

Setting Up Shop



Affordable Funeral Home of Durant held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, May 1. Located at 390 East Madison Street, the new business was welcomed by local Durant officials and citizens. Pictured above are (from left): Edward T. Holmes, funeral director; James and Veronica Smith, owners; and Lillian Jamison.

(Courtesy Photo)

Funding the Fun



Sylvia Clanton, pictured above (second from left), forwarded her good fortune, after winning the 2018 America's Farmers Grow Communities Monsanto Fund, to the YoungLife Club at Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington. The \$2500 donation will be used to help offset the costs of attending summer camp for students, according to school officials. Picture above (from left): Jennifer Phillips, Clanton, Kasey Meyers, Christi Morgan, Jean Hughes and Clyde Dixon. (Photo by Melanie Davis)

Stars of the Boys and Girls Club



It was a night of stars and Oscars during the Boys and Girls Club annual awards banquet on Thursday, May 3 in Lexington. The club recognized locals and community leaders that have contributed to the Lexington Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta and for individual accomplishments. Awards were presented by Cristy Teague, program coordinator, and Kay Bradley, CYCDC program director. Musical entertainment for the event was provided by Stefan Mathis and Holmes County Central High School Jazz Ensemble. A total of fourteen winners were awarded. Picture above (from left sitting): Barbara Riley, Tomeka Redmond, Dr. Angel Meeks, Bessie Dedeaux and Barbara Brooks; Standing (from left): Rev. Charlie Ray Tyes, L.C. Tate, Dwayne Williams, Danny Johnson, Henry L. Simpson, Cordarious Dorsey, Leroy Riley, Kristie Montgomery and Helen Teague. (Photo by Kawanna Horton)

DURANT News

by Rowena Hill

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Michelle Burrell, daughter of Buck and Nell Burrell, because of the recent death of her husband. Prayers are for the family. Sorry this writer is not familiar with her married name.

We at First Baptist Church regret that Mrs. Gale Sheppard has resigned as music leader and moved to Pearl. She will be greatly missed. She has a host of Holmes County friends.

Prayers are for those of our community who are undergoing surgery this week. Those who I'm aware of are: David Truitt, Mrs Frankie (Judy) Bledsoe and William Henry Hathcock. William Henry now lives in Flowood but we still claim him as part of this community. May God bless you all with success and healing.

The Sallis School Reunion was held Saturday at the school building in Sallis. There was a fair crowd but not so many as expected, probably because of the weather.

Mr. Francis Brantley returned to his home in Arkansas last Thursday after visiting with friends in the area for several days. Sympathy is extended to Francis and the family due to the death of his brother Marion. He lived in Florida but grew up here.

Joey and Jackie Hill attended the college graduation of their son-in-law, Warren Conner, in West Virginia during the week. He spent 20 years in the Navy as a Navy Seal. Congratulations to him on his retirement.

Mrs. Earnest (Bessie) East-erling of Jackson and Mrs. Allene Harvey of Memphis spent time with me during the weekend and attended the Sallis School Reunion. Bessie was the leader for the program.

A group of ladies from the Kosciusko hospital. First Baptist Church met at Kaffey's on Saturday evening for their monthly meeting. A good program was enjoyed.

All are thankful Mrs. Buck (Nell) Burrell is feeling some better after spending time in

May God bless and give healing to Milton Hoover, Harold Payton, W.R. Martin and William Henry Hathcock, and to those from our community that I'm unaware of. Hope to see all feeling well again soon.


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I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle Autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not think of me as gone--I am with you still--in each new dawn.

Love and Miss You,
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