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RCSD announces Restart Plan for 2021-2022

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The Rankin County School District (RCSD) will begin the school year with all students returning to traditional face-to-face learning with enhanced hygiene and disinfection protocols. There will be no CHOICE learning option.

If a student has a rare and serious extenuating health circumstance that prevents all public contact, there may be a consideration for alternate services. These will be limited. For more information, visit www.rcsd.ms/ESHCLearning.

The RCSD will continue to monitor and adjust plans for the health and safety of our students and employees throughout the summer and the school year. The RCSD will consult the guidance from the Mississippi Department

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

SCHOOL HOURS:

- Due to the Mississippi Department of Education ending the one-year waiver on minimum instructional minutes per day, there will not be reduced days on Wednesday during the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally, the Rankin County Schools bell schedules for the 2021-2022 school year will be closely aligned with bell schedules used prior to 2020. The bell schedules will be posted on school websites in July.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- Parents/guardians should perform an assessment of their child(ren)'s health before leaving home. If your child feels unwell, or has any of the following symptoms, please do not allow him or her to come to school and contact your health-care provider. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
- A nurse will be assigned to every campus.
- The District plans to start the school year with optional face masks/coverings. (Masks may become necessary during the course of the school year depending upon state guidance due to the spread of the illness.)
- Students, faculty, and staff should stay home when they are sick, when they have a temperature of more than 100°F (38°C), or when they do not pass the daily at-home screening examination. For updated information concerning attendance policies and related exemptions, please refer to the 2021-2022 student handbook.
- Students and staff who live with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 should stay home from school until the risk of transmission has passed.
- Everyone should practice good hygiene measures such as hand washing often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Faculty and staff will assist in monitoring students for symptoms and will refer anyone with symptoms to the school nurse/school designee for evaluation.



- Hand sanitizer will be on all buses, in hallways, classrooms, bathrooms, and at school entrances and exits. Hand soap and paper towels will be in all bathrooms.
- Isolation areas will be set up to quarantine students with symptoms. *Symptom free students and employees who are fully vaccinated are exempt from quarantine requirements.
- In the event that Covid case numbers necessitate alterations to standard operating procedures, schools will implement additional measures per the original Smart Restart document.

ACTIVITIES/VISITORS:

- School assemblies, field trips, athletics, and other activities will return to traditional school procedures.
- Visitors to campus should go directly to the school office area.
- Classroom and lunchtime visits will be permitted on campuses following the school's guidelines.
- Visitors should be symptom free and follow all school guidelines concerning health and safety.



TRANSPORTATION:

- The District plans to start the school year with optional face masks/coverings on the buses. (However, masks may become necessary during the course of the school year depending upon state guidelines due to the increased spread of illness.)
- Hand sanitizer is provided for students and bus drivers.
- Buses are disinfected following both the morning and afternoon routes, and buses.



*Again, refer to the original Smart Restart 2020-2021 document for more information on adjustments that may be made throughout the 2021-2022 school year per the guidance of the Mississippi Department of Health and the Governor's Executive Orders.

***If a student has a rare and serious extenuating health circumstance that prevents the student from attending school face to face, there may be a consideration for alternate services.

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of Health and Governor Executive Orders as decisions are made.

ERCO holds Summer Bash school event



Photo by 35 MM

On Saturday, July 24, the Ever Reaching Community Outreach (ERCO) non-profit held their 6th annual Back to School Summer Bash at Muscadine Park. There were games, bounce houses, face painting, as well as giveaways of back packs and school supplies. Liberty Baptist Church in Flowood was a sponsor. Shown are members of the Junior Auxiliary of Rankin County who were among the volunteers for the annual community event. Pictured (l to r) front row, are: Fredrica Tyes, Vickie Miller, and Chuncey McGowan; and back row: Tresa Bruce, Shakena Bowie, Julianne Tharpe, Formeka Ball, and Rebekkah Exum.

Shiloh United Methodist Church now The Church at Shiloh

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Church at Shiloh officially started July 1 as an independent Christian church. The church, formed in 1828, just left the United Methodist conference. They currently have around 300 members.

"Everyone is excited about the future of our church, God's church," said church member Brian Rhodes, a Pelahatchie farmer.

Dr. Gene Henderson from Brandon was recently hired to lead the church body as the intentional interim pastor.

"His leadership ability and experience has already been a blessing, as he has come at a very pivotal time for our church," said Rhodes, who has been a member at Shiloh all his 35 years. "We know that God has big things in store



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for our church, and we are trying to follow Him. We invite you to come worship with us at The Church at Shiloh."

The new church's mission statement is "to love God enough, to lovingly proclaim the gospel, by word and deed to others."

According to Rhodes, The Church at Shiloh will continue to have the Live Nativity that started in 2010. The event called "Journey to Bethlehem and Beyond" is scheduled for December 4 and 5 this year. Also, the Shiloh Camp Meeting that originated in 1832 will start on the first Friday in June.

Rhodes said, "We will cling to those (Live Nativity and Camp Meeting) traditions."



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Hall opens new coffee shop in Pelahatchie

By Susie A. Wolfe

Pelahatchie native Brian Hall opened The Percolator coffee shop in Pelahatchie in May because Pelahatchie is "The Place to Prosper." He grew up in Town and says Pelahatchie does not deserve the bad reputation that it receives.

"You can prosper in Pelahatchie," said the 44-year-old Hall, who started H&H Electrical with family, including his brother, Kevin, in 2001. "It's not a question of 'why did we open' in Pelahatchie, the question is 'Why not?'"

The Percolator has been a dream of Hall's for a few years. He researched the coffee shop trend that started in the Pacific Northwest and has moved around the country. Hall and his team have developed everything from scratch. The Percolator is not a franchise. It is small-town born and bred.

