

Lexington Rotary Club promotes literacy through dictionary donations

DURANT NEWS
by Rowena Hill



The Lexington Rotary Club made its annual donation of third grade student dictionaries promoting early literacy to students at William Dean Jr. Elementary last week. Rotarians Clint Cobbins (standing left), Willie March (standing right) and Leroy Riley (not pictured) hand delivered the reference books to Mrs. Verna Felton's classroom and her students. Dictionary recipients included: Caden Benson, Cameron Berry, Willie Davis III, Vacasso Forrest, Kameryn Gatson, Talyiah Gordon, Derrick Greer, Sicily Gregory, Marquez Horton, Na'Mya Johnson, Demarion McClean, Adrianna McIntyre, Kendrea Miller, Kaylan Moore, Trederius Quinn, Jodarian Redmond, Jarquerious Ross, Adel Saeed, Tadjah Smart, Kenzaria Smith, Zakaria Smith, Ty'Kiera Taylor, Chrishameon Vaughns, Ashalyn Williams, Jammion Williams, Queantrayis Williams, Kawanda Wilson-Banks and Jeff Yates. (Photo submitted)



Dictionary recipients from Mrs. Tomika Landfair's class included: Demetri Archie, Mya Blackmon, Donovan Cockrell, Kayden Collier, Jameion Crockrell, Cordarius Dixon, Jaraviun Gibson, Aiden Grant, Isaiah Grays, Terrence Greer, Danlandra Johnson, Za'Mila King, Neriah Lewis, Jayden Love, Valerye McCurthy, Kaylen Meeks, Lessie Newman, Dredarius Randle, Jamiah Reed, Cameron Roby, Dereon Saffold, Frank Saffold, Kennedy Sanders, Cha'Kerious Sly, Keizarrian Thomas, Ahmad Wade, and Shaniya Wade. (Photo submitted)



Dictionary recipients from Mrs. Bridget Roby's class included: Jordan Berry, D'Marion Boyd, Cedric Brown, Mendarius Brown, O'Breya Brown, Cle'Shundra Dixon, Jacquerra Effingger, Dan'Shundra Gibson, Windarious Greer, Coreyanna Hull, Cameron Keys, Aki'Yah Lindsey, Kentrevion Newman, Jacorey Rand, Kamiah Reed, Kendarison Sly, Timothy Smith, Andrew Stevenson, Brikayla Thompson, Joyden Wade, Corde Waters, Sariah Wiley, Andrew Williams, Kaylan Williams and Keyshawn Wright. (Photo submitted)

Sympathy is extended to Aaron Gantt and family of Tommy Gantt. Tommy recently passed away after being a resident in a Attala

County schools granted \$700K through MDE

Staff Reports

The Mississippi State Board of Education approved on Thursday, November 8, the distribution of \$16.2 million in federal funds over a three-year period for 21st Century Community Learning Center grants to eligible districts and organizations for the 2018-19 school year.

Four schools in the Holmes County Consolidated School District were tapped to receive grant funds.

The 21st Century grants fund the establishment of community learning centers that provide academic, artistic and cultural enrichment opportunities for students, particularly those who attend high-poverty, low-performing schools. Typically, these programs are offered after school.

In the grants awarded, 13 new community learning centers received funding totaling \$8.9 million and 17 centers received continued funding at \$7.3 million over three years.

Applicants went through a rigorous screening and evaluation process, and the Mississippi Department of Education offices of Federal Programs and Grants Management reviewed the final list of providers to ensure accurate funding and program viability.

Durant Elementary, Goodman-Pickens Elementary, S.V. Marshall Elementary and Williams-Sullivan were named grantees totaling \$700,000 distributed over a three year period.

County nursing home.

Joey and Jackie Hill flew to California Tuesday to be with Jamie and Warren Conner and family during this sad time May God comfort each of them.

Those who know, appreciate and love Joe and Mary Evelyn Crowder are very thankful she has been home for some time and is feeling better. Joe is spending time in rehab for two or three weeks. May God give healing to each.

Jodi and Derek May and children are among those who are now pretty much on the foreign mission field and are to present the Word of God to those who don't have that privilege as we do. May God bless them and the many others on foreign land.

Holmes County residents who know Sam Oliver Cain will be interested to know he is in an assisted living place in the Madison area. If you visit there, he would probably welcome you in to visit him. He never meets a stranger.

This writer fell at home last Saturday and because of it, I haven't felt well

for several days. Hope the worst is behind me. My knee got the worst of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrett are faithful to visit foreign churches. They only recently returned. Thanks to them and others who go to tell the good news of Jesus.

Also be especially in prayer for our national leaders. If we fail to pray, we can't complain. God is always listening. He wants us to ask. Try it.

There are several former residents on our Wednesday night prayer list. I will list those I can remember. Among them are: Jimmy Loftis, Becky Jones, Harold Payton, Jimmy Keith, Jan Tucker, W.R. and Sara Nell Martin, William Henry Hathcock and others. I'm sorry if I have left anyone out. May God bless and give healing to all.

My daughter Shirley Higginbotham needs prayers. She was involved in a car accident last Monday in Jackson and got bruises and broken ribs.

We are most thankful its not too terrible but she's not well and in pain.

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