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Local Menasha Packaging expansion in Pelahatchie complete

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Kraus-Anderson Construction has completed an expansion of a packaging manufacturing facility for Menasha Corporation located in the Pelahatchie Industrial Park at 108 Industrial Drive just east of Jackson, Mississippi. Menasha Packaging, a business group of Neenah, Wisconsin-based Menasha Corporation, offers high-graphic displays, boxes and other shipping containers for consumer project companies. Designed by Excel Engineering, the 89,856-square-foot expansion features an interior remodel of the mezzanine, restrooms, breakroom, stair tower and a new 9,274-square-foot office space. The project also added a new 100-stall parking lot, truck loading docks and fire lane. Construction began in April 2023.

Retail-focused packaging and merchandising solutions provider Menasha Packaging announced in 2022 that it was expanding its operations in the US with a new investment in Pelahatchie, Mississippi. As part of the project, the company has invested \$79 mil-



lion to expand its existing manufacturing facility in Pelahatchie Industrial Park. Menasha Packaging also acquired more machinery and equipment. Menasha Packaging Company president Mike Riegsecker said: "We are excited about our expansion into Pelahatchie and the cultural fit that exists with the team here.

"We are committed to investing not only in the facil-

ity but also in this great team and in the community. We appreciate the assistance provided by the state, county and city in helping us solidify our long-term commitment to Pelahatchie."

Meanwhile, the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), Rankin County and the city of Pelahatchie have also supported Menasha Packaging with the project.

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Jellystone named in USA Today's Ten Best for Third Year

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Jellystone Park Pelahatchie is thrilled to announce that it has been named one of USA Today's Ten Best RV Campgrounds for 2024. This marks the third consecutive year the park has received this prestigious recognition, underscoring its commitment to providing an exceptional camping experience for families and outdoor enthusiasts.

USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards are highly regarded in the travel and hospitality industry, celebrating the best destinations and



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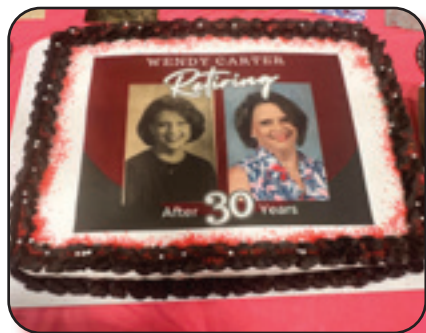
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Pelahatchie HS honors Mrs. Wendy Carter at retirement reception

Pelahatchie High School recently honored retiring teacher, Mrs. Wendy Carter. Faculty shared some of their fondest memories and celebrations of working alongside Mrs. Carter. Some of our faculty have had the pleasure of learning from her and returning to work alongside her. One thing is for sure, Mrs. Carter has impacted our Tribe forever. Thank you for investing in the lives of our school and community.



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MSU extension service: southern magnolia

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Nothing describes the Southern magnolia better than its scientific name, *Magnolia grandiflora*. The flowers certainly are grand!

Magnolia trees display their creamy white flowers in late spring through summer, and you certainly can't miss the cup-shaped blooms that reach up to 8 inches in diameter. Flower petals are thick and waxy and have a lemony fragrance.

After bloom, the flowers are replaced with cone-like seed pods. When these pods ripen, the large, red seeds are pushed out and add to the beauty of this tree. These woody, brown pods with bright red seeds also can be used in dried floral arrangements.

The Southern magnolia can grow at a moderate rate to a height of 80 feet or more with a 30- to 40-foot spread. These trees form a dense, dark green pyramidal shape in the landscape.

Southern magnolia is native to the bottomlands and moist, wooded areas of the central and southeastern coastal plains. They prefer rich soil with partial shade and, in nature, are usually understory trees. The Southern magnolia tolerates high moisture levels but not overly wet or swampy soils and prolonged flooding.

When grown as an ornamental, it is best to maintain the heavy-leaved limbs



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of the magnolia almost to the ground. Doing so will provide a place for the

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Pelahatchie HS class of 2024 celebrates graduation day



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ERA Boys MAIS 5A State Runner-up and Girls Highest Finish in 20 Years

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East Rankin Academy (ERA) Patriot Track & Field team concluded the 2024 season on Saturday, May 4th at the 2023 Midsouth Association of Independent Schools ("MAIS") State Championship.

