### **DURANT NEWS**

by Rowena Hill

Those of us who know Mrs. Bettie Wigley Vietch of Arkansas were glad to see her at church Sunday with her son David Rodgers and the family.

Prayers are for Mrs. Tom (Cassie) Humphries and Mrs. Katherine Cagle. They were both patients in a Jackson hospital during the week. We are thankful both are feeling better. At this writing (Monday) Katherine is still in the hospital. Love and prayers continue that she will be lots better and return home very soon.

was well attended at First Baptist Church. Clark Faulkner was guest vocalist. There was a fellowship following the program. Joey Hill drove to Stewart

The many friends and famdeath. He passed away suddenly

church service with Jodie and

Derek May and the family.

Saturday. Prayers are for his wife Myra and the family. Mac was a friend to all who knew him. He will be missed for a

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Sunil Desai home after a

Mark Underwood and Eddy Johnson enjoyed a day in Jackson recently.

The Annual Valentine Banquet will be held on Saturday night, February 11 beginning at 6 in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall. The tickets for the evening The 5th Sunday Night Singing are \$10 each. There will be a meal and entertainment.

On Saturday evening, February 4, the ladies will meet at 5 for the monthly Ladies Night Out meeting. Kathy Ramage is Sunday morning and attended the speaker.

All are thankful Mrs. Gale Sheppeard seems to be feeling better after recent surgery. She ily of Mac Wigley mourn his is a blessing to all who know her and a good music director.

## IN AND AROUND EXINGTON BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Multi-Purpose Building in The council also wants to Lexington at 10 a.m. Mrs. Bartee is the coordinator for get the congregations healththe council. The meditations at the health council are always uplifting. The meeting in January was about healthy bodies. During the exercise presentation for the opening session, the senior citizen's feeding program members and other attendees did a total body workout. They started with the foot bone and ended with the head bone.

The health presentation was presented by Mrs. Argie Logan, a retired educator and a working exercise instructor, from Durant. Mrs. Logan talked about health and wellness, the power of physical pain and the effects of chronic illness and insufficient blood supply. Stress is also a key factor in pain. She suggested that people pray about stuff others tell them and not let stress cause pain.

One goal of the Mayor's Health Council is putting very long time.

trip of several weeks.

The Mayor's Health Coun- healthier snacks in the vendcil met January 26 at the ing machines in Lexington. work with churches to help ier. Any church that's inter-

ested can contact Mrs. Bartee.

Working with the council, Mr. Kenneth Judie, a special projects officer with the MS State Dept. of Health will offer a 1½ hour class for 8 weeks on "Matter of Balance: Fall Prevention." The classes will begin in March, they will be an hour a week. Detailed information will be given

The first Friday in February

#### **Graduates/honor lists** announced for MSU

Honor graduates include all bachelor-degree candidates with exceptional scholastic averages and at least half the total required course hours earned at MSU. Their specific levels of recognition and the minimum required averages for each, based on a 4.0 scale, include: summa cum laude, 3.80; magna cum laude, 3.60; and cum laude,

The academic honors are recorded on the graduates' diplomas and permanent records, as well as in the commencement program.

#### **GRADUATES**

Fredrick Brown, Lexington, College of Education, BS: Sara O'Reilly, Pickens, College of Arts & Sciences, BS; Roslyn Russell, Lexington, College of Business, BBA; and Wilburn Smith, Tchula, College of Arts & Sciences,

Students on the President's List achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on

is Wear Red Day. Mr. Kenneth Judie is asking everybody to wear red for heart health as February is heat month.

If you are interested in having the RAT (Reject All Tobacco) program at your church or civic organization contact Rochelle Culp with the Mississippi Tobacco Free Coalition at (601) 832-9112. The RAT program is for children K-6th grade.

Robert Wright is continuing to improve healthwise.

Mrs. Ada Horton is sick. Last week she was in the hospital. I don't know whether she's out or not, but pray that she will be OK. Also keep Alderwoman Clementine Cooper and the Ross family in your prayers, as one of her sisters passed.











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Durant Public School students with the highest Accelerated Reader points for each grade for the second nine weeks were announced last week. Pictured above are (from left, front row): Malasia Johnson, 5th grade; Janiya Hall, 4th grade; Hailey Hurt, 3rd grade; Schamorion Foster, 2nd grade; Hamoni Hurt, Kindergarten; (back row left) Timothy Thomas, 7th grade; Keshaela Parker. 11th grade; Jakayla Lipsey, 10th grade; Amos J. Hightower, 6th grade; Taskya Brown 9th grade; and Otis Smith, 8th grade. Pictured upper left is Ricky Anderson, 12th grade and upper right is Madison James, 1st grade. (Photo submitted)

a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

Dean's List students achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

#### PRESIDENT'S LIST

Karlee Bell Farmer, Cruger; and Lily Francesca McCrory, Lexington.

#### **DEAN'S LIST**

Matthew Malik Blackmon, Lexington; Hannah Suzanne Ellard, West; and Kaeli Cora Holeman, Cruger.

Congratulations Anthony Wheat, husband of Doris Hampton

Wheat, congratulates his beautiful wife on successfully receiving her Doctor of Education degree from The University of Memphis. Dr. Doris Wheat is the daughter of our late honorable Odell Hampton Jr., Supervisor of District 5 and Dr. Lastella Hampton formerly of Tchula, MS. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Spann have also supported their daughter-in-law Doris in her accomplishments with God's grace.

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