



Education



School secretary Cynthia Williams voiced a solo portion of the musical presentation during the meeting.



CCES faculty and staff entertain at meeting

BUTLER -- The Choctaw County Elementary School Faculty and Staff Choir presented musical entertainment for the Board of Education meeting held at the school on Tuesday evening. The presentation by the school also included a review of highlights from the school by Principal Wayne Longmire, pictured on left. Longmire told the BOE that his school holds an enrollment of 551 students, including one English Language Learner student. Among the schools accomplishments is its designation as an Alabama First Reading Initiative School (ARFI), with CCES ranking among the top 20 ARFI schools in the state. With winter ARFI benchmark assessments recently completed, Longmire praised the students and faculty for the high percentages of students in grades K-3 who reached benchmark. Longmire also listed a series of programs to be held at the school in the coming weeks, including a Motivational Program on February 22 to ready the students for the Alabama Writing Assessment to be given later this month. Students at CCES will also be presenting a Black History Month program on February 22 at 1 p.m.

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Sikes knows Math Facts

TOXEY -- South Choctaw Academy 1st grader Emily Sikes has mastered all 44 levels in the computer program 'Math Facts in a Flash', a timed test that takes the students through addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, squares, and conversions of decimals and fractions. She is one of seven students in grades 1-3 to have completed all levels of the program

Adams named nursing school Administrator of the Year

COLUMBUS, Miss. -- Mississippi University for Women's Department of Nursing and Dr. Sheila Adams, Dean of the College of Nursing and Speech-Language Pathology, were each awarded exceptional honors during last week's Nightingale Awards.

The Dept. of Nursing received the coveted honor of School of Nursing of the Year in the State of Mississippi, while Adams was named School of Nursing Administrator of the Year for the state.

"We're very honored to win the award," said Adams. "There were several outstanding nursing schools nominated for this award. The win speaks to the quality of the MUW nursing programs."

In order to win the award, the nursing program had to possess a number of reputable qualities, such as a pattern of excellent passage rates on the NCLEXRN Exam, excellent accreditation status, outstanding student and alumni accomplishments, outstanding innovations in education and teaching and significant contributions to health care and to the nursing profession.

Regarding her own win, Adams was initially without words.

"I don't know what to say," Adams said, adding that it was an honor simply to be included with the "prestigious group of candidates" nominated.

The School of Nursing Administrator of the Year Award recognizes the reg-

istered nurse who is responsible for the administration of a school of nursing. The recipient of this award will have received positive evaluations from students and colleagues, have led the school to achieve significant accomplishments and have demonstrated an innovative leadership style.

There were 15 awards categories, with one winner chosen for each category. There are 21 schools of nursing in the State of Mississippi.

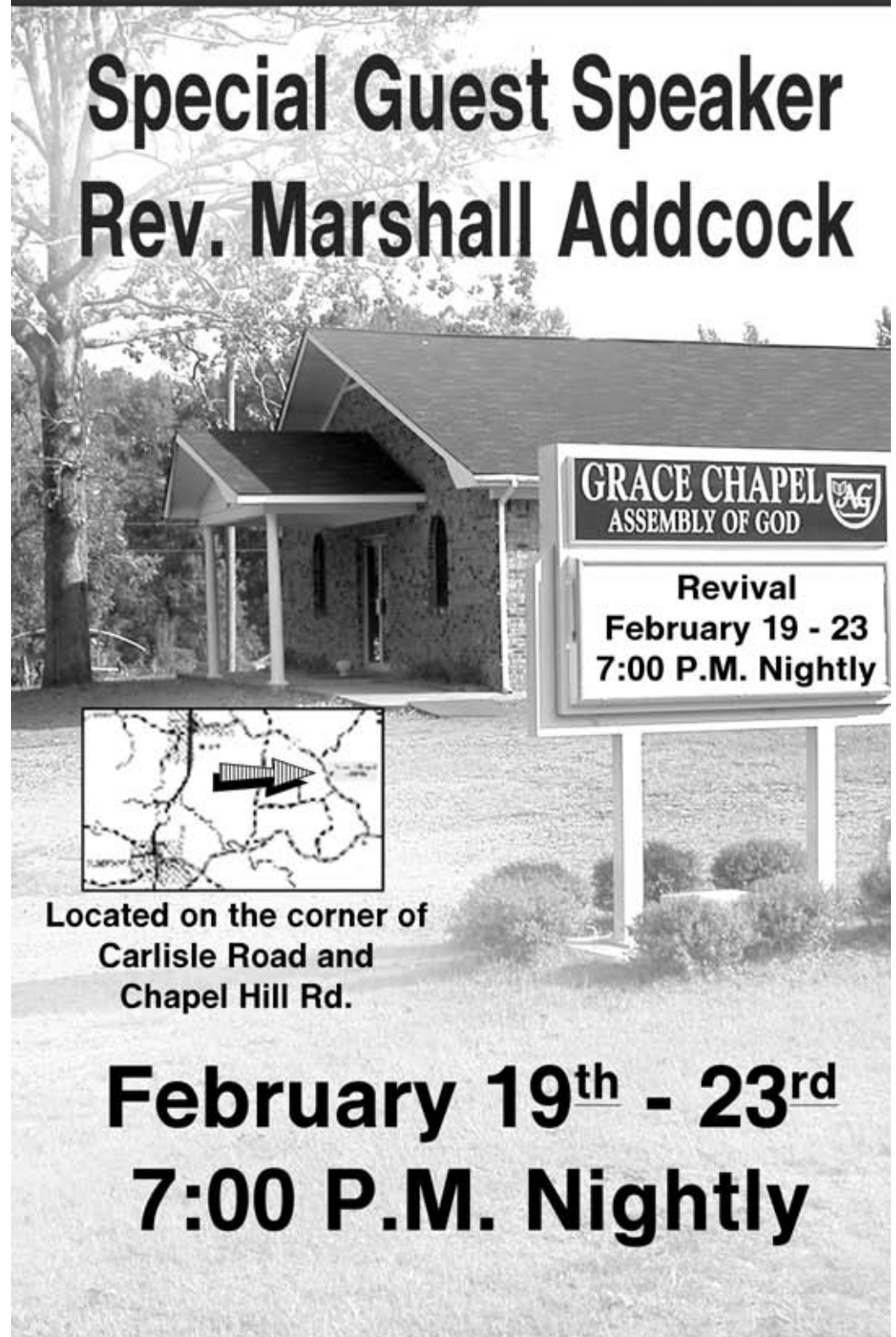
The Nightingale Awards were hosted by the Mississippi Nurses Association and the Mississippi Nurses Foundation.

Adams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Adams.

Southern Choctaw Elementary will hold its annual Black History Program on Friday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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