Entering the post season with both varsity teams MAIS 5A District 2 Champions, twenty athletes individually and all eight relay teams qualified to the regional North State Championship at Bayou Academy. The Patriots at North State were very successful, the varsity boys coming away as the North State Championship runner-up. Among the thirteen individuals (some in multiple events) and seven relay teams that qualified to the 2024 State Championship were senior, Liam Wilkerson (400 meter dash); junior, Lydia Collipp (400 meter dash), and senior, Brayden Warner (discus), all North State champions in their respective events.

The 2024 MAIS State Championships were hosted by Jackson Academy on May 3rd and Jackson Prep on May 4th. For the first time in decades, the varsity boys finished 2nd overall, MAIS 5A State Runner-up! The varsity girls also



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2024 MAIS 5A State Champion Runner Up – Coach Steve Boozer, Coach David Hopper, Taylor Stroh (alt), Zack Price, RT Tate, Jon Riemann, Taylor Woods, Liam Wilkerson, Brayden Warner, Colin Harris, Aiden Carlisle (alt), Aiden Harrell, Walker Sartin, Coach Austin Banes.

earned the highest finish in twenty years with fourth overall. Multiple gold medalists included senior, Brayden Warner, winning his second individual state title in discus with a throw of 172-10; senior, Liam Wilkerson, winning the 400 meter dash in a personal best time of 50.58; the boys 4x200 relay team, consisting of junior, Aiden Harrell, senior, Liam Wilkerson, sophomore, Taylor Woods, and freshman Jon Riemann, breaking the ERA school record with a time of 1:30.32; and a very young boys 4x800 relay team featuring 8th grader, Walker Sartin, sophomore, RT Tate, freshman,

Jon Riemann, and 8th grader, Zack Price, demolishing the school record with a winning time of 8:46.91.

Other medalists at the State Championship included senior, Brayden Warner (2nd shot put-46-1); junior, Aiden Harrell (2nd 100 meter dash - 10.86); 8th grader, Jillian Breland (2nd discus-110-9); 8th grader, Zack Price (3rd 800 meter run; 3rd 1600 meter run, 4th 3200 meter run); junior, Audrey Mayatte (3rd 3200 meter run, 4th 1600 meter run, 6th 800 meter run); sophomore, Addison Derrick (3rd discus-106-4, 5th shot put 32-1); girls 4x400 relay (3rd Lydia Col-

lipp, Leah Collipp, Audrey Mayatte, Emma Raines – 4:17.39); girls 4x800 relay (3rd Lydia Collipp, Audrey Mayatte, Emma Raines, Jewel Baker – 10:08.66); Emma Raines (4th 300 hurdles-49.07); Lydia Collipp (4th 400 meter dash); boys 4x100 meter relay (4th Aiden Harrell, Liam Wilkerson, Jon Riemann, Taylor Woods – 45.62); RT Tate (5th 3200 meter run, 6th 1600 meter run); sixth grader, Jewel Baker (5th 3200 meter run, 6th 1600 meter run); boys 4x400 relay (6th Aiden Harrell, Liam Wilkerson, RT Tate, Jon Riemann-3:48.52); senior, Colin Harris (7th triple jump – 39-.5); and girls 4x200 relay (7th Katie Simpson, Addison Vowell, Breland Moulds, Lydia Collipp – 1:55.65).

The 2024 Patriot team featured four seniors, all of whom played a role in the growth of ERA track and field and the success of this season. The team wishes to congratulate two time discus state champion and shot put finalist, Brayden Warner; state champion 400 meter sprinter and relay team member, Liam Wilkerson; triple jump state finalist, Colin Harris; and shot put state finalist, Jack Boyd, as they graduate with the Class of 2024.

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Jellystone USA Today's Top Ten

experiences across the country. Being selected as one of the top RV campgrounds is a testament to Jellystone Park Pelahatchie's dedication to excellence in customer service, amenities, and family-friendly activities.

"We are incredibly honored to be recognized by USA Today as one of the best RV campgrounds in the nation for the third year in a row," said Troy Shepard, Chief Operating Officer at Great Escapes RV Resorts. "This award reflects the hard work and passion of our team, who strive every day to create memorable experiences for our guests. We are grateful to our campers for their support and for choosing Jellystone Park Pelahatchie as their preferred vacation destination."

