

HIPPY APPRECIATION



The Community Students Learning Center Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPI) Program held an Appreciation Program/Reception on Thursday, March 29 at the Holmes County Arts Council Building in Lexington. Attendees had to opportunity to learn more about the local program that works with families of 3-5 year olds in the home to support parents in being teachers for their children. Guests were able to hear from parent LaTaryl Williams on the value of the program. Pictured above, students of the HIPPI program enjoyed the treats served at the reception. (Photo by Gail Brown)

Conservation Corner

by James Cummins
Executive Director
of Wildlife Mississippi

In a way, this week is a sad one for me. On the other hand, it is a celebration. April 1 was the last day of Thad Cochran's elected public service, which spanned 45 years. Think back to what life in Mississippi was like in 1973. A lot has changed, for the good, I might add. April 1 was also a celebration of Thad Cochran's accomplishments.

Some people go to Washington to make a point. Thad Cochran did not go for that. Leader McConnell said it best: "Thad knows there's a difference between making a fuss and making a difference," McConnell said. "And the people of Mississippi—and our whole nation—have benefitted from his steady determination to do the latter."

I have known Senator Cochran for almost 30 years. I first met him when I had the opportunity of a lifetime to serve him, our great state and our great nation—I worked for him in his Senate office in Washington,

D.C. I remember him telling me when I first started that both "conservation" and "conservative" have the same Latin roots. He asked me to approach my work with that in mind. I still try to do that every day.

Senator Cochran has done so much that it would take a forest to make the necessary paper to list it all. But in my world of conservation and sporting issues, he is a champion. Cochran grew up hunting and fishing and values the important lessons and experiences people can gain from being outdoors. He has consistently represented the interests of hunters, anglers and gun owners by supporting policies that protect our Second Amendment rights, promote conservation, especially on private lands, minimize burdensome or unnecessary regulations, and expand access to public lands.

Senator Cochran authored a wildlife incentives program—

which has restored and enhanced almost 7 million acres with 31,000 landowners. He has championed Wetlands Reserve, which is a voluntary program that has restored 3 million acres with 18,000 landowners. He has helped create programs to restore longleaf pine and native grasslands. He has created the only refuge in the nation named for an African American—Holt Collier. And the list goes on. Add up the list above and Senator Cochran has touched about 12 million acres—the same size as the State of Maryland. There is NO other Senator with the conservation accomplishments of Thad Cochran.

But the greatest thing about Senator Cochran has nothing to do with conservation. It is the respect that people have for him. He has earned that by listening more than talking, recognizing the needs of others, being honest, fair, and caring more about what is right than popular. He is a brilliant individual who has done a great job by surrounding himself with a staff consisting of the same.

Senator Cochran, thank you for your friendship and, most of all, thank you for a lifetime of dedicated service to the greatest state and greatest nation in the world. We are all truly blessed by your 45 years of service in

Holmes Central High School student honor roll announced

The Holmes County Central School District announced high school 3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll students for their academic success:

Breanna Adams, Akia Anderson, Jachayai Anderson, Kila Anderson, Tamia Anderson, Jon'na Bailey, Precious Banks, NeDarius Beckworth, Mercedes Black, Xavier Black, Aliyah Brooks, Zakiyya Brooks, Rashawn Byrd, Kordel Carter, Kyelah Chambers, Tony Christopher, Jr., Haleigh Clarke, Laketta Cole, Michael Conway, Jr., Jakia Cowans, Cai Davis, Christian Davis, Samantha Deering, Jatoni Donelson, Cordarius Dorsey, Aryanna Edwards, Keirsten Ellis, Kristen Ellis, Destiny Erving, Asianay Fisher, Najah Flowers, Jinaya

