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Mathcounts Competition



HALLS JUNIOR HIGH students traveled to the University of Tennessee at Martin Feb. 12th to participate in a national competition entitled Mathcounts, a program which encourages students to become excited about math and math-related fields.

Students who participated include, in front, from left, Braden Burns, Seth Steelman, and Jessica Bentley; and in back, from left, Kevin Ward and Derrica Simmons. Dana Incrocci, Halls Junior High math teacher, back row, right, was sponsor and coach.

To qualify for Mathcounts, students came to school an hour early two days a week to solve

math equations and did a lot of practicing at home.

Other students who participated, but were unable to attend the competition, were seventh graders Ben Hutcherson, Eric Spangler, and Jessica Matthews; and eighth grader, Harold Holcomb.

Help Being Found For Nolan Family

A Nolan Benefit Account at the Bank of Ripley (P. O. Drawer 269, 38063) Friday topped \$7,000.

Debbie Chipman and her mother-in-law, Frances Webb, who run

Cold Creek Grocery on Hwy. 87 west of Henning, organized the fund to aid the family of Dewayne Johnson, 4, lost overnight and then, with two siblings, taken from his mother, Petra (Mrs. Wayne) Nolan, by the state Department of Human Services. The three children are together in a foster home.

The parents and Dewayne's dog, Rose, who warmed him through his night on the bank of the Mississippi River, have left their filthy rental cabin near the river and are residing with relatives.

The grocery is receiving gifts of household goods. Businesses are

County Schools Rate Well Against Others

Lauderdale County schools are "in very good shape," the county Superintendent of Schools, Bobby Webb, told Ripley Rotarians Tuesday.

Analyzing the state's annual "Report Card" on county schools, he noted county gains above the state average in every area, except a 3-year average in reading, where the county reports 110.3% to 116.8% state-wide.

Webb noted that due to the fore-sight of the County Executive and County Commission, his school system is one of 19 in the state complying with the state's Education Improvement Act of 1992.

The act requires student-to-teacher ratios of 20, for kindergarten through third grade, 25 for grades 4-6, and 30 for grades 7-12, no later than the next school year.

The state has 118 school systems not yet in compliance.

Webb estimates that by building early to meet these requirements, the county has saved \$4,000,000 over construction costs today.

Diplomas Grow Less Easy

Requirements for a high school diploma are tightening, Webb says.

Next school year, those expecting a diploma must pass examinations in Algebra I, Biology, and 10th grade English. If they fail, they have another year to pass.

But no one will earn a diploma without passing all three tests.

HHS Class Will Hold Benefit Fashion Show

Halls High School Project Graduation will benefit from its 2nd annual fashion show at 7 p.m. March 9th in the Halls Junior High School gym. The class of 2000 will model formalwear to provide the opportunity for students and parents to preview prom and pageant formalwear. All proceeds from the show will help fund Project Graduation 2000, a program intended to provide seniors with a safer way to celebrate their graduation night. Refreshments will be available at the show, the public is invited.

offering gift certificates or other aid. Call the store, 901-738-2960.

Sponsors seek to get the family re-united as soon as possible.

5 Held As Buying Stolen Products

Four Henning residents charged with receiving stolen property, jailed Tuesday of last week, were freed two days later by General Sessions Judge Janice Craig on bonds of \$1,000 to \$3,000:

- Police Chief James Treadway, alleged buying items worth \$1,159.

- Henning's Town Recorder, Shelia (Mrs. Mark) Dillard, whose father, Mayor Fred Montgomery, says she paid \$10 for video game cassettes, worth about \$120, from "two men who drove up in a car."

- Ella Jean Barbee, another daughter of the mayor, was at home, the mayor says, when she was called to a car from which she bought a television set, which she gave to her brother.

- Janice Lee, beauty shop operator, allegedly bought a CD/AM/FM recorder valued at \$79.95.

Also arrested Tuesday of last week, then freed on a \$5,000 bond, was James Ray Grimes, of Halls, owner of Brownsville Pawn Shop. He is alleged to have traded in more than \$12,000 in stolen property, principally electronic games.

Searching his shop, officers charged a clerk, Roy C. Henderson, of Bells, with possession of a prohibited weapon, a Mossberg pump-action shotgun with 15-inch barrel.

And a customer in the shop, Johnathon David Ludolf, of Jackson, was charged with possession of a pistol without a permjt.

Tenn. Bureau of Investigation agents offered stolen goods for purchase. To be convicted, defendants would have to have known, or have reasonably suspected, that they were purchasing stolen goods.

Mayor Montgomery told *The Commercial Appeal* that he "feels like this is a planned case of racial entrapment."

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Readers Speak

Editor,

As a member of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's Freshman Council, I was given the opportunity to visit Nashville on Monday, January 31st to hear our Governor's State of the State Address. In his speech, Governor Sundquist unveiled a mass plan of change within the State of Tennessee to improve Tennessee's higher education system. Governor Sundquist has pledged \$114 million in funding for the University of Tennessee system and others governed by the Board of Regents within our state. A 6% increase for faculty members and \$30 million in research funding that the University of Tennessee has pledged to match with \$120 million from its own fund-raising efforts. However, many citizens of Tennessee see this as more wasteful spending on an educational system that in their eyes is doing well on its own. Nothing could be further from the truth; investments in education are an investment in the future of Tennessee.

To state it frankly, higher education in Tennessee is in dire need of assistance. Our professors and brightest graduate students are leaving to go to more lucrative positions in Georgia, Florida, and North Carolina. Equipment in our schools is older than the students using it for valuable research. In many cases, students are reduced to sitting on the floor in classrooms because funding is not available to add additional classes. Even our library at UT-Knoxville, which is heralded as the greatest in Tennessee, is being forced to cut journals, periodicals and research publications due to a lack of funds. Due to

the lack of funding, students have made up the difference with tuition increases, 15% in 1999 and 8% in 1998. We simply cannot continue on this downward trend. Now is the time that citizens of our state must demand that the needs of our higher education system be met.

But what should be in it for the average taxpayer? Primarily, we would be able to retain our top high school graduates. Currently, only 18% of our brightest high school graduates choose to attend a public university in Tennessee, and chances are, they will never return to work in Tennessee. Secondly, with a better educated work force, Tennessee will be able to attract top industry, resulting in better jobs and more of them. Ultimately, we will finally be able to compete with our peer institutions on a more professional level. A higher-quality college and university system will provide endless opportunities for our state and communities.

The call is out to friends, students, and alumni of the Tennessee Higher Educational System. Please, contact your legislators and urge them to provide additional funding for higher education. We cannot idly stand by while we rank 49th in educational spending and 48th in the nation in residents with

college degrees. The time is here, the time is now, let's make a change before it is too late.

Sincerely,
JORDAN CRIHFIELD
Freshman in Pre-Dentistry
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

FED EX JOB FAIR

Fed Ex of Memphis will be hosting a job fair Thurs., Mar. 2nd, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at the Ripley Tennessee Technology Center, 127 Industrial Drive.

Fed Ex personnel will process applications on site and explain all benefits. All interested applicants should bring their drivers license and social security card.

The public is encouraged to attend. Call Marcia Thompson at 635-4141.

RUMMAGE SALE

The First Presbyterian Christian School is sponsoring a school wide rummage sale on Saturday, Mar. 11th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., in the basement of the old Acred Shoe Building in downtown Dyersburg.

Proceeds will go toward school scholarships and mission trips.

AARP 55 ALIVE

Baptist Memorial Hospital-

Lauderdale and the Bank of Ripley will host a 55 ALIVE Mature Driving Course on Wed. and Thurs., Mar. 15th and 16th, at the Tennessee Technology Center, Hwy. 51 N. The class will be four hours each day, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

The eight-hour classroom course, developed by AARP, is designed to help drivers 50 years of age or older enhance their driving skills and prevent traffic accidents.

Volunteer instructor, Henry Williams, of Bells, has been trained by AARP to conduct the course which consists of slide presentations and group discussion.

Participants will receive a certificate of attendance which may help in automobile insurance discounts.

Registration is \$10 with lunch provided. To enroll, call 635-1230. Class seating is limited.

GOSPEL SINGING

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, 1239 Dry Hill Rd. East, will host a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Saturday. Featured will be Eddie Long and The Father's Four and Barbara Barton. The public is invited to attend.

REPUBLICAN MEETING

The Lauderdale County Republican Party will meet at 7:00 p.m., Tues., Mar. 7th, in the Lauderdale County Courthouse.

Everyone who has not voted in the Democratic Primary in the last four years is invited to attend.

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Vows Nearing



STEPHANIE IRENE KRUEGER, daughter of Kathy Jackson, of Gates, and Richard Krueger, of West Palm Beach, Fla., will marry Steven Ray Matheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matheson, of Bradford, at 1 p.m. Saturday in Bradford United Methodist Church in Bradford.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gray, of Ripley, and Mrs. Jean Pringle, of West Palm Beach, Fla.

A 1995 graduate of Chester County High School, the bride-elect is a Sunday School teacher at Concord United Methodist Church and Co-youth Minister at Halls United-Methodist Church. She is employed by Sonic Drive-In in Humboldt as the assistant manager.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jalmer Matheson, of Edgerton, Wisc., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Percy Anglin, of Bradford.

A 1993 graduate of Bradford High School, the groom-to-be received a BS degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Middle Tennessee State University in 1997. He is employed as a Process Engineer by Tennessee Electroplating in Ripley, and is also a Co-pastor of the Gates Circuit United Methodist Church.

The couple will reside at 114 Huntington St., Gates.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson attended their grandson's birthday party Saturday before last and visited their daughter, Mrs. Barry Jordan, and baby son in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis in the evening.

Mrs. Mike McNeill, Mrs. J. D.

McNeill, Mrs. Pharis Escue, Mrs. Floyd Emerson, and Mrs. Jimmy Burks attended a bridal tea for Stephanie Krueger and Steven Matheson in Concord Methodist Church Sunday afternoon before last.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson accompanied Mrs. J. D. McNeill to Memphis Wednesday before last for a check-up with her doctor.

The Weldon Heaths, of Alamo,

Celebrate 50th



MR. AND MRS. LYNN TURNER, of Gates, celebrated 50 years of marriage February 17th and were given a family dinner February 19th at R and J's restaurant in Rutherford by their children, Tim Turner and Johnny Turner, both of Gates, and Dale Daniels, of Trenton. They were presented with a heart-shaped anniversary cake and an Austin sculpture of a bride and groom as a gift.

During the dinner, the family also celebrated Mr. Turner's 70th birthday, which was February 16th. The birthday cake was in the shape of Mr. Turner's yellow Mountain Cur dog, and said, "Happy Birthday, Granddaddy."

The congregation of Conner Assembly of God Church surprised Mr. and Mrs. Turner with a special presentation Sunday morning, for which their children and grandchildren were present. The couple's granddaughters sang songs dedicated to their grandparents. The couple was given a reception Sunday night during evening services.

were breakfast guests Wednesday before last of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams. The Gerald Fitzhugh, of Nankipoo, were Friday before last dinner guests.

He's One



GREYSON MICHAEL JONES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones, of Gates, celebrated his first birthday February 17th. A birthday party was held in his honor February 19th at his home for family and friends.

COMPLETES TRAINING

Air Force Airman Dustin A. White, son of Terry E. and Gail White, of 579 Charlie Lee Road, Halls, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex.

During his six weeks of training, White received special training in human relations and studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs.

Marriages

Jan. 25 - Robert Thorton Toliver, 45, Linda Carol Jones, 36, by Tommie Lee House.

Feb. 25 - George Schaffer, 51, to Donna Marie Dowdy, 40, by Thomas E. Sanders.

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Car's Crash Kills Daniel Tutor, 21

Daniel Shane Tutor, 21, of 1146 Lightfoot-Luckett Rd., was fatally injured about 4:10 a.m. Sunday when ejected from a 1999 2-door Chevrolet Camaro which left Hwy. 19 west of Ripley and struck a tree.

Highway Patrolman Charles William Vandergrift said neither Tutor nor the driver, Robert J. Reviere III, 21, of 4713 Hwy. 19 west of Ripley, wore seat belts.

Reviere, not fatally injured

The car left Arp, west-bound, but at the next curve up-hill, near the Becton-Williams Road, plowed straight ahead, to the south.

Rites for Tutor were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

He was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

He leaves his father and step-mother, Darrell and Debbie Tutor, his mother and step-father, Pam and James L. Smith, a brother, Cody Tutor, a sister, Audrey Tate, and his grandparents, Rufus and Robbie Lawrence and Helen Barham, of Ripley, and other grandparents, James F. and Billy J. Smith, of Henning.

J. T. White Dies; Ran Gas Station

James Thomas "Jake" White, 80, of Halls, retired owner-operator of a Gulf service station, died Sunday, of heart failure, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

A World War II veteran, he was a member of Westside Baptist Church in Halls.

Widower of Jewell Rhoades White, he leaves two sons, J. T. Jr. and Larry, of Halls; four daughters, Alice Faye Meeks, of Halls, Betty Lou Harbin, of Covington, Linda Sue Yarbrough, of Dyersburg, and Caroline McCartney, of Norfolk, Va.; two brothers, O'Neal White, of Halls, and Ralph White, of Chicago, Ill.; a sister, Odessa Alley, of Halls; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cherry

Sarah Amanda Cherry, 92, of 428 W. Main, Halls, retired dry goods clerk, died Wednesday of last week, of lung failure, at home.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

She was a member of First Christian Church.

