## **Birthday Rendezvous**



Former Tchula resident Rhodolphis Hayes (pictured at lenses opened a whole new left) was honored on his 89th birthday with a dinner at world for Jaylen who has Cock of the Walk Restaurant in Ridgeland on Wednesday, March 27 by long-time friends Bruce (pictured at athletics. right) and Libby Hill, formerly of Lexington and former owners of the Holmes County Herald. Hayes, his wife Hil- any child's vision from being da, and two children Will and Jennifer, and the Hills be- a hindrance to their learning came close friends during the years that Rhodolphis and and education," said MOA Bruce served together for Holmes Habitat for Humanity. President Dr. Amy Crigler, Hayes, who now resides in Hattiesburg, and the Hills in OD. "Eighty percent of a Madison, met in Jackson for a surprise birthday dinner. student's learning in a class-

# Children's vision bill, designed to benefit Mississippi students, signed by governor

Governor Phil Bryant recently signed House Bill 1322, also known as the Children's Vision Bill, into law. This law, which goes into effect July 1, calls for a face-to-face comprehensive vision examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist for any child who fails a school vision screening.

The Mississippi Optometric Association (MOA) and the Mississippi Vision Foundation (MVF) support the

The Children's Vision Bill is designed to benefit students like Jaylen Lenoir of Columbus, whose amblyopia (lazy eye) and astigmatism was discovered during a comprehensive eye exam by Dr. Stacie Moore, OD. It is very likely that a school vision screening would not have caught Jaylen's condition. Therapy and corrective excelled in academics and

"Our hope is to prevent (Photo submitted) room is visual so good eye-

sight and visual skills are retina, and blood vessels. crucial."

Although existing screening programs offered by many schools are helpful and can uncover some vision problems, they are not the same as an eye exam. Many screenings test only for distance. While this is important, it does not test how well the eyes focus up close or work together.

Vision screenings are also limited by the lack of equipment needed to fully assess a child's overall eye health.

When young Sloane Montgomery said she saw "two daddies and two mommies" and her parents noticed her eye had suddenly turned in they feared the worst.

Rather than going to the emergency room, they contacted their local optometrist, Dr. James Bearden, OD, who met them at his office and conducted a thorough exam and tests. Sloane and her parents were immediately relieved when they found her condition, accommodative esotropia, could easily be remedied with glasses.

Sloane's case is another example of why a comprehensive, face-to-face eye exam, using specialized equipment and conducted by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, is needed to fully evaluate a child's visual skills that are

- child's vision using the Snellen or "Big E" chart;
- Determine a child's possible blind spots or peripheral vision issues;
- · Check eye alignment and how eyes work as a pair;
- · Approximate and then fine-tune a child's eyeglass prescription;
- Detect common eye diseases and assess its health; and
- Examine the optic nerve,

Eye exams for young children are important because vision problems can negatively affect your child's performance in school long before you are aware of the

The American Optometric Association reports that 5 to 10 percent of preschoolers and 25 percent of school-age children are diagnosed with vision problems once they

receive proper eye care. The earlier vision issues are diagnosed and corrected the better for a child's academic success.

"Comprehensive, yearly eye exams are one of the most important, preventive ways to preserve vision, and the only way to accurately assess eye health, diagnose an eye disorder or disease, and determine if your child needs corrective lenses," Crigler said.

For more information on children's eye health, or to locate a family eye doctor, visit mseyes.com.

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# Bridges

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Since bridges are inspected at least every two years, bridges are added to the list as deficiencies are found. Counties with deficient bridges that remain open may become ineligible for emergency MIMA funding.

"MDOT appreciates Gov. Bryant's commitment to public safety and will continue to work with State Aid and local government to ensure compliance with federal guidelines," Mc-Grath said.

For the updated list of closed bridges, visit the Office of State Aid Construction at http://www. osarc.ms.gov.

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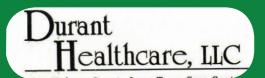
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