

WEST REPORT

The West Civic Club met April 18 for their monthly meeting. The prayer was lead by Carol Black and the pledge was led by Sara McLellan. It was then turned over to our hostess, Sara McLellan and Sue Cade for the program. Sara introduced our guests, Justin Chambers

and Ms. Kathy from Vaiden Farm Supply. Justin spoke on the eradication of fire ants. To get rid of these pesty ants you need to use a chemical that will destroy the whole colony and not just those you see. Justin also spoke on some of the problems in raising tomatoes. Here again

there are several things to help prevent diseases and in some cases there is nothing you can do. Seems to me like the biggest thing is to be consistent in your watering practices. Your soil should also be tested. A soil sample in really cheap considering the cost of prevention and it will tell you what types of fertilizers to use. Most of the county agents can give you information regarding taking soil samples. Our thanks to Ms. Kathy and Justin Chambers.

The club then started their discussion of what needs to be done for our fund raiser, the West School Reunion, which is to be held on Saturday, May 5. Anyone that ever went to this school is welcome to attend. We will be charging \$15.00 for your meal which is a complete meal. We need to know ASAP if you plan to attend. You may call Gayle Smith at 601-956-7448.

We would like to welcome Dana Dickerson to our club. She was voted into the club at our meeting.

The Collect was then read and we were dismissed. Thanks to our hostess for the lovely refreshments.

Arrington - Killebrew to exchange vows in May

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Killebrew of Lexington are proud to announce the forthcoming wedding of their son Jake Killebrew to Meri Stewart Arrington, daughter of Mrs. Dana Arrington of Belzoni and Mr. John Robert Arrington of Belzoni.

The couple will exchange vows on Friday, May 18, 2018 in a private ceremony.

A reception will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at The Smith Residence, 902 Mound Street, Belzoni, MS. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Hyde-Smith announces \$3.58 million to fight opioid crisis in Mississippi

U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) announced Thursday, April 19, that the State of Mississippi has been awarded a \$3.58 million grant to fight the opioid crisis.

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services will use the Opioid State Targeted Response (STR) grant to build on prevention and recovery strategies to reduce opioid abuse. The state received an initial \$3.58 million STR grant in April 2017.

"The toll taken by opioid abuse is already too high in Mississippi. This grant funding will allow the state to expand prevention and treatment options, which should help ensure the opioid epidemic does not grow any worse in our state," Hyde-Smith said.

STR grant funding is authorized under the 21st Century Cures Act and provided through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The grants are intended to increase access to treatment, reduce unmet treatment needs, and support recovery activities in order to reduce opioid overdose-related deaths. The grant program is administered by the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Hyde-Smith has been appointed to serve on the Senate Committee on Appropriations and its Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee, which has funding jurisdiction over healthcare agencies involved in the national effort to combat the opioid epidemic.

President Trump in October declared opioid misuse a national emergency.

For additional information about the HHS efforts to combat the opioid crisis, visit: <https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/>. The Mississippi State Department of Health also offers information on fighting prescription drug abuse: https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/44,0,382.html

Raising Autism Awareness



Holmes County members of Rho Nu Zeta Chapter's youth auxiliary group presented the Z-HOPE Project: Living with Autism on Saturday, April 28 at (CDI) 2018 Parent Conference in Lexington at the Multi-Purpose Complex Building. April is National Autism Awareness Month. (Photo by Latoyna Hardy)

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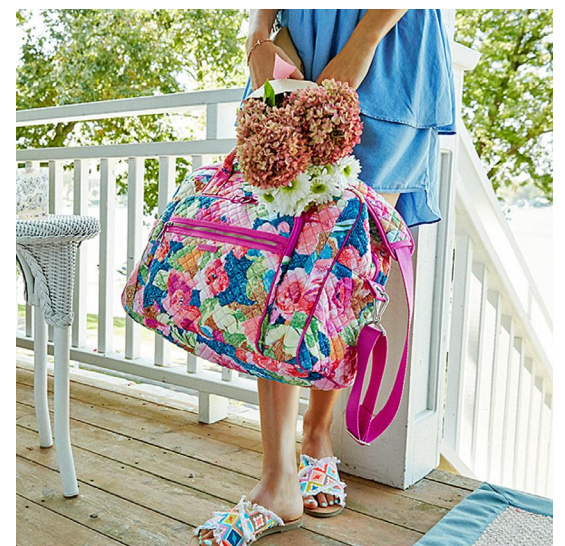
CONGRATULATIONS is in order for Le' Baudrio Bridgeford!!

A member of the Beta Club Organization at Williams-Sullivan Elementary School, Le' Baudrio placed third place in the Fourth (4th) Grade Science, Division I at the Beta Club Convention Competition in Biloxi, MS in March. He was recognized for his achievement and his quote by the Holmes County School Board and Superintendent of Education at the May 1st board meeting.

Le' Baudrio is the son of Ricky and Betty Bridgeford.

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