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New to the Crew

By: **Emily Waters**

There are a lot of new teachers at Pearl High School this year, twenty-two to be exact, and among this group is English III and IV teacher Ms. Emilie Ponthieux (Pon-Chay). Not only is Ms. Ponthieux a new teacher to Pearl High School, she is a relatively new teacher altogether. She did her first year of teaching in the Delta, and now she is spending her second year, and many more, at Pearl High School.

Ms. Ponthieux's spark for teaching was ignited when she was in the eighth grade. "I had a really amazing English teacher! She was always really honest with us, and it made me want to work with young people." Ms. Ponthieux graduated from Ridgeland High School, and went on to get her Associate Degree from Holmes Community College. After Holmes, she moved on to Mississippi College to get her Bachelor's Degree. After she graduated, Ms. Ponthieux did a semester of substitute teaching at Madison Central, which is also where she did her student teaching.

"I knew that Pearl was a top school in Mississippi, and I felt like I could make a difference here." So far, Ms. Ponthieux said that she loves her job! "I wouldn't be as successful without my wonderful students!" Her favorite parts of working at Pearl High School are the teachers she works with and her students. "I've got an awesome team of teachers that I work with, and my students make me happy to come to school every day." She really hopes to teach her students a love for the written word. "My teaching style in three words would probably be interesting, humorous, and memorable."

When Ms. Ponthieux isn't here teaching, she likes to ride four-wheelers, and she loves music. "I like country and classic rock." She is also pretty well known for her love of quotes; right now her favorite quote is from a John Mayer song, 'The Heart of Life,' "The heart of life is good". A very important person in her life is her niece Emma Gayle. Emma, the daughter of Ms. Ponthieux's sister, is named after her. Ten years from now Ms. Ponthieux hopes to be married with kids of her own, and still here teaching at Pearl High School.



Graduation Day: Ms. Ponthieux smiles brightly in front of the Mississippi College Stadium, as she looks forward to embarking on her teaching career. She graduated in December of 2011 with her Bachelor's Degree in English and Secondary Education.

I know the
heart of life
is good.
- John Mayer

Spirited Secretary

By: **Emily Crawford**

As the attendance secretary, Mrs. Melissa Bush keeps a busy schedule. Mrs. Bush's day is packed with taking absences for every single class each block, checking students in and out, handling discipline, and interacting with students, teachers, and parents. Even though she remains occupied with work all day, she still loves working here. "Pearl High School is a great place to work. Everybody is a family," said Mrs. Bush. Although she is on her thirteenth year of working at Pearl, she has not always been here.

Mrs. Bush spent her childhood in Macon, Mississippi. One thing she remembers about growing up is going to her grandparent's house every Friday night and sleeping over while watching Wonder Woman on TV. She went to high school at Central Academy in Macon and then moved on to attend some classes at Mississippi State where she met her husband, Heath.

Now married for 17 years, they have two boys named Griffin (13 years old) and Garrett (10 years old). During the weekends, she can usually be found driving her young athletes around to their sporting or school events. The other three members of her family keep this mother of two working hard. "I want to do my best for my family," she said.

This outstanding secretary continues to take pride in Pearl saying, "I enjoy working at Pearl High School." Her definition of Pirate Pride is "doing the best you can in everything you do and taking pride in what you do." As a staff member at Pearl High School and a supporter of the Pirates, Mrs. Bush most definitely meets her qualifications of having Pirate Pride.



Greeting the People:

While doing her desk work, Mrs. Bush happily welcomes and directs those who enter Pearl High School. Having worked with Mr. John Craven, assistant principal, for 13 years, she described her job as "interesting, surprising, and never dull."

Photo by: Emily Crawford

"Pearl High School is a great place to work. Everybody is a family."

The Voice Among the Students

By: KATIE SIMS

Since middle school, Dillon Pitts has dreamed of being student body president. This year, as a senior, Dillon is finally getting his chance.

Dillon believes it is both his and the council's job to make good decisions for the school as a whole. "We are the voice for all the students," he said.