Everything about the new business was developed by scratch, according to Hall. The name, the recipes, the coffee blends, etc. The staff of nine has been involved each step of the way. Jenny Harrell is the manager. Others employees include:



The Percolator opened in May offering coffee and breakfast items as well as smoothies and lunch selections. The shop is on Highway 80 across from Don Davis' and the library.

Amy Bailey, Jennifer Quick, Cindy Jo Weimer, Alisha Cooper, Mackenzie Waltman, Abby Moore, and Abby Porter.

Hall listens to what his customers have to say to improve the shop's end-product. Coffee depends on where you purchase your beans (Jackson) and customer service (local staff). The shop has a dual drive-thru whether traveling east



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or west. Not only a result of COVID, drive-thrus are where the future is going for coffee shops, according to Hall. He said "95-98% of coffee shops, are drive-thru."

Since May, The Percolator has devel-

oped a loyal local clientele who know they can get one of the creative concoctions or ask for their customized preference. Besides coffee, the 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. shop is open Monday - Saturday. They serve smoothies, refreshers (Sprite with fruit mixes) and Frappe (blended iced coffee drink). For breakfast, they offer cinnamon rolls, assorted muffins, sausage burritos with homemade salsa and sour cream, and bacon or sausage biscuits (with or without pimento cheese).

They serve lunch until 2 p.m. which includes a scoop of pimento cheese or chicken salad. Other choices include a club sandwich, BLT or grilled chicken salad. Any sandwich can be made into a salad. He said there are specials all the time.

The business has exceeded the national average for the traffic count The Percolator has, and is set for future growth, according to Hall. "We are listening to our customers to give them quality and customer service."

Hall is following the advice he gives his sons Blake and Mason, "The sky's the limit."



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Hill takes over as Ward One Alderwoman

By Susie A. Wolfe

Diane Hill won the Ward One Alderman in the June 8 election. She received 54 votes to incumbent, Michael Adams' 36 votes. Scott Walters also received 10 votes.

Hill moved to Pelahatchie twenty years ago from Canton. She currently works as a security guard at the new Amazon facility in Canton. Previously, Hill was a cake decorator at Jitney, Kroger, Winn Dixie, and Dairy Queen.

Hill said she ran for alderman because she felt the need for a change. Michael Adams had been the Ward One alder-



Photo by Pelahatchie News

Diane Hill is the newly elected alderwoman for Ward One. She wants to respond to the needs in her Ward including fixing the streets.

man for 36 years. She has talked with constituents in Ward One, and she said there is so much she wants to do, like fix the streets, get lighting back to dark areas, bring more businesses to Town, and help bring more housing in subdivisions.

One of Hill's six children, Casey Ousley, 26, lives in Pelahatchie. The others are Quancia Hill, 36, lives in Morton; Latasha Hill, 34, Hazlehurst; Sylvia Hill, 33, Jackson; Liricker Hill, 30, Brandon; and Courtney Ousley, 23, Richland. She also has eight grandchildren.

Ward One residents can email Hill at beblessed4949@gmail.com.

Keeton inducted into Hall of Fame



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Rex Keeton of the Crossroads Community was inducted into the Scott County Sport Hall of Fame at a ceremony on July 24. He played football and basketball for Morton High School for four years. He also played lineman at East Central Community College. He also played football at Delta State University. A 40-year educator, Keeton was a teacher, coach and administrator. Pictured (l to r) with his family, first row, are: Hagen Keeton, Chase Keeton, Alayna Keeton, Kaye Keeton, Kim Ray; and second row: Ryan Keeton, Rex Keeton, and James Ray.



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Gerald Mc Gee	75	Lake	7/12/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Mary Purvis	71	Pearl	7/12/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
James Creel	38	Lake	7/15/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Mitchell Van Etten	58	Fosters, AL	7/21/2021	Wolf Funeral Services
Lynn Chesnut	52	Forest	7/27/2021	Wolf Funeral Services

Harvey wants to see Pelahatchie prosper

By Susie A. Wolfe

Sandra Harvey ran for Pelahatchie Ward Two alderwoman to "secure the Town to prosper." She said she had to step out of her comfort zone to run, but prayed, and the answer was yes. She won the June 8 race against incumbent Frank Boyd by 44 votes.

"I want to bring in more businesses to Town to help with revenue," said Harvey. "We also need more activities for the young and old in Town. For all people- color, politics or wealth. Something needs to be done."

Harvey also supports bringing the Muscadine Jubilee back to Town.

The retired mother of four children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren now concentrates "on living life to the fullest, preparing for the afterlife when she will go home with God." She operates Sandra's Sweets, where her tagline is "Satisfy your need for Sweets."

Harvey moved to Pelahatchie from Leeburg when she was in the fourth grade. She has an accounting degree and was formerly an employee of Southern Farm Bureau in Jackson.



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Sandra Harvey

She reminisced about her childhood in Pelahatchie where both of her parents, Marcus and Viola Harvey, were involved with the schools. Her mother was an assistant teacher, and her father was active with the Booster Club. Both are now deceased.

Harvey lives on Lockwood Avenue. Her daughter, Kiva, also lives in Town. She also has three sons, Gregory Harvey, from Las Vegas; Tarren Harvey, from Monroe, Louisiana; and Alfred Bilbro, from Brandon, Mississippi.

Folks in Ward Two are invited to text or email Harvey with questions or concerns to 601-759-0166 or sharvey@townofpelahatchie.com.

Hust named Pelahatchie High School transportation supervisor

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Pelahatchie High School (PHS) named new teacher Bo Hust as incoming transportation supervisor, according to Principal Dr. Teague Burchfield. Hust is originally from Petal, Mississippi, and is a graduate of Petal High School and The University of Southern Mississippi, where he received an undergraduate degree in math education in 2013. Hust continued his education by attending Arkansas State University where he received a degree in educational leadership.