Widow of George W. Cherry, she leaves three daughters, Madeline Vaden, of Halls, Sarah Richardson, of Memphis, and Mary Katherine Osborne, of Detroit, Mich.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. J. R. Haynes

Mary Elizabeth Haynes, 41, wife of Jimmy Ray Haynes, of Dunaway Rd., Halls, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church in Halls, where she was a member, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

An administrative assistant for Marvin Windows in Ripley, she was treasurer of the county Relay For Life and a member of Ripley's Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include three sons, James Bradley Haynes, of Ripley, and Jason Evan Jacques and William Dunaway Jacques, both of Halls; a daughter, Cynthia Diane Schuh, of Ripley, her father and step-mother, J. A. and Joyce Dunaway, of 15930 Edith-Nankipoo Rd.; a sister, Paula Bales, of Dyersburg; her grandparents, Ezelle and Pauline Dunaway, of Halls; and a grandson.

Edna M. Bowers

Edna M. Bowers, 50, of Gates, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in the Methodist Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Luke Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves a daughter, Mary Bowers, of Chicago, Ill.; her mother, Anna Denise Bowers, of 89 Bowers Road, Gates; five brothers, Johnny C. Bowers and Larry D. Bowers, of Gates, Ricky Bowers, of Ripley, John M. Bowers, of

Atoka, and Kent Evans, of Indianapolis, Ind.; and eight sisters, Carolyn and Cecelia Bowers and Estelle Bradford, of Gates, Ola Jones, of Memphis, Denise Bowers, of Tennessee, Willie B. Currie, of Bloomington, Ill., and Anna S. Bowers, of Chicago, Ill.

Pansy Rorie

Pansy LaRue Carroll Rorie, 65, of Sunbridge Healthcare in Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital in Halls.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Monday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Ripley.

She leaves three daughters, Burnice Blakely Watkins, of Ripley, Sandra Diane Rorie Moore, of Maury City, and Peggy Rorie Seat, of Mount Juliet; three brothers, Jimmy Russell Carroll, Johnny O'Neal Carroll, and William Lewis Carroll, of Ripley; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jacob Price

Lillie B. Price, 74, of Oxford, Miss., sister of Minnie Griffin, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hodge Funeral Home, with burial in Buford Chapel Cemetery.

She was the widow of Jacob Price.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmie Jacob Price, of Oxford, and James Price, of Chicago, Ill.; five daughters, Alice Blackmon, Fairristeen Campbell, Frankie Lewis, Queen Berry, and Vickie White, of Oxford; two brothers, Burkley Redmond, of Oxford, and Charles Johnson; another sister, Alice McGwen Mayes, of Oxford; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

W. T. Maness

W. T. Maness, 75, retired attendant for Smith's (now Gaines) Propane in Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Sunbridge Healthcare.

Rites were at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, where he was a deacon, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Haynes Maness, of 799 Parchman Road, Ripley.

Mrs. Cherry

Sarah Amanda Cherry, 92, of 428 W. Main, Halls, retired dry goods clerk, died Wednesday of last week, of lung failure, at home.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

She was a member of First Christian Church.

Widow of George W. Cherry, she leaves three daughters, Madeline Vaden, of Halls, Sarah Richardson, of Memphis, and Mary Katherine Osborne, of Detroit, Mich.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Marion B. Ray

Marion Berry Ray, 82, 4110 Chestnut-Bluff-Maury City Rd., Friendship, died at 12:45 p.m. Monday of last week at Alamo Nursing Home.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Thursday of last week in South Fork Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

A World War II Army veteran, he leaves his wife, Allie Pauline Luthy Ray; three sons, Danny Ray and Paul Ray, both of Friendship, and Ricky Ray, of Fenton, Mo.; a daughter, Patricia Runsey, of Waverly; two sisters, Emily Braden, of Covington, and Susie Mae Massey, of Millington; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Porter L. Voss

Porter Leon Voss, 88, of Memphis, formerly of Ripley, died Sunday in Sunbridge Nursing Home of respiratory failure.

Graveside services were noon Wednesday in Memory Hill Gardens, Family Funeral Care, of Memphis, in charge.

He was a retired truck driver, road foreman, and a mason with the Stone Wall Lodge.

The widower of Ola Athlyn Voss, he leaves two sons, Bobby Voss, of Bartlett, and Sammy Voss, of Germantown; a daughter, Barbara Ann Armstrong, of Southaven, Miss.; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In ancient Egypt, it was not uncommon for cats to wear gold earrings and dogs to wear silver necklaces.

Ora Mae Sparks

Ora Mae Sparks, 80, of Ontario, Calif., mother of Shirley Langley, of Ripley, died January 31st in Upland Rehabilitation Center in Ontario.

Graveside services were held February 3rd at Bellevue Memorial Park in Ontario, Drapers Mortuary in charge.

She had lived in Ripley during the late 1940's and early 1950's, where her late husband, John Sparks, pastored Dry Hill Assembly of God. Before her death, she had lived in Ontario for 44 years.

Other survivors include another daughter, Lois Mathews, of Ontario, 9 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McNeill and sons, Jacob and Joe, and Audrey Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Butch Criner in Ripley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Don Allen, of Mobile, Ala., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mabel Voss, and Mrs. Voss' son, Phillip Voss, of Belleville, Ill., spent the weekend with her. Mrs. Marie Furr, of Woodville, visited Sunday afternoon.

Rachel Henderson, of Lexington, is visiting the David Smiths.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughters, Melanie and Amanda, of Memphis, spent the weekend with the Pharis Escues. Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and daughters, Wendy and Michelle, of Lightfoot, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nelson, of Newbern, N.C., were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Escue.

Mrs. Lewis Mills, of Lightfoot, was a Sunday dinner guest of the Ronnie Carmacks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coles and Mrs. Virginia Conrad Wednesday of last week and dinner guests of the Weldon Heaths in Alamo Thursday of last week, and Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry in Ripley.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson spent from Monday of last week through Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Barry Jordan, and Mr. Jordan in Memphis.

Reading is the gateway to student achievement. Making certain that children learn to read is everyone's job.

No Consolation



ASHLEY OWENS (32), be-set by two Halls High School players, was on the South Fulton team which led Halls, 55-35, Friday in the consolation game of the Region 8-A tournament in Trenton.

The Devilettes led only 16-12 at 7:02 of the second period but scored the next eight points and 20 of the next 23.

It was the ninth consecutive win for South Fulton when playing Halls.

In the boy's tourney, Halls lost to Greenfield, 61-42, in a consolation game Saturday.

COLLEGE FUND OPTIONS

U.S. Rep. John Tanner wants the IRS to allow Tennessee families to transfer money from the state's three-year-old pre-paid college tuition program to its new college savings plan tax free, if it makes sense financially to do so.

"Paying for a college education

at a four-year university, or even a two year college is tough enough these days," said Tanner. "As these kinds of programs are launched, parents should have the flexibility to roll over those funds if it makes more financial sense to do it without facing a tax penalty. Let's face it; they are still saving for a child's college education, just in a different program."

There is a 10% penalty for early withdrawal from both programs. The money can be used for tuition, room, board and books, and may be used to attend any college, university, trade or vocational school in the country - not just those in Tennessee.

GEAR UP PROGRAM

Halls Junior High has begun a new program called GEAR UP, "Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs."

Jean Criner, Director, and Jamie

Reynolds, On-Site Coordinator, are making plans for Fabulous Fridays scheduled to begin Apr. 28th.

This year's activities will feature a new slant. Every student will be involved in at least one day of service learning that benefits the community.

Other GEAR UP activities include A.M. Scholars Program; participation in the Voices of West Tennessee Poetry Contest at Dyersburg State Community College; and an invitation to DSCC to hear Maggi Vaughn, Poet Laureate of Tennessee, Thurs., Mar. 2nd.



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Youth of the Month



MELISSA HURT, second from left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trey Hurt, right, of Halls, has been named February Youth of the Month by the Ripley Exchange Club.

Melissa, a student of Halls High School with a GPA of 3.8, is the secretary of the National Honor Society, Interact President, FFA Reporter, football cheerleading captain, and a member of the Student Council. She is a member of the tennis team, Miss HHS, Class Friendliest, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a recipient of the Good Citizenship Award by the DAR and the Principal Leadership Award, and SCOPE representative.

Melissa plans to attend Lambuth University, where she wants to major in elementary education. Pictured with the Hurts are Richard Ammons, left, and Julie Pillow, center.

Divorces

Linda Mae Webb Dawn vs. Robert T. Dawn.

Becky Mitchell Modlin vs. Thomas William Modlin.

James Wayne Levels vs. Rachel I. Levels.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Mrs. Margaret Wilson moved last week to Canterbury Place in Dyersburg, where her grandson, Mark Darty, visited her for the week. During the month of February, friends and relatives have visited her each day. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hooks, of the Knoxville area, visited Mrs. Wilson during

the weekend. They have retired from teaching and moved to the Knoxville area from Owensboro, Ky. They also visited Elizabeth Al-sobrook Horner, as Mr. Hook was her principal in elementary school. Mr. and Mrs. Hooks visited another Halls relative, Roberta Lucas Robertson, with whom they spent the night.

Attending the Lady Vols basketball game in Knoxville last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hansford, who visited their son, Addison, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cihfield, who visited their daughter, Jordan.

Mary Frances Hardy broke her hip two weeks ago in Canterbury Place. She is now in the rehab unit of Baptist Hospital Lauderdale. Her son, Gaylon Hardy, and other members of her family are caring for her.

Anniversaries

March 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Connell; Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Kiestler.

March 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bringle.

March 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garrett, Jr.

March 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Parker Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs.

March 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster.

FREE TREES

Bill Parker, Vice-Chairman, Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District, announced that the district will sponsor a tree day on Fri., Mar. 3rd, as part of the national Arbor Day celebration.

The tree give-away will be held

Can The Abuse



HELP CAN THE ABUSE winners for November include Ben Baker, second from right, Ripley Elementary School, and Phylcia Richmond, second from left, Halls Elementary School. Annette Maxwell, left, director of the Tina Turner Family Center, and Tammy Pipkin, right, Family Services Coordinator, presented a check to the winners who tied with most cans recycled.

Cory Vaughn, Ripley Primary, won second place, Kyle Ray, Halls Elementary, won third

place. Mrs. Andrea Baynes fifth grade class at Ripley Elementary won top collecting classroom in the county with the most students participating. Halls Elementary was the top collecting school.

The project will run again March 3rd, 10th, 24th, and 31st at HES, RES, and Ripley Primary. All recyclable cans can be brought to the school or call the Tina Turner Family Center for more information. The recycled cans will benefit the center.

at 301 Lake Drive, Suite A, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continue until all trees are gone.

2500 Loblolly pines and 2000 Pin Oaks will be given away on a first come, first served basis, with a tree limit per person to help promote tree planting in Lauderdale County.

For more information concerning tree day or other district programs, call 635-7686, Ext. 101.

Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

New Mitchell Grove Baptist Church mourns the loss of their pastor, The Rev. Joe Trybone, of Dyersburg. He was fatally injured in an automobile accident near his home Thursday of last week. He had been their pastor since October of 1994.

Mrs. Ward Hardy is recovering at home from by-pass heart surgery in Baptist Hospital Central in Memphis. Mary Phillips, of Ripley, Martha Stokes, of Curve, Joe Hardy and son, Chad, of Nankipoo, and Mary Freeman visited her last week.

Clifton Smith, of Memphis, Junior Smith, of Jackson, and

Geneva Sutton, of Covington, visited J. D. Smith last weekend.

Ward Hardy and son, Joe, were in Memphis Friday before last.

Birthdays

March 2 - Bryan Harris, Kelly Harrison, Michael L. Gaines, Kenny Parham, Felicia Klutts, Kaleb Hamlet, Jack Newman, Clois Spray.

March 3 - Kim Young, Donald Hargett, Sr., Larry Hawks, Ashley Hamby, Stacy Beard, Charlotte Cooper, Seal Elder, Denise Prescott, Crystal Belew, Ivan Criner, Sharon Permenter, Kimberly Wood, M. L. Hudson.

March 4 - Bobby Thurmond, Dana Freeman, Delene Johnson, Loretta Hammock, Harley Patterson, Jo Middleton, Linda Graves.

March 5 - Jennifer Box Warren, Brandon Garrett, Stan Matras, Noah Moore, Linda Harmon Rizzoto, Heather Garrett, Thomas Curran, Charles Moore, James Bradley Belton, Jennifer McDearman, John Hardy, Peggy Twetty.

March 6 - Clyde Nelson, Paul Pilcher, Rusty Sanders, Joe Maxey, Betty Warren, Amanda McBroom.

March 7 - Amanda Hutcherson,

New Arrival



LANE TELLIS KLUTTS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason A. Klutts, of Halls, was born at 8:31 p.m. February 8th in Dyersburg Methodist Hospital. He weighed six pounds and two ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Archibald and Charles T. Klutts, all of Halls, and Mrs. Donald P. Davis, of Bolivar.

Pug Conner, Misty Oswald, Ashley Turner, Al Jennings, Gennie V. Dewalt, Chad Meyer, Danielle McBroom, Charlene Roberts, Gaylon Hardy, Caleb McKee, Danetia Jordan Fincher, Mattie D. Taylor.

March 8 - Jerry Summar, Jr., Matthew Ratcliffe, Lenard Cannon, Bill Zachary, Jayme Ann Buntin, Anne Paris, Jill Carpenter, Andy Booker, Katrina Burns, Lois Ward, Tommy McDearman, Opal White, Greg McBroom.

Parents Vs. Players HHS Softball Game

Halls High School first annual parents vs. players soft ball game is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Sat., Mar. 4th.

Players are asking to be sponsored and will accept donations. Parents are seeking persons who can pitch or catch a softball.

For further information, call Carol Woodley at 635-0826.

Expanded Hours Set For County Library

The Lauderdale County Library has announced expanded hours beginning March 1st. The new hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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HALLS HIGH INTERACT CLUB presented a puppet show "When I Grow Up Oh What I Can Be," to the clients of the Helen R. Tucker Adult Developmental Center Feb. 25th.