Jellystone Park Pelahatchie, owned by Great Escapes RV Resorts, offers a wide range of amenities and activities designed to provide a fun and relaxing getaway for guests of all ages. High-lights include:

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The park's family-friendly environment and engaging activities make it a standout choice for RV travelers seeking a memorable camping experience.

"We invite everyone to come and experience the magic of Jellystone Park Pelahatchie," added Stephanie Goss, General Manager at Jellystone Park Pelahatchie, "Whether you're a first-time visitor or a returning guest, we promise an unforgettable adventure filled with fun, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones."

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Menasha expansion complete

Menasha Packaging, which employs 95 people at the Rankin County facility, will create another 21 jobs as part of this expansion.

The expansion announcement came after the company finalized its acquisition of corrugated packaging manufacturer Color-Box in July 2022.

At that time, City of Pelahatchie mayor Karl VanHorn said: "As mayor for the Town of Pelahatchie, I am thrilled to announce the expansion of the facilities now owned by Menasha Packaging Company at the Pelahatchie Industrial Park.

When we first learned that Menasha Packaging Company had purchased Georgia Pacific's Color Box operations, we were concerned that the new owner might relocate operations out of state. Thanks to the quick action and hard work of our friends at Mississippi Development Authority, Rankin First and Rankin County, and thanks to the good people at Menasha Packaging Company, we are celebrating not only the retention of a valuable employer right here in Pelahatchie but also an incredible \$79 million expansion of operations."

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Local students listed in MC's President's and Dean's Lists



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The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs releases the president's list after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average. Two local students were included on that list: Margaret Wingo of Pelahatchie (39145) and Colburn Jones of Pelahatchie (39145).



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Sarah Polk of Pelahatchie Named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Mississippi College. The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs releases the dean's list after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

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Rankin county chamber honors academic excellence



Students who received scholarships included (pictured not in order): Anderson Walker-McLaurin High School, Jacob Owen LaFontaine-Pearl High School, Matthew J. Parker-Brandon High School, Meri Morgan Marshall-Brandon High School, Sarah-Kathryn Ray-Park Place Christian Academy, Payton Sanders-Pelahatchie High School, Ava Abernathy-Brandon High School, Aniston Thompson-Hartfield Academy, Madeline Cannon-Pearl High School, and Leah Green-Florence High School.



At the recent, Salute to Education banquet, those honored as National Board Certified teachers included: Carla Casio, Laurel Reeves Yates, Shea Clanton, Kim Minshew, Karmen Gates, Kelsey Dewberry Webb, Maegan Speights, Jessica Perkins, Sabrina Graham, Ashton Winstead, Jennifer Burroughs, Lydia George, Rhonda Green, Richard Jones, Amber Runnels, and National Board Certified Nurse, Janifer Page.



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Four other students who received scholarships included (Left to Right): Abram Rowell-East Rankin Academy, Isabella Ashley-Pearl High School, Aylah McCurdy-Pisgah High School, and Caroline Sanford-Florence High School.

Those honored as Administrator, Teacher or Parent of the Year for the Rankin County School District or Pearl School District included (pictured not in order): Dr. Heather Faron, Administrator RCSD; Kelsey Treadwell, Teacher RCSD; Patrice Razor Parent RCSD; April Harwell, Administrator Pearl PSD; Risha Jones, Teacher Pearl PSD; Nisha Patel, Parent Pearl PSD.



The Top Ten finalists for Teacher of the Year included (pictured not in order): Christy Rowland, Christy Wood, Morgan Peagler, Emily Reeves, Risha Jones, Brandye C. Moore, Kaye Donald, Lisa McAdory, Ebony Nance, and Nichole Chandler.

Rankin County 2024 Teacher of the Year is Amy Rummage. Kim Fontaine received the award for 2024 Friend of Education..

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Tyler Johns, 2024 Salutatorian, Pelahatchie High School.



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Abigail Stevens, 2024 Valedictorian, East Rankin Academy

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Davis RCSD Substitute of the Month



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At a recent board meeting, the Rankin County School District recognized individuals for their dedication, passion, and commitment to excellence, serving as exemplary members of the RCSD family. The Rankin County School Board recognized: Substitute - Kelly Davis, Pelahatchie Elementary. Congrats, Kelly Davis! She is the RCSD Substitute of the Month! We are excited that she will officially join the Pelahatchie ES family next year. Thankful for her dedication to our school.

