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## Pelahatchie Ends Dry Spell: Liquor Ordinance Approved



Special to Pelahatchie News

By Shaun McInnish, Sr.,  
City Beat Writer, Pelahatchie News

Pelahatchie is stepping into a new chapter as it becomes the latest town in Rankin County to open its doors to liquor stores. In a decision that has been brewing for more than two years, the Pelahatchie Board of Aldermen voted 4-1 to approve an ordinance allowing liquor stores within city limits. This move brings Pelahatchie in line with its neighboring communities and aims to keep both residents and revenue local.

The ordinance, which was not initially on the monthly meeting agenda, surfaced at the end of the town board meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and passed after a brief but decisive vote. While most board members favored the change, Alderwoman Sandra Harvey remained opposed.

Mayor Karl VanHorn stated at the board meeting that anyone interested in opening a liquor store in Pelahatchie's city limits could find all the information they needed in the ordinance itself. He stated that if anyone is interested in opening a liquor store in the Pelahatchie city limits, they will have to both apply through the state of Mississippi for a liquor license and the Pelahatchie Board of Alderman for a business license and for location approval.

The ordinance does contain strict zoning regulations that limit where liquor stores can be placed. No corner stores, grocery stores, or gas stations will see alcohol sales; only standalone buildings will be allowed to sell spirits.

This development comes in response to residents' growing demand for local



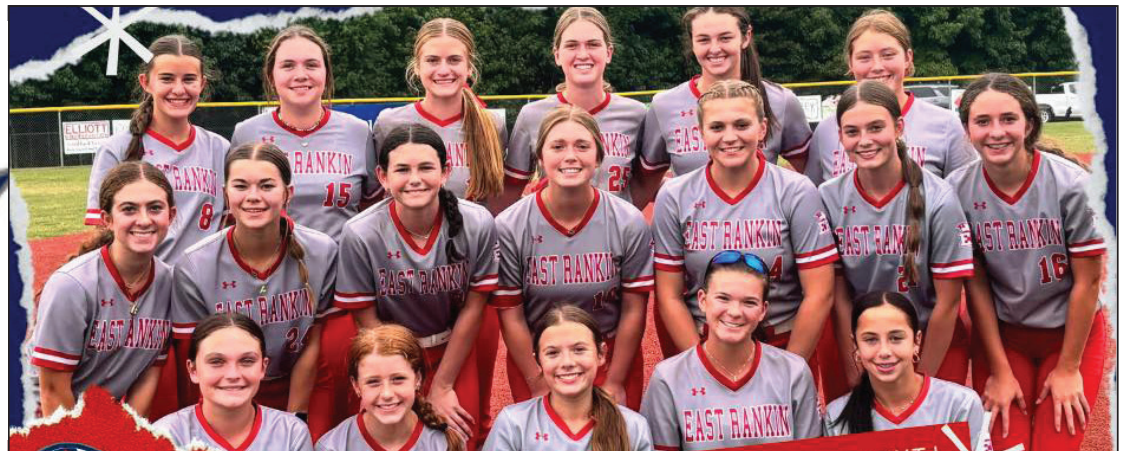
access to alcohol. For years, many had traveled to nearby towns like Jackson, Brandon, and Flowood to make their purchases. With the new ordinance, the town hopes to capture this lost business, keeping dollars spent on liquor within Pelahatchie's borders. The ordinance also puts the town on the map as a destination for future businesses interested in setting up shop, with all necessary licenses and approvals handled by both the state and local authorities.

The approval of Pelahatchie's liquor ordinance brings both advantages and

challenges. On the positive side, local businesses stand to benefit as residents will no longer need to travel out of town to purchase alcohol. This keeps revenue circulating within the community, potentially boosting the local economy. Moreover, the ordinance's strict zoning regulations ensure that liquor stores are controlled and strategically located, preventing over-saturation in residential areas or near schools. On the downside, however, some residents may be concerned about the possible social effects, including an increase in alcohol-related issues such as public disturbances or impaired driving.

As Pelahatchie prepares for this next step, the hope is that the town will benefit from both the economic boost and the convenience it offers its residents. Whether this change brings more prosperity or presents unforeseen challenges, one thing is clear—Pelahatchie is ready to raise a glass to its future.