Interact members, pictured with clients, include, front row, left to right, Richard Dawson, Natalie Hart, Shawna White, Candie Layne, Brooke Newsome

and Van Piphus; and second row, right to left, Amber Sauber and Melissa Hurt.

Steamed Broccoli
Congealed Fruit Salad
Pear Half
Rolls
Milk

Friday, March 10th

Hot Dog
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Seasoned Fries
Combination Lettuce Salad
w/Choice Of Dressing
Choice Of Fresh Fruit
Chocolate Brownie
Milk

Land Transfers

Feb. 18 - Anthony L. Aitken and Paula Aitken to Donna R. Ewell, James O. Ewell, John Wilkes Roberts, and Norma H. Roberts, Dist. 8, tract.

Donna R. Ewell, James O. Ewell, John Wilkes Roberts, and Norma H. Roberts to Keith Barlow and Robin Barlow, Dist. 8, 5.027 acres.

Geneva P. Carihfield and Talmadge Carihfield, Sr. to Jim K. Scott, Dist. 14, 98.000 acres.

Carl G. Liggeons, James L. Liggeons, and Livingston Liggeons to Jerry E. Liggeons and Livingston Liggeons, Dist. 12, 3 lots.

Feb. 22 - Hattie Garrison and Sammie Gene Garrison to Jeremy Andre Barbee, Lashawanda Rochsell Barbee, Brandon Antio Bernard, and Martha Jean Bernard, Dist. 2, 0.500 acres.

Belinda Hilliard and Ryan Hil-

liard to Keith Barlow and Robyn Barlow, Dist. 7, 5.000 acres.

Feb. 24 - Robert J. Thomas to Stephen L. Floyd, Dist. 10, 27.000 acres.

Glenda McCaleb, Joe W. McCaleb, Martha Newman, Arthur Lynn Newton, Darlene Newton, Bonnie L. Queen, James Queen, Ronnie Queen, Shirley C. Queen, and Darlene Turner to Ronald Holcomb and Shirley Holcomb, Dist. 2, 1.000 acres.

David Blackwood and Jennifer

Blackwood to Linda N. McWilliams and Barry A. McWilliams, Dist. 12, 1.500 acres.

Halls First United Methodist Church to McArmour Enterprises, Dist. 12, 0.880 acres.

CANE CREEK CANAL

The Lauderdale County Cane Creek Watershed Board, in con-

junction with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation District, will conduct a public meeting in the National Guard Armory at 2 p.m., Tues., March 7th.

The NRCS is conducting an environmental assessment of the Cane Creek Watershed to determine the need for additional erosion control structures.

Landowners will be given an opportunity to comment.

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School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 6th

Chicken Nuggets
Cheeseburger w/Trimmings
Oven Fries
Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
Apple
Juice Bar
Rolls
Milk

Tuesday, March 7th

Fish Sticks
Country Fried Steak
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Orange Slices
Pineapple Chunks
Rolls
Milk

Wednesday, March 8th

Tacos w/Trimmings
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Whole Kernel Corn
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Peach Cup
Applesauce
Peanut Butter Cookie
Milk

Thursday, March 9th

Fried Chicken
Entrée - School's Choice
Whipped Potatoes

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Dedication Ceremony



THE RICHARD LAZURE GYM was dedicated Feb. 24th with a ceremony at Halls High School. Mr. Lazure, who passed away last year, was remembered for his 17 years of service on the Lauderdale County School Board as well as his active efforts in other projects in the county.

Guests included, in front, from left, Ann Lazure, Connie (Mrs. Mark) Strassburg, of New Jersey, Mary Ann (Mrs. Walter) Lazure, of Cordova, holding twin daughter, Lauren Lazure; and in rear, from left, Glenn Lazure, of Memphis, Rick Lazure, of Halls, John Lazure, of Martin, and Debbie Talbot (Mrs. Tom Anderson), of Pine Hurst, N.C., holding Rachel, Lauren's twin.

Andy Pugh, Halls High School Principal, Dave Strong, Dr. Bobby Webb, Lauderdale County School Superintendent, and Debbie Lazure Talbot were guest speakers.

The Lazure family offered a

\$1,000 scholarship to be given to a Lauderdale County student each year.

Mrs. Ann Lazure, his widow, who taught over 40 years, accepted the honor.

Rezoning Discussed By Halls City Board

Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen met Monday night in City Hall and discussed the rezoning of the corridor on both sides of N. Church Street north of Tigrett St. from R-2 to R-3. The public hearing brought no comments about the rezoning of North Church St. on the east and west sides.

The mayor stated Census 2000 forms need to be filled out and if the public needs help, take the form to Halls City Hall and someone there will assist in the process.

Joe Pursell stated \$1,791.10 was

collected in fines. It was also decided to lease another police car.

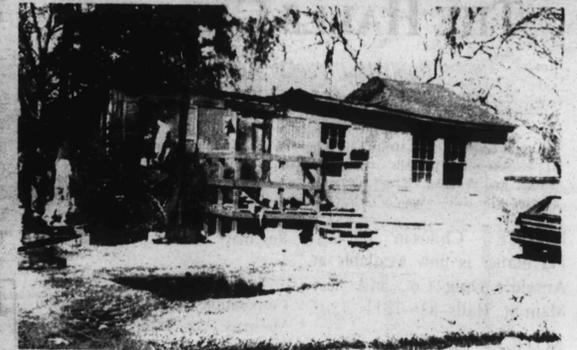
Larry White expressed concern about the State of Tennessee's request that local fire departments fight all grass fires in the area. He also reported the fire truck donated by the county needs repair.

Pat Higdon stated the windsock at the airport was damaged.

Other discussions involved work done at the park, windscreens for the tennis courts, a piece of property on the west side of town that the city wants, the sanitation department's bids for a dump truck, and the town needing their third well brought up to par along with completing a survey to keep the water system up to date.

The Senior Center received a \$3,000 grant and a bid to replace the heating and cooling unit at the center.

Fire Destroys Home



HALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT responded to a house fire at 103 Williams Circle about 1 a.m., Monday. The Gates Volunteer Fire Department assisted.

The residence, owned by the Norman Deutschlander family, was completely destroyed, along with three automobiles in the driveway.

Ripley Man Wins Big With Missouri Ticket

Co-workers of Nicolas Sanders, 21, laughed at him for buying lottery tickets after work in Missouri. They're not laughing anymore. Sanders, who works in construction pouring concrete, was traveling through Steele, Mo. from his work site in Arkansas Tuesday of last week when he stopped at Car-Mac's Mart & Tobacco for a soda. But soda wasn't the only thing he bought. He also purchased three

Festival Scheduled To Benefit Family

A festival, scheduled to benefit Dewayne Johnson's family, will be located between Wal-Mart and Bank of Ripley's Hwy. 51 branch. The benefit festival will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and resume at noon Sunday. Vendors will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Petra Nolen Benefit Fund to provide better housing for the family and to help them get re-established. Booths planned for set up include face painting, an exotic petting zoo, pony cart rides, concessions, Bouncy Castles for young and older children, novelty and crafts.

"Big Money" lottery tickets that day, just two days before his 22nd birthday. The first ticket he scratched off won him \$100,000.

Destination Imagination



THIRD GRADE STUDENTS of Melissa Robeson will enter the Destination Imagination Tournament Sunday as one of four teams from Halls Elementary. Pictured are, from left, Natalie Grantland, Maddison Stanley,

Josh Hixson, Nathan Smith, Ashton Smith, Seth Deaton, and Kelli Reynolds. Halls Elementary and Halls High School, which has one team, will host the tournaments, which were formerly known as Odyssey of the Mind.

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Land Transfers

Feb. 25 - Judy Warren and Mike Warren to Matthew Joyner. Dist. 17. lot.

Susan Ammons and Walter Ammons to Donna Buckner and Jerry Buckner. Dist. 7. lot.

Charles S. Cherry and Burnie W. Norman to City of Ripley. Dist. 3. lot.

Bonnie Mustion and Michael Mustion to Franklin Sanders and

Rosemary Sanders. Dist. 3. 5,000 acres.

Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation to Federal National Mortgage Association. Dist. 12. lot.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Jerry B. Hughes. Dist. 12. lot.

Feb. 28 - Billy Fred Brewer and Wanda Gale Brewer to David L. Blackwood and Jennifer Blackwood. Dist. 8. 1,750 acres.

Barbara A. Arrington, Robert L. Barbour, W. L. Barbour, Jr., William Thome Barbour, Montie B. Smith to Kenneth Parham, David A. Williams, and Guilford J. Williams, III. Dist. 6. 2 parcels.

Feb. 29 - Aimee R. Mooney and Christopher T. Mooney to Judy W. Nipp. Dist. 6. tract.

McArmour Enterprises to Halls First Methodist Church. Dist. 12. 10,000 acres.

March 1 - Barry Mack Binkley and Evelyn Binkley to Joseph Michael McConnell and Norma J. McConnell. Dist. 3. 1,000 acres.

Paul Talley to Stuart Hendrix

and Rachel W. Hendrix, Dist. 2. 1,090 acres.

John Keith Hendren to E. Marie Newman. Dist. 2. 2 tracts.

March 2 - Vivian L. Smith to David Walker and Katrena Walker. Dist. 2. lot.

Billy G. Chapman to Jim W. Goodman, Jr. Dist. 3. 5,000

James A. Cannon and Patsy A. Cannon to Charles Mount, Jr. and Joyce Ann Mount. Dist. 11. 3,050 acres.



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School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 13th
Pepperoni Pizza
Hamburger w/Trimmings
Seasoned Fries
Vegetable - School's Choice
Peach Cup
Fruit Cocktail
Sugar Cookie
Milk

Tuesday, March 14th
Chili Pie
Entrée - School's Choice
Corn On Cob
Green Lima Beans
Pineapple Chunks
Pear Half
Rolls
Milk

Wednesday, March 15th
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Spaghetti
Potato Sticks
Slaw Or Fresh Vegetables w/ Dip
Pineapple Chunks
Fresh Apple
Rolls
Milk

Thursday, March 16th
Sliced Turkey w/ Gravy
Chicken Crispito
Macaroni & Cheese
Steamed Mixed Vegetables
Congealed Fruit Salad
Applesauce
Rolls
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Friday, March 17th
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ACCESS...MEDPLUS EXCEEDS STATE'S NET WORTH REQUIREMENT

NASHVILLE---Tennessee Coordinated Care Network, which operates the Access...MedPLUS TennCare health plan, said today its year-end financial report further demonstrates a positive year-end financial statement as previously reported.

Joe Barber, TCCN's executive vice president and chief financial officer, said an actuarial review of the company's financial records through December 31, 1999 shows the company has met and exceeded the Department of Commerce and Insurance's statutory net worth requirement of \$10,846,626.

Barber says the company's year-end financial statements will be filed with the Department of Commerce and Insurance by the end of business March 1, 2000 in accordance with state requirements.

In early February the company released figures showing it had met and exceeded a previous statutory net worth requirement of \$10,244,017 as of November 30, 1999.

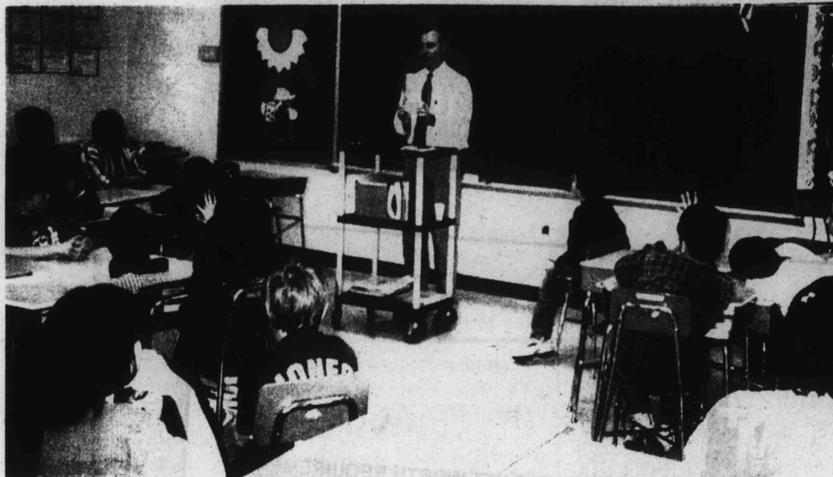
"These latest reviews show that we are on a positive track," said Barber, "we are financially solid, we are addressing all of our obligations and we are committed to ensuring the success of Access...MedPLUS and the TennCare program."

Barber said the company, which has a long history of addressing the health care needs of underserved and rural populations, believes TennCare is "the best way to manage the provision of health care services for Tennesseans unable to secure health care coverage otherwise."

TCCN's Access...MedPLUS health plan is the second-largest TennCare managed care organization with more than 314,000 members. It offers full medical, dental and pharmacy services for its members in all 95 counties of Tennessee.

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Read Across America



JIMMY MEEKS, vice principal of Halls High School, read a book to Mrs. Nita Taylor's fourth grade class at Halls Elementary School Thursday of last week as part of the Read Across America program.

YOUTH SPEAKER

Youth motivational speaker and recording artist, Fairest Hill, will be the guest speaker at 11:30 a.m. Sunday during the morning worship services in Dyersburg Christian Center, 591 Davis Drive, Dyersburg. Hill educates, motivates, and inspires youth from every walk of life and believes that no child is lost or beyond help. For more information call 286-9138.

Birthdays

- March 9 - Dalton Lee Young, Luke Hemby, Jerald Bridges, Melinda Pilcher, Barbara Sue Ezekiel, Glenn Lazure, Kathy Cherry, Tammy Terry.
- March 10 - Zackery Flatt, Rita Glenn, Rita Gillon, Polly Adkisson, Troy Sinquefield, Kim Vanden Hurt, Conner Stanley, Louise Ward, Randy Harris, Jacob Newman.
- March 11 - Joe Tidwell, Larry Reynolds, Zane Bernard.
- March 12 - Natalie Schneider, Dalton Fowler, Stacy Fullen, Paul Childress, Roger Mills, Frankie Spray, Lorene Pennington, Susanne Hurt Troutt, Jamie Young, Alicia Gooch.
- March 13 - Don Gaines, Jonathan Cummings, Debbie Brewster, Virginia Williams.
- March 14 - Caroline Mills.