He also has some goals for the school year. By going the extra mile, collecting cans at late hours of the night, in hopes of helping the Pearl Pirates win the can food drive, Dillon played a big role. Dillon has also thought of having a movie night on the jumbotron once the weather cools down. However, these few ideas will not stop him from continuing old Pearl High School Traditions. Dillon plans to approach his goals and aspirations for this school year with a more hands on approach than some of the past student body presidents. He wants to help be "the voice" and not throw his job off on others.

Originally, Dillon became part of the student council in middle school because he wanted to become a politician. He has wanted to become president since he first joined. While he did not start as president, he did have other important roles within the council. From 6th to 9th grade, he was a representative. As a sophomore, Dillon was class president, and he was vice president as a junior.



Student Body President:

Dillon Pitts, smiles confidently as he looks forward to his senior year. A member of the student council since sixth grade, Dillon is prepared to meet the challenges. Photo provided by: Dillon Pitts

Now that he is president, his responsibilities have increased. He is involved with prom, homecoming, and the smaller dances. He also had to help organize how the senior run in the first day would go. He also has to keep up with how much money the council has that they can spend on all their functions. Along with student council, Dillon is a part of Key Club, Beta Club, National Honors Society, and Pearl Soccer team; yet he says he does not feel overwhelmed as the student body president.

Dillon feels that, as the president, he is learning things that will carry over and help him in life, such as: confidence and making split-end decisions. He thinks it is a good trial run for when he starts pursuing a role in student government at Ole Miss.

Dillon's mom has been an inspiration for him by preparing him "to be ready for anything". He is most thankful to God, who gave him two very supportive parents. He also feels PHS has been a great place of opportunity and has helped him form lasting connections both within and outside the school. Dillon had some advice for his fellow students: "Never quit or say you can't. You can!"

A dream that started in middle school finally came true for Dillon as a senior.



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Austin's Final Countdown

By: Zak Burrow

Senior defensive lineman, Austin Jennings, is a part of the Pearl Pirate Football Team. He states, "This year's football team is definitely better than last years." He has been playing football since he was in 7th grade. He also is in powerlifting. He has placed in many events in powerlifting: 1st in 5A district, 1st in Regionals, 2nd in South State, and 5th in the entire state. He says, "Without football I probably wouldn't be the person that I am now." Austin plans to play football in college and is being looked at by many colleges. He is thinking about going into the NFL, but he first has to see how college is going to go.

Austin also has a brother that plays football. Andrew Jennings is a freshman this year, and he plans to continue to play football through his senior year. Austin wants to be a role model for Andrew so he plays to the best of his ability. He gives him general tips and pointers, since they play different positions, Austin can't give him specific tips. He hopes that Andrew will follow in his footsteps and be the best that he can be.

Since Austin's 7th grade year, football has impacted his life. Austin says the coach that taught him the most was Coach Jonathan Anderson. He wants to tell his coaches, "Thank you for pushing me to my limits and making me a better player." Football has taught him responsibility and built his character. On the field, Austin tries to motivate the team. One quote he would leave behind to the future teams is, "When the going gets tough, the good keep going." If Austin could go back, he would only change the game changing plays that he didn't give a 100 %.

Austin has many memories with the Pearl Pirate Football Team. He also has one major goal that he wants to complete before he leaves; it is to win a 5A State Championship. Austin says that he will miss this part of his life but says he has to move on, so he can achieve the goals that he has laid out.



Game Face:

Austin puts on his game face on at a pep rally. In addition to playing high school sports, he coaches a little league football team. Photo by: Bella Kyzar.

"For future generations play tough and NEVER give up."

My Three

What three words explain an event in the life of a Pirate?

The Pirate Speaks staff searched for treasures throughout the school and discovered many accomplishments. Students and faculty members celebrate our high subject area test scores, rich history, sports, community service, and new teachers.

Future treasures that will be revealed to showcase the accomplishments of PHS Pirates.

Top Scoring School

PHS earned an A rating by the Mississippi Department of Education based on Quality Distribution Index (QDI), graduation rates, and growth. Pictured from left to right are teachers Miss Leslie Vaughn (science), Mrs. Victoria Walker (English), and Mrs. Christina Jackson (math).



