



YOUNG CHILD MONTH PROCLAIMED – Garrett County commissioners Paul Edwards, Jim Hinebaugh, and Larry Tichnell recently signed proclamation declaring April as the Month of the Young Child in Garrett County. According to the document, the Month of the Young Child is a time to recognize the importance of early learning for all young children, and to encourage families, early childhood professionals, and local agencies throughout the county to support children and give them a great start in life. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Edwards, Hinebaugh, and Tichnell. In the back are Kids First Committee members Michelle Ford, Debbie Durben, Barbara Unger, Dr. Jane Wildesen, Steve Knepp, and Melanie Cooper. Commissioner Edwards also recently visited Judy Center playgroups at Crellin, Yough Glades, Friendsville, and Grantsville elementary schools to promote the Month of the Young Child and the 14th annual Family Fun Festival. The festival will be held in conjunction with the Garrett County Health Fair, slated

for Saturday, April 9, at the Garrett College Community Aquatic and Recreation Complex from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local agencies and organizations will provide hands-on activities and giveaways for young children (birth–8 years of age) and their families. For more information about the Family Fun Festival, Garrett County Health Fair, or Judy Center playgroups, families can contact the Judy Center at 301-334-4211.