Hust is an eight-year classroom teacher. During his time at Brandon Middle School, he served as a sixth, seventh, and eighth grade math teacher.

Hust is married to his wife of six years, Elizabeth Hust. They have two daughters, Ella Grace and Lily Kate. The Husts currently live in Pearl.



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6:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting; Youth Worship; Children's Activities, Couples Support Group; College Age Bible Study; Ladies Bible Study

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Town honors Adams for 36 years



At his first Board of Alderman meeting on July 6, Mayor Karl VanHorn, left, gave former Alderman Michael Adams, right, a plaque of appreciation for his 36 years representing Ward One. Adams lost the June 8 election to Diane Hill.

Tips for a happy, successful school year



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By Guest Columnist
Robin Sanders,
Principal, Pelahatchie
Elementary

Returning to school can be a joyful time of year. But for some children, the new school year can bring some anxiety. Will I struggle like I did last year? Will I make any new friends? Will the teacher like me?

To help reduce that anxiety and replace it with a sense of joyful anticipation of what the school year can bring, here are some tips that may help create a more happy, successful school year:

1. Communicate a positive attitude about school and have belief that your children will experience success and happiness.

Communicate to your children that you are excited about the new school year and are confident they will enjoy it. Children pick up on the messages we send, so let's make those messages optimistic and hopeful.

2. Create supportive home routines. The school year calls for renewed attention to home routines, such as those surrounding bedtime, mornings, and meals. Children thrive on the routines that par-

ents establish. It provides comfort and security and better prepares students for the routines and expectations of the school day.

3. Avoid the temptation to make schooling a competitive sport by over-focusing on grades. Our culture is often fueled by competitiveness in all areas of life. Let's enhance our children's school experience by focusing on their own talents and growth and avoid comparisons with others.

4. Establish family rules related to cell phone, TV, computer, and video game usage. There is a place for electronic learning (and playing), but every minute in front of a monitor is a minute away from family communication. Children who are allowed to have their device at bedtime often stay up late and come to school tired. It's a good idea to take the de-

vice at bedtime and charge in a central location.

And one more tip for good measure: Take care of yourself. We are no help to anyone if we are not taking good care of ourselves. Take care of yourself - physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, relationally, and spiritually. Make it a priority - for your sake, as well as for your children's.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Meet the Teacher,
August 3, from 4-6 p.m.

First Day of School,
August 6. (Breakfast will not be served August 6.)

Looking forward to another great year at Pelahatchie Elementary!

We are joyfully anticipating the start of the school year!

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By Guest Columnist
Dr. Teague Burchfield,
Principal, Pelahatchie
High School

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The beginning of the school year always brings ambitious feelings of spirit and competition. As in all school settings, extracurricular activities serve as the heartbeat of a school's culture.

With that said, Pelahatchie High School (PHS) is proud of its extracurricular organizations as well as the students and staff members that make up these teams.

Success through these programs does not stop with its players and coaches; You, the fan, play an integral role as well. Our school and community are at its best when we support each other through these events, and Pelahatchie High School looks forward to seeing its fans in full display during the 21-22 school year.

As Pelahatchie High School Athletics fans, several options have been prepared for you so that you can maximize your experience during the 21-22 school year. We are offering annual passes for adults and students alike. Both adult season passes (\$75 each) and student passes (\$30 each) will allow access to any and all home athletic events (excluding play-

offs) for the entire 21-22 school year. This is a fantastic deal, and you may purchase these passes through Pelahatchie High School's front office.

If purchasing an annual pass is not beneficial for you as a fan, individual event tickets can be purchased through the GoFan App this year. For an easy purchasing experience, we encourage you to download the app and purchase tickets prior to entering all competitions. All games for each athletic season will be uploaded at one time through the app so that you may pre-purchase all tickets. Ticket prices for all home regular season events will be \$8. While we do encourage you to pre-purchase your tickets, WIFI is available on our campus if you wish to purchase upon arriving at all athletic events.

To close, allow me to remind you of several "Back to School" events that have been prepared for you. Opportunities such as "7th Grade Orientation" on August 3; our first regular season home volleyball vs. Forest on August 12; "Open House" (including Meet the Chiefs) on August 13; and our first home football game vs. Florence on August 27 are ALL great opportunities to attend and help kick off what we anticipate being yet another great school year.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Go Chiefs!

Thompson to lead Little Zion UMC

By Susie A. Wolfe

Pastor Marcus Thompson was recently appointed to lead Little Zion United Methodist Church (UMC) in addition to his duties as pastor of Mountain Ridge UMC on Shiloh Road in Brandon. He started on July 1.

Little Zion, which is approximately 130 years old, has a membership of 83. The church started in-person services in July after worshipping on the first and third Sundays outside in the parking lot during the Pandemic.

"It is exciting and a breath of fresh air and joy to have the opportunity to serve Little Zion," said Pastor Thompson. "In the Bible, God takes little things and makes much like the story of Gideon."

A native of Richland, Mississippi, Thompson is also the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Administrative Officer at the Mississippi Institutions of High-



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Marcus Thompson became pastor of Little Zion UMC on July 1. The church just started back with in-person worship in July.

er Learning in Jackson. He has worked there 12 years.

His wife, LaToya Redd Thompson, is the UMC Conference Lay Leader. They have three children, Kaelyn, Jessica, and Marcus, Jr., and one grandchild, Gerren.

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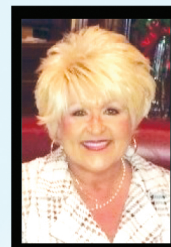
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Heat exhaustion: be cautious



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By Doug Carter, Rankin County Extension Agent

Summer is here. As you work and play outside, please be cautious and smart about how you handle this hot and humid Mississippi weather.