Photo by: Bella Kyzar



Photo by: Brealand Bowie

PHS Has History

Pearl High School first opened its doors 65 years ago in the fall of 1948. Since then, PHS has grown and developed into a school with many achievements. Pictured from left to right are

Coach Torey McKenzie,
PPSD Superintendent, Dr. Ray Morgigno, and
Coach Chase Carmody.

Words!

By: **Brealand Bowie** and **Zak Burrow**



Photo by: Brealand Bowie

Over The Net

The PHS Volleyball Team has several new players and a new coach, Lacey Kennedy. With only one senior player, the young team is working hard to learn the game. “Their greatest strengths are that they hustle and are energetic,” said Coach Kennedy. Pictured from left to right are junior Allison Dillon, freshman De’kari Courtney, and junior Alexandra Garner-Young.

Unlocking Great Opportunities

Key Club is a student organization where students give back to the community. They host pancake breakfasts and many other special events. Seniors Sara Hardin, Clara Miller, Faith Harris, and Destin Berry help plan the events.



Photo by: Brealand Bowie



Photo by: Bella Kyzar

New Teachers Aboard

This year Pearl High School has welcomed a number of new teachers. Three new teachers from left to right are Mr. Kevin Barnett (business and history), Mrs. Brooklyn Neely (special services), and Mr. Josh Bagwell (art).

Once a Pirate...

“Welcome to Pirate Country!” Every Pearl Pirate Football game is opened with this notorious phrase, a phrase that has been put on t-shirts, posters, advertisements, and even signs around campus. Do you know the origin of “Welcome to Pirate Country”? The first person to utter these hallowed words, was Ray Rogers, deemed the original Pearl Pirate by Coach John Perry, “He was the first quarterback, scored the first touchdown, and he was the first team captain; Ray Rogers is the original Pearl Pirate.”

Ray Rogers graduated in 1951; he was in the third graduating class of Pearl High School. “The school has grown so much! There were fifty-two students all together in grades tenth through twelfth my sophomore year: ten seniors, fifteen juniors, and seventeen sophomores.” Pearl High School did have a basketball and baseball team its first year of being a school, but it didn’t have a football team until the second year. The last football game of the season was against Brandon; it was on Thanksgiving Day. Rogers told us the story. “We went in as a big underdog. This was our first year playing football as a school, and Brandon had been playing for twenty or thirty years, plus they had had a pretty good season. We tied it up 0-0; we felt like we had really accomplished something! I tell people all the time, at that ball game we fought before the ball game, we fought during the ball game, and we fought after the ball game, and that went on for three or four years! It became such a big game for both schools, and the fighting continued every year. The fourth year, the Mississippi Activities Committee actually stepped in and said that this had gone too far and become too controversial. They made us quit playing each other for a couple of years!”

After graduating from high school, Rogers had an offer to go to Hinds Junior College and play football, and he had an offer to go to Mississippi State University and play baseball. He also had offers from three minor league baseball teams to sign a professional baseball contract. The Boston Red Sox, The Old Brooklyn Dodgers, (now the Los Angeles Dodgers), and the Washington Senators, now the (Minnesota Twins). “I chose the Washington Senators to sign with because I thought it would be my fastest route to the major leagues, because at that time Washington was always dragging up in last place, so I said, ‘Well, if I sign with the last place team surely their players aren’t as good as the others, and I’ll be able to advance quicker.’ I played for seven years. I played middle infield but mostly second base.” Rogers and his wife decided that they wanted to start a family, and he didn’t think it would be right to not be around all the time for his children, so he decided to retire from baseball to be closer to his family.