## ERA softball girls three time district champions



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## Pelahatchie HS Launches New “Flex Block” Program for 7-12 Graders

By Kessie Key, Computer Science Instructor  
Pelahatchie High School

After more than a year of planning and strategizing, Pelahatchie High School (PHS) has fully implemented a new feature in the school day that is already garnering excitement from students and staff alike—Flex Block. Designed for students in grades 7-12, this flexible time is revolutionizing how the school provides personalized education, academic support, and enrichment opportunities.

But what exactly is Flex Block? Simply put, it’s a designated portion of the school day that allows students to tailor their learning experience to their individual needs and interests. Whether it’s extra academic support, exploring a hobby, or diving into something new, Flex Block gives students a unique opportunity to make the most of their time at school.

At PHS, Flex Block offerings are as diverse as they are engaging.



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Students can choose from activities such as baking biscuits, learning to play pickleball, or even discovering how to register for a boating license. Those with a passion for movement can take up salsa dancing, while others may use their time to boost school spirit and assist with spirit signs and pep rally tasks. During flex time, there is a place for everyone.

**A New Era of Personalized Learning:** The primary goal of Flex Block is to offer students per-

sonalized education. “Flex Blocks allow students to get what they need, when they need it,” said Ms. Voncille Anderson, principal of PHS. “Whether they’re excelling in class and looking for enrichment oppor-



tunities or needing extra support to stay on track, this program helps us meet students where they are.”

Flex Blocks aren’t just about academics either. They’re an opportunity for students to receive social-emotional support and take a

break from the usual routine to focus on activities they genuinely enjoy. “It’s been a great way to help students balance their school day,” Ms. Key added. “They can take a breather and re-energize, which has made a big difference in how they approach the rest of the day.”

**The Impact on Students:** For students at PHS, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. “It’s nice to have a break in the day where I can do something fun that is of interest to me,” said one student. “I signed up for Ms. Herrington’s cooking class, and it’s something I now tell my friends to sign up for every week!”

As Flex Block continues to take shape at Pelahatchie High School, the administration and staff are eager to see how this innovative feature will enhance student success both inside and outside the classroom. By offering personalized education, support, and enrichment, PHS is ensuring that every student can thrive.



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## The importance of preharvest interval and pesticide use



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Pelahatchie News

By Doug Carter, Rankin  
County Extension Agent

Before using any pesticide on any edible crop, one of the most important things you need to know is the preharvest interval or PHI. This is how long you need to wait after you spray the crop before you can harvest the crop. If the product is labeled for use on an edible crop, this information is stated on the product label. For some products on some crops the wait is very short—spray up to the day of harvest. For other products on other crops the wait can be as much as 21 days, or even longer.

The PHI’s for a given product can be different for different crops. It depends on what crop is being sprayed. For example, Hi-Yield Indoor/Outdoor Broad Use insecticide (permethrin) has a 0-day PHI on tomatoes, 1-day PHI on lettuce, 3-Day PHI on peppers, 7-day PHI on potatoes, and a 14 day PHI on blueberries.

A lot of times Zeta-Cypermethrin is a good choice for a home garden



Photo courtesy of Mississippi State University Extension Service

insecticide because it controls most major garden insects, and it has a 1-day PHI on most garden vegetables. Bifenthrin may be a bit more effective on some pests, but it has a 7-day PHI on peppers and a 3-day PHI on squash. If you have leaf footed bugs feeding on the tomatoes and peppers and squash bugs on the zucchini, it is helpful to know you can spray them all at the same time and be able to pick all three crops at the same time or a day or two later.

However, there are some pests, such as aphids, spider mites, and whiteflies, that zeta-cypermethrin will not control. Also, there are some crops, such as onions and sweet corn, for which the PHI for zeta-cypermethrin is longer than one day. Always be sure to check the label before you spray.

