Holmes Students Inducted Into Honor Society



Holmes County residents (from left): Ty Blackstock, Kalon Johnson, Melvin Williams, Ebony Huntley, Danielle Gibson and Brantley Holder, took part in Thursday night's, April 11, Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony on the Goodman Campus. The students were inducted into the Kappa Alpha Chapter.

Delta Health Alliance receives HRSA funding for maternal & child health program

Press Release

The Health Resources and Services Administration of the US Department of Health and Human Services has awarded a fiveyear funding grant to Delta Health Alliance to increase maternal and infant outcomes for expectant moms and families in four rural counties through its Delta Healthy Start Collabora-

The Delta Healthy Start Collaborative, which is part of Delta Health Alliance's broader home visiting initiatives, will combat infant mortality and low birth weight babies in regions of the Delta where resources are not readily available, particularly women's health resources. The four-county service area (Leflore, Humphreys, Holmes and Yazoo) historically sees higher incidences of infant mortality, families.

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Parent Educator Vanessa Wilson (right) bonds while working with Delta Healthy Start participant.

(Photo submitted)

births, and teen births, par- five years to come." Wilthe Delta of \$51,600 per and infant health programs program. birth with 71% of that have seen in the Delta such Partners of this collabbeing medical costs, but as DHA's pilot study pro- orative include the Missisthose avoidable medical gram, located in Sunflow-

programs." states Karen in families participating ily Health, Greenwood Matthews, CEO for Delta in are meeting age-appro-Health Alliance. Mat- priate development bench-"This marks, a figure higher than HRSA funding will lower the national average. And, those costs and ensure that 32% of participant are less Delta children are healthy likely to have low birthand hitting developmental weight babies and premature births."

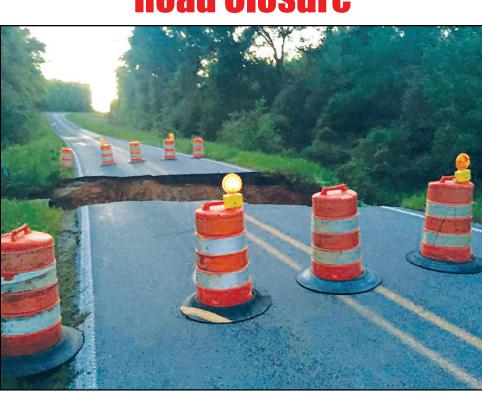
According to Carolyn DHA's Delta Healthy Willis, DHA's Vice Presi- Start Collaborative utilizes Delta Health Alliance's dent of Education Pro- Parent Educators trained in Home Visitation Initiagrams, "This new funding the evidence-based Parents tive program and Delta means we can continue as Teachers model to work Healthy Start, go to www. to build on the work of with pregnant moms and deltahealthalliance.org or the past five years, while infants/children up to 18 follow DHA on social meexpanding the scope and months, utilizes the Center dia.

preterm and low weight scale of services in the for Disease Control's Preconception Health to supticularly in low-income lis, who oversees DHA's port women's health, and Home Visiting Initiative, fosters fatherhood partici-"Preterm births have knows the success that pation through Partners for an economic impact in DHA's current maternal Healthy Babies/ 24/7 Dads

> sippi State Department of Health's Division of Child, "Almost 90% of children Adolescent and Fam-OB/GYN Associates, the Leland Medical Clinic, Desoto Family Counseling Center, the Universal Parenting Place, the Delta Fresh Foods Initiative, and Greenwood Leflore Hospi-

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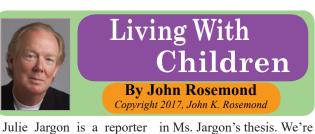
Road Closure





According to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, MS Highway 14 between Ebenezer and MS Highway 17 in Holmes County is closed due to damage from Saturday's storm. The route will remain closed until crews can make repairs to the road.

(Photos by MDOT)



with the Wall Street Journal. Heretofore, she has written about food companies like Starbucks and McDonalds. As of April 2, however, Ms. Jargon is writing a WSJ column titled "Family and Tech," described as dealing with "the impact of technology on family life."

In her inaugural column (April 2, 2019), which could have been written by public relations folks at Sony and the American Psychological Association, Ms. Jargon strives to convince her audience that simply because a child has difficulty putting down the game controller and finding creative, productive things to do does not mean he's a video game addict.

Given that addiction is defined as being obsessed with and having great difficulty ceasing the use of a harmful substance or involvement in a non-productive or pathological activity, I fail to see anything but contradiction

talking about kids who will not stop playing video games unless a parent or the imminence of a bodily function also sick. It's also where a forces them to stop. How's that not an addiction?

The manager of a large west coast convention hotel

once told me that when his property hosted a "gamers" convention, his staff had to threaten attendees with pulling the plug on their devices to get them to drink water or eat even a cracker. Many of the attendees wore adult diapers so they wouldn't have to stop playing. That, by any other name, is addiction. It's child or teen's obsession with video games may lead if parents don't pull the plug (Continued on page 11.)

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