



It's time again ...

It's time again to open our Museum doors to visitors to show how it "once was". Memorabilia that many have never seen – or have forgotten – is on display for us to share with our fellow Rankin Countians.

Traditionally we are open each Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 2:00 until 4:00 P.M. during the month of October. This year we will be closed on October 3 – check out the article about our field trip to Pelahatchie.

Hosting duties

We need your help as a volunteer to greet our visitors coming to the Museum. If you have never acted as host, one of the "old timers" will be there for guidance. Members who have hosted in the past always report the greatest fun is when a youngster discovers "all that old stuff".

A fellow RCHS member, Martha McCowan, at 601-825-2953, will be contacting you, asking for your help as a host. You may sign up for one afternoon or as many as you choose. You may bring a friend, who does not have to be a RCHS member, to share your hosting duties.

When Martha calls let her know if you need a co-host and also let her know if you would like a reminder phone call or e-mail a

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couple of days in advance of your chosen weekend.

Cleanup Day Set

As always when guests will be coming we need to do some cleaning. Cleanup day will be Friday, October 1, from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. Bringing your own cleaning supplies is always helpful, such as glass cleaner, paper towels, dust cloths and a broom. Your help is needed and will be appreciated.

What's new in Pelahatchie?

... a brand new museum that the City Fathers and Mothers want to show off. So come join us as we motor to Pelahatchie for a visit.

Mayor Knox Ross will be our host as we visit on Sunday, October 3, for show and tell plus a bit of bragging, I'm sure. We plan to caravan from the Brandon Library at 1:30 P.M. or if you prefer, meet us in Pelahatchie at 2:00 P.M.

The town of Pelahatchie has made many improvements and additions to their downtown area and are eager to share, so join us for a visit to our eastern neighbor.

Treasure at Shiloh Campgrounds

The Mabel Sowell Museum located on the campgrounds of Shiloh Methodist Church contains many documents and pictures detailing the history of the church, campgrounds and community. The caretakers of the museum have agreed to allow the RCHS to scan these materials for safekeeping.

These records and pictures are originals and there are no copies. Scanning to CDs will be a way to preserve these documents for many years to come.

No previous experience will be needed to help with this project. Volunteers will be needed to ready the items to be copied and then return them to their correct places. If you are willing to help with the preservation of this vital bit of Rankin County History, please call Anne Vanderleest at the Brandon library (601-825-2672) or Joan Singletary (601-825-6490).



Gay Nobles led the RCHS and the Genealogical Society group on an enjoyable and informative tour of the church and grounds on

Sunday, June 6 – did I also mention hot?



Tents at Shiloh Methodist Church Campgrounds

Our thanks go to Bert McCleve who remembered to carry his camera and is sharing his pictures of our visit to Shiloh with us.

Welcome

Jake Mullins, who lives in the Crossgates area, is being welcomed as a new member of the RCHS.

Thank you

Another big thank you goes to Mary Lou Ayers who has recorded and photographed three more Rankin County cemeteries: Rawls Chapel, Bowman Memorial, and the Myers Family. Listings of these cemeteries will soon be available on CDs in the Genealogy Room at the Brandon Library.

Museum Cleanup Day
Friday, Oct. 1, 9:00-10 A.M.