*Source: Bug’s Eye View, “Preharvest interval PHI”, Mississippi State University Extension, Mississippi State University.*




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**FRI OCT 4, 2024 - GYM FLOOR MAINTENANCE  
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**FRI OCT 18, 2024 - 7:00PM FOOTBALL VS PISGAH**

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**MON OCT 28, 2024 - JH BASKETBALL VS ST. ANDREWS**

**TUE OCT 29, 2024 - JH BASKETBALL VS RALEIGH**

**THU OCT 31, 2024 - 7:00PM FOOTBALL VS RALEIGH  
(SENIOR NIGHT)**

# Pelahatchie HS Band participates in MSU Marching Honor Clinic

Many PHS band students participated in the recent MSU Marching Honor Band Clinic. The students got the chance to learn a quick song to perform on the field at MSU with the Famous Maroon Band at halftime. The school is so proud of them for getting out of their comfort zone to experience such a fun event.



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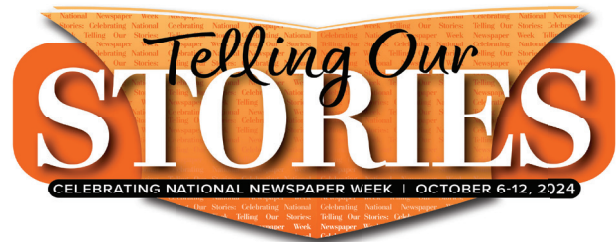


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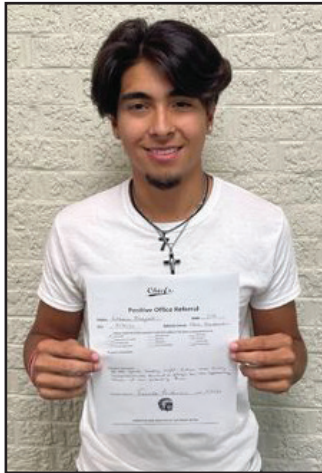
# Carnley places in Little Rock tourney



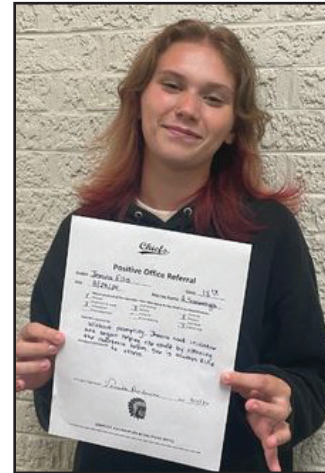
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On September 21, Paxton Carnley a student at Fusion Martial Arts participated in a tournament in Little Rock, AR. Out of his group he received the following awards: 1st place in Stick Sparring, and 3rd place in Traditional Forms and Weapons Forms. Paxton worked very hard getting ready for this tournament and everyone at Fusion Martial Arts is very proud of his dedication and great attitude.

# PHS student positive office referrals

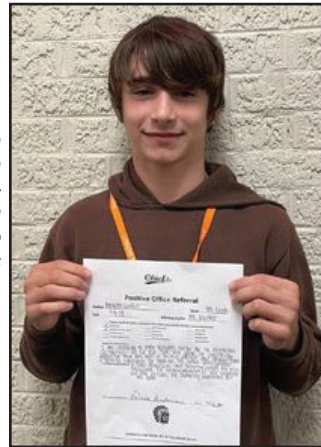


*Congratulations to Ethan Haggood for his outstanding character to Stringer athletes following the game Friday night. Mrs. Anderson witnessed Ethan's compassionate behavior from a distance and recognized the power in his actions. Thank you Ethan for showing your teammates and classmates what the Chief character looks like.*



*Congratulations to Jessica Ellis on having a positive office referral for her willingness to stand out amongst her peers by taking it upon herself to help the staff clean the cafeteria each day once she finishes eating. Thank you for representing the heart of our Tribe so well.*

*Congratulations to Brayden Griffin for his excellent efforts in bringing a positive and engaging personality to the classroom environment. His willingness to speak up and stand out makes him stand up amongst his peers. You represent us well Brayden.*



*Congratulations Layne Tucker on your recognition of your outstanding character. Layne saw a classmate's wallet on the ground and promptly turned it in to the first adult he encountered. His integrity and honesty did not go unnoticed by his peers and teachers. Thank you Layne for having the character traits that represent a true Chief at heart.*



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## City Beat: Mayor, Alderman meeting for September 23, 2024



By Shaun McInnish, Sr., City Beat  
Writer, Pelahatchie News

The Pelahatchie Mayor and Board of Aldermen held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl VanHorn called the meeting to order, with Alderman Eddie Jones

leading the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present, including Alderwoman Diane Hill, Alderwoman Sandra Harvey, Alderwoman Margie Warren, Alderman Eddie Jones, and Alderman James Harrell.

