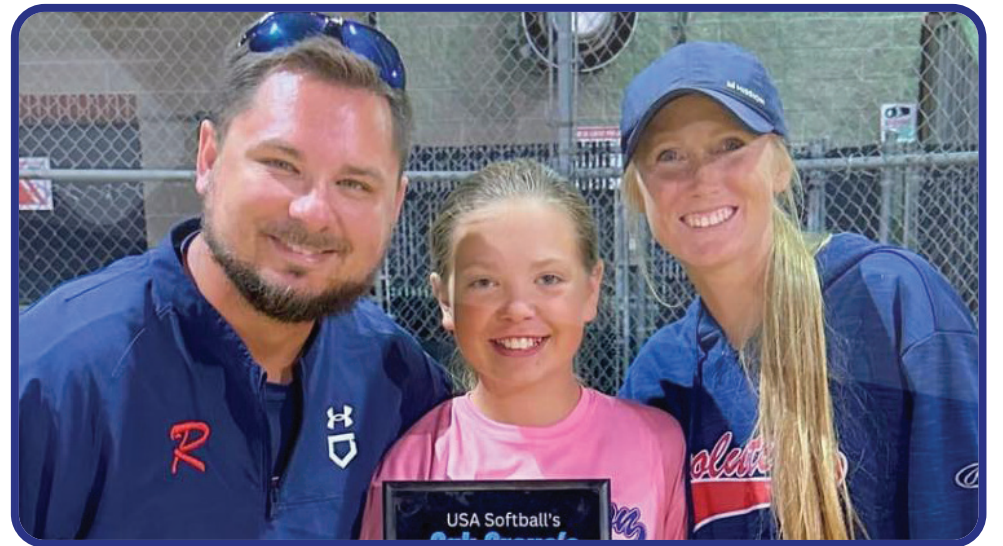
PHS girls powerlifting wins 2A



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Congratulations to the 2024 2A South State Girls Powerlifting Champions! Individual results in their respective class: Idaja Beemon, 1st place; Leighanna Merritt, 4th place; Lela Jordan, 2nd place; Melanie Ball, 2nd place; Alice Lopez, 3rd place; Jaleah Ford, 1st place; Erin Winder, 1st place. Thanks to their amazing coaches (Coach Corley and Coach Pittman) on working with these girls to make it to this point, and as they now prepare for state competition.

Baldwin new East Rankin fastpitch assistant coach



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Coach Baldwin played fastpitch, basketball, and track at Kirk Academy. She was an MAIS All-Star and All-District performer in both fastpitch and basketball along with winning state multiple times in track.

She's a former assistant fastpitch and basketball coach at Kirk Academy and

is currently the director of a non-profit christian organization called Revolution Athletics where she's the head coach of the I2U travel team and the I4U travel/showcase team, as well as a full-time registered nurse.

Allye and her husband Andrew have been married for 7 years and have one daughter, Natalie (11). They attend Pinelake church, Reservoir campus.



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Pelahatchie JROTC provides color guard for opening ceremony



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JROTC cadets Cameron Henley, Remington Hopson, Savannah Carlino and Madeline McFadden recently provided the color guard to the opening ceremony of the Alabama/Mississippi All-Star basketball game. It was held at Mississippi College on Saturday, March 9th.

Sanders, Watson PHS Star Student and Teacher 2023-24

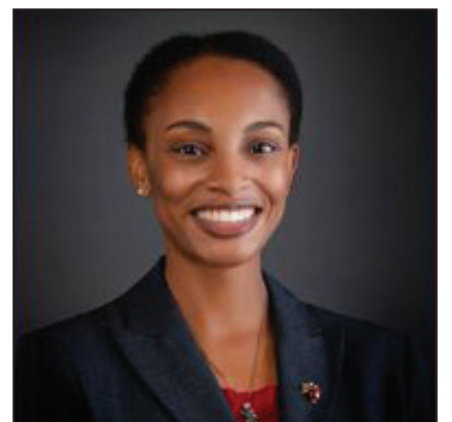
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Payton Sanders has been named STAR Student for the 2023-2024 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC) Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program. The program will be held April 4, 2024, at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl, MS. The theme for the event is "Pathways to Success." This year will mark the 59th Anniversary of the STAR program. Established by the Mississippi Economic Council in 1965, the purpose of the STAR program is to recognize outstanding students; teachers in Mississippi through its Education Celebration.

The Pelahatchie High School senior will be listed with the 2024 STAR Students and STAR Teachers. Star Students are selected on the basis of academic excellence. Both American College Test scores and scholastic averages are compared to determine the school's STAR Student, explained Vickie Powell of Jackson, Senior Vice President of Foundations. "The STAR program encourages and promotes academic achievement among Mississippi's high school seniors," she said. Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement. Ms. Kimberly Watson was designated as STAR Teacher.