Jump Rope For Heart



HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is holding its annual Jump Rope For Heart event which raises funds for American Heart Association cardiovascular research and educational programs.

Participants learn the importance of a healthy lifestyle, including regular physical activity, proper nutrition and living tobacco-free. During physical education classes, students will jump rope to raise funds. They are urged to ask only family, friends and relatives for support.

Call Jennifer Duke or Rita Norvell, 836-9651, for further information.

Michal Pool, Tammy Pipkin, Saul Nelson, Dr. Bobby Webb, Jonathan Strahan, Tammy Carmack.

March 15 - Juanita Haynes, Amanda Buchignani, Dr. Randall Cummings, Steven Summer, Annie B. Jones, Leslie Crook, Bob Harrell, Leah Rae Ward.

CHAMBER BANQUET

The Annual Chamber Member-



AMBER SADLER, daughter of Bill and Carol Woodley, of Ripley, Homecoming Queen at Halls High School, has been selected as a finalist for Tennessee's Twentieth Annual Homecoming Queen Selection, which will be held April 1st and 2nd at the Regal Maxwell House in Nashville.

If Amber should win the Tennessee title, she will receive a cash scholarship and an expense paid trip to California to compete with the queens from other states for the title of America's Homecoming Queen in August. America's Homecoming Queen, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes education, educational travel, and non-violence in high schools in all fifty states.

Sporting dogs like the Golden Retriever and the Irish Setter follow a scent in the air. Hounds follow a scent on the ground.

Plans Underway For Tomato Festival 2000

The 17th Annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival is July 6th, 7th and 8th, at Ripley City Park.

Annette Maxwell, Director of the Tina Turner Center, is festival chairman.

Returning favorite events include the tomato tasting; BBQ contest; talent show; 5-K run; golf tournament; R.A.C.E. car show; carnival; art exhibit; and continual on-stage musical entertainment, including a concert by the Memphis River City Band on Saturday night.

A new attraction is the First Annual Business/Corporate Challenge Climbing Contest. Five member teams from different businesses will compete on a rock-climbing wall for awards.

Anyone interested in helping with Festival 2000 should contact the Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541. Volunteers are welcome.

RELAY NOTES

A Relay for Life organizational meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 13th at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. Teams should turn in shirt sizes at the meeting. This year, each team can sell luminaries, candles that will be lit in honor or memory of a loved one, in advance. The cost will be \$10.

ship Banquet is Thurs., Apr. 13, in Ripley High School. The theme is Our Futures So Bright!

New additions to the banquet include a silent auction; Chamber Citizen of the Year award; Small and Large Business of the Year awards; and a table centerpiece contest.

The deadline for award nominations is Fri., Mar. 17th.

Tickets are \$10 per person and include dinner. Call the Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541, for further information.

Anniversaries

March 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders.

March 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Emery Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis.

March 14 - Mr. and Mrs. David Ford.

March 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dew.

Ya'll Come Barbecue

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March 18th - 4 p.m. till ???
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JORDAN CRIHFIELD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crihfield, of Halls, has been elected to the Freshman Council of the Student Government Association at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Forty members, 20 males and 20 females, are selected each fall by a screening committee and the student body vice-president. Crihfield, a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, is a freshman student majoring in pre-Dentistry.

The Freshman Council represents the needs and interests of first-time students at the university and provides a forum for the freshmen to voice their opinions. Through the council, freshmen can communicate their concerns directly to the association and



Culture Class

MRS. JANICE CRAIG, of Ripley, Lauderdale County General Sessions Judge, visited Mrs. Nita Taylor's fourth grade class at Halls Elementary School Wednesday of last week. She talked about differences in culture and showed the class several items from her trip to Scotland, including the kilt she was wearing.

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participate in student government and campus-wide activities.

In addition to serving on the Council, Jordan is one of two freshmen students who were selected to serve on the Communication Board, which selects programming for campus TV.

Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Hardy and children, Chad, Katy, and Mallory, of Nankipoo, and Marie Tinsley, of Curve, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hardy during the weekend. Mr. Hardy visited Ike Childress in Gates Tuesday of last week. Ann Kitchens has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Hardy since Mrs. Hardy's surgery last month.

The Erle Kissells, of Dry Hill, and the Danny Langleys and children, Caleb and Hanna, of Unionville, visited Pauline Kissell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bitsy Smith, of Curve, have been visiting J. D. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Franks, of Brighton, visited Sunday afternoon.

Marriages

Feb. 4 - Samuel Aron Turney, 52, to Nancy Ann Turney, 49, by William R. Elder.

Feb. 22 - Phillip Wayne Everett, 46, to Connie Jean Yancey, 29, by J. N. Austill.

Feb. 24 - Levi Daniel Moore, II, 49, to Rita Ann Qureshi, 51, by Willie L. McCadney.

Feb. 25 - Claudie Taran Taylor, 27, to Sandra Elaine Dyson, 37, by S. H. Mickens.

Feb. 28 - Steven Burgess Burns, 35, to Gina Marie Peguens, 32, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Michael Lee Rogers, 41, to Glenda Rochelle Robinson, 30, by John Ed Jones.

Feb. 29 - Timothy Wade Jefferies, 34, to Gina Michelle Nunez, 32, by Thomas E. Sanders.

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Divorces

Aniko G. Campbell vs. Rodney Campbell.

Richard Kenneth Jones vs. Sandra Kay Jones.

University, Cookeville, will have Campus Day, a daylong event beginning at 9 a.m., Sat., Apr. 8th, at the university's Hooper Eblen Center.

TTU officials will provide information on career advisement, financial aid, scholarship eligibility and give technology demonstrations. Students and families will receive a free lunch and be given a tour of the campus.

The deadline for reservations is Wed., Apr. 5th. Call TTU's Admissions Office at 1-800-255-8881 or 931-372-3888.

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Monroe A. Moore Mack Buchanan

Monroe Allen Moore, 63, of 74 McCaslin Drive, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Chapel of Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Greenhill Memorial Gardens in Halls.

Born May 25, 1936 in Halls to P. A. Moore and Annie Irene Goin, he was a member of Disciples of Christ Church in Ripley.

Survivors include his wife, Verna Watson Moore; a son, Mike Moore, of Dyersburg; two daughters, Carol Kemmerling, of Dyersburg, and Kathy Ozment, of Newbern; two step-sons, James Tucker, of Halls, and Randy Tucker, of Ripley; two step-daughters, Debbie Bracco, of Ripley, and Diane Clanton, of Dyersburg; two brothers, Harold Moore, of Dyersburg, and Leon Moore, of Littleton, N.C.; 21 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Inolia Leake

Inolia Leake, 92, of Flint, Mich., mother of Edward Leake, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of renal failure, in McLaren Family Practice Center in Flint.

Services were held at noon Monday at St. Luke Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Formerly of Ripley, she leaves another son, William Wilson, of Chicago, Ill.; a daughter, Earnestine Felton, of Flint; 21 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cleo McBride

Mrs. Cleo McBride, 96, of 809 Asbury Rd., Ripley, died Friday, of heart failure, in Perry Community Hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Asbury United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

Born August 8, 1903 to E. D. Hargett and Cassie Wilson Hargett, of Ripley, she was the widow of Paul McBride.

She leaves two daughters, Evelyn McBride Stewart, of Ripley, and Martha Jane Taylor, of Manchester; 7 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Mack Buchanan, 72, of Waverly, father of Deborah Criswell, of Ripley, died Saturday in Three Rivers Hospital in Waverly.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Sunday at McKeel Cemetery in Waverly, Luff Bowen Funeral Home, Inc. in charge.

A retired truck driver and WWII Veteran, he leaves another daughter, Shirley Garrett, of Munford; three sisters, Vivian Rion and Virginia Ellison, both of Waverly, and Mattie Buchanan Carter, of Winnemucca, Nev.; and a grandson.

Mrs. Walter Gray

Leona Gray, 88, of Ridgely, widow of Walter Gray and sister of Bill and Buck Blakely, of Halls, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Monday in Curry & Son Ridgely Chapel, with burial in New Haven Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Calvin Gray and R. A. Carnell, of Ridgely; daughters, Barbara Jane Burkoen and Mary Butler, of Ridgely, Frances Scott, of Crockett Mills, Helen Fisher, of Martin, and Katherine Crum, of Dyersburg; brother, Jack Blakely, of Tiptonville; a sister, Dutch Williams, of Portageville, Mo.; and 19 grandchildren.

Dolores Lampert

Dolores P. Lampert, 66, of Sunbridge Healthcare in Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Monday in Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Ripley.

She leaves a son, Charles E. Lampert, of Oak Ridge; two daughters, Jo Ellen Howard, of Ripley, and Pam Bowie, of Halls; her mother, Dixie Jones Miller, of Ripley; and four grandchildren.

Kate Melton

Kate Norvell Melton, 79, of 239 Skyline Drive, Ripley, retired from employment with Maremont in Ripley, died Saturday, of cancer, in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church

near Ripley, where she was a member, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves a son, Mike, of Dyersburg; a daughter, Barbara "B.J." Moore, of Ripley; a brother, Willard Norvell, of Ripley, former County sheriff and General Sessions judge; a sister, Grace Robbins, of Alamo; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Odessa Rodgers

Odessa Rodgers, 96, a retired clerk, died Wednesday of last week in Ripley Healthcare, after a stroke.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Friday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial at 2 p.m. in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis.

Widow of Russell Rodgers, she leaves a son, Melvin Jenkins, of Ripley; a brother, James Langston, of Harmondton; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

George Reynolds

George E. Reynolds, 69, of Memphis, father of Elvis W. Reynolds, of Gates, died Wednesday of last week, of diabetes, in Shelby Pines Healthcare Center, Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. next day in Memphis Memory Gardens.

A retired City Park Commission foreman, he was a member of Wells Station Baptist Church.

He had served in the National Guard during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy; another son, Walter W. Reynolds, of Bartlett; a daughter, Judy Woodley, of Hernando, Miss.; two step-sons, James Ward, of Lakeland, and Lewis Ward, of Memphis; two step-daughters, Barbara Hailey, of Memphis, and Peggy Norvell, of Jackson; two brothers, Frank and Martin Reynolds, of Arlington; a sister, Lena Hutchinson, of Memphis; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Howard Blaylock

Howard "Sonny" Blaylock, 62, of Cicero, Ill., formerly of Henning, died Feb. 29th.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Stickney, Ill., with burial in Mount Auburn cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Blaylock; a son, Ricky Blaylock, of Houston, Tex.; a daughter, Sonja Hoover, of Cicero; five

brothers, Dee Ballard, Thomas Mooney, Donald Mooney, and Charlie Mooney, all of Ripley, and James Blaylock, of Billings, Mont.; seven sisters, Estell Hardy, Josephine Taylor, Rosie Hopkins, Ann "Toot" Bizzle, and Sarah Vandergriff, all of Ripley; Betty Diebold, of Cantonville, Maryland, and Martha Garrison, of Bedford, Ky.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Eva Mae Payton

Mrs. Eva Mae Reed Payton, 81, of 2414 Estes Lane, Ripley, died at 2:43 a.m. Monday in Methodist Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Services were set for noon Saturday in Elam Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in Elam Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

A retired custodian for Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, she leaves her husband, Sam Payton; four sons, Jerry Payton and Sam Curtis Payton, of Ripley, Mahion Payton, of St. Paul, Minn., and Willis Cogshell, of Pasadena, Ca.; two daughters, Betty J. Thomas, of Brownsville, and Ruth Cogshell, of Daytona Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Marion McConnell

Marion E. McConnell, 87, of Shelbyville, former supervisor of maintenance at Fort Pillow State Prison, died Monday in Shelby Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Glenwood Cemetery in Shelbyville, Lockart & Sons Funeral Home in charge.

A member of the First United Methodist Church in Ripley, he was a WWII Army Veteran.

He leaves a son, Charles F. McConnell, of Somerville; a sister, Mrs. Hugh (Maxine) Walden, of Shelbyville; and six grandchildren.

Jewell Bell Stutts

Jewell Bell Stutts, 87, housewife, of 269 Hwy. 412 E., Jackson, died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday at her residence.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Brown's Church Cemetery in Jackson.

A member of Beechgrove Bap-

tist Church, she leaves a son, Tommy Stutts, of Jackson; a daughter, Montine Schultz, of Kinsley, Kan.; a sister, Shirley Williams, of Jackson; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis and children, of Nesbit, Miss., were Sunday dinner guests of the Pharis Escues. Mr. and Mrs. Escue's granddaughter, Amanda, remained for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Carmack visited the Jimmy Howards in Memphis Saturday.

Those attending the wedding of Stephanie Krueger and Steven Matheson in Bradford United Methodist Church in Bradford Saturday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue, Mrs. J. D. McNeill, Mrs. Mike McNeill, Mrs. Jimmy Burks and daughters, Jessica and Jasmine, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson visited Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jordan in Memphis Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams visited Thelma Joyner in Ridge-mont Retirement Home in Memphis Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Climer, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Heath, of Alamo, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzhugh, of Nankipoo, were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Dorothy Brasfield, of Dry Hill, was a Sunday dinner guest.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The second annual Lauderdale Youth Leadership class is tentatively scheduled the week of June 5th.

Youth Leadership is an intensive, weeklong program sponsored by the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce. Students are offered a chance to see various aspects of the county, including economics, education, government, agriculture, how we live and the wide variety of jobs available in the county. Teamwork and leadership skills are stressed. Class participants will be asked to do a community project.

