



On February 8 Aaron Davis, a 5th grade student from William Dean Jr. Elementary, attended the Promote the Vote 2017-2018 Awards Ceremony at the Mississippi State Capital in Jackson. Earlier in the school year Davis entered a drawing contest through this program. The drawing was entered in the Clay Hill Region. Out of a total of 116,000 student's enters Davis placed 3rd place in his region's grade level. Davis (at left) is pictured at top with Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann.

(Photos submitted)

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

The Sallis School Reunion will be held May 5 at the school. All former teachers and students are invited. Make plans to attend. Lunch will be available.

Mrs. Sam (Shirley) Higginbotham and son Jay of Clinton, Mrs. Walter (Valerie) Farmer of West and Jack and Shirley Ables visited me during the weekend. We enjoyed time together.

Prayers and best wishes go out to Nell, Buck and Pat Burrell. They haven't been well for some time. We miss seeing them.

The grandson of Judy and Ed Hathcock enjoyed a visit with them during the weekend.

Prayers continue for Mrs. Katherine Cagle as she improves. She remains a patient at Montfort Jones Hospital in Kosciusko at this time (Tuesday a.m.).

Sincere sympathy is for Scott and Marjorie Binegar because of the loss of her mother. Marjorie has been driving over to help out with her care and healing for weeks. Love and prayers are for them and the family.

Prayers are for Plez White. He continues to be pretty much home bound and Faye as she attends to his needs.

We love and miss Plez a lot and pray for both of their needs and that he will be better again soon.

The Durant First Baptist Church Choir will perform the Easter Cantata "Redeeming Love" at First Baptist Church in Lexington at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 24. All are invited to come. The choir will also be performing at Durant First Baptist on Sunday, March 25.

Love and sympathy are for Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Pat) Ellis. She recently lost her mother. Prayer and sympathy are for them and the family.

Joey and Jackie Hill spent time with daughter Jamie Conner and children on Friday night. They were en route to Stewart for a visit and birthday celebration with Jodi and family on Saturday.

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Letter to the Editor

Over the weekend I watched the memorial service for Evangelist Bill Graham, it was a beautiful service. When I was a little girl I would watch the Rev. Billy Graham special when I wanted to know what the Bible said. I could not read the Bible. I believed what Rev. Graham said what was in the Bible. I listened to his daughters and sons talk about their mom and dad, how they loved each other. How they said their dad was the same person you saw on TV, he was like that at home.

I said, "What a beautiful man he was," he loved his wife and she loved him. We all can take a lesson from Rev. Billy Graham in our own relationships.

I was sorry to read about Mrs. Renee Breazeale and her little dog Chipper, being attacked by a pitbull. Something needs to be done about these

dogs in our town. Where I live, it can be dangerous walking. You got to have a stick with you. Sometimes the dogs get at the children walking from school because they are scared of the dogs and the children start to run which makes the dogs get after them, also the cats. The cats in my neighborhood don't have a chance, many have been killed by stray and pitbull dogs. In my opinion, the city should hire a dog catcher.

Lastly, I wanted to thank the publishers and the editor for putting my letters in the paper. However, I wanted to say, I don't like volunteering, I don't do speeches, I'm asking all *Holmes County Herald* readers to respect my wishes. I am just not a speaker, don't ask me.

Thank you for reading my letters.

Frances Patterson
Durant

Letter to the Editor

We are thankful for the men and women in the Mississippi Legislature who have worked tirelessly this year to defeat the harmful school funding plan in House Bill 957. We do not believe that the proposed replacement to the MAEP would have resulted in better or more equitable funding for our state's public school students.

As leaders of faith communities in Mississippi, we stand behind all efforts to ensure a strong public education for all children. This is

not just a matter of funding. This is a matter of justice. All children, regardless of race or economic background, in every corner of our state deserve our best. And we are thankful for Republican and Democratic legislators who agreed with us that House Bill 957 was not the best Mississippi can offer its children. People of faith expect our elected leaders to put the interests of children ahead of politics.

Rev. Dr. Detra Bishop
Durant

IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Cleotha Hill's toes are getting better. He is off his crutches but still has a cast on his foot. A trailer fell on his foot.

Pray for Emma Carnegie as a result of wrecking her truck, she will soon have neck surgery.

Ms. Corean Randle is back at the Senior Citizens' Feeding Center at the Multi-Purpose Building after having leg surgery.

TRIAD met at the Multi-Purpose Building on March 7. April Jones, victim's assistant, made a short talk. She said court begins in April. She admonished to be care-

ful of who comes to your door. If you don't know them or don't have an appointment, don't open your door.

The main speaker for the TRIAD was Mr. Bill Washington, a consultant for voting and politics. He discussed the 2018-2019 politics. He said "Get out of your comfort zone and help politicians that's trying to help people." He said Holmes County was one of the first to have black elected officials in Mississippi. According to Mr. Washington,

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MARY ASHLEY O'REILLY

O'Reilly - Dunavant set wedding in Canton, April 28

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glen O'Reilly of Ebenezer, MS are proud to announce the forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Mary Ashley O'Reilly, to Rob Dunavant. Rob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Dunavant of Greenville, MS.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. John Russel Durfey of Canton, MS and the late Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Hayes O'Reilly of Ebenezer, MS.

Mary Ashley is a graduate of Mississippi State University. She received a Bachelor of Arts & Sciences, Communication, Public Relations. She currently is employed at Primos Hunting,

Marketing, Flora, MS.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. Kenneth Paul Oberle and the late Mrs. Myrle Grimsley Oberle and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Dunavant of Greenville.

Rob is a graduate of Mississippi State University. He received a Bachelor of Science, Agriculture Engineering, Technology and Business. He is currently a partner in Dunavant Farms.

Mary Ashley and Rob will exchange vows on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at First United Methodist Church of Canton.

Following the wedding the couple will reside in Greenville.

every vote counts. He gave information on voting and the state senate. He stressed to get involved in the voting process.

The sheriff reported that Mrs. Ann Brown went to the doctor on March 7. He said by the sound of her voice, she is feeling pretty good. Sometime last year she fell and broke her hip. Mrs. Brown is the president of TRIAD.

In the sheriff's crime update he stated certain automatic guns should not be

allowed for public use. The sheriff is still visiting the schools to talk about crime. So far for 2018, Holmes County has had two murders.

On April 10, the sheriff will get a bus to take a group of Holmes County senior citizens to the new state Civil Rights museums in Jackson.

The Holmes County Volunteer Homemakers Club sent two quilts to a lady that lost her home due to a house fire. She has some children. Soon as the club can, they plan to give her another quilt.

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