### Residents and Visitors' Business:

Although Burt Dupree of Heslep Street was scheduled to speak, he did not attend the meeting.

### Department Discussions:

Reports from the Police, Maintenance, Clerk, and Zoning departments were briefly mentioned, but there were no major updates. The police chief was not present for the meeting.

### New Business:

1. Approval of the minutes from the August 5, 2024, regular board meeting. Alderwoman Warren made a motion to approve. Alderman Jones seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

2. Approval of the minutes from a special board

meeting held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. (Editor's Note: At this special meeting, the board granted St. Luke's Church a conditional use permit, allowing them to expand their property with the addition of a new cemetery and approved the town's 2024 budget. The budget is now available for public viewing at both Pelahatchie City Hall and the Pelahatchie Police Department). Alder-



man Jones made a motion to approve, and Alderwoman Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

3. Approval of the unpaid claims docket. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve, and Alderwoman Warren seconded the motion. All voted aye, except Alderwomen Harvey and Hill. The motion passed, 3-2.

4. Approval of a \$989.20 payment to Morgan and White Insurance. Alderwoman Warren made a motion to approve, and Alderwoman Hill seconded

the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

5. Approval of an \$8,017.57 payment to Blue Cross Insurance. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve, and Alderwoman Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

6. Approval of a \$6,536.27 payment to EMC Insurance for the town's property coverage. Alderwoman Warren made a motion to approve, and Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

7. Approval and ratification of the August 2024 payroll, including \$63,603.29 from the General Fund and \$24,664.98 from the Enterprise Fund. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve, and Alderwoman Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2.

### Liquor Ordinance:

Mayor VanHorn asked for a motion to amend the meeting agenda to allow for the board to vote on an ordinance that would allow liquor sales in the town of Pelahatchie. Alderman Jones then made a motion to allow amendment of the meeting agenda, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Warren. The ordinance was then voted on and passed 4-1, with Alderwoman Harvey being the only opposing vote. In the ordinance, Mayor VanHorn said that special zoning rules will apply to the town's new liquor ordinance, limiting where liquor stores can

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# ERA Lady Patriots take MC Opener



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Lady Patriots take 1st Place in the Mississippi College The Opener. Top finishers Jewel Baker (6th) & Audrey Mayatte (7th) came out on top of 37 of the best teams in the state.



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<p>WEEK FOUR October 18-20</p>	<p>EVERY SATURDAY CONSISTS OF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-TRICK OR TREATING</li> <li>-COSTUMES, SITES, AND GOLF CARTS</li> <li>-DECORATING CONTEST</li> <li>-MAGIC PUMPKIN SEED PATCH</li> <li>-LOADS OF MORE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES</li> <li>-WATER AREA <u>WILL</u> BE OPEN</li> <li>-AND THE FAMOUS <u>HAUNTED TRAIL</u></li> </ul>	<p>WEEK FIVE October 25-27</p>

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# Chiefs of the Month named at PHS



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Congratulations to the August Students of the Month from the PHS school leadership: "These students go above and beyond representing the heart of a Chief in all aspects of their roles on campus. PHS is blessed with the best. Thank you for what you do to make our student body better today than it was yesterday." Thank you to the McLendon Family for sponsoring our Students of the Month for August. Your continued support of our student body is appreciated.

# Pelahatchie High announces student council leadership officers



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Congratulations to the Pelahatchie High School Student Council Leadership Officers: Jamaal Longino, President; Skylar Ousby, Vice President; Talia White, Secretary; Sarah Brooks Hopson, Reporter.

# Pelahatchie ES Student Spotlight



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Pelahatchie Elementary School is proud to highlight Haisley Parker. She helped a student on the playground and then invited them to play. She is a hard worker and is also extremely helpful to others in the classroom. PES is thankful for Haisley's kind spirit and helpfulness!



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### City Mayor meeting Sept. 23, 2024

be in town (liquor stores will have to be in standalone buildings and liquor cannot be sold in gas stations or grocery stores in town). Mayor VanHorn said he worked closely with state officials and Senator Celeste Hurst and Representative Brian Rhodes on this issue, and it has been in the works for over two years. The mayor added that anyone interested in opening a liquor store in Pelahatchie should apply through the state of Mississippi for a liquor license and then apply before the Pelahatchie Board of Alderman for business license and for location approval. Mayor VanHorn said all steps are listed in the actual ordinance itself.