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STUDENTS in Robin Naifeh's class at Halls Elementary School went on a field trip February 8th to the Alex Haley House Museum to further their studies of Tennessee and black history and toured the Olympic Steakhouse to learn about occupations in the restaurant business.

At the Alex Haley House Museum, the students listened to a story about the childhood of Alex Haley, told by Boris Douglas, tour guide. Mrs. Sawyers, another tour guide, told the students about the antiques on display.

Olympic waitress, Paula Moore, directed the tour of the restaurant's kitchen, preparation room, freezer, and chemical room. She talked to the class about different career opportunities in the restaurant business and stressed cleanliness and safety. The students were served a meal and enjoyed a trip to the ice cream bar.

CONSERVATION NOTES

"Begin plans now to renovate grass pasture and hayland fields," advised Bill Parker, Vice-Chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors. He is encouraging land users to consider adding legumes to grass stands to increase both the quantity and quality of grass forage. He also noted that the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District now has a no-till drill available for rent to local land users due to a conservation grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. Local land users are en-

couraged to make use of the no-till drill either for grassland establishment or renovation.

Anyone who needs more information concerning grassland establishment or renovation of grass pastures or hay fields should contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services Office, 301 Lake Drive, Suite A, Ripley, at 635-7686, Extension 101. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio-tape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (Voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director Office of Civil Rights, Room 326, W. Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (Voice and TDD). USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

GOSPEL SINGING

Halls Community Center will be the site of a free gospel singing beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday. Featured will be the Johnsons, of Atoka, and the Goodmans. The public is invited to attend.

TASK FORCE

The UT Agricultural Extension Service and The Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will co-sponsor a workshop, "Talking With Farmers In Times Of Crisis," on Fri., Mar. 10th.

The keynote speaker is Roger Hannan, from the Farm Resource Center in Illinois. Support and training will be given to West Ten-

nessee farmers, farm families and farm workers affected by the drought and low prices over the past two years.

The workshop will be held at the West Tennessee Experiment Station, 605 Airways Blvd., Jackson, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Other sponsors include The Tennessee Farmers Co-op, Farm Credit Service, The Farm Bureau, Union Planters Bank and the

Fayette County Baptist Association.

For further information, contact Rev. Joe Moseley, 901-772-0755, or Chuck Danehower, UT Ext. Service, 635-9551.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gean, of Meridianville, Ala., visited Tommy Simmons and Raybon Chambers Saturday afternoon.

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Honorary Chairman



DR. CLAUDE WEBB, center, longtime physician of Lauderdale County, has been chosen as this year's Relay for Life honorary chairman. Dr. Webb was diagnosed with leukemia last year.

Dr. Webb is proud to be this year's honorary chairman. "I feel that not only the money raised by this county for the Relay is important, but also the awareness of cancer that comes from all the activities is great," he stated. "It's a wonderful community happening for all of us." He also commended all of the volunteers who have worked to get the relay organized, particularly Bill and Sandy Dickens, who served as chairman for the past several years and Paul Avery, of A. O. Smith, this year's chairman.

Dr. Webb and his wife, Martha, left, moved to this county in August of 1949 to join a practice of general medicine in Ripley. "We had ridden around that day and he wanted to stop and talk to Dr. Fred Moore," said Martha. "I didn't know until he came back to the car that we were going to live in Ripley." Dr. Webb added,

Accident Claims Newbern Driver

An automobile accident claimed the life of David E. Gatlin, 50, of 4513 RoEllen-Newbern Rd., Newbern, around 6:15 a.m. Wednesday of last week near Dixie Trucker's Home on Highway 51 between Ripley and Halls. This is the second accident at that site in less than a month.

Mr. Gatlin, driving a 1991 Nissan Sentra, struck a tractor-trailer driven by Donald LeRouge, of Middleton, N. Y. LeRouge was wearing a seat belt and was not injured. Gatlin was not wearing a seat belt.

According to Trooper Roy Mills, Gatlin struck the 18-wheeler as it was pulling away from the truck stop across the southbound lane.

No citations or criminal charges were placed as a result of the accident according to the filed report.

Missing Man, 25, Found Drowned In His Pick-Up

Jonathan Bradford Burns, 25, of 356 Eastland, Ripley, missing for nine days, was found Tuesday of last week, drowned in his pick-up, which was submerged upside down in the Mississippi River.

He had not been reported seen since Saturday night, Feb. 26th.

Monday of last week, Myron Kissell, of 2046 Barlow Rd., Ripley, returning to the Ed Jones Boat Ramp off Barr Rd., south of Hwy. 88 west of Halls, felt his outboard motor's propeller hit something.

Next morning, Danny Kiestler, of 4800 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., with the river falling, saw tire tracks under the surface of the river.

The truck, winched out, was upside down, with Burns inside.

He was employed by Key Fire Protection in Jackson.

He leaves his father and step-mother, Thomas Lynn and Charlene Burns, of 154 Lafayette, Ripley; his step-father, Willie Stafford, of 1052 Gum Flat Road, Halls, widower of Joy Bradford Stafford; a sister, Carrie Goforth, of his home; four half-brothers, Randy and Ricky L. Burns, of Halls, Michael D. Howland, of North Carolina, and Randie K. Howland, of Horner, Ga.; a half-sister, Michelle Burns Anderson, of Friendship; a step-sister, Autumn Brown, of Ripley; and a grandmother, Sylvia Burns, of 984 Charlie Lee Road, Halls.

Rites were at 4 p.m. Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery near Gates.

County Board Goes 50-50 For Ball Fields

At their meeting Monday, County Executive Rozelle Criner and Commissioners passed a resolution to pay \$7,500, half of the \$15,000 needed, for three acres to house additional ball fields in Crichfield Park. The Town of Halls will contribute the remaining money.

State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh gave an update on current legislature and said everything possible is being done to keep Fort Pillow State Park from closing. The commissioners passed a resolution to keep the park open.

The board approved a resolution for William Howard Holmes, former magistrate of Lauderdale County.

Other business included a resolution to the USDA on the Lauderdale County water plant; approval of personal property contract for the tax assessor; a resolution for approval of Celebrate Jesus 2000 Crusade; and school budget amendments presented by Dr. Bobby Webb, Superintendent of Schools, was approved.

Body Found



FOR THE SECOND TIME in the past few weeks, a body has been discovered in Lauderdale County waters. A fisherman from Covington reported finding a body in the Hatchie River to the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office a little before noon Tuesday.

When officials arrived, they found the victim, believed to be a white male, age unable to be determined, approximately two miles from the Hatchie River bridge on Hwy 51. It is believed that the body has been in the water for at least a month.

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Bids will be opened at 4 p.m. Monday, April 2nd at City Hall, 208 N. Church St., Halls. Specifications and further information available by contacting Pat Higdon at 836-9642.

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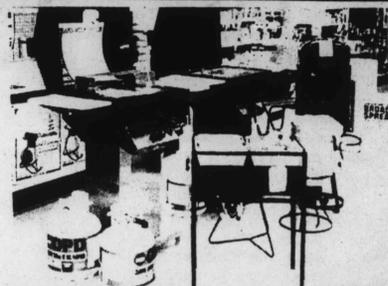


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Mock Wedding



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The boutonnières and bouquets were made by the horticulture class with live flowers provided by Mrs. Kay Baker and Halls Flower and Bridal Shop. Bridesmaids, Leanne Harris and Erin Steelman, and groomsmen,

Brian Benson and Collins "Mo" Moss, marched down the aisle to "Butterfly Kisses" and "You and I", provided by Amber Jacobs, wedding coordinator. The "bride", dressed in a white tank top and navy capris pants, carried a bouquet of yellow and white daisies, which she had arranged herself. Jeremy wore a white dress shirt and khaki pants.

The "ceremony" began at 10 a.m. in the freshman hall, officiated by Mark Norman. After candy ring pops were placed on the couple's fingers, everyone attended a reception, hosted by Mrs. Ingram's Family and Consumer Science Class. After the guests were served a three-tiered cake covered in flowers, they returned to their classrooms.

BBQ Supper Planned By Curve Community

The Curve Community Organization held a meeting Mar. 9th with twelve members present. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. The minutes

were approved. \$2,527 in donations has been received.

Plans for the BBQ supper at the East Lauderdale Fire Department on Sat., Mar. 18th, were finalized. The supper will begin at 4 p.m.

A clean-up day was planned for Mar. 11th. Members viewed a layout plan of the park and grounds,

and the purchase of 20 Bradford Pear Trees, using a "Good Neighbor Grant" was approved.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 13th, in the Curve Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone interested in improving the Curve Community is invited.

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Paul Burns Dies; School Principal

John Paul Burns, 80, of 2685 Hwy. 19 west of Ripley, retired Lauderdale County school principal, died Saturday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Monday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Ripley. He was a Mason.

For many years a member of the Ripley Rotary Club, he long produced the club's weekly bulletin.

He leaves his wife, Geraldine Grammer Burns, and two sisters, Jean Cosby and Juanita Bledsoe, both of Pulaski.

W. T. Ellis, Sr.

William Thomas Ellis, Sr., 67, of McKinney, Tex., brother of Bob Ellis, Bernice Sellers, and Marianne Dunavant, of Ripley, and of Frances Johnson, of Gates, died March 6th in North Central Medical Center in McKinney.

Rites were at 4 p.m. March 9th in Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, with burial in Ridgeview West Memorial Park in Frisco.

He was born Nov. 16, 1932, at Winfield, Ala., son of the late Grattis D. Ellis and Virgie L. Farr Ellis.

Retired from Fleming Foods, he had been working for C-Cart of Col. lin County. He was a Methodist.

A duck hunter and gardener, he enjoyed reading history.

Survivors include his wife, Debra Alread Ellis, whom he married Aug. 20, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nev.; two sons, W. T., Jr., of Victoria, Tex., and Eric Little, of Dallas, Tex.; a daughter, Debra Fowler, of Elysian Fields, Tex.; another brother, Richard Ellis, of Seattle, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Alston

Hazel Chestine Alston, 78, of 1505 Poplar Grove Rd., Halls, widow of Lenard Alston, died Tuesday of last week, of cancer, at home.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Thursday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

She was a member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church.

She leaves two daughters, Barbara Davis and Thalia Knox, of Millington; a sister, Evelyn Wyrick, of Friendship; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Eidson, 94, Retired Teacher

Monnie M. Eidson, 94, retired teacher in Lauderdale County schools, died Monday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

She had resided on South Jefferson in Ripley before entering a care facility in Memphis.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Thursday of last week in First Presbyterian Church, where she was a member, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of J. C. Eidson, Watkins Products agent.

She leaves two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wm. Sims

Delores Beard Allen Sims, 61, of 326 Willette Beard Rd., east of Durhamville, died Tuesday of last week, of multiple sclerosis, in Methodist Healthcare in Brownsville.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Sunday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in its cemetery, Rawls Funeral Home, of Brownsville, in charge.

She leaves her mother, Willette Beard, a son, William Sims III, and two daughters, Debora Ann Sims and Charlotte Allen, of Ripley; another daughter, Angela Allen Watkins, of 266 Scates, Henning; one brother, Lee Bert Beard, of Detroit, Mich.; two sisters, Barbara Jacobs, of Humboldt, and Gloria Albright, of Dallas, Tex.; and a grandchild.

Mrs. George Ray

Louise Monterey Ray, 56, of Covington, mother of Shannon Sellers, of 219 Volz Circle, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Friday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Retired owner of Hallmark & Christian Book Store, she was a member of Hebron Church.

Survivors include her husband, George D. Ray, four other sons, David Sellers and Carter, Dale, and Mike Ray, and a daughter, Tracy Walk, of Covington; her parents, Tracy Simmons and Robert Ray, of Burlington; a brother, Paul Valiant, of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Pat Maloney, of Perryville; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Leslie Puckett

Leslie Howard Puckett, 88, of 500 South College, Halls, retired from Ripley Power & Light, died Wednesday of last week, of pneumonia, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He was a member of the Men's Bible Class in First United Methodist Church in Halls.

Widower of Sam Ethel Cox Puckett, he leaves a brother, Bernard Puckett, of Alamo; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hastings

Jessie Lee Hastings, 90, of Dyersburg, widow of John P. Hastings and mother of Jimmy Hastings, of Halls, and of Judy Nicks, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare.

Rites were at 10 a.m. Friday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

Survivors include another son, Jerry, of Fowlkes; another daughter, Janice Alexander, of Dyersburg; two sisters, Lessie Willis, of Dyersburg, and Hessie Garner, of Huntingdon; 19 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Zora W. Butler

Zora W. Butler, 82, of 83 Finch Rd., Route 3, Halls, retired cashier, died Thursday of last week, of kidney failure, in her home.

Her body was cremated. She was a member of Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Friendship.

She leaves a daughter, Treva Butler, of Halls; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Nikola Vojvodich

Nikola Vojvodich, 72, of Johnston City, Ill., father of Lennie Rose, of Ripley, died March 5th in Herrin, Ill.

Services were March 9th at Mitchell-Hughes Funeral Home in Marion, Ill.

A retired mechanic, he leaves his wife, Eva, of Illinois; eight other children; twenty grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Grandson Fatally Injured In Crash

Milton Eric Griffin, Jr., 22, of Apt. 204, 6249 Lake Arbor Place, Memphis, grandson of Clinton and Virgie Griffin, of 386 King, Ripley, was fatally injured Saturday as a passenger in a car which struck a parked tractor-trailer.

The crash occurred about 5:28 a.m. The 2000 Pontiac Grand Am was driven on Mount Moriah Rd. by Isie T. Brown, 30, of Apt. 3, 5381 Foxlake Lane, Memphis, also injured in the crash.

After the car struck a 1999 Freightliner halted in the emergency lane of Interstate 240, it spun down an embankment.

The truck's driver, Gary Holland, 28, of 225 Fisher, Millersville, and his passenger, Stacey Holland, were not injured.