Please try to stay hydrated. There is not a set number for the proper amount of fluid to drink to stay hydrated. It is all individual to each person, and greatly depends on how much you normally sweat, your physical condition, if you are used to outside summer activities, and how strenuous the current activity you are currently engaged in. Urine color is a good indicator. Clear if hydrated and dark yellow if dehydrated. Loss of 2% or more of body weight after the activity could mean you are dehydrated.

While water is excellent, if you are working at a strenuous task and sweating for over an hour at a time, sports drinks or small snacks will help replace

the needed electrolytes. Sodium and carbohydrates will be needed to keep energy levels up. So have a cooler with you at all times, with what you need in it.

Consider using tailgate tents for shade, when possible, for stationary work in an outside area. Adjust work schedules when possible. It is best to start earlier in the mornings and try to accomplish the most intensive effort tasks first.

Try to avoid doing strenuous jobs from around noon until 3:30 p.m. or during the hottest hours of the day.

Gradually increase workload and allow more frequent breaks for new workers or workers who have been on vacation or out of the heat for several days. A body needs time to acclimate to higher temps and other environmental changes. It usually takes 10 to 14 days of heat exposure with the work you are performing to reduce the risk for heat injury and become used to the heat.

Source: MSU Dawg Tracks/Safety Newsletter/July 2021



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2021-2022 "Back-to-School" Open House Schedule

- 8:00-9:30 Wednesday, August 4, K3, Students and Parents will attend "Back-to-School" Day - *Parents and Students are welcome to "Come and Go" to meet our K3 teachers and to see our K3 classrooms.*
- 8:00-9:30 Thursday, August 5, K4, Students and Parents will attend "Back-to-School" Day - *Parents and Students are welcome to "Come and Go" to meet our K4 teachers and to see our K4 classrooms.*
- 8:00-9:30 Thursday, August 5, K5, Students and Parents will attend "Back-to-School" Day - *Parents and Students are welcome to "Come and Go" to meet our KS teachers and to see our KS classrooms.*
- 5:00-6:30 Thursday, August 5, 1st-4th, Parents and New Students will attend "Back-to-School" Night - *Parents and New Students are welcome to "Come and Go" to meet our teachers and to see our classrooms.*
- 6:30-8:00 Thursday, August 5, 5th-8th, Parents and New Students will attend "Back-to-School" Night - *Parents and New Students are welcome to "Come and Go" to meet our teachers and to see our classrooms.*
- 8:00-9:30 Friday, August 6, 9th Grade Students and Parents will attend Orientation Day (Activities Center)





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SEPT 17 VS ETHEL HIGH SCHOOL	SEPT 24 @ W LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL	OCT 1 VS LAMAR SCHOOL	OCT 8 @ LEAKE ACADEMY	OCT 15 VS SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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AUG 16 VS NEWTON ACADEMY 5:00 JV 6:30 V	AUG 17 VS PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN 5:00 JV 6:30 V	AUG 19 @ SIMPSON ACADEMY 5:00 JV 6:30 V	AUG 23 VS SYLVA BAY ACADEMY 4:30 JV 6:00 V	AUG 24 VS WINSTON ACADEMY 5:30 VARSITY
AUG 28 @ SYLVA BAY TOURNAMENT TBA	AUG 30 @ DISCOVERY CHRISTIAN 5:00 JV 6:30 V	AUG 31 VS LEAKE ACADEMY 5:00 JV 6:30 V	SEPT 4 @ SYLVA BAY ACADEMY 10:00 JV 11:30 V	SEPT 9 @ JACKSON VICTORS 5:00 JV 6:30 V
SEPT 13 @ PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN 5:00 JV 6:30 V	SEPT 14 VS SIMPSON ACADEMY 5:00 JV 6:30 V	SEPT 16 VS JACKSON VICTORS 5:00 JV 6:30 V	SEPT 18 @ WAYNE ACADEMY 12:00 JV 3:30 V	SEPT 18 @ NEWTON ACADEMY 1:30 VARSITY
	SEPT 20 @ WINSTON ACADEMY 5:30 VARSITY	SEPT 21 @ LEAKE ACADEMY 5:00 JV 6:30 V		

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AUG 3 @ HERITAGE SCHOOL 5:30 VARSITY	AUG 5 VS PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN 5:30 VARSITY	AUG 10 VS ST. ALOYSIUS HIGH SCHOOL 5:00 VARSITY	AUG 12 @ WASHINGTON SCHOOL 4:00 VARSITY	AUG 17 @ LAMAR SCHOOL 4:30 VARSITY
AUG 19 VS ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC 5:30 VARSITY	AUG 24 VS CENTRAL HINDS 5:30 VARSITY	AUG 26 @ PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN 5:30 VARSITY	SEPT 2 @ STARKVILLE ACADEMY 5:00 VARSITY	SEPT 9 VS PILLOW ACADEMY 4:00 VARSITY
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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 19 @ CHRIST COVENANT 5:00 / 6:30 (ELEM & 8TH)	AUG 26 VS CENTRAL HOLMES 5:00 / 6:30 (ELEM & 8TH)	SEPT 2 VS LEAKE ACADEMY 5:00 (7TH & JV)	SEPT 9 @ TRI-COUNTY ACADEMY 5:00 / 6:30 (ELEM & 8TH)
SEPT 16 @ LAMAR SCHOOL 5:00 (ELEM) 5:30 / 7:00 (7TH & JV)	SEPT 23 @ SIMPSON ACADEMY 5:30 / 6:30 (7TH & JV)	SEPT 30 @ PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN 5:00 / 6:30 (7TH & JV)	OCT 7 VS ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 5:30 / 6:30 (7TH & JV)



2021 PELAHATCHIE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 20 @ COLLINS (SCRIMMAGE)	AUG 27 VS FLORENCE	SEPT 3 VS COPIAH ACADEMY	SEPT 10 @ LAKE	SEPT 17 @ CHARLESTON	
SEPT 24 VS MORTON	OCT 1 VS VELMA JACKSON (HC)	OCT 8 @ SCOTT CENTRAL	OCT 15 @ NANIH WAIYA	OCT 22 VS PISGAH (SR. NIGHT)	OCT 29 @ PUCKETT

Games begin
at 7 pm.



