

Lewis receives first annual Mack Sanders FCA Scholarship award at Patrician Academy

By Marcus Gates
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This is the time of year when high school graduation is upon us and all of the high schools, colleges and universities are giving out awards and scholarships to many deserving students.

Some schools choose this time to start new awards or scholarships. Patrician Academy has chosen this year to start the New "Mack Sanders Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship Fund." The fund this year is \$250 and Patrician hopes it will grow in the future.

The senior that received the "Mack Sanders Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship" this first year was Brittany Lewis.

This scholarship is named in Honor of Mack Sanders for his tireless hours of service and work at Patrician, at his church and his community. Mack loves Jesus, his family, his church, his community, and children. He is retired from Georgia Pacific and a member of First Baptist Church in Butler.

"It was an honor for me to receive this scholarship," said Brittany Lewis. "We all love Mr. Mack Sanders." She is also a



Choctaw Sun photo by Marcus Gates
Mack Sanders presents the award to Brittany Lewis.

member of First Baptist Church in Butler. This scholarship has been in the works for some time. "We have talked about this and prayed about this for some time now," said Melinda Cowan the presenter of the scholarship and teacher at the school.

"We wanted to honor Mack Sanders in some way. He puts in so much time working at Patrician, cutting grass, working the sidelines of our sports teams and holding a Christian devotion in the morning at the school for the students to attend."

He has been a long time supporter of PA, sending his four children to school there and getting involved and staying involved long after his children have graduated.

"I was so honored and humbled that I cried most all of Sunday afternoon after finding out about the scholarship fund being set up in my honor," Sanders. "I was told of this honor in the Sunday morning worship service when the church was honoring the graduates."

There one thing that I can say about Mack Sanders, "There are just a few special people you will meet in your lifetime and for me, (Marcus Gates) Mack is one of those people. He has always met me with a smile and a kind word and you know where he stands from the first time you meet him. He loves his Lord, family, church, children, and community in that order. It has been a blessing for me to know Mack Sanders. No one deserves this honor more than he does."

If you or someone you know would like to donate to the "Mack Sanders Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship Fund," please call Patrician Academy at 205-459-3605 or drop by the school office.



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Fenderson is Silas Daycare graduate

SILAS – Miss Anastasia Fenderson will represent Silas Daycare as the facility's only graduate for the Class of 2007.

Melissa Snow earns two USAA awards

BUTLER -- The United State Achievement Academy has announced that Melissa R. Snow from Jachin has been named an All-American Scholar.

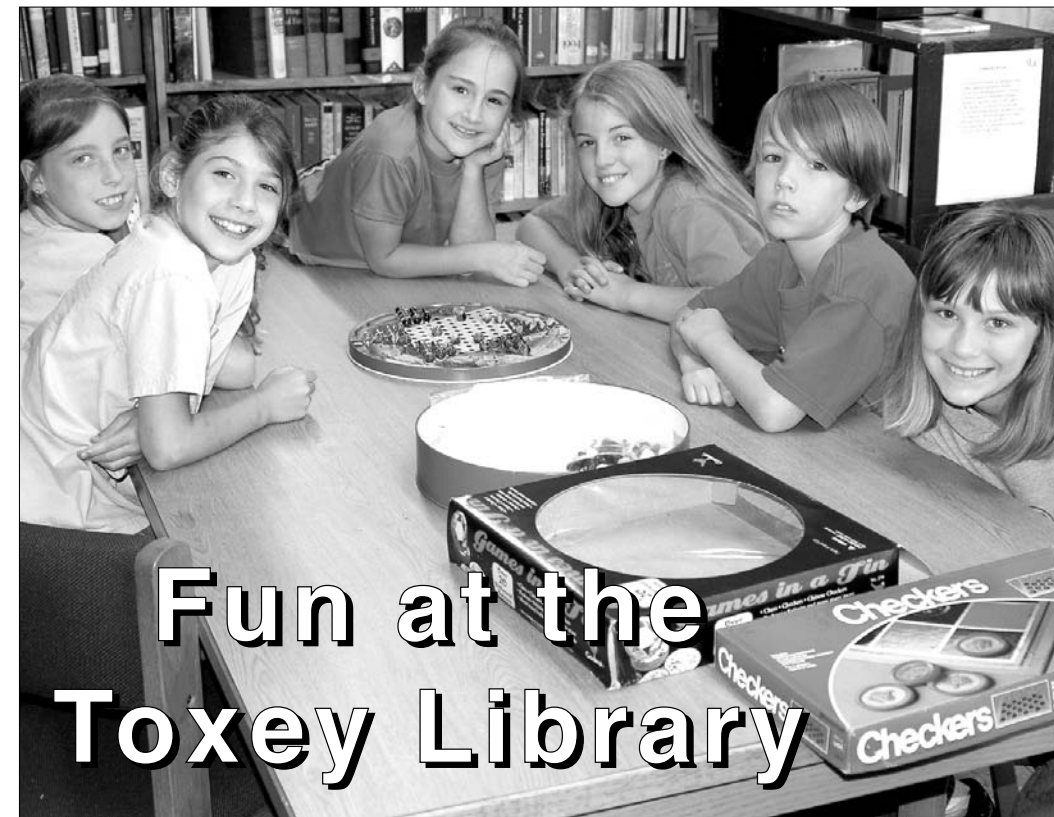
The U.S.A.A. has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholar must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

The United State Achievement Academy also announced that Melissa R. Snow from Jachin has been named a United States National Award Winner in Leadership.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Melissa, who attends Patrician Academy was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Lolaine Lewis. Melissa will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook which is published nationally.

Melissa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Snow from Jachin. The grandparents are the late Mr. & Mrs. Herman of Yantley and Mr. & Mrs. F.M. Snow of Theodore.



Fun at the Toxey Library

Choctaw Sun photos by Tommy Campbell

More to Library than just books

TOXEY – There nothing better than a good book, but as these fourth-grade students from Mrs. Cooper's class at South Choctaw Academy found out last Friday, there's a whole lot more to the Toxey Public Library than "just books". In the top photo, Hope Boykin, Chesley Pruitt, Lindsey Cox, Sarah Abston, Drew Faile and Cassidy Diamond enjoy a game of Chinese Checkers, while in the picture below, Harley Busby and Wesley Heathcock tackle a 3-D picture puzzle. Mayor Jeanette Carney and volunteers have spent hours and much of their own money collecting and purchasing board games, books, video tapes, and computer games for the Library, which is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. Mayor Carney said that the Library will also be open during the summer. The facility has a growing collection of fiction and reference books for adults and children, and donations of new or used books, games and videos are always welcome. Financial contributions are welcome too, and may be made in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one. For more information, call Toxey Town Hall at 251-843-5222.



Adams named USAA All-American Scholar

TOXEY -- The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Tiffany Adams from Gilbertown has been named an All-American Scholar.

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Tiffany, who attends South Choctaw Academy, was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Monteil Robinson.

Tiffany will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook which is published nationally.

Tiffany is the Daughter of Terry and Amy Adams from Gilbertown. The grandparents are James and Joyce Giles of Toxey and Ferry and Carole Adams of Tuscaloosa.

Teacher of the Year
Next week!

To all the graduates -
Hats off to your accomplishments!

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