Payton Sanders



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Kimberly Watson

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Home vegetable gardens “What to plant” for Spring



By Doug Carter, Rankin County Extension Agent

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We sometimes get questions about what to plant in home vegetable gardens. While Mississippi’s climate is not suitable for all fruits and vegetables, we can easily grow a tremendous assortment. Growing a garden in Mississippi can be highly rewarding. Gardeners can enjoy the freshest produce ripened in their own garden. Sometimes only minutes elapse between harvest, preparation, and consumption. Even if you don’t consume the food on the day of the harvest, it typically last longer in storage than store-bought produce. Additionally, gardeners have more variety available to them and are not limited to what is stocked at the stores.

Once a person decides what to plant, they should consider how much to plant. The decision is based on the number of days required for a plant to reach maturity or when it can be harvested. It also depends on how much of each vegetable your family can eat, and the amount of garden space you have. Some vegetables take a lot of garden space and a



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long time before they can be harvested and others are planted and harvested in short time, producing abundantly in a small space.

Most melons, pumpkins, vining types of squash, and sweet potatoes take several months to mature and take up a considerable amount of garden space. Typically, they are harvested over a short period of time, but the produce has a long shelf

life. Most okra, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and pole beans also grow for several months in a garden, but they typically can be harvested continuously. Sweet corn takes a considerable amount of space, but many feel it is well worth it to be able to enjoy the incredible sweetness of freshly harvested corn. For gardeners with limited space, please consider planting smaller vegetables: bush, snap, and lima beans; leafy green vegetables like spinach, mustard, collards, and turnips; green onions, tomatoes, sweet peppers, and eggplant. As space permits, add broccoli, cabbage, hot peppers, okra, summer squash, southern peas, and pole beans.

Vegetables grown for their fruits or seeds, such as sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, beans, and peas, should be planted in the sunniest spots. Vegetables grown for their leaves or roots, such as beets, cabbage, lettuce, mustard, spinach, and turnips, can grow in partial shade, though they perform better in direct sunlight.

Source: “Mississippi Vegetable Gardener’s Guide”, Mississippi State University, Extension Service, Publication, 3616

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East Rankin students place at Hinds CC Literary Festival




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The following students were recognized on March 22, for their award-winning essays and short stories in the Hinds Community College Rankin Campus Literary Festival. From left to right, Charity Johnston, 3rd Place Short Story; Lydia Collipp, Honorable Mention Short Story; Lane Riemann, Honorable Mention Short Story; Audrey Hawk, 2nd Place Short Story; Copper Lytton, 3rd Place Essay; and Abram Rowell (not pictured), Honorable Mention Essay.

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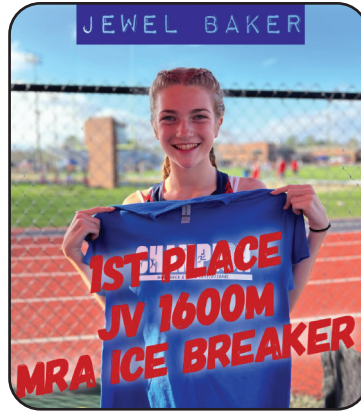
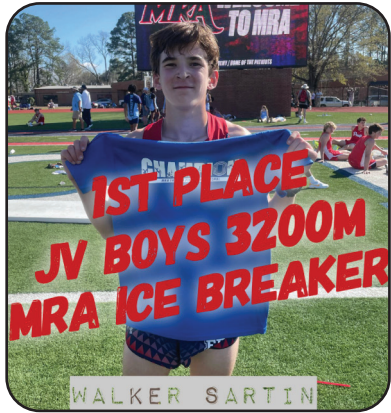
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Pastor's Perspective: "Bloom Where You are Planted"



By Guest Columnist, Spencer Sullivan, Pastor, Pelahatchie Baptist

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There is no question that Spring is here! I love this time of year for several reasons. One reason is that Resurrection Sunday (Easter) is just over a week away (at the time of this writing)! Of course, we can certainly celebrate King Jesus' resurrection every day, but clearly there is an extra emphasis on this specific Sunday each year. In addition, baseball is back! High school and college teams started weeks ago and MLB Opening Day is next week! Who agrees with me that it should be a national holiday? And finally, while we still have those annoying cold spells for a couple of days, largely the cold weather is gone (praise God!) and has transitioned to warmer temperatures with lots and lots of rain. With lots and lots of rain, that also means new growth. The sunny Spring days are often paired with the sound of lawn mowers and the scents of freshly cut grass. The lovely smells of Spring also include freshly grown flowers. Personally, I've never been much of a gardener, but I do appreciate the sights and smells that beautiful spring flowers bring.

Blooming flowers also remind me of a specific passage in the Bible found in Jeremiah 29. This chapter is the home of a very familiar verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a



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hope." While this is a beautiful verse with a beautiful promise, it is often quoted without an understanding of the context in which it was written. The people of God were in exile in Babylon. They had disobeyed their merciful and longsuffering God countless times and they had been warned concerning this punishment if they did not repent and turn from their sin. Now they found themselves in captivity in a foreign land. Just before the famous Jeremiah 29:11, God had another message for His people for this season of captivity that would last 70 years. He said this in verses 4-7: "Thus

says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." I believe there is an important message for us in these verses.