JR. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 31 VS PUCKETT*	SEPT 7 VS PISGAH*	SEPT 14 @ SEBASTOPOL*
SEPT 21 @ MCLAURIN**	SEPT 27 VS LAKE*	OCT 5 @ PISGAH*

*Games begin at 6:00 p.m.
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2021 PELAHATCHIE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 10 @ PEARL JH 4:30 JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 12 VS FOREST JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 16 @ MCLAURIN JH ONLY 4:30 BEST 3 OUT OF 5	AUG 17 VS TERRY JV 5:00 V 6:00	AUG 19 @ MORTON JV 5:30 V 6:30
AUG 21 @ WATER VALLEY RR TOURNAMENT VARSITY TBD	AUG 24 VS PEARL JH 4:30 JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 26 @ FLORENCE JH 4:30 JV 5:30 V 6:30	AUG 31 VS RICHLAND JH 4:30 JV 5:30 V 6:30	SEPT 2 VS RALEIGH JV 5:30 V 6:30
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DEC 2 VS FOREST 6:00 7:30	DEC 7 VS LEAKE COUNTY 6:00 7:30	DEC 10 VS MCLAURIN 6:00 7:30	DEC 14 @ MS SCHOOL FOR DEAF 6:00 7:30	DEC 16 @ RICHLAND 6:00 7:30	DEC 27 @ MCADAMS CHRISTMAS TOUR TBA	DEC 28 @ PUCKETT CHRISTMAS TOUR TBA	DEC 29 @ PUCKETT CHRISTMAS TOUR TBA	JAN 7 @ PUCKETT 5:00 6:30	JAN 11 VS SCOTT CENTRAL 6:00 7:30
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America Reads-Mississippi helps state's young students learn to read

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Mississippi's young students are building a strong foundation for future educational success with the help of America Reads - Mississippi (ARM) AmeriCorps members, who in turn receive scholarships to help them pursue their own degrees.

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for volunteering and national service, recently announced continued funding for the America-Reads Mississippi program, which will soon enter its 23rd year of helping Mississippi children get their education off to a strong start and helping AmeriCorps members complete their educational goals of completing a bachelor's degree.

"This grant represents an investment in the success of our state's students along the P-20 continuum and builds community connections among the universities, local K-12 schools, tutors and students," said Dr. Alfred Rankins Jr., Commission-

er of Higher Education. "Additionally, many of the AmeriCorps members go on to become certified K-12 teachers in Mississippi classrooms, which aids in addressing current teacher shortage."

Managed by the Institutions of Higher Learning staff, America Reads - Mississippi has demonstrated educational service collaboration between universities, local elementary schools and districts, and community organizations. Their work is coordinated through four regional university offices, including Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, The University of Southern Mississippi, and Delta State University, which is returning as a regional office this year.

Since 1998, more than 4,900 AmeriCorps members have given at least one year of service and served more than 63,000 K-3rd grade students, tutoring

them during the school day and in after-school programs. AmeriCorps members have received approximately \$17.4 million in education award scholarships, which have allowed them to achieve their dreams of earning a degree, during that time. Many of the scholarship recipients have utilized these funds to gain the credentials necessary to become certified teachers.

"The ability to read by third grade is critical to a child's success in school, life-long learning potential, and their ability to contribute

to the state's economy," said Dr. Casey Prestwood, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs. "America Reads - Mississippi provides K-3rd grade students with a key to their future by focusing on improving their literacy skills. ARM also provides a great opportunity for Mississippians to pursue higher ed-

ucation while serving as literacy tutors. This is a great service to Mississippi and the future of our state."

On the horizon of reaching its 25th year of service in 2023, America Reads - Mississippi will expand its efforts over the next two years to reconnect with more than 4,900 AmeriCorps alumni, determine the number of members who have become certified teachers or work in education-related fields; and conduct an impact evaluation to measure program effectiveness on improving the literacy skills of students and on increasing the educational and professional skills of AmeriCorps members for future pursuits.

"In the end, we only regret the chances we don't take," said Antoinette Nicholas, An AmeriCorps member, 2019-2021. "AmeriCorps took a chance on me and gave me the greatest gift I could have ever imagined: A chance to give freely and unconditionally for two years as an AmeriCorps member and now as a certified teacher. I am thankful."



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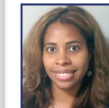


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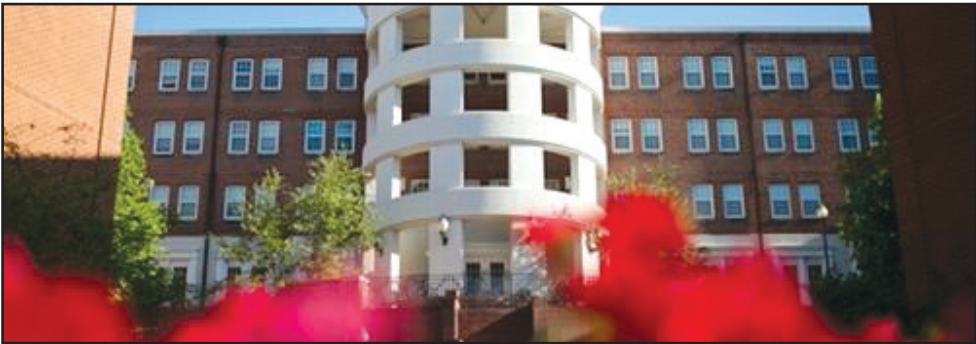
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Todd and Wingo of Pelahatchie named to Mississippi College's Spring president's list



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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.