**Final discussions:**  
Alderwoman Hill commented on

better ways to communicate the dates of town board meetings (like using a mobile application), Alderwoman Harvey asked about a second bush hog attachment, and Alderwoman Warren and Aldermen Jones and Harrell had no further comments.

Mayor VanHorn reminded attendees that the tax levies would remain unchanged from the previous year. He also encouraged everyone to attend Pelahatchie's upcoming Muscadine Jubilee on Saturday, September 14, at Muscadine Park. He reminded everyone that the event will begin at 10:00 A.M. and feature live entertainment, food, and vendors.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### PHS JROTC conquers Raider Hill

Recently, the JROTC cadets pushed their limits and showed incredible teamwork at the recent Raider Hill competition on campus. A huge congratulations to SFC McGraw's team for their nail-biting victory, winning by a mere 3 seconds. The school is so proud of all the cadets for their dedication, perseverance, and outstanding performance. The JROTC students all represented PHS with honor.



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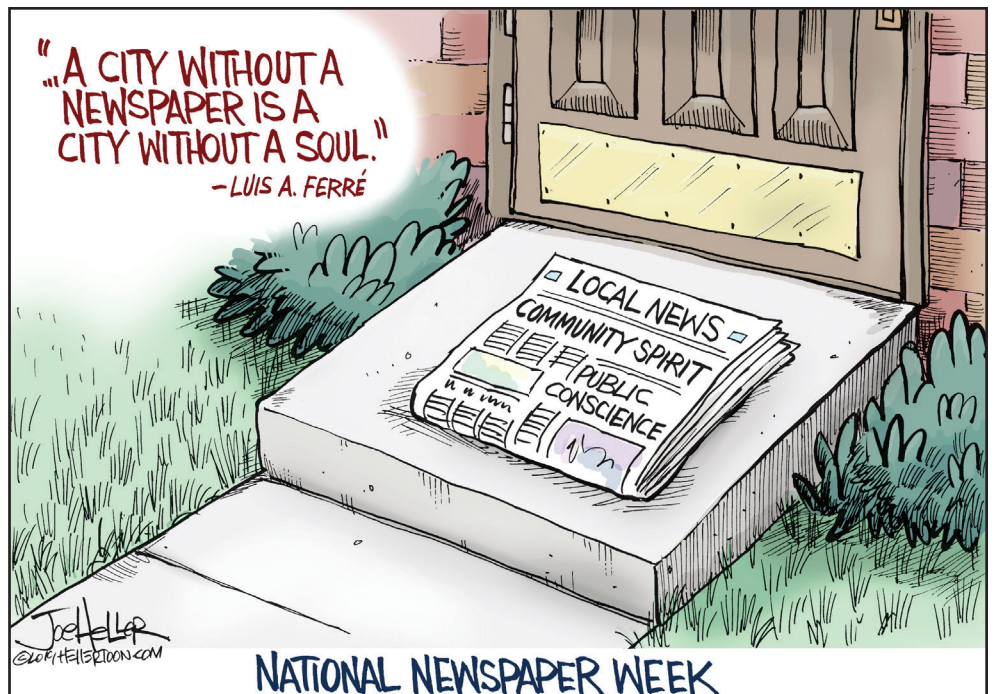
- "Breast Cancer Awareness Month"
- "The Pastor's Perspective: What the Bible says about darkness"

**2019 - 5 years ago**

- "Rankin County School District Announces District Level "A" rating"
- "Carter reflects on her breast cancer journey"

**2023 - Last Year**

- "Hometown Barre fitness studio gets a lot of love"
- "Halloween comes to Jellystone Park, MS"



