

IN AND AROUND
LEXINGTON
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



On June 9, the Holmes County Chapter of the Alcorn Alumni held their annual picnic at the Holmes County State Park. Their Alumni along with people they invited had an enjoyable time before it started to rain. They had fun games, trivia and prizes were given for Bingo and the trivia questions. They had prizes people could actually use; not just look at. I managed to win two of the prizes. They had plenty of food. The guy that grilled the meat was a superb grill master. A few minutes before they loaded their trucks and cars to go home, it started sprinkling rain. We said God kept the rain until the picnic was over.

On Tuesday, June 12, the Senior Citizen Feeding Program attendees at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lexington celebrated five birthdays in a joint party. The June birthdays were Perrine Archer, Bessie Brown, Mary Wesley, Coy Henderson and Leona Fields, this writer. Last Year Mr. Henderson and I found out we were born on the same day.

On Thursday, June 14, the Senior citizens Feeding Program attendees went to a picnic/barbeque given by the University of Mississippi Medical Center - Holmes

County Senior Adult Intensive Outpatient Program. Oh boy! Fun, fun! The social worker lottery tickets were given. Games were played, One game was cornhole baseball. To play this game, we had to pitch small bean bags through a board with holes. The holes 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, home-run and grad slam. We also sang a song. Then we played guessing games and did Bible trivia. Our snacks were popcorn, peanuts and candy. The menu was hamburgers or hotdogs, chips, a homemade dip, cake and pops. The Senior Citizens Feeding Program was closed Thursday for picnic. It was also closed Friday so we could Mr. Paul Edward's funeral.

Elder Leslie Benson passed. Keep the Benson family on your prayer list. Elder Benson pastored the St. James C.O.G.I.C. for many, many years. He was a Salt Council Member of the Holmes County TRIAD. By profession, he was an elementary school teacher. He retired from teaching at L.E.S. now William Dean Elementary School. He was funeralized Saturday, June 16.

Terry Bigbee passed recently. He worked at the Holmes County Sheriff's

Department. Keep the Bigbee family uplifted in prayer.

Fred Horton of Tchula was carried to one of the hospitals in Jackson on Monday, June 11. He is in the rehab in Yazoo City. His mother Mrs. Katie Horton went to the doctor Tuesday, June 12. Pray for Fred and his mother. Her health is not A-one.

Thank God Emma Carnegie is able to drive a short distance after her wreck. Pray that she does not move around too early after the accident.

Keep Ternishia March in prayer as she had a death in her family recently. That's why she missed the Alcorn picnic.

Mary Reed's son was at home second Sunday weekend.

Mr. Mack Anderson eats at the Senior Citizen Feeding Program. While we were at the UMMC picnic/barbeque, we found out Mack has been a professional baseball player. He is a Vietnam War veteran. He gets around in a wheelchair. He has part of one leg off. We made pictures with him.

One of Lee Arthur Cox's brothers passed. Pray for the Cox family.

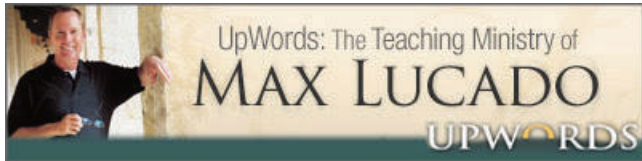
Remember the Farmer's Market is open on Friday morning.

procurement funding, the bill would help remove uncertainty from the defense industrial base and ultimately save taxpayer dollars.

Naval readiness. The bill would take steps to prevent accidents like those involving the USS John S. McCain and USS Fitzgerald in the Pacific last year, which took the lives of 17 American sailors. The bill would adopt provisions from the "Surface Warfare Enhancement Act," which I authored with Sen. John McCain and which calls for the implementation of better maintenance, training, and management, just as the Navy recommended after its investigations of the collisions.

Guard and Reserve parity. Our nation continues to ask more of our National Guard and Reserve, yet these service members do not have all of the same benefits as those in our military's active-duty components. The defense bill would correct two of the remaining gaps, by offering bonuses for Guardsmen and Reservists who deploy frequently and protecting federal civilian workers from pay reductions because of their deployment.

More Junior ROTC programs. As a former ROTC cadet, I can attest to the benefits these programs offer young people during a formative time in their lives. Participation in Ju-



The Beggar and the Bread

A beggar came and sat before me. "I want bread," he said.

"How wise you are," I assured him. "Bread is what you need. And you have come to the right bakery." So I pulled my cookbook down from my shelf and began to tell him all I knew about bread.

I spoke of flour and wheat, of grain and barley. My knowledge impressed even me as I cited the measurements and recipe. When I looked up, I was surprised to see he wasn't smiling. "I just want bread," he said.

"How wise you are." I applauded his choice. "Follow me, and I'll show you our bakery." Down the hallowed halls I guided him, pausing to point out the rooms where the dough is prepared and the ovens where the bread is baked.

"No one has such facilities. We have bread for every need. But here is the best part," I proclaimed as I pushed open two swinging doors. "This is our room of inspiration." I knew he was moved as we stepped into the auditorium full of stained-glass windows.

The beggar didn't speak. I understood his silence. With my arm around his shoulder, I whispered, "It overwhelms me as well." I then leaped to the podium and struck my favorite pose behind the lectern. "People come from miles to hear me speak. Once a week my workers gather, and I read to them the recipe from the cookbook of life."

By now the beggar had taken a seat on the front row. I knew what he wanted. "Would you like to hear me?"