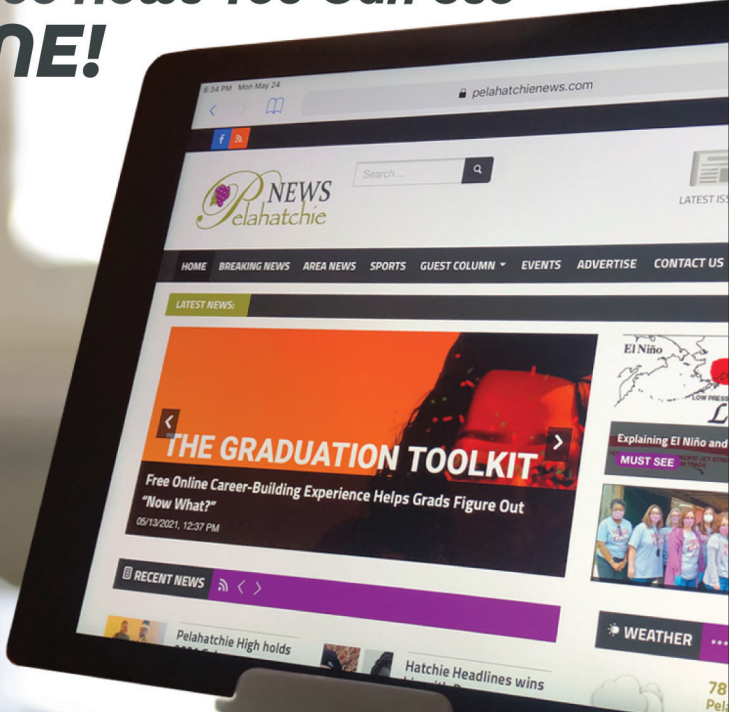
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ERCO's Summer Back to School Bash event a success



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A child holds a bunny brought by Joe Tyrell Green and his Amazing Animal Presentations.



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Owner Toni Godby is shown with Frank the Camel, a favorite at children's events.

By Susie A. Wolfe

This year's Back to School Summer Bash 2021 was a huge success according to ERCO (Ever Reaching Community Outreach) Director of Marketing and Communications Tammy Brun. "God blessed us with a sunshiny rain-free day with over 500 in attendance and an estimated 300 bookbags with school supplies provided to area."

Participants and their role:

- **Co-host Liberty Baptist Church of Flowood:** donated 50 bookbags, a wet slide, sound system, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, watermelons and water;
- **Love Above All:** donated 80 bookbags (with golden tickets), new clothing items and games for the kids;
- **Adventure Jumps of Mississippi:** bounce house and big slide;
- **Air-Co Heating & Air Conditioning:** fun booth and activities;
- **Aubrey Pridgen, Scott Walters & Chasity Walters of All Things New Ministry:** booth and activities and placing ERCO flyers in their weekly lunch bags to help spread the word about Summer Bash;
- **Canopy Children's Solutions:** booth and activities for helping the area children and families;
- **The Center for Children and Families:** participation, booth and activities;
- **Choices for Children and Families:** provided mobile unit for free health screenings and COVID testing;
- **Magnolia Health:** provided an Am-better representative to discuss insurance options;



- **Frank the Camel:** who always makes events much more fun;
- **Hellfighters of Jackson Mississippi:** booth of prayers, motorcycles and fun;
- **Joe Tyrell Green and his Amazing Animal Presentations:** featuring yellow boa constrictors, possums, lizards and rabbits;
- **Larene Williamson and Cindy Mason of Legacy of Life Extension:** provided an enormous amount of important services and programs available to area families;
- **Priority One Bank of Pelahatchie:** booth and treats to all who attended;
- **Marlene Williamson of Rina's Remedies:** who makes incredible natural handmade products;
- **Mayor Karl Van Horn:** for his participation, attendance and support;
- **Crooked Letter Kitchen and Rollin' Cookerator:** supported the event by feeding the children for free;
- **Billy Bearden and Crawbilly's:** provided snow cones and has supported ERCO for many years;
- **Junior Auxiliary of Rankin County ladies and members of the Crown Club:** devoted their time and efforts to volunteer as needed;
- **Pelahatchie Police Department:** support and protection of the community and event.
- **NUCOR STEEL:** who sponsored the event; as well as
- **Lodebar Methodist Church:** who held a fundraiser that provided for Bash expenses;
- **ERCO Board and group of volunteers:** who work tirelessly each week to help those in need.



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The sixth annual ERCO Back to School event featured games, bounce houses, face painting, as well as giveaways of back packs and school supplies.



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Choices for Children and Families - mobile unit and free health screenings and COVID testing



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Joe Tyrell Green and his Amazing parrot and Brandy Hall, volunteer at the event's welcome tent and registration tent.



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Some scenes from this year's Back to School Summer Bash held Saturday, July 24 at Muscadine Park. More than 500 people attended the annual event.



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Hellfighters of Jackson's booth of prayers, motorcycles and fun



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ERCO's Back to School Bash event participants seem to have fun posing with a friendly boa constrictor, one of the main attractions at the event.



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Members of Pelahatchie United Methodist Church help pass out book bags and school supplies. Pictured (l to r) are: Lisa Dalsin, Theresa Dalsin, Rev. Beth Feisel and Kaitlyn White.



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Returning main sponsor Liberty Baptist Church in Flowood provided water, cotton candy, and much more.