Ford, Kendal Garnett, Danielle Gibson, Tamara Gipson, Brandi Gordon, Miteona Grays, Juquan Greer, Jazmon Grisby, Rodrevious Harris, Anthony Hart, Destiny Haymer, Demariyun Haymon, Aniyah Haymore, Shakenya Hester, Alexandria Hilliard, Derrica Hood, Cianna Hooker, Nickolas Horton, Alicia Jefferson, Alliya Jefferson, Tawanna Jefferson, Ariana Johnson, Zharia Johnson, Shakirah Jones, Triniyah Jones, Deric Junior, Cameron Keys, Kaitlin Kimbrough, Anna Martin, Quatez McGee, Yasin McGee, Jalisa Meeks, Zakilya Mike, Zamiya Mike, Tempress Mines, Rabria Moore, Shuntel Oliver, Kendra Owens, Zertrina Owens, Cameron Parks, Diamonte Parks, Va'Shanti Pate, Arriana

Patton, Madison Pickett, Davian Powell, Kendrick Powell, Regine Powell, Aisha Powers, Winter Primer, Keaira Pulliam, Alana Randle, Issac Randle, Erriyonna Redmond, Kayla Redmond, Qa'Netria Rhynes, Mokeyasia Riley, Tyneisha Roberson, Damien Russell, Sundeia Sample, Romekeanna Scott, Ambriah Seay, Richandriana Simmons, Shakahai Simpson, Justin Smith, Samantha Smith, Wykendrick Smith, Javian Southern, Tamos Stevenson, Rayla Thompson, Breanna Thornton, Kania Turner, Ty'Qwon Walden, Artavious Washington, Daylisha Washington, Marquez Washington, Eflora Williams, Sammie Winters, Destiny Wright and Tyjuwon Wyatt.

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

The Sallis School Reunion is May 5 at the old Sallis School building (now Sallis Baptist Church Family Life Center).

Registration/social time is from 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon. After lunch everyone will join in a time of fellowship. Be prepared to join in a time of fun for all present. All Sallis School students are asked to sing, play an instrument, tell funny stories of the past or just attend if you like, but please come for the whole time if possible. Hope to see you May 5. Lunch will be \$12 for all who eat.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Edwards are thankful he is feeling much better after undergoing recent surgery.

The Durant School Reunion is fast approaching. It will be held at Camp Castalian, 3 miles west of Durant.

Mark, Jay and I drove over to Lexington during the week to view the remains of the old Lexington Hospital that recently burned. It's sad to see the results of property being torn down and/or burned.

The many friends of Mrs. William (Virginia) Ingram are thankful she wasn't badly injured after a fall last Friday.

This writer is very thankful I didn't owe any money to the IRS this year.

Prayers continue for William Henry Hathcock that he will be fully recovered soon.

I feel sure all school students are looking forward to summer vacation. I remember those days

the U.S. Congress.

This fall, as citizens, we will have to cast our vote for a new Senator to fill some mighty large shoes. Let's study the record of the candidates carefully to make sure they also have a record of making a difference such as those before them—Cochran, Lott, Stennis, Eastland, Howie, and Lamar. As citizens, it is not only a privilege, it is our duty.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.

also. Mrs. Joey (Jackie) Hill spent time during the week in Stewart with the children of Jodi and Derek May while they spent time away.

Prayers are for Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hoover. He hasn't been feeling well and wasn't in church Sunday.

Joey and Jackie Hill and this writer drove to Memphis Saturday to join Jodi and family and Jamie and family in celebration of my birthday and Jamie's husband Warren Conner's birthday. We shared a great meal together as well as an enjoyable time together while there.

Love and prayers are for Plez White. He is still pretty much home bound. We sure miss being with him and hope to be together again soon in church services and around town.



Bridal Registry

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Bailey Rutledge
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Molly Sutton
Wesley Dew
June 9, 2018

Amanda Jones
Drew Broyles
June 9, 2018

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The **HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** will hold its next quarterly meeting on **Monday, April 16, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.** in the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM**. This is in compliance with revised Board policy to hold one **evening** Board Meeting each quarter.



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