Pelahatchie HS students named Mac Haik scholar athletes



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CONGRATULATIONS, Melanie Ball (left) and Jamaal Longino of Pelahatchie High School named Mac Haik Jackson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Scholar Athletes for excelling in Academics and Sports. Your hard work and dedication shine bright, in the classroom and on the field. Learn more at <https://www.waptscholarathlete.com/>.

Cooper named to Mississippi FFA 2024 nominating committee



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The Mississippi FFA recently announced the 2024 Nominating Committee. This group of individuals work hard to interview candidates and will elect the 2024-2025 Mississippi FFA State Officer team at this year's convention. Congratulations to Ainsley Cooper (second from right) on being named a member of the 2024 Mississippi FFA Nominating Committee. We are so proud of you and your efforts on campus and beyond. You represent our Tribe well. (Five other members are not in photograph.)

PHS Rowell signs with Millsaps



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Congratulations to Tucker Rowell for signing today with Millsaps College to play football. Tucker was a great asset to our line and we are so excited to see what the future holds with him at Millsaps.



Congratulations to all the Teachers and Students for having a great year!

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Library Mother's Day flower arranging event a success



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The Pelahatchie Public Library recently offered an event for flower arranging. "Flowers for Mom" was a multigenerational success. The Garden Clubs of MS wowed the audience with their various demonstrations. Every participant left the event with an increased knowledge of flower arranging as well as a beautiful bouquet to enjoy at home.

Pelahatchie HS Band recognizes graduating 2024 senior member

Jacob Rogers



Jacob has been a member of the band since 2016. After graduation, he plans to join the National Guard in hopes to become a diesel mechanic. His favorite memory in band was every band camp.

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PAST HEADLINES

2014 - 10 years ago

- "Rankin County Schools now offering online registration"
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Hardy Crape Myrtles and the new threat of Bark Scale



By Doug Carter, Rankin County Extension Agent

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Crape Myrtles are one of the most popular landscape plants in the South. Traditionally crape myrtles have been free of serious disease and insect pests, but that situation changed with the arrival of Crape Myrtle Bark Scale (CMBS).

CMBS is a serious new threat to southern crape myrtles. It threatens to turn what has historically been a beautiful, low-maintenance landscape tree into an unsightly, high-maintenance landscape tree. The nonnative scale was first detected in the United States in Texas in 2004 and was first found in Mississippi in the spring of 2004. It is now well established in several counties in Mississippi, including Rankin County. We need to know how to identify and control CMBS to help slow its spread and reduce its impact.

There are few natural enemies here in the United States, and this allows CMBS to build to unusually high numbers on infested plants. It is not unusual for heavily infested plants to have branches and twigs that are completely encrusted with scale. The nymphs produce large quantities of honeydew, and this results in heavy accumulations of sooty mold on the leaves, twigs, and trunks of infested plants, as well as on nearby low-growing plants and surrounding grass and mulch. The end result is a crape myrtle that is black and ugly (which is due to heavy sooty mold accumulation) and produces fewer and smaller blooms. Crape myrtles heavily infested with CMBS soon become a landscape eyesore. Effective treatments are available, but they are costly and do not provide 100 percent

control. Treatments must be reapplied each year.

Sooty mold alone is not a definite indication of CMBS, but if you also find white, felt-covered scales that bleed pink when punctured, you can be certain you have crape myrtle bark scale. Heavy infestations can also cause trees to be covered with black sooty mold. Any Crape Myrtle that is covered with sooty mold, should be carefully examined for CMBS. Trees can have heavy infestations of aphids and CMBS. Aphids will feed only on the leaves, CMBS will feed mainly on the twigs, branches, and trunk, and rarely on the leaves.

Heavy infestations of CMBS cause crape myrtles to be very unsightly. Simply ignoring and living with the problem may not be an acceptable option for most homeowners and landscape managers. Control options for CMBS fall into our major categories; Exclusion, plant selection, plant destruction, and insecticide treatment.

The simplest and most effective defense against CMBS is to avoid buying and planting infested crape myrtles. Work closely with the nursery where the plants are purchased to be sure plants are free of crape myrtle bark scale.