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ERCO Back to School Bash event participant poses with a friendly boa constrictor, one of the main attractions at the event.

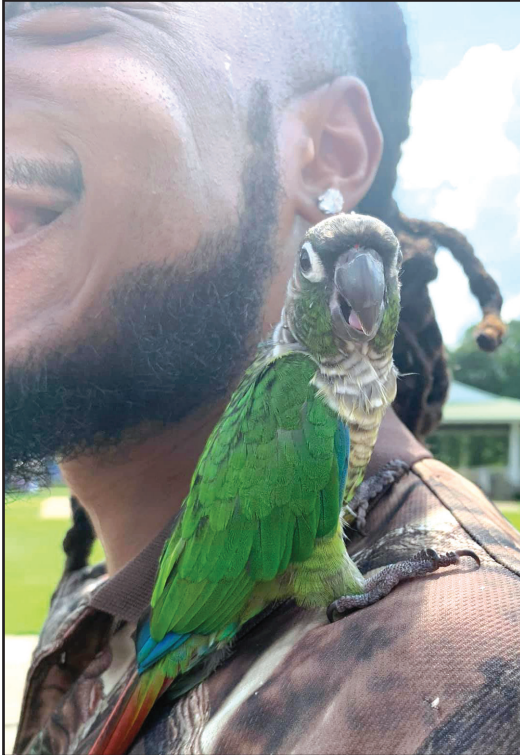


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Joe Tyrell Green is shown with one of his animals on his shoulder. The green parrot is good with kids.



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It was hot. Toddler, from Liberty Baptist Church, has the best shade at the ERCO event.



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All things New, Inc. volunteer Chasity Walters is shown manning the charity's booth to give each child a toy.



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Lynn Stevens with ERCO poses with an animal on her shoulder at the Back to School Bash welcome tent.



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ERCO Back to School Bash event participant poses with a friendly boa constrictor, one of the main attractions at the event.

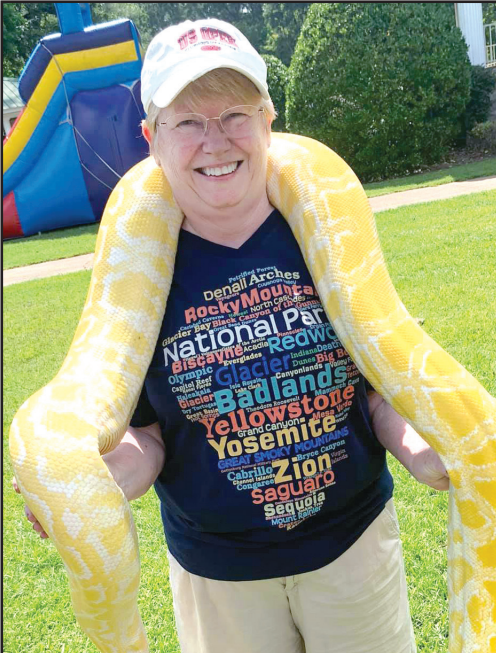


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Susie Wofe, editor, Pelahatchie News, poses with a friendly boa constrictor that was a main attraction at the ERCO bash.



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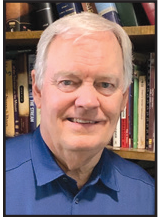
Crooked Letter Kitchen and Rollin' Cookerator fed children for free during the event.



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Snow Billy and Crawbilly's make sure participants are properly hydrated at the event. Pictured (l to r) are: Mayor Karl VanHorn, Billy Bearden, owner, Crawbilly's, and Jonathan Beard, owner, Crooked Letter Kitchen.

Pastor's perspective: Who did Jesus say He was?



By Guest Columnist John Vaughn, Pastor, Cross Roads Baptist Church

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Who is Jesus? Many would answer that question by remembering him as the baby who was born in a stable. Others might say he was the man who died on the cross. Some faiths regard Jesus as a good man, a charismatic teacher, even a prophet from God.

But who did Jesus say he was? An interesting Bible study is to consider what Jesus said about himself. The Gospel of John has seven specific "I Am" statements that Jesus made to declare who he was. Here is a brief summary of those statements.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35) Bread, of course, is a staple food source. It provides nourishment our bodies need to sustain life. But as the bread of life, Jesus provides the spiritual sustenance we need for maintaining our relationship with him. Later, Jesus established the Lord's Supper so that we might remember the sacrifice of his body and life for our sakes.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." (John 9:5) As the one who cre-

ated and sustains the sun and stars, Jesus illuminates truth, makes beauty, and creates hospitable space from an otherwise dark, cold, impersonal universe. In the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, he provides us with "a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path" to help us walk in his grace, truth, and wisdom. In his own self, Jesus unveils to us what God is like.

Jesus said, "I am the door of the sheep." (John 10:7) This is one of two "I AM" statements in which Jesus identifies believers as his sheep. The metaphor is a realistic assessment of our helpless estate. Sheep are characteristically needy, temperamental, wayward, and vulnerable creatures. Jesus responds to the frail estate of the sheep by offering himself as their gateway to the care, comfort, healing, and guidance they (we) sorely need.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd." (John 10:11) As the good shepherd, Jesus again offers himself as provider and



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protector of his sheep. In him we find rest from our weariness, a balm for our wounds, and the cure for whatever ails us. As the Good Shepherd, he lays down his very life for us to ensure our care, protection and eternal life.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25) In his historic and bodily resurrection from the dead, Jesus demonstrates his power and resolve to conquer death, which is also our greatest fear and enemy. In Jesus, death is put to death, and with it, the spirit of slavery that leads to fear. His resurrection becomes a foretaste of our future, in which there will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain and everything will be made new. This promised future will be

without end.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6) Nowhere does Jesus present himself as one of several ways to God, as if there were multiple options and pathways. Rather, he presents himself as the only way to God; as the only qualified mediator between a holy God and a sinful humanity. He is the one name given by which we can be saved from the effects of guilt, sorrow, fear and sin. Jesus, and only Jesus, can provide ultimate refuge from all that is broken and horrid and tragic in the world.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine." (John 15:1) As the true vine, Jesus is our life source, the well from whom we draw, our sustaining nourishment and strength. Apart from him, we can do nothing. But with him, we can do all things that are in his will for us to accomplish. Whether living in plenty or in want, in joy or in sorrow, in sickness or in health, we can do all things through Christ the vine, who gives us strength, as long as we stay connected to him.