Ray Rogers’s biggest supporter is his wife, Shirley Rogers. While telling the story of how they met, she said, “It would’ve broken my heart had my girls done what I did, and I would never ever tell anyone to do this. We had been going together for a year! Ray was out playing professional baseball, and we couldn’t see each other when he was gone. So, we were keeping the telephones hot. Well, our monthly telephone bills were too high, so we decided we’d just get married and that would be the cheapest thing to do. So actually I was engaged my junior year of high school, and I was married my senior year of high school. We just celebrated sixty years of marriage this past June. Both of us being young, it probably wouldn’t work out in most cases, but we have so much love for each other it worked out.”

Always a Pirate

By: **Emily Waters**

In 1964 the first man who was announcing for the Pirate Football Games was transferred, and Ray Rogers was asked if he would give it a try, "I said yeah I'll give it a try, and I've been doing it ever since... I try really hard to make sure that I say all the players' names as often as I can. It makes their families and them so happy," Rogers said. In 50 years Rogers has only missed one and half games. He missed half of one game because his daughter was having the rehearsal dinner for her wedding, but he arrived at half time. As for the other game, he got to the game, and then had to leave because he felt ill.

Ray Rogers is a true Pearl Pirate, he was there in 1948 when the school was being organized, when the school colors were chosen, and he even helped pick the mascot! In closing, Mr. Rogers said, "I live by the theory that every day is a great day to be a Pirate. If I live to be a hundred I'll probably be at the games anyway, why not be announcing in the press box, it's the best seat in the house!"



The Crystal Microphone:

Ray Rogers received an award for his 50 years of announcing for the Pirate Football team, and his additional years of announcing for the Pirate Band. Shirley Rogers can be seen in the back proudly cheering for her Pirate. Photo by: Emily Waters

The Speech:

Ray Rogers delivering his acceptance speech, with his Lady Pirate by his side. They both smile proudly as he accepts such a grand achievement. He looks forward to many more years as the voice of the Pearl Pirates. Photo by: Emily Waters



From Marching to Teaching

by: *Madison Byrd*

Matt Rowan, a Pearl High School graduate, was once in front of the band director podium, not behind it. As a student here at Pearl High School, Mr. Rowan played the French horn and always aspired to be a band director. "If I had wanted to be something else, I would've done that. But I've never wanted to have any other job," Mr. Rowan said. Before coming to Pearl to be a band director in July 2010, Mr. Rowan taught at Oxford High School for 9 years. When it comes to any changes in the band program, Mr. Rowan said the work ethic of the students in the band and the parent/administrative support has remained constant over the years. "That's one of the reasons I wanted to come back and teach here," Mr. Rowan said. As for traditions, Mr. Rowan states they're exactly the same as when he was a teenager here: "All the mottoes and sayings we said, playing 'We Believe' and saying 'Hey, let's do it!' have always been around. These traditions make it enjoyable to teach here." Mr. Rowan attended University of Mississippi, Ole Miss, to receive his degree and earn his spot as a band director.



Decided as of November of last year, the Pearl "Pirate" Band's show for this year is called *Red*. *Red* tells the classic fairy tale of 'Little Red Riding Hood' in a twisted new way. "Compared to last year, *Red* has more of a storyline and a lot of props!" Mr. Rowan explains. Over his years teaching here, Mr. Rowan said the band has grown in numbers and the students seem to be more enthusiastic about learning every day. He hopes to maintain the band's success on state championship level and to give a good showing at Bands of America in St. Louis, Missouri, this coming October. According to Mr. Rowan, there is not only one good quality a band must have, but two: "A band must have a positive work ethic and a positive attitude, daily."

Mr. Rowan has been promoted to the position of lead band director as of this year. "Comparing my job from last year to this year, the biggest difference is all this paperwork! It's so much," Mr. Rowan said. According to Mr. Rowan, the best thing you can see as a band director is students achieving success as a group. When days are tough, Mr. Rowan reminds himself how stable the band program is and that there is always another day to improve. Despite the teenage emotions and drama Mr. Rowan has to deal with, he enjoys seeing the kids grow from 6th graders to seniors in high school. "I'm proud to work here, and I love coming to school everyday just to be apart of this organization." Mr. Rowan said, smiling.