Griffin was a warehouse worker for Nike, Inc.

Survivors include his parents, Bonnie J. Harrington and Milton Eric Griffin, a sister, Michelle Harrington, and a grandmother, Mary L. Rubin, all of Memphis.

Rites were set for 1 p.m. Thursday in Mt. Pisgah CME Church in Byhalia, Miss., with burial in its cemetery, Edwards & Sons Whitehaven Chapel in charge.

Ronald Perfect

Ronald Gene Perfect, 55, of Palm Desert, Calif., husband of Carol K. Perfect, former typesetter for The Lauderdale County Enterprise, died Sat., March 11th at Loma Linda University Medical Center in California.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial in Coachella Valley Cemetery, Fitz-Henry Funeral Home in charge.

A former sewing machine mechanic for Todd Uniform, Inc., for seven years, he moved to California last year.

Survivors include two sons, Christian and Gabriel, and a daughter, Grace, all of California; another daughter, Maurine Knoop, of Washington; his mother, Catherine Franco, of Palm Desert; and four grandchildren.

Robert Davis

Robert "KilRoy" Davis, 68, of

John N. Naifeh Fatally Injured

The brother of Tennessee House of Representatives Speaker Jimmy Naifeh, died from injuries sustained in a one-car accident Sunday. The accident occurred about 2 p.m. on Dawson Road in Tipton County.

John H. Naifeh, 53, was pronounced dead Monday at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis.

He was alone in the car. Services were 10 a.m. Wednesday in Covington First United Methodist Church, with burial in R. H. Munford Cemetery, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

The owner of Naifeh's Up In Smoke and Naifeh's Real Estate, he was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Covington, Gridiron Association, Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, and a board member of Tri-County Professional Counseling Center.

Survivors include his wife, Nicole Carol Ashpole Naifeh, a stepdaughter, Candice Lauren Carroll, and another brother, Joe Naifeh, all of Covington.

Mrs. Newman

Mary Frances Newman, 64, wife of R. L. Newman, of 2563 Arp-Central Rd., died Monday, of cancer, in her home.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery near Ripley.

She was a retired bookkeeper. She was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Alan, Kendall, and Randall Lee Newman, of Arp-Central Rd.; a brother, Ray Mills, of Ripley; a sister, Kate Rice, of Athens; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Halls, employee of Colonial Rubber in Dyersburg, died Friday, of complications due to diabetes, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday in Matthew Zion Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves his wife, Earline Davis, of Halls; two sons, Otis Lee Davis, of Halls, and Ray Van Davis, of New Orleans, La.; and a brother, Otis B. Davis, of Union City.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lauderdale County Historical Society will hold its regular meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center with guest speakers Lisa Hankins, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and Billie Morris, President of Friends of the Library. Mrs. Hankins will speak on Fort Pillow Historical Park, which is scheduled to close by July 1st due to budget cuts. Mrs. Morris will speak on the future of the old Sugar Hill Library, Ripley's first wooden structure, built in 1843. This building could be sold and then demolished. Anyone interested in preserving Lauderdale County history should attend.

COLLEGE HEAD START

This spring, seventy-nine area high school students are getting a jump-start on earning a college degree by taking classes at Dyersburg State Community College. Eligible students receive college credit by taking basic classes in English and mathematics at DSCC during their junior and senior years.

Qualifications for the Advanced Studies Program include a junior or senior standing; a 3.0 (B) average on completed high school work, or recommendation of guidance counselor, principal or high school teacher in student's area of interest; a completed application with one-time, non-refundable payment of application fee; completion of students portion of Advanced Studies Program application, with parent's signature and forwarded to guidance counselor for recommendation; and an official copy of high school transcript, ACT scores, sent to DSCC Office of Admissions and Records.

For further information, call the DSCC Admissions and Records Office, 901-286-3300.

COUNTY CONVENTION

The Lauderdale County Democratic Party will hold a County Convention at 12 noon Sat., Mar. 18th, at the Olympic Restaurant.

The purpose of the convention is to elect delegates to the 8th Congressional District Convention in Jackson, Mar. 25th. They in turn vote for delegates to the State and National Convention.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. No one will be allowed to participate in the convention that has not been properly registered. All registered voters are encouraged to attend.

Call Shea Harris, 836-9008, for further information.

Tennessee Coordinated Care Network



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TCCN WELCOMES STATE'S CONFIRMATION OF FINANCIAL HEALTH

NASHVILLE—Tennessee Coordinated Care Network (TCCN) has agreed to an examination by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance that consists of an on-site review of its financial and claims processing operations.

TCCN, which operates the Access...MedPLUS TennCare health plan, is eager to demonstrate to the State and its providers, its ability to perform its duties as a health care manager. While all managed care organizations have suffered strain due to the State's recent months and welcomes the opportunity to help the State through the coming dislocation of TennCare members from other plans.

"We agreed to the examination for two reasons: it will confirm our year-end results as reported, showing that TCCN is financially healthy, and it will alleviate concerns regarding claims processing," said Joseph Barber, chief financial officer for TCCN.

Since installing new claims processing systems in December, the company had experienced some claims processing delays that impacted providers in January, which were largely corrected in February. "As with any systems changeover, there have been some problems, however, we are improving and we're confident that the new system will elevate our claims processing capacity above the level prior to conversion," said Barber.

Barber says the company has experienced problems similar to those reported by Blue Cross/Blue Shield in early February. Blue Cross' problems were caused by a systems conversion which delayed payment to its providers for several months.

"We have been working for 17 years to provide medical services to the poor, the underserved and the disadvantaged. We remain committed to this mission, and to the best of our abilities to resolve TennCare's problems and keep it healthy for all Tennesseans who need it," Barber said.

-End-

Artists Receive Certificates



front, from left, Jasmine Winbush, Landrum Tucker, and Demetric Roundtree; in rear, from left, Jalen Robinson, Cordéro Taylor, Clay Weaver, Shawrona Holloway, and Brooke Emerson.

Ripley Primary School's morning preschool class is shown in lower photo along with teacher, Mrs. Susan Weiber. Not pictured is Mrs. Weiber's afternoon preschool class, which also participated in the exhibit.

Texas-born president Lyndon Johnson inspired a boom in the popularity of cowboy hats.

PARTICIPANTS of the Exhibit of Special Education Art at the Art Mall in downtown Ripley have been presented with Certificates of Appreciation by the West Tennessee Association of Arts.

In upper left photo, students of Lauderdale Middle School display their certificates as Mary Louise Culbreath, President of the West Tennessee Association of Artists, presents a check to Don Paris for the Special Olympics. Students included, from left, front row, Michael Mathina, Nicholous Robinson, Trebian Pickett; back row, Janet Black, Sharon Bonds, Ashley Helton, and Porsha McClish.

In upper right photo, artists participating from Ripley High School include, in front, from

left, Lucas Tyus, Tanya Kirkpatrick, Earlean Clark, and Melvin Toomes; in rear, from left, Brandon Montgomery, Chris Waldon, Daisy Jones, Penny Anderson, Lindsey Currie, and not pictured, Laquisha Walker.

In middle left photo, students of Halls Elementary School who entered artwork include, in front, from left, Heather Braden, Darion Taylor, Taja Giles, Treveon Moses, Ernest Rias, kneeling, in middle, Mrs. April Wright; in rear, from left, teacher, Robin Naifeh, Darell Roundtree, Veronica Ray, Crystal Smith, Cory Graham, Whkenia Luckey, and Kenny Read.

In middle right photo, students participating from Ripley Elementary School who participated are, if

Anniversaries

March 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Voss.

March 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maclin, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy White.

March 20 - Rev. and Mrs. Randy Jetton, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Burnham.

March 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith.



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Marriages

Feb. 29 - Steven Burgess Burns, 35, to Gina Marie Pegueros, 32, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Timothy Wade Jefferies, 34, to Jina Michelle Nunez, 32, by Thomas E. Sanders.

March 4 - Steven Ray Matheson, 24, to Stephanie Irene Krueger, 23, by Gene Rollins.

March 7 - Marcus Floyd Smith, 27, to Charlene Buckner, 37, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Destination Imagination Region II Tournament Directors, Janet Baker and Annetta Camp, thank the following for their generosity and support.

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Beth Meeks
Amy Smith
Nancy Hart
Melissa Hurt
Katie Cook
Amber Sauber
April Jetton
Amber Sadler
Audrey Smith

Julie Pickard
Adam Camp
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Van Piphus
Vincent DeWalt
Justin Meeks
Brian Jetton
Brooke Barnes
Jennifer Buntin
Kyle Terry
Mark Simpson
Zak Kelley
The Lauderdale County Bank
Charlene's Just Divine Tea Room
The Women of Westside Baptist Church and Poplar Grove
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Montie Puckett
Doris Henderson
Shirley Roberts
Dorothy Bridges
Carolyn Carswell
Betty Warren
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Bailey Hutcherson
Brooke Hogue
Leah Hastings
Megan Robison

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Graduated



ROBERT SHANE BOOKER, grandson of Christine Booker, of Halls, and Wilma Lindsey, of Jackson, has finished basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and graduated March 13th from the Army-Navy Engineering School at Gulfport, Miss.

Census Luncheon



THE GOVERNMENT CLASS of Halls High School, along with Pat Higdon, teacher, attended the Census 2000 Kick-Off Luncheon in Jackson. The district census office had contacted Mrs. Higdon and asked for help because of the low return rate in

the 1990 Census. As a class project, the students made posters to encourage everyone to fill out their census form. The posters will be displayed in various churches and businesses this week.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fitzhugh, of Halls, a 7 lb. 1 oz. son, Preston Kyle, born at 11:22 p.m. March 7th in Dyersburg Methodist Hospital in Dyersburg. Twenty inches long, he has two brothers, Jeremy Tyler, 9, Steven Blake, 6, and a half brother, Bobby Ray Fitzhugh. Grandparents are Ray Jackson, of Gates, and Elen Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tillman, all of Halls. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gailon Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parish, all of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Currier, of Kittery, Maine, and the late Barbara Osteen, of Brownsville.

HALLS FFA CHAPTER attended the West Tennessee Invitational Creed, Extemporaneous and Public Speaking Clinic and Contest at Murray State University, sponsored and coordinated by the agriculture faculty and students of MSU. The event was designed to help FFA members and advisors prepare for upcoming district and regional contests. Those attending the event were, from left, Kelly Karl, advisor, Rachel Hammond, Creed Contest

Winner, Erin Steelman, Katie Cook, Leighanne Harris, Kim Neill, and Claire Hammond, advisor.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Mrs. Margaret Wilson has returned home after receiving treatment and care in the hospital and Canterbury Place in Dyersburg for about a month after her fall at home. Her daughter, Kay Darty, and other relatives, helped her settle back in at home.

Mrs. Ruth Martin was in Memphis last week to visit Mrs. Agnes Dyer in an assisted living home. Mrs. Dyer plans to return home to Halls.

Mrs. Faye Harvey visited friends at Canterbury Place Saturday.

Dr. Cary Alsbrook, of Murfreesboro, visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Alsbrook, Sunday. Mary Horner, a teacher from Jackson, Miss., visited Mrs. Alsbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Horner last week.

Mrs. Virginia Wilcox, of Rockford, Ill., has spent several weeks with her sister, Louise Thurmond, who has been ill. They were in Dyersburg Friday for Louise to visit her doctor and visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pugh and Elizabeth Pugh attended the Farm and Gin Show in Memphis weekend before last.

TOMATO PAGEANTS

The Tomato Festival Beauty

Pageants, co-sponsored this year by the Helen R. Tucker Adult Developmental Center and the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, will be held Friday, April 14th and Saturday, April 15th at the Ripley Elementary School.

The pageants will begin Friday at 6:30 p.m. with the "Lauderdale County Junior Miss" Pageant, ages 10-12, and the "Miss Lauderdale County Teen" Pageant, ages 13-15, at 8 p.m. The pageants will resume at 10 a.m. Saturday with the "Little Mr. and Miss Tomato" Pageant, for ages 0-2 years, and the "Little Mr. & Miss Lauderdale County" Pageant, ages 3-5, at noon. The "Lauderdale County Jr. King & Queen" Pageant, ages 6-9, will be held at 2 p.m., and the events will close with the "Miss Lauderdale County" Pageant, ages 16-21 years, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The winners of the Jr. King & Queen and the Miss Lauderdale County Pageant will be eligible for competition in the Strawberry Festival in Humboldt.

All winners will represent the county in the 2000 Tomato Festival celebration July 6th, 7th, and 8th at the Ripley Park and will be asked to attend the opening ceremonies of the festival. Participation is open to any resident of Lauderdale County within the age categories. Entry fees are \$20 and must be received by April 10th. Entries received after the deadline will be subject to a late fee of \$5. Admission to the pageants will be \$5, children under 5 will be admitted free.

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Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Johnny Fincher, of Millington, was a dinner guest Wednesday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams. Mrs. Joe Jackson, of Cordova, was a dinner guest Thursday of last week, and Mrs. Violet Williams, of Ripley, visited Mr. and Mrs. Williams from Wednesday of last week through Saturday.

Mrs. Mike McNeill attended a stork shower for Mrs. J. D. McNeill in the home of Mrs. Butch Criner in Ripley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughter, Tori Williams, of Memphis, were Sunday dinner guests of the Pharis Escues. Tori remained for a week's visit.

Mrs. Danny Simpson visited her sister, Mrs. Jerry Parker, and Mr. Parker in Brownsville Sunday afternoon.

Woodville Locals

By Pat Hughes

Mrs. Sheila Summar spent a night in the hospital last week. She is recovering at home.

Pat and Jim Hughes visited Harry and Nancy Jones in Ripley Saturday. Nancy has had back problems.

Mrs. Margaret Summar's family visited her and Mr. Summar over the weekend.