Let me encourage you to let Jesus be the great "I Am" in your life. He will be just what you need when you need it!

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Alman named Hinds Community College Beauty



Bethani Grace Alman was selected as a Beauty in the annual Hinds Community College Eagle Beauty Revue pageant on March 11. Alman, 18, is a Rankin Campus sophomore studying psychology. She is a graduate of Brandon High School. At Hinds, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Honors Program, and is a President's Scholar. Her parents are Buck Alman of Pelahatchie and Amanda Newby of Brandon.



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Hinds Community College (HCC) Eagle Beauty Revue pageant was held on March 11. Winners pictured (l to r) are: Janessa Kersh, April Lee, Abigail Farr, 2021 Most Beautiful Nyla Griffin, Bethani Grace Alman, Kylee Cunningham and Aaliyah Newsome.

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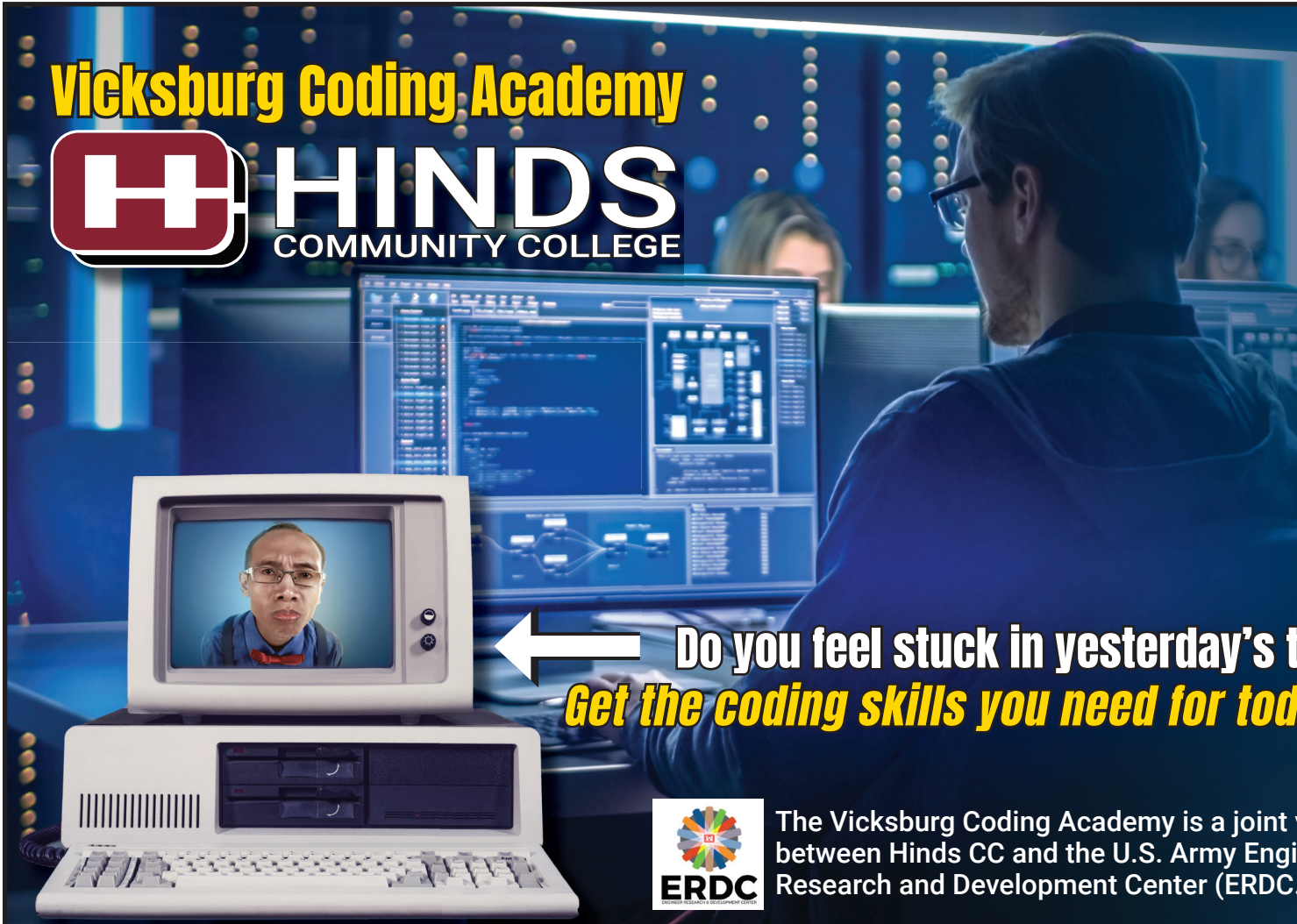
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

At the Vicksburg Coding Academy students learn programming and coding skills that are in high demand.

- Face-to-Face Classes
- Earn Course Credit towards Associate degree
- Earn Microsoft Technology certificate
- Earn Career and Technical certificates
- Located on the Vicksburg Campus
- ERDC hiring opportunities with successful completion!

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