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PHS Fun Facts

by: *Madison Byrd*

1. Pearl Schools started in a one-room building with one teacher, Miss Louise Andrews, teaching grades 1-8. If students wished to continue, they had to attend Central High School in Jackson.
2. The first Pearl school building was constructed on land near Pearson Road, donated by Joseph Valentour.
3. The first senior class to graduate from a Pearl High School was the class of 1949.
4. Pearl schools separated from Rankin County to become their own school district in 1976.
5. The original high school buildings were sold to the city, currently being the City Hall and Pearl Police Department.
6. Our first football season was in the fall of 1949.
7. Ray Rogers, only a sophomore at the time, was Pearl's first quarterback. Ray Rogers is currently an announcer for Pearl's football games, being held in the stadium named after him.
8. Brandon played against Pearl for the last game of Pearl's first season. The rivalry began on Thanksgiving day, with an astounding score of 0-0, augmenting the soon-to-be rivalry.

Teachers Offer a Glance at the PHS Past

By: *Madison Byrd*
and KATIE SIMS

Questions:

1. How has PHS grown since you've been here?
2. How has PHS made you grow and change?

1. PHS has grown in its facilities: When I came here we only had the football stadium and baseball field; there wasn't a PAC. It has also grown in maturity, in the beginning the faculty was very to themselves for instruction and didn't share much. Since then, we have really become student-centered in all that we do. We reward good behavior and test grades, opposed to just being expected and not rewarded. I believe that that's the way it should be. On top of this, we have definitely been spoiled throughout the years from community support to police and firemen support.

2. PHS has made me grow and change by the students working hard in the classroom. I have learned how respect for the children goes a long way with them. I have learned how to love unconditionally and have been able to see Jesus work and therefore grow spiritually. I would give nothing for my time here and look forward to my future here and what else I might be able to learn. It's a GREAT day to be a pirate.

-Coach LeighAnn Purnell, 23 years of Pirate Dedication

1. PHS has grown tremendously since I graduated in 2001. My class only had 180 students and compared to this year's incoming freshmen (upper 290's), that is CRAZY!

2. Being a Pirate has always been something special. While I was a student at PHS, I learned to have pride in my community and school. I also learned that education is the number one aspect of being a Pirate! Because of the teachers who showed their Pirate Pride daily, I became a better person. Now that I teach at PHS, I hope to pass the same core values to each of my students, so they, too, will know the true meaning of being a Pirate!

-Mrs. Victoria Walker, 3 years of Pirate Dedication

1. I've seen many faculty members come and go in my 20 years at PHS, but everyone has always been committed to excellence. Standards and goals are always very high, and we're consistently pushed to reach those goals and beyond.

2. The family values I've been taught all my life are reinforced daily at PHS. We say it so much it may seem like a cliché, but it is really the truth: the faculty and staff are a family at PHS. I wouldn't want to teach anywhere but here.

-Mrs. Angie Rawls, 20 years of Pirate Dedication

1. The student population has increased along with the diversity of students. Students themselves change very little, just a new spin.

2. PHS has encouraged me to continue to try and stay one step ahead by always seeking and learning new ways to teach. PHS has also taught me to be more patient and humble throughout the years and to be grateful for my blessings.

-Mrs. Vicki Vance, 16 years of Pirate Dedication



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My Favorite Memory at PHS is...

By: **Emily Crawford**



"Getting hit in the face with a rifle."
-Jacob Shelton, 11th

"Playing X-box in Mr. Brewer's room."
-Brittany Evans, 9th



"When I made the cheerleading team."
-Richard Torres, 11th

"The cadet ball that was held in the
commons for the ROTC students."
-Taylor Mason, 10th

*"Take nothing but memories, leave nothing but
footprints."
-Chief Seattle*



"My freshman year, the Pearl vs.
Brandon pep rally."
-Alexis Bulman, 11th

"I didn't know we were supposed to
remember anything."
-Logan Wilmoth, 12th



"Powerlifting class!"
-Chris Westlake, 11th

"9th grade track."
-Micah Freeman, 12th



Mr. Craven: A True Pearl Pirate

By: *Bella Kyzar*

“Give your best in everything you do. Wherever you go, leave a memory of pride and respect. We’re a classy group of people,” says Assistant Principal John Craven on what he believes Pirate Pride means. Currently going on his twentieth year at Pearl High School, Mr. Craven tells us of his journey throughout the years.