God is sovereign and means for us to be where we are. Your situation may be exactly what you want it to be or it could be nothing close to what you want it to be. Regardless, God means for you to be where you are and He has a good plan and purpose for this season, even if that's hard to see. The people of God's disobedience resulted in their exile, but God still had a plan and purpose for them during that season. And He told them to bloom where He now had them planted. What does that mean for us today? Whether your situation is exactly the way you want it to be or miles away, embrace wherever God has you today and believe that He has a good plan and purpose for your life. Press into Him and seek to obey His Word. Live in obedience to Him wherever He has you. Seek the welfare of the city where He has you planted and pray to Him on its behalf. Trust that He means for you to be where you are and that His plans for you include a future and a hope. Bloom where He has planted you!



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Chiefs win 2024 MHSAA Archery South State Class 1A



The PHS Chiefs Archery Team are the 2024 MHSAA Archery South State Class 1A Champions. The Team's total score was a school record of 3225. Highest male shooter was Lawton 281. Highest Female was Kiersten 278. (*)

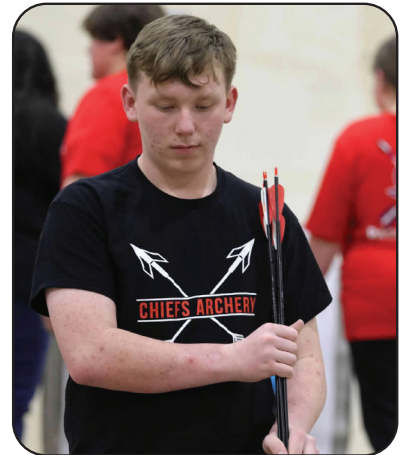
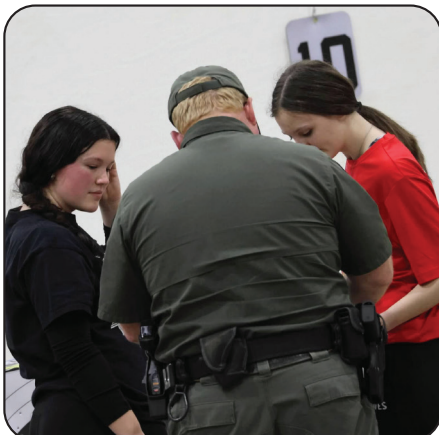


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Mississippi Capitol honors East Rankin Athletics



The Mississippi Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, honored the East Rankin Academy "Lady Patriots" basketball team and coach Brooke Rhodes with presentation of Senate Resolution 57, for winning the 2024 MAIS overall tournament championship on February 29, 2024, with a 41-39 victory over 2023 overall champion Madison-Ridgeland Academy. The 2024 East Rankin Academy "Lady Patriots" roster is: Addison Brown, Presley Thompson, Holly Jackson, Hannah Jackson, Addison Derrick, Ansley Miller, Liz Stevens, Elizabeth Thrash, Hayden Faulkner, Krissi Joe Simmons, Brynlee Davis, and Audrey Brown; Head Coach Brooke Rhodes; and Assistant Coaches Keith Rhodes and Austin Banes. Standing with the team from left are: Senate President Pro Tempore Dean Kirby, Representative Celeste Hurst, and (right), Senator Brian Rhodes and Senator Tyler McCaughn.



The Mississippi Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, honored the East Rankin Academy "Lady Patriots," girls cross country team and Coach David Hopper with presentation of Senate Resolution 56, for winning their third consecutive MAIS Class 5A State Championship. The championship team roster is Jewel Baker, Chandler Hunt, Haley Headrick, Kate Bryant, Emma Raines, Leah Collipp, Emily Williams, Jensen Baker, Arin Hawk, Savannah Smithers, Audrey Mayatte, Rachel Smith, Lydia Collipp, Audrey Hawk, Marlee Rakinic, Kylee Holifield, Katie Simpson, Lane Riemann, Addison Vowell, Abby Raines, and Katie Lee Tadlock, and Coach David Hopper. Standing with the team are: (left), Senate President Pro Tempore Dean Kirby, Representative Celeste Hurst, and (right), Senator Brian Rhodes and Senator Tyler McCaughn.



The East Rankin Academy "Lady Patriots" basketball team and coach Brooke Rhodes, girls' cross-country team and Coach David Hopper, and the school's Shooting Sports Team and Coach Vince Bynum, gathered for a group photo outside the Capitol on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, after being honored by the Mississippi Senate.



The Mississippi Senate on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, honored the East Rankin Academy Shooting Sports Team and Coach Vince Bynum with presentation of Senate Resolution 55, for winning their fifth consecutive Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Program State Championship. Team members are standing with (from left), Senate Pro Tempore Dean Kirby, and (right), Senator Brian Rhodes and Senator Tyler McCaughn. The qualifying division winners in the 2024 MSSP Championship held on March 2, 2024, are: See article on page 9.



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