Mrs. Louise Newman had her cast removed a few weeks ago. She is doing well.

Land Transfers

March 3 - Charline H. McMahan to Charline H. McMahan Living Trust, 3 tract.

March 6 - Mt. Calvary Church

of God In Christ to Rodney B. Steward, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

March 7 - James A. Brogdon, Jr. and Sudie Lavern Brogdon to James A. Brogdon, III, James A. Brogdon, Jr., Sudie Lavern Brogdon, and Martha Brogdon Miller, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

March 8 - John B. Anthony, Rachel Anthony, Sidney Norfleet, III, Rebecca Anthony Smith, and Roger Smith to Carolyn Braden, Dist. 2, lot.

March 9 - Deborah Kay Nolen Wooster and Gary Wayne Wooster to Wanda Brewer, Dist. 17, lot.

James R. Devore, Krin Devore, Carol Ann Douglas, and James G. Douglas to Exchange Club/Tina Turner Family Center, Inc., Dist. 2, lot.

Edna M. Jenkins to Billy Allen Newton and Karen Christel Newton, 1,000 acres.



OPEN HOUSE
Gailon Smith's 90th Birthday Celebration!
 A reception will be given by his daughters, Joan Van Dyke & Buna Sorrell, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19th in the Halls First Christian Church basement.
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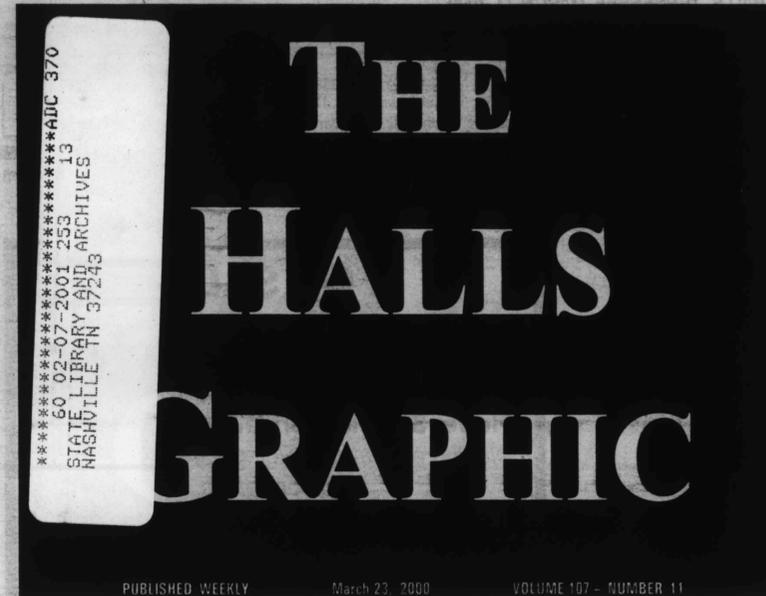
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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2000-2001

The Lauderdale County Board of Education has issued the calendar for the 2000-2001 school year. The following are the dates scheduled for students and teachers. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be split between two days, Thursday after a regular school day from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday morning from 9 to noon. Teachers would be off Friday afternoon. TCAP Achievement Test is scheduled for March 26th -30th. Ripley High Graduation is scheduled for May 17, 2001 and Halls High, May 18, 2001.

Aug. 7	Inservice
Aug. 8	Inservice
Aug. 9	Registration for Students-Abb. Day
Aug. 10	Inservice
Aug. 11-31	Student Days
Sept. 1	Student Days
Sept. 4	Labor Day (No Classes)
Sept. 5-29	Student Days
Oct. 2-19	Student Days
Oct. 19-20	Parent-Teacher Conference
Oct. 23	Fall Break
Oct. 24-31	Student Days
Nov. 1-21	Student Days
Nov. 22-24	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 27-30	Student Days
Dec. 1-19	Student Days
Dec. 20-31	Winter Break
Jan. 1-2	New Year's
Jan. 3	Inservice
Jan. 4-12	Student Days
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 16-31	Student Days
Feb. 1-16	Student Days
Feb. 19	President's Day
Feb. 20-28	Student Days
March 1	Student Days
March 1-2	Parent-Teacher Conference
March 5-30	Student Days
Apr. 2-6	Spring Break
Apr. 9-12	Student Days
Apr. 13	Good Friday
Apr. 16-30	Student Days
May 1-23	Student Days
May 24	Administrative Day
May 25	Abbrev. Day



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Mrs. Paul Burns Dies In Accident

Mrs. Geraldine Grammer Burns, 88, of 2685 Hwy. 19 W., Ripley, widow of former Lauderdale County school principal, Paul Burns, died instantly Monday night when she stepped in the path of an east-bound vehicle as she was crossing the highway to reach her mailbox. Mr. Burns was buried only last week after heart failure March 11th.

Services were set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Ripley.

A former schoolteacher, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ripley and of the Retired Teachers Association.

She leaves a brother, Lynnwood Grammer, of 2729 Hwy. 19 W., Ripley.

At press time, the Tennessee Highway Patrol has not released details of the accident.

Forked Deer Electric Names New Director

Harold Willis was elected the new manager for Forked Deer Electric during the meeting held February 24th. A Dyer County resident, Willis has served as a director of the Co-operative for 30 years, chairman for 11 years, and has served 10 years on the Dyer County Board of Education. He replaces Nelda Bishop who retired.

DELEGATES ELECTED

The Democratic Party of Lauderdale County held a County Convention Saturday at Olympic Restaurant in Ripley, with the purpose of electing delegates to the 8th Congressional District Convention March 25th in Jackson, where they in turn will elect delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Those selected as delegates included Talmadge L. Crihfield, Sr., Virginia Shea Harris, Tommy Hansbrough, Phillip Jackson, Rebecca C. McWilliams, Elanor G. Hartsfield, Talmadge L. Crihfield, Jr., Charles Cutlip, Gladys A.

RECEIVES AWARD

Amber T. Kimbrell, daughter of Andy and Judy Terry, of Halls, and a 1994 graduate of Halls High School, received a graduate assistantship award at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. She will begin her studies in August, concentrating on the American Family and Race and Ethnic Relations.

The assistantship is a joint Master's and Ph.D. Program and includes full paid tuition and assistant

Crain, Auzie Harrell, and Emmett F. Hartsfield.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY 03/14/2000 POST ELECTION STATISTICS REPORT

PCT	PCT NAME	DIST	VOTERS	BALLOTS CAST					NP	TOTAL	%
				ABS	REG	DEM	REP				
001	ARP	6	641	10	31	24	17	0	41	6.40	
002	CENTRAL	6	877	7	53	30	30	0	60	6.84	
003	CONNER	2	369	5	28	22	11	0	33	8.94	
004	CURVE	6	304	2	33	15	20	0	35	11.51	
005	EDITH	7	518	6	31	26	11	0	37	7.14	
006	GATES	7	788	3	52	47	8	0	55	6.98	
007	GLIMP	1	260	2	21	15	8	0	23	8.85	
008	HALLS 8	8	852	4	55	45	14	0	59	6.92	
009	HALLS 9	9	1027	9	70	39	40	0	79	7.69	
010	HENNING	1	1169	19	83	82	20	0	102	8.73	
011	LIGHTFOOT	5	655	3	30	7	26	0	33	5.04	
012	MCBRIDE	5	527	6	24	10	20	0	30	5.69	
013	NANKIPOO	7	531	7	19	9	17	0	26	4.90	
014	ORISA	1	311	1	31	15	17	0	32	10.29	
015	POPLAR GROVE	8	315	1	27	9	19	0	28	8.89	
016	PRICE	5	310	1	26	19	8	0	27	8.71	
017	RIPLEY 2	2	1140	30	51	54	27	0	81	7.11	
018	RIPLEY 3	3	2288	103	102	119	86	0	205	8.96	
019	RIPLEY 4	4	1981	28	37	57	8	0	65	3.28	
020	CROSS ROADS	2	420	2	29	18	13	0	31	7.38	
	TOTALS		15283	249	833	662	420	0	1082	7.08	

50th Anniversary Of Chairman Observed

Stallings Lipford, Chairman of the Board of First Citizens National Bank, was honored on his 50th anniversary with the bank, Wed., March 15th, with a surprise luncheon in the annex of First Citizens National Bank in Dyersburg.

Mr. Lipford began working at First Citizens as a teller, March 15, 1950. Four years later, he began working in the loan department. He has held the positions of assistant cashier, vice-president, executive vice president, and chief executive officer and in 1970 he was named president. Mr. Lipford became Chairman of the Board in 1984.

Under Lipford's management, First Citizens has gone from a few million dollars to over \$400 million in assets.

Lipford is active in the Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, and the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce, but his most active part has been in the Dyer County Industrial Development Board.

He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Jane Hall, for over 50 years. He is not sure when he will retire, he tries not to think about it.

teaching position with the Sociology Department.

Mrs. Kimbrell will graduate from Valdosta State University in May with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. She and her husband, Troy, and daughter, Meagan, live in Valdosta, Ga., where her husband is stationed in the Air Force.

Hatchie River Man Victim of Homicide

The body of a man recovered from the Hatchie River March 14th has been positively identified as Robert Boney, 63, of Mason, reported missing by his girlfriend since January 7th. A gunshot wound to the head and stab wounds to the body were ruled the cause of death, according to the Shelby County Medical Examiner's Office.

On March 14th, a fisherman reported seeing what he believed to be a body in the Hatchie River, about two miles west of the Highway 51 bridge on the Lauderdale-Tipton County line. Officers from both counties responded, along with rescue units from Lauderdale County. The partially submerged body was located on the Tipton County side of the river and brought to shore by EMS employees Johnny Littles, Dennis Littles, and Myron Kissell.

According to the girlfriend, Sue Morris, the victim was last seen with a group of motorcyclists at the Family Clubhouse, 682 Collins St. in Memphis, on January 7th. He had telephoned Morris and told her that he was on his way home, but never arrived. Two days later, she reported him missing to the Tipton County Sheriff's Department. Boney's 1995 Chevrolet pick-up was found in Covington several weeks later.

Officials suspected the body might be that of Boney and transported the victim to the Shelby County Medical Examiner's office to determine positive identification and the cause of death.

The incident is still under investigation by Tipton and Shelby County officials.

Presidential Primary Voter Turn Out Low

With over 15,000 registered voters, the Presidential Primary held Tuesday of last week only drew 1,082 voters or seven percent in Lauderdale County. Election results for the 20 precincts reporting have 662 Democratic votes with the majority of votes for Al Gore, and 420 Republican votes with the majority of votes for George W. Bush. Delegates at large selected include Victor H. Ashe, Lill Coker, Jayne S. Creson, Ruth E. Johnson, and Jim Rout and delegates for the 8th Congressional district were Sammie L. Arnold, Dale R. Kelley, and R. C. Stegall.

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Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

Judy Turner and daughter, Jennifer, of Covington, the Bitsy Smiths, of Curve, and Junior Smith, of Jackson, visited J. D. Smith week before last.

Mrs. Ward Hardy and Ann Kitchens were in Dyersburg Tuesday of last week to see Mrs. Hardy's doctor. Ward Hardy was at the V.A. Hospital in Memphis Friday of last week, accompanied by his son, Joe David, of Nankipoo. Ray Grear, of Edith, was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy and Ann Kitchens Friday of last week.

Pauline Kissell was able to attend church services Sunday of last week for the first time in several weeks. Mrs. Danny Langley and children, Caleb and Hanna, of Unionville, spent the weekend with her.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 27th

Pepperoni Pizza
Hamburger w/Trimmings
Seasoned Fries

Fresh Vegetables w/Dip
Mixed Fruit Cup
Applesauce
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
Milk

Tuesday, March 28th

Chili Pie
Entrée - School's Choice
Chuck Wagon Corn

Vegetable - School's Choice
Pineapple Chunks
Grapes
Rolls
Milk

Wednesday, March 29th

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Country Fried Steak w/Gravy
Hot Potato Casserole
Steamed Broccoli
Peach Slices
Pear Half
Rolls
Milk

Thursday, March 30th

Sliced Turkey w/Gravy
Corn Dog
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Congealed Fruit Salad
Fresh Fruit
Rolls
Milk

Friday, March 31st

Menu - Student's Choice

RELAY DANCE

The Cotton Pickers Relay For Life Team will have a dance at the Crockett Mills Community Center, 5156 R.J. Welch Road, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sat., Apr. 8th.

The Tennessee Thunder Band with Steve Hughes and Virginia Miller will be the featured entertainment. The evening will also include a cakewalk, auction, concessions and homemade goodies.

Admission is \$5 and all proceeds will go to Relay For Life.



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Donald McClain

Donald W. McClain, 51, of Covington, brother of James Edgar McClain, of Gates, died Monday of last week, of lung cancer, at home.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Wednesday of last week in the Munford Funeral Home, burial in Crigger Cemetery.

He had worked for B&H Electronics.

He was a son of the late Leemon Edgar and Nellie Lemmonds McClain.

A Munford High School graduate, he served in the Army in Viet Nam.

He was a member of Hopewell United Methodist Church.

Survivors include five sisters, Melva McClain, Ann Wilson, and Shirley Downing, of Covington, and Bonnie Walker and Pearl Forbess, of Atoka.

Barton Hawkins

Barton Levoy Hawkins, 64, of Friendship, a farmer, father of Barton, Jr., of Henning, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in South Fork Cemetery near Halls.

Survivors include another son, Lawrence, of Jackson; a daughter, Karen Johnson, of Memphis; a stepdaughter, Michelle Hawkins, of Jackson; his mother, Augusta Hawkins, of Friendship; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. D. R. Moore

Daisy Moore, 78, of Blytheville, Ark., mother of Robert "Bo" Moore, of Gates, and Jean Allen, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Cobb Funeral Home in Blytheville, with burial in Dogwood Cemetery.