Avid Sports Fan:

At the end of the day, Mr. Craven relieves stress by playing with his old ball and glove. He said that it makes him feel like a kid again.

Photo by: Bella Kyzar

“I never had the desire to be assistant principal,” Craven said. “I wanted to be the greatest coach in the world.” For the first twenty years of his career he worked as a teacher and coach for multiple schools around the state. In 1994, Mr. Craven got an offer to work for Pearl that he couldn’t turn down.

“I was fascinated by the school,” he said, speaking of his first encounter with Pearl. “It was amazing. And even after twenty years of working here, I still get chills whenever Ray Rogers says, ‘This is Pirate Country.’”

Mr. Craven looks forward to the upcoming school year and getting to know his students. His number one advice is, “Give your best in everything you do. Wherever you go, leave a memory of pride and respect.”

When asked what he loves most about his job, Mr. Craven replied, “Since my kids are grown, I feel like I have eleven hundred more here... Our job is to help our students. No matter the background, we treat them as our own children.” Mr. Craven believes that through education and hard work, all things can be achieved, and he shares this advice with his students on a daily basis.

“I was fascinated by the school. It was amazing. And even after twenty years of working here, I still get chills whenever Ray Rogers says, ‘This is Pirate Country.’ ”

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Coach Perry's Play

By: **Carrie Brower**

John Perry, head football coach at Pearl High School, is very dedicated to his job, family, and community. He went to college at both Hinds and Harding University. He majored in Kinesiology and Biology. He hasn't always been a coach. He has also taught Biology, Botany, Zoology, and Physical Education. Coach Perry has taught at Wayne County, North East Mississippi Community College, and Kosciusko. Coach Perry says his mother was a great basketball player and his father loved sports, so they encouraged him to be active. He loved football so much, that he decided to coach it!

He played football and baseball in both high school and college. "I love interacting with the kids. I try to teach a young man to become a good person, father, and husband." Football is all about teamwork. Coach Perry believes a good player is excited about what he does, is halfway intelligent, and plays hard. A good player also has character. Character is what you do and say when no one is looking.

Other than being a coach, Coach Perry is a father of two kids; J, who is eight, and Haley, who is fifteen. Haley attends Pearl High, so her dad keeps an eye on her. "I don't see her a lot. Only when she needs something, like a paper signed or she forgets her homework at the house." Coach Perry loves his kids and is proud to be their father.

Coach Perry played a very big part in raising money for the jumbo tron. He organized a group who raised \$515,000. "The community helped us out tremendously. They are the best at supporting the school and our athletic programs. We are very blessed." Along with helping get the jumbo tron, Coach Perry has also upgraded the facilities. In the six years Coach Perry has been here, he has updated the field house and installed a turf field. Five years from now Coach sees himself doing what he's doing.

Game day is a big day for Coach Perry and all his players. They stay at school all day until the game is over. The players eat then take a two hour nap. Then they prep for game time. Coach Perry has a "lucky hat" he wears for winning streaks. Then once he loses a game, the hat goes in the garbage and he gets a different brand, color, or style. No matter how the game goes, Coach Perry is always proud of his players.



Proud Pearl Pirate:

Coach Perry's dedication to football has allowed him to be head football coach at Pearl High School. Smiling proudly, Perry tells The Pirate Speaks about his awesome team, great kids, and wonderful job.

