

# Williams - Murphy to exchange vows, May 18



HOPE WILLIAMS AND TD MURPHY

Ronnie and Lisa Roberson, along with Curt and Beth Murphy, are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of Hope Williams and “TD” Murphy. Hope is also the daughter of the late Michael White.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Patsy Lane of Grenada, and the late Frank Lane.

Miss Williams is a graduate of Grenada High School and Holmes Community College where she received her A.S.A degree as a physical therapist assistant. She is currently employed with Sta-Home.

Mr. Murphy is the grandson of Jerry Gantt of Lexington and the late Tommy Gantt, the late Saranell and Jerry Dickerson of Durant and late TD Murphy, Jr. of Kosciusko.

He is a graduate of Grenada High School and Mississippi State University where he received his bachelor’s degree in education. He is employed with United Rentals.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 6pm on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Grenada.

Friends and family are invited to attend the wedding ceremony and the reception at The Event Center, Grenada.

## USDA opens application portal for new ReConnect rural broadband program

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced last week that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting online applications for funding through the new ReConnect Rural Broadband Pilot Program. These funds will enable the federal government to partner with the private sector and rural communities to build modern broadband infrastructure in areas with insufficient internet service. Insufficient service is defined as connection speeds of less than 10 megabits per second download and 1 megabit per second upload. Beginning today, ReConnect funding applications can be submitted at <https://reconnect.usda.gov>.

“Reliable, high-speed broadband internet e-Connectivity is critical for economic prosperity and quality of life in the 21 st century, from education to health care to agriculture to manufacturing and beyond,” Secretary Perdue said. “We at USDA are very excited to begin accepting applications for funds from this new and innovative program, which will bring critical infrastructure investments to homes, farms, ranches, schools and health care sites in rural America.”

John Rounsaville, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Mississippi added, “High-speed internet access is a critical necessity for Mississippi communities. Just as the Rural Utilities Service assisted Rural America in accessing electric power 80 years ago, the ReConnect program can assist many of these same areas in securing

# Central Holmes 2019 Honor Society



Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington held its 2019 Honor Society Banquet on Monday, April 29. Pictured above are the senior honor society graduates who received honor cords (front row from left): Jennifer Phillips, Brantley Holder, Lanie Davis, Selena Gilmore, Laura Kathryn Rutledge, Jaylin Ford; Back row (from left): Addison Ray, Wes Hudson, Colton Sumner, Noah Burton, Josh Haymer and Peyton Killebrew. (Photo submitted)

## WEST REPORT

by  
West Civic Club

The West Friends of the Library recently held a very successful bake sale to raise money for the summer kids program. They would like to thank each and everyone that made cakes, cookies, breads and rolls. These monies will be used for various programs for the kids during the summer months. Just a few examples have been, bingo, unusual animals, magicians, Forestry Department plus many others. These programs help to educate, enlighten them, plus helps to keep our children occupied during the summer months. If you would like further information you may get in touch with our librarian Miranda Robinson, at the West Public Library, 662-967-2510.

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broadband access, especially in areas where it may be infeasible for the private sector to serve on its own.”

Congress first appropriated funds for the new Rural e-Connectivity Pilot Program, known as ReConnect, in 2018. The program will be a proof-of-concept, enabling USDA to create and implement innovative options for rural connectivity by providing various financial packages to our customers.

In this first round of funding, USDA is making available at least \$600 million in rural broadband projects, through \$200 million in grants, \$200 million in loan and grant combinations, and \$200 million in low-interest (Continued on page 9.)

UNION, for the people who have gone to school in West. We are hoping that you have gotten your RSVP’S in and that the weather will cooperate with us this year. Let’s all remember our friends and relatives with illness, sickness surgeries or deaths in their families.

### City of Lexington Spring Festival

Food, Fun, Dancing and Singing

**Saturday  
May 4, 2019  
8 am - 6 pm**

- Juried Craftsmen
- Seasoned Vendors
- Bounce Houses
- Petting Zoo
- Community Spirit
- Southern Fare
- Local Live Music
- Featuring Mississippi Sons 11 am - 2 pm  
Holmes Central High School Marching Band
- Community Health Fair
- Acton Children’s Business Fair
- MS Blood Services Blood Mobile

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