"No," he said, "but I would like some bread."

nior ROTC at high schools has been linked with higher graduation rates and a life-long dedication to service and leadership. The defense bill includes my provision to add 100 Junior ROTC programs, giving more high school students in rural and underserved areas the chance to participate.

Mississippi is a valued contributor to our military, home to strong defense manufacturers and many men and women who volunteer to serve. The new defense bill would strengthen those contributions, recognizing that the strategic steps we take now are essential to keeping our nation safe and our troops prepared for the many challenges and threats we will face in the future.

"How wise you are," I replied. And I led him to the front door of the bakery. "What I have to say next is very important," I told him as we stood outside. "Up and down this street you will find many bakeries. But take heed; they don't serve the true bread. I know of one who adds two spoons of salt rather than one. I know of another whose oven is three degrees too hot. They may call it bread," I warned, "but it's not according to the book."

The beggar turned and began walking away. "Don't you want bread?" I asked him.

He stopped, looked back at me, and shrugged, "I guess I lost my appetite."

I shook my head and returned to my office. "What a shame," I said to myself. "The world just isn't hungry

for true bread anymore."

I don't know what is more incredible: that God packages the bread of life in the wrapper of a country carpenter or that he gives us the keys to the delivery truck. Both moves seem pretty risky. The carpenter did his part, however. And who knows -- we may just learn to do ours.

Read more from *A Gentle Thunder*.

Listen to UpWords with Max Lucado at OnePlace.com.

UpWords, with Max Lucado is a popular daily Bible devotion. This Max Lucado devotional offers wisdom and insight for applying Biblical truths to the ups and downs of everyday life. Reading daily devotions provides strength and encouragement in your daily walk with Jesus Christ.

Used by permission.



MISSISSIPPI PRESS ASSOCIATION
(USPS 247-680)

**HOLMES COUNTY
HERALD**

Periodicals postage paid at Lexington, Mississippi by Holmes County Herald, Lexington, Mississippi.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Holmes County Herald, P.O. Box 60, Lexington, MS 39095. Published each Thursday at 308 Court Square, Lexington, MS 39095. Telephone 662-834-1151; Fax 662-834-1074; Email hcherald@gmail.com; Website www.holmescountyherald.com Matthew Breazeale....Editor Julie Ellison...Gen. Manager
SUBSCRIPTION RATES
In Holmes County - \$35.00
In Mississippi - \$40.00
Out of State - \$50.00

THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker Looks Toward Wins in Defense Bill

Passage Would Signal Strong Support for Fleet Buildup, Readiness

The defense authorization act is one of the most consequential bills that Congress considers each year. The bill sets forth a comprehensive plan to meet our military's needs and to keep our nation safe. Working on this legislation is one of my responsibilities as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. As chairman of the Seapower Subcommittee, I am particularly engaged with the protection and the promotion of our nation's maritime interests.

This year's bill would reverse some of the damage caused by the defense budget cuts of the Obama Administration. The bill would increase defense funding to \$716 billion, in keeping with the budget agreement signed by President Trump earlier this year. It also follows the advice of the National Defense Strategy authored by Defense Secretary James Mattis. That strategy seeks to preserve America's military superiority amid the growing influence of China and Russia.

Congress is working to move the defense bill forward. Passage of the bill would add to the bipartisan tradition that has pushed the bill across the finish line for nearly six decades. Congress is sending the President a thoughtful and coordinated plan to reinvigorate our military and maintain its status as the most capable fighting force in the world. Part of the plan would also include a significant pay raise for our service members – the largest in nine years.

I championed several provisions in this year's bill to advance our defense strategy and support the role that Mississippi plays in our national defense. These provisions would help achieve:

Maritime strength. The bill would accelerate the buildup of our naval fleet with the authorization of \$23 billion for shipbuilding, including the construction of 11 new ships. The pursuit of a 355-ship fleet became our national policy with the passage of my "SHIPS Act" last year. In supporting advanced

EXPRESS GRAIN COMMODITY PRICES						
Crop	CBOT Month	Delivery Period	Futures Price	EGT Basis	Net Price	Change
Wheat	Jul 18	2018 Jun	4.90	-0.22	4.68	-0.10
Wheat	Jul 19	2019 Jun	5.59	-0.32	5.27	-0.12
Milo	Dec 18	2018 Aug-Sep	3.77	-0.61	3.16	-0.05
Corn	Jul 18	2018 Jun	3.56	-0.05	3.51	-0.05
Corn	Sep 18	2018 Aug	3.66	0.03	3.69	-0.02
Soybeans Sidon	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soybeans G'wood	Jul 18	2018 Jun	9.09	-0.12	8.97	0.03
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	9.32	-0.17	9.15	0.01
Soybeans Minter City	Nov 18	2018 Aug-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rice	Jul 18		12.745			0.385
Rice	Sep18		10.270			-0.025
Cotton	Jul 18		87.32			-3.400
Cotton	Dec 18		87.77			-2.080

Prices as of 2:00 p.m. on 6/18/18
Call to get daily bids by cell phone or email
www.ExpressGrain.com 662-453-0800



Yard & Garden Service

30 Years Experience - Dependable
Commercial, Residential,
Cemeteries, etc.

Firewood

Leaf Raking

Bo Patterson

*Clean Fence Lines & Empty Lots *Bush Hogging
*Now is the best time to get bushes cut back & fence lines cleaned.
*We also install Septic Tanks and Sewer Lines. *Stump Grinding
*We also cut limbs hanging over houses and trim shrubs.

Free Estimates

We do Trenching for Water Lines

*** We Specialize in Grass Planting & Lawn Preparation.**

125 Victor St., Durant 653-3576 653-9935
(Anywhere in Holmes County)