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OCTOBER

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4 Football Pearl vs. Canton home	5 World Teachers day
6	7 Nine weeks test	8 Nine weeks test	9 Nine weeks test	10 Nine weeks test	11 Football Pearl vs. Germantown away	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17 Parent Conference Day	18 Football Pearl vs. Lanier away	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Football Pearl vs. Vicksburg home	26
27	28 National Chocolate day	29	30	31 Halloween 		

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Thursday, October 17
Parent Conference Day

Friday, October 18
Student Holiday

Wednesday, November 13
A Field Day Celebration



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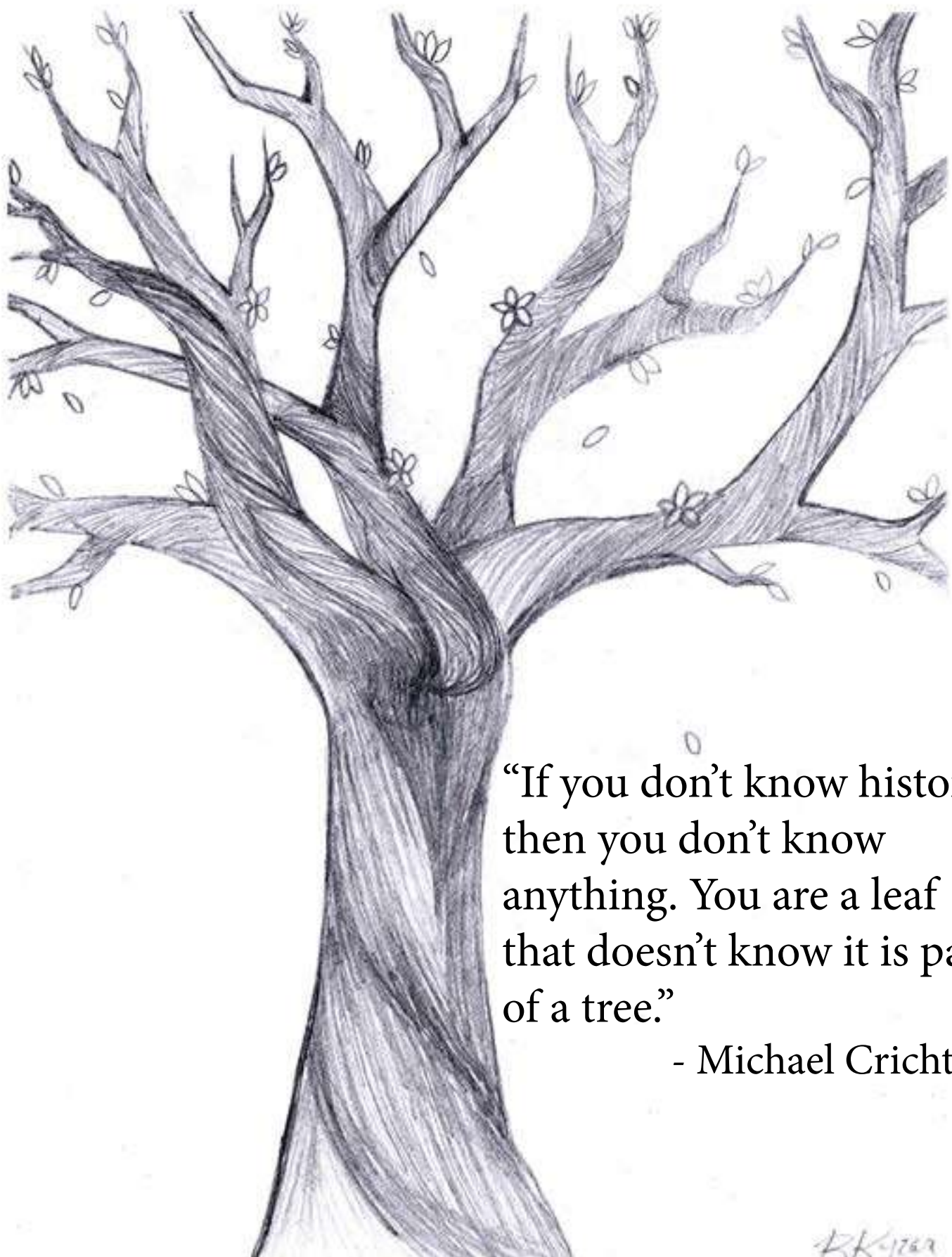


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then you don’t know
anything. You are a leaf
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of a tree.”

- Michael Crichton