



Disability Awareness Day was held at the State Capitol on Tuesday, February 14, hosted by the Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities. The Great Scholar of Life organization of Tchula along with Tchula Mayor Zula Patterson attended the days activities. The group is pictured above with State Rep. Bryant Clark (from left): Clark, Van Alice Williams, Patterson, Marie Williams, Rev. Leslie Benson, Rebecca Miller and Sandra Hayes. (Photo submitted)



The Holmes County Arts Council held its annual fund-raising gala Friday, February 17 at the Arts Council Building on the Lexington Court Square. Audrey Anderson (pictured at top, left), HCAC board, welcomes guests to the *Breakfast at Tiffany's* themed event. Arnita Knight (at center left) channels her Audrey Hepburn look during the gala. Mississippi Swing! (at bottom left) performs Big Band hits as the entertainment for the gala. Pictured above, Davis Ables (at left) and Katelyn Bienemann, both of Indianola, hit the dance floor briefly during the fund-raiser. Event organizers reported \$2,550 raised from the silent auction with other tallies still pending.



(Photos by Matthew Breazeale)

SENEASHA-SHROCK REPORT

by Eva Dickerson

Our community was saddened to hear that Earl Branch had passed away. He grew up in this community and was living in Pontuchlar, Louisiana. Our deepest sympathy and love go out to his family at this time.

Bessie Perkins was the host for the WUMC At Goodhope Church on Saturday afternoon. She served a delicious chilli.

Noel Covington and Bessie Perkins attended the Valentine Banquet at the Baptist Church in Goodman on Saturday night that was catered by a local catering service. They had a wonderful time with fellowship and good food.

Visiting in the home of Jean Yarbrough over the weekend was her son Jay, Donna and Austin, of Jackson, later Phillip and Karen came from Memphis.

John and Barbara Alston visited with their daughter Joanne and Terry Cade at Possumneck on Saturday. They enjoyed supper at Carmack Fish House.

Please keep Bubba Lawshe on your prayer list as he is still not doing well from surgery.

Please keep Penny Foster in your prayers also as she is in the hospital in Belzoni, she is Polly Leopard's sister.

We need to pray for so many that are sick with flu and colds also.

Our sympathy and love to Mary Lock in the death of her husband this week. Our prayers

are with you and your family.

I am very proud of my great granddaughter, Olivia Neal, of Franklin, Tennessee, for winning second place in National Cheer Leading competition in Disney World.

Don't forget to add Terry Wayne and Renea Leopard to your prayer list, he had major surgery a week ago on the 23rd of February.

Billie Nance was surprised by her cousins with a wonderful birthday party at a Newport eatery. Twenty-two cousins enjoyed the occasion. Her daughter Laura Nance from Jackson came for the occasion. Karol Parker of Fort Worth, Texas, spent a week with Billie.

Happy Birthday Billie, pray you have many more wonderful birthdays, we love you!

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Strong parenting is needed in today's society

By Gary Andrews
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My wife and I are the parents of four wonderful children. The Lord has blessed us tremendously and our children are now adults living in a world that wants to dictate to them.

Reading a story not long ago about a family of ten, which is eight children and two parents, I was reminded through a statement from the father what it takes to be a close knit family. His statement was, "I don't think parents are slowing down enough to have conversations with their children. It's not just figuring out how to discipline them, it's actually talking with them, talk to their hearts; understand and dig deep into their souls."

This man and his wife are raising their children in a Christian environment through home schooling, training their children how to work with others, the discipline it takes to succeed in the world, and how to love each other.

It would be so good to see other families, even the ones with one or two children, doing the same thing. Being a school teacher my wife sees so many dysfunctional situations when her school children come to school. Family time is a thing of the past and it really takes its toll on these children when they are in public arenas.

The lack of parenting creates an avenue of disrespectful, intolerant, and disobedient children.

As I stated before, my family has been tremendously blessed because we made the opportunities of growing up with our

children. As the family with eight children, we made time to talk, play, and listen to our children and their successes along with their problems. This way we were able to advise and discipline as parents should and hold them accountable for their actions.

Parents are needed once again in today's society. We need to teach our children the difference between wrong and right, tolerance and intolerance, love and hate, and being respectful, especially to teachers, leaders, and elders.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for

the parents that I had and their availability to me and their discipline. I pray that I can show the same for the children you have blessed me with.

Amen.

Suggested daily Bible readings: Sunday - Proverbs 16:6; Monday - 2 John 1-4; Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 12:14-15; Wednesday - Exodus 20:12; Thursday - Judges 13:8-24; Friday - Psalm 44:1-3; Saturday - Proverbs 6:20-23.

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WEST REPORT

by West Civic Club

The West Civic Club held their monthly meeting on February 15. There were several of the members present. Carol Black gave the program. She told some of the different things that happened and what it was like living in Southeast Alaska when she and her husband were transferred by the U.S. Forest Service. Ken was in the timber department, making sure that the loggers upheld their end of

the contract and he also helped to fight forest fires. Major industries were, timber, fishing and shrimping. She also told about her work in the fish cannery and how she was eventually hired on with the forest service. The two islands they lived on in the years between 1976 and 1980 were Petersburg and Wrangell.

We would like to welcome the Parkinson family into our community.

Please join us as we celebrate
Rebecca Ferguson's 90th BIRTHDAY
Saturday, February 25
at the Senior Citizen Building in Tchula at
3:00 p.m.



Saint Paul Church of God in Christ and Elder William Dean, Jr., Pastor, honored their scholars in grades K-12, Sunday, February 12, 2017 at the regular eleven o'clock church service. Thirteen students were meritorious and received an Honor Certificate and monetary award. Honors are indicated as: S - Superintendent Honor, P - Principal Honor and H - Honor Roll. Pictured first row (from left): Yoni Farley - P, Seleah Coleman - P; second row: Ashton Jaquan Friend - H, Taylor Winstead - H, William Terrell Dean - H, Kristiunna Shatrell Reed - P; third row: Elnora Johnson Patton, Jinaya Lanae Ford - P, Kendrick Markel Powell - P, Rayla Thompson - P and Elder William Dean, Jr. Not pictured are Curtis Curtaveon Dixon - H, Jakarra Semaj Bankhead - P and James Bankhead, Jr. - H.

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