





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)

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 Lepard 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 Please keep Penny Foster in 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

husband this week. Our prayers birthdays, we love you!



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)

Strong parenting is needed in today's society

By Gary Andrews gary@gadevotionals.com 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 familv. 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, Proverbs 6:20-23. tolerance and intolerance, love and hate, and being respectful, Encouraging Words: 30-days in especially to teachers, leaders, and elders.

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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

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The West Civic Club held the contract and he also helped their monthly meeting on Feb- to fight forest fires. Major indusruary 15. There were several tries were, timber, fishing and of the members present. Carol shrimping. She also told about Black gave the program. She her work in the fish cannery and told some of the different things how she was eventually hired on that happened and what it was with the forest service. The two like living in Southeast Alaska islands they lived on in the years when she and her husband were between 1976 and 1980 were transferred by the U.S. Forest Petersburg and Wrangell.

Service. Ken was in the timber We would like to welcome the department, making sure that Parkinson family into our comthe loggers upheld their end of munity.

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.



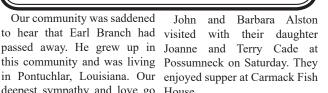
SENEASHA-SHROCK REPORT by Eva Dickerson

Our community was saddened deepest sympathy and love go House. out to his family at this time.

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

Noel Covington and Bessie Perkins attended the Valentine Banquet at the Baptist Church that was catered by a local also. 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



Please keep Bubba Lawshe on your prayer list as he is still not

your prayers also as she in the hospital in Belzoni, she is Polly Lepard's sister.

We need to pray for so many in Goodman on Saturday night that are sick with flu and colds

> Our sympathy and love to Mary Lock in the death of her

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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.