# Pastor's Perspective: Daily Mercies for Daily Trouble



By Guest Columnist  
Spencer Sullivan, Pastor,  
Pelahatchie Baptist

When I was a teenager and into my 20's, I loved going to the Mississippi State Fair. I couldn't wait for those weeks in October each year. While I still enjoy going, the inspiration for going has changed dramatically. In my younger years, I loved all the exciting rides. To be certain, in my mid-40's I'm much more interested in the free biscuit or checking out the newest deep fried whatever. But 25-30 years ago, it was the Pirate Ship, the Kamikaze, the Gravitron, and my personal favorite, The Super Himalaya. However, one day, I remember Melanie and I taking our 4 kids (all under the age of 10 at the time) to a park with just a simple playground. My oldest son, Caleb, wanted to ride the merry-go-round, and so of course, I spun him around as fast as I could. After he had some fun, he wanted to spin me. I thought, sure, that'll be fun! After all, the Super Himalaya is my favorite ride at the fair! He spun me for a few seconds and then I begged to get off. As I exited the merry-go-round, I stumbled this way and that and may have even hit the ground before eventually making it to a park bench, where



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I laid down until my body and head somewhat recalibrated. It really wasn't until the next day that I felt "normal" again. It was that moment that I realized my body had entered a new season of life and wasn't prepared to spin that quickly anymore!

While I don't enjoy spinning at high velocity anymore, sometimes life spins me around quicker than I'd like. Perhaps for you, the better metaphor is a roller coaster with high peaks and deep valleys. Regardless, as much as we'd like for it to, life doesn't always keep us on a smooth and straightforward path. Life can be bumpy. It can spin us into dizziness. It can even knock us down.

Lamentations is a fascinating book in the Bible. As the title projects, the book includes the laments of the prophet Jeremiah as the people of God began

to experience the long-warned punishment from God for their consistent disobedience. It is not a chipper read. However, right in the middle of Jeremiah's gloomy laments is this shocking burst of light: "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." There's much to unpack from these verses, but one thing I'd like to communicate to you is that God is not surprised when life throws you and I into the spin cycle. He is all-knowing and sovereign. Therefore, when He promises to provide daily mercies for us that are new each morning, the promise here is that those daily mercies are sufficient for each day's specific trouble or challenge. We can depend on them to be enough for us because He knows exactly what we're going through. But also notice this: Jeremiah called this promise to his mind intentionally as he was in the middle of the trouble. It was an intentional decision for him to believe God for the mercies he needed each day.

Therefore, my challenge for me and you today is to be mindful of the faithfulness of God. That He is all-knowing and all-sufficient and supremely generous in that He provides exactly what we need to walk through whatever we encounter, even when we're in the spin cycle. When the darkness is overbearing and the challenges seemingly unbearable, call to mind God's steadfast love and believe Him for the mercies you need to carry you through.

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# The Pelahatchie community celebrates the Muscadine Jubilee



*Photo by PHS*  
 Pelahatchie JROTC Cadets Talia White, Savannah Carlino, Madeline McKee, and Carson Conn conducted the color guard during the opening ceremony of the Muscadine Festival.

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 The Jubilee Finale featured the group EXILE. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Tom Miles for being emcee again.

 An advertisement for PriorityOne Member FDIC. The background is a photograph of a smiling man with a beard, wearing a blue plaid jacket and a name tag that says "PriorityOne Will Herrin". He is holding a black telephone receiver to his ear. In the background, there are office windows with blinds.
 

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# A Stomping good time at the Muscadine Jubilee



Garret Irwin

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Nathan [Pedro] Martinez

The Muscadine Stomp was held at the Muscadine Jubilee Saturday at Muscadine Park. Pictured in the top-left photo (l to r) are: Jordan Graves, Town of Pelahatchie clerk; Nathan [Pedro] Martinez, Town Animal Control; Josh McCrory, judge; Garret Irwin, Town Police Officer; Patsy Watson, local community leader; Gene Miller, ERCO; Brandon Walker, WLBT; and Hannah Lane, 96.3 FM. And the trophy goes to Pelahatchie Animal Control Officer Nathan [Pedro] Martinez, who stomped more than seven ounces.



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# East Rankin seniors selected to all-star cheer team

ERA seniors Kylee Holifield, Abby Raines, Katie Simpson and Maury Ann Walley were recently selected to be a part of the 24-25 MAIS All-Star Cheer Team! As part of the All-Star Cheer Team, these seniors will be recognized at the MAIS Spirit Competition on Wednesday, October 23rd at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. The All-Star Cheer Team will also have the opportunity to perform during the MAIS All-Star Football games on Friday, December 6 at Jackson Prep, and for the All-Star Basketball games on February 28 at Jackson Prep.