Because of their unique beauty and toughness, crape myrtles are widely used in southern landscapes. Now because of CMBS, landscape planners are encouraged to consider alternative species in the landscapes to increase plant diversity. This will help mitigate the risks



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and adverse consequences of having to deal with heavy CMBS infestations.

There are times when total plant destruction may be the appropriate means of dealing with a CMBS infestation. An example would be when there are just a few infested plants and there is reason to believe that these may be the only infested plants in the landscape, community, city or region. In this case, it would be best to destroy these plants before the

disease can spread.

This pest is so new that control programs are still being developed. Treatments that have been the most effective are soil applied systemic insecticides containing the active ingredients imidacloprid, imidacloprid + clothianidin, or dinotefuran. Foliar sprays containing the insect growth regulator products pyriproxyfen or buprofezin are also available as sprays.

Some of these treatments are commercial products, and homeowners are encouraged to seek assistance from licensed commercial applicators to control CMBS, especially when treating larger trees. The cost of products for homeowners is considerably higher than for professional products. Homeowners with large numbers of trees to treat should consider getting bids from commercial applicators. The cost difference between treating trees yourself and hiring a commercial applicator to treat CMBS may not be as great as you think.

Source: *Extension Publication 2938, Crape Myrtle Bark Scale Identification and Control*



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Pelahatchie HS cheerleaders finish strong at cheer camp 2024



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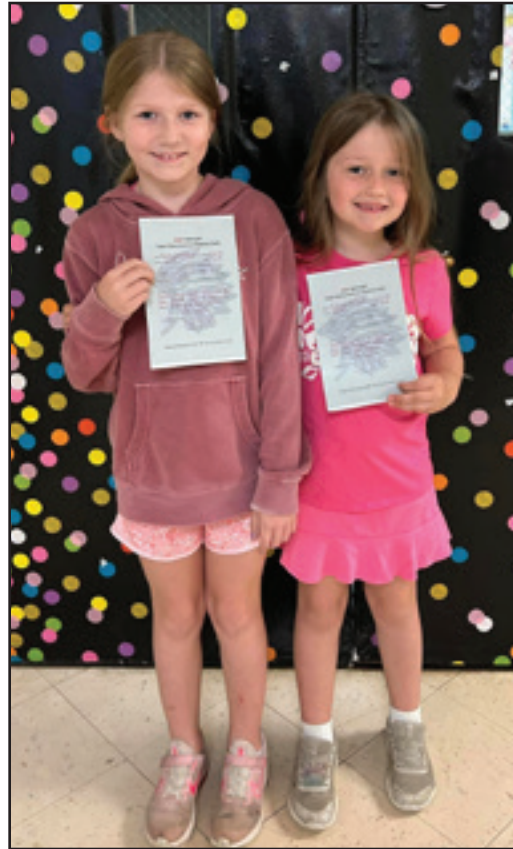
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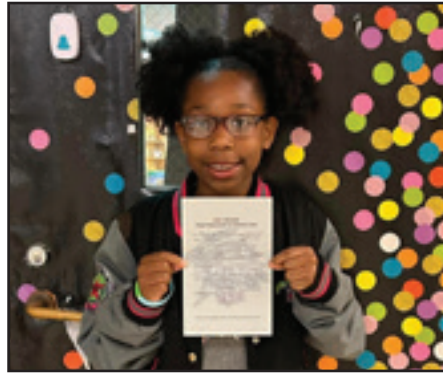
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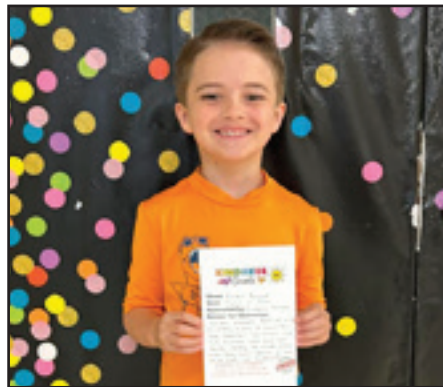
Pelahatchie ES student spotlight



Paisley Winstead and Oaklee Goldman



Nygerria Boyd



Kaiden Bryant

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Paisley Winstead, Oaklee Goldman, and Nygerria Boyd received a Chief Spotlight this month for their eagerness to help fellow students. Kaiden Bryant received a Kindness Counts recognition for bringing extra money for his friends to use at the book fair. Congrats to these students!

