



NAMED PARENT OF THE YEAR – Oakland resident Sarah Lewis was honored as the Garrett County Head Start Parent of the Year at the recent Maryland State Head Start Association spring conference in Baltimore. She received a portrait photograph, crystal clock with an inscription, flowers, and a certificate. "Sarah is a huge asset to the Garrett County Head Start and Early Head Start programs," said Tom Dolan, family engagement coordinator for Garrett County Community Action. "She had three children go through the program and has experienced each of the program's options that we offer. She has become an active leader in both her parent group and the Policy Council." Lewis has also served as a representative on Community Action's board of directors, serves as an advocate for families of children with special needs, and is a resource for families and staff interested in learning sign language. "Sarah has grown into a wonderful role model for parents throughout our programs," Dolan said. "We would like to thank her for all that she has done during her years with Garrett County Head Start."