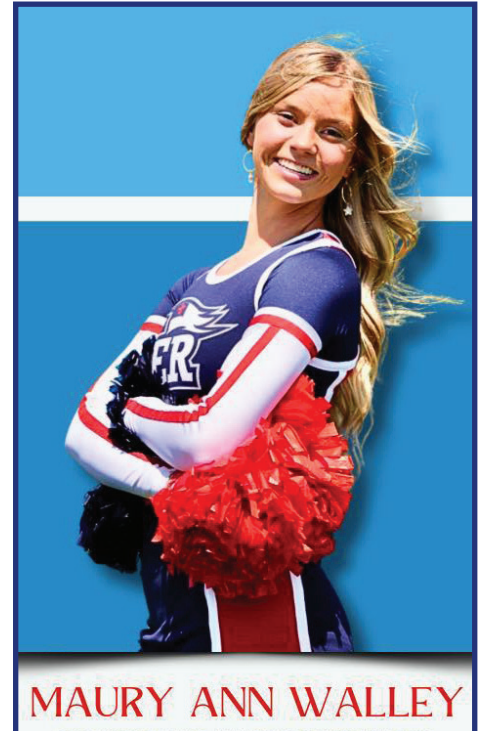
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# RCSD awards students and employees of the month



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Pelahatchie Elementary School is thrilled to announce that two of its very own were honored today by RCSD and received Great to Best awards! Angel Cortes, a 3rd grade student, received the RCSD Elementary Student of the Month and Ms. Sonya Myers, Administrative Assistant & Attendance Clerk, received the RCSD Elementary Classified Employee of the Month. PES is thankful for all Angel and Ms. Myers do on a daily basis to make our school the best place to learn and grow. They make a difference every day.

# PHS alum supports team



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Once a Chief, Always a Chief! Even though he's now a proud Jackson State Tiger, Malcolm McGee never forgets his roots. Every Friday night, you'll find him right back here on the sidelines, cheering on the Chiefs and supporting the coaching staff. Malcolm makes the trip to every game, no matter how far, showing his unwavering dedication to the PHS Tribe. Thank you, Malcolm, for your continued investment in PHS school and students. Your positive influence and presence make a huge impact on school culture and community. PHS is proud of the young man you've become.



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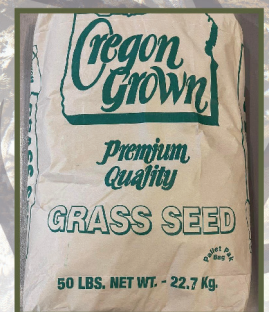
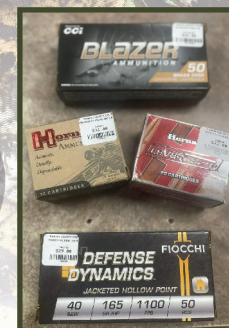
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## Hawk from ERA named National Merit Semifinalist



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Congratulations to ERA student Audrey Hawk on being named a 2025 National Merit Semifinalist. Audrey will continue through the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program selection process as she competes to become a 2025 National Merit Finalist.

## PHS Fishing Teams compete in Tournament



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Recently, two PHS fishing teams competed in the MHSAA Open Tournament at Pickwick: Dannon Weaver and Clay McKee (not pictured) and Malachi Macklin and Cameron Harvey. Macklin and Harvey finished 6th with three fish weighing 7.72 lbs. Thank you Coach Goodin for guiding and coaching these Chiefs.

## NAJA offers graduate scholarships



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The Greenville, MS-based National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Inc. (NAJA) is accepting applications for its Graduate Scholarship Program. Applicants must be pursuing graduate-level studies for one year in fields which address the needs of children and youth.


Graduate fields of study include, but are not limited to, counseling, psychology, mental development, special education, speech pathology, exceptional children, remedial skills development, hearing impaired, and gifted and talented.

Applicants must be a permanent U.S.

citizen and a permanent resident of states with chapters of nonprofit Junior Auxiliary. Those states are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.

Scholarship grants are awarded annually to persons who work, or plan to work, directly with children. The NAJA Scholarship Program was begun in 1962 and has awarded more than \$1,556,104.


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