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Pastor's Perspective: "God is always working"



By Guest Columnist, Spencer Sullivan, Pastor, Pelahatchie Baptist

I have previously mentioned that our family lived overseas for 12 years. In 2006, Melanie and I loaded up our 2 very young children and moved across the pond to another country. I was accepting a sports related job. It was a perfect match for me based on my background and general love for all things sports. We loved the country and the people and expected to live there for decades, if not the rest of our lives. However, our expectation did not become our reality. We ended up moving from there to Cyprus, after only 3 years due to some security related events. It was very difficult for us to leave, but we also knew that we couldn't stay. On the very first day in the office with my new job, I met a man from the very country that we had just departed. In addition to the local Cypriot people, Cyprus is home to many from other nationalities. However, I never would have dreamed to meet someone from this particular country. He wasn't only from that same country; we lived in his city and our house was less than a mile from his family's home. We hit it off immediately. Our families soon met one another and even though we have returned to Rankin County, MS, we have been close friends ever since. During our time in Cyprus, I was eventually brought onto the leadership of an interna-



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tional church there. Before moving overseas, I had served on church staffs, but had never pastored. The experience in Cyprus helped prepare me for the role I have today. I share these bits of our history to illustrate the providence of God.

In John 5:17, Jesus says: "My Father is working until now, and I am working." God is always working in and around our lives. We may not always notice it in the moment, but when we look back on our lives, we can recognize His fingerprints all over the place. Our family grieved the move from our first country only to be welcomed to the next by a family from the very place we didn't want to leave. You can call it coincidence if you want, but I choose to recognize this as God's providence.

He cares for us. He puts people in our lives to fill holes that the loss of others has created. He also uses our experiences to prepare us for what He has planned for us in the days ahead. Not only that, He redeems our hurts and struggles and uses them to either prepare us for something ahead or so that we can be a blessing to others that walk through similar situations that we have endured by His grace. If I had the space, I could write out stories from our history to illustrate each one of these truths.

My all-time favorite band is Caedmon's Call. My favorite song of theirs is called "Lead of Love". The lyrics of the chorus read like this: "Looking back, you know you had to bring me through...All that I was so afraid of...Though I questioned the sky, now I see why...Had to walk the rocks to see the mountain view...Looking back, I see the lead of love." If you don't know the band or the song, I encourage you to search for the song on YouTube. Regardless, this is the message. We may or may not see God's hand at work throughout the journey of our lives, but when we look back, we see that He was leading us all the time. I encourage you to remember the different parts of your journey and look for His fingerprints. When we can recognize His work in our past, it then helps us to keep our eyes open for His work in our present and then expect Him to continue working in our future! Thank God for His Providence! He is working until now...



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2024-2025
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2024	2025
July 4.....Independence Day	Jan 1-3.....School Holiday / Christmas Break
July 22-24.....New Teacher Orientation	Jan 6.....Staff Development / Student Holiday
July 25-26, 29-31...Staff Development	Jan 7.....Students Return / Start of 3rd 9 Weeks
Aug 1.....First Day of School	Jan 9.....Report Cards
Sept 2.....School Holiday / Labor Day	Jan 20.....School Holiday / Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Sept 4.....Progress Reports	Feb 5.....Progress Reports
Oct 4.....End of 1st 9 weeks (46 days)	Feb 17.....School Holiday / Presidents Day
Oct 7-11.....School Holiday / Fall Break	Mar 7.....End of 3rd 9 Weeks (42 days)
Oct 14.....Elementary Parent/Teacher Conference / Secondary Staff Development / Student Holiday	Mar 10-14...School Holiday / Spring Break
Oct 15.....Start of 2nd 9 Weeks	Mar 17.....Start of 4th 9 Weeks
Oct 17.....Report Cards	Mar 20.....Report Cards
Nov 13.....Progress Reports	Apr 16.....Progress Reports
Nov 25-29.....School Holiday / Thanksgiving Break	Apr 18, 21...School Holiday / Easter Break
Dec 16-20.....Exams	May 19-23...Exams
*Dec 20.....Reduced Day (60% day) / End of 2nd 9 weeks (44 days)	*May 23.....Student Last Day / Reduced Day (60% day) / End of 4th 9 Weeks (48 days)
Dec 23-27, 30-31...School Holiday / Christmas Break	May 23.....Teacher Last Day
	May 26.....Memorial Day

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