She was the widow of Denton R. Moore. Survivors include four other sons, George and James, of Blythe-

ville, and Steve and William, of Osceola, Ark.; four other daughters, Debbie Green, of Blytheville, Marilyn Cotnam, of Luxora, Ark., Gerlean Harris, of Byhalia, Miss., and Verna Burk, of St. Cloud, Fla.; 21 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.



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Guest Speakers



JOYCE PEGG, left, and Annie Laura Jennings, right, were guest speakers at the Hope Cancer Support Group. They spoke on how Relay For Life benefits Lauderdale County. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., March 23rd at Ripley First United Methodist Church for Colon Cancer Awareness Month. All survivors, cancer patients, caregivers, and friends are invited.

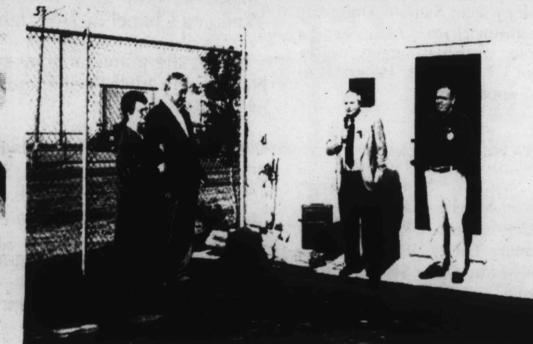
REVIVAL SERVICES

Elon Baptist Church, Hwy. 88 W. Double Bridges Road, Halls, will conduct revival services at 7 p.m. Fri. and Sat., Mar. 24th and 25th, and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sun., Mar. 26th.

The Rev. Joe Naylor, Director of the Dyer Baptist Association of Missions, is guest speaker.

The Rev. Robert Prince invites the public.

Building Dedicated



THE L.A. PENNINGTON Public Works Building, 103 Industrial Drive, was dedicated Tuesday morning. The building was constructed by Edwards Construction and completed in 1998. A plaque was presented by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City

of Ripley. Mrs. Pennington joined her husband as Lauderdale County Executive Rozelle Criner, second from right, and City of Ripley Mayor Richard Douglas, right, conducted the ceremony.

Barbara's "Wild" Balsamic Chicken

4 medium chicken cutlets (about 1 1/2 pounds total), pounded to 1/4-inch thickness
1 tbsp. flour
1 tbsp. olive oil
6 to 8 garlic cloves, peeled and very lightly crushed
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
3/4 cup chicken stock or good quality instant or low-sodium canned
1 lb. shiitake, oyster, or cremini mushrooms, (or a combination) cut into bite-size pieces, or domestic mushrooms sliced 1/4-inch thick
1 bay leaf
3 sprigs fresh thyme or 1/4 teaspoon dried leaves
1 tbsp. unsalted margarine, chilled, cut into 3 pieces

Dust the cutlets lightly with the flour. In a large, nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and sauté until brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and reserve.

Add the chicken to the skillet and brown on one side, about 3 minutes. Turn the chicken, place the reserved garlic and the mushrooms on top, and cook 3 minutes. Add the vinegar, stock, bay leaf and thyme.

Cover the skillet, reduce the heat to low, and cook until the chicken is done, about 10 minutes, shifting the pieces occasionally for even cooking. Remove the chicken.

Increase the heat to medium-high and cook the pan liquids, uncovered, until reduced and thickened, and the mushrooms are cooked, about 7 minutes. Remove the bay leaf.

Remove the pan from the heat and add margarine one piece at a time, stirring, to emulsify the sauce. Place the cutlets and mushrooms on 4 serving plates and divide the sauce evenly over them.

COOK'S HAM STEAK KABOBS

Cook's Bone-in-Ham Steak, cut in one-inch cubes
Red Peppers, cut in chunks
Green Peppers, cut in chunks
Cherry Tomatoes
Mushroom Slices
Pineapple chunks

1. Arrange several Cook's Ham Steak cubes along a variety of green peppers, red peppers, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, and pineapple on a 4"-5" hors d'oeuvre toothpick. Heat over grill until golden brown.

2. In addition to the hors d'oeuvres, have a platter of grilled ham cubes available.

Memphis Vows Set



DR. ROBIN ELIZABETH LENTS, of Memphis, the granddaughter of Mervie Riley Lents, of 10872 Hwy. 88, Halls, the late Clarence Lents, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lee Paulk, will marry Dr. Robert Byron Embry, of Memphis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Byron Embry, of Dadeville, Ala., at 4 p.m. April 15th in Christ United Methodist Church, Memphis, all friends invited.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Wymon Lents, of Newbern.

A graduate of Dyersburg High School, she took a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Tennessee in Martin and a doctor of dental surgery degree from UT Memphis (1997). After general practice residency at Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla., she is a pediatric dental resident at UT Memphis, expecting graduation in June, 2001.

Dr. Embry is the grandson of Nellie Claybrook Embry, of Alexander City, Ala., Gladys Cobb Turner, of Dothan, Ala., and the late William Hewell Embry and the late Julian Turner.

A graduate of Houston Academy in Dothan, Ala., he took a bachelor of science degree in biology from Sanford University in Birmingham, Ala., and a doctor of dental surgery degree from UT Memphis. He practices in Germantown.

Birthdays

March 23 - Abby Buckner, Kris Light, Charlotte Cove, Sonny Higdon, Emilee Wright, Rita Cates.

March 24 - Kellie Tutor Haislip, Brian Parker, Mary Ann Still, Rosemary Jones, David Edwards, Nick Choat, Frances Harrell.

March 25 - Debbie White, Cindy Goodman, Natalie Smith, Melissa Hicks, Kipper King.

March 26 - Dan Walker, Blake Arender, Lisa Hamil, Jeff Cribfield, Lisa Holcomb, Kevin Wright,

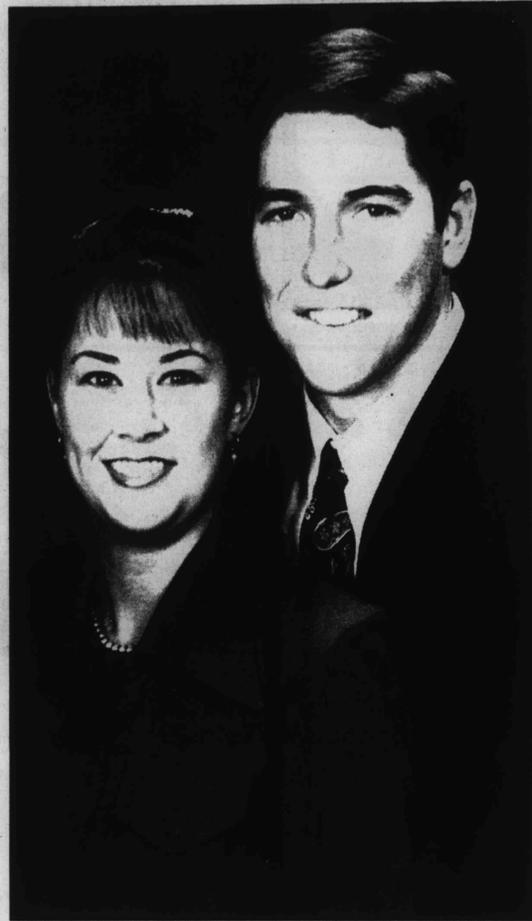
Nancy Carson, Ruth Martin.

March 27 - Miller Lane, James Hilton Vaughn, Harold Wheatley, Jackie Evans, Reese Gaines, Maurice Gaines, III, Ann Young, Billy Elder, Diane Stallings, Bryan Jarrett, Tina Cates, Kay Nolen, Diane Noblin, Glen Privett.

March 28 - Misty Newman Henson, William Zachary, Ezell Robinson, Greg Baker, Robin Privett, Hana Katlin Jones.

March 29 - Shawnee Denay Burris, Paul Merando, Kay Gruggett, Mallory Murray, Pam Floyd, Brenda Ward, Adriene Brooks.

May Vows Set



CHARITY LYNETTE BOONE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Boone, of 645 Salisbury Rd., Halls, will marry Eric Keith Shirkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shirkey, of Sikeston, Mo., at 3 p.m. May 20th in Court Square Wedding Chapel in Troy, family and friends invited.

She is the granddaughter of Leon and Erma Hogue, of Halls, and Odell Boone and John and Dean Darnall, all of Dyersburg.

A 1996 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect graduated from Dyersburg State Community College in 1998. She currently attends the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she is also employed.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Imogene Shirkey and the late Chester Shirkey, of Sikeston, Mo., and Edith Shamblin and the late Ervin Shamblin, of Poplar Bluff, Mo.

A 1998 graduate of Sikeston Senior High School and a 1998 graduate of Dyersburg State Community College, the groom-to-be currently attends the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is employed by Valley Crating of Martin.

After the ceremony, the couple will reside in Martin, where they will continue their education.

Anniversaries

March 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tolene, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Taylor.

March 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Blakley.

March 25 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet Anthony, III.

March 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Swims, Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Burks.

March 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larry Ferguson.

March 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy H. Jones.

Marriages

March 13 - Sylvester Brown, Jr., 32, to Mary Ann Burrus, 22, by Brian Tippit.

Jake Alford Dyson, 25, to Mary Christine Whitehouse, 17, by Paul Duncan.

March 14 - Paul Michael Buckner, 19, to Sarah Louise Robinson, 23, by Thomas E. Sanders.

March 15 - Jamie Gale Young, 25, to Sarah Denise Spencer, 18, by Willard Norvell.

Divorces

Sandra Lynette Pike vs. Franklin Oneal Pike.

Michelle Kirkpatrick Clevenger vs. Donald Lee Clevenger.

Paul Michael Buckner vs. Tina Marie Leach Buckner.

Brevities

By Mrs. Charles Alsbrook

Mary Martha Dyer is at home after surgery last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis. Her husband, Neil Dyer, had hip surgery Monday in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Jean Spencer visited Canterbury Place in Dyersburg Friday.

Leigh Douglas, of Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pugh, and Elizabeth Pugh visited Norene Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Struts at Canterbury Place last week.

Visiting Ellen Jackson for two weeks were her sister, Priscilla Osgood, and husband, Chet Osgood, of East Waterboro, Maine.

Celebrates 90th



GAILON SMITH and his wife, Aline, of Halls, joined with family and friends on Sunday, March 19th, to celebrate his 90th birthday. Pictured are his daughters, Joan VanDyke, left, and Buna Sorrell, right.

Mr. Smith was born in Crockett County March 20, 1910, son of Will and Ethel Smith.

Tribute, recognition and a time of remembrances were given to Mr. Smith, a long-time resident of the Halls community.

Both daughters expressed their great appreciation for a faithful father and role model.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Donation Received



DANNY KIESTLER, right, manager of Cargill's Hales Point grain facility, presented a \$1,000 check to the Helen R. Tucker Adult Development Center Tuesday on behalf of Cargill. Accepting the check are, from left, in front, Ezell Robinson and Maudie Gaters; in rear, from left, Clayton Pattat, director, and

Patsy Gay. The funds will be used to help upgrade computers used by the center's clients. Cargill, a supporter of the development center for disabled youth and adults in Lauderdale County, has contributed more than \$17 million each year corporate wide.

GOSPEL SINGING

The Dyer County Rescue Squad will host their first annual gospel singing at 7 p.m., Fri., Apr. 14th, in the Dyersburg High School gymnasium.

Featured entertainment will be The Anchoemen and The Crabb

Family.

Advance tickets for adult and children are \$10 and \$3. Tickets at the door are \$12 and \$4.

Tickets are available at Pierce's Grocery; Sound Waves; Maranatha Bible Book Store; Modern Woodmen of America district office; First Citizens National Bank, main branch; First Tennessee Bank, main

Land Transfers

March 10 - Joe O. Griggs, Sr. and Kathy J. Griggs Revocable Living Trust, Joe O. Griggs, Sr. Trustee of Revocable Living Trust, and Kathy J. Griggs Trustee of Revocable Living Trust to James V. Graves and Brenda J. Reese, Dist. 6, lot.

Benny Clement and Marilyn Clement to Stacy R. Thompson, Dist. 15, 1.240 acres.

March 13 - Allied Properties, LP to Carolyn Griggs and Willie R. Griggs, Dist. 2, 6.620 acres.

Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation to Sec. of Housing and Urban Development, lot.

Janice D. Chipman, Levi Chipman, Jr., Levi William Chipman, Jr., William Bill Chipman to Billie Jane Gray and James C. Gray, Dist. 6, 56.000 acres.

Claudette Rainey Baker, Bernard L. Rainey, and Lorelle Rainey Woodard to Claudette Rainey Baker and John H. Baker, Dist. 12, 1.541 acres.

Brett Carmack, Johnna H. Carmack, Clarence Thomas Hammock, and Dessie M. Hammock to Bonnie Sanders and Rodney Sanders, Dist. 16, 4 tracts.

Wallace W. Mullins, Jr. to Faye Northcott and George Northcott, Dist. 15, lot.

Clinton Neal, Donna Neal, Michelle Neal, and Randy Neal to Larry Taylor, Sr. and Lillie Taylor, Dist. 2, 16.090 acres.

March 14 - Daniel R. Beard and Randy Lankford to Donnie Diggs, Jr., Dist. 10, 0.980 acres.

Anita Smith and Sandy Smith to Marine T. Williams, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

March 16 - Ronnie Jackson and Stephanie Jackson to Bobby Thomas, Dist. 6, 48.220 and 0.660 acres.

Richard H. VanWambeke and Shirley D. VanWambeke to Trudy Burns Holcomb, Dist. 6, 0.211 acres.

E. S. Crichfield and Lonnie Stuart Crichfield to Town of Halls, Dist. 12, 3.000 acres.

Margaret Allen, Wanda Sue Baker, Betty Binkley, Melba Rose Gilliland, Bennie Voss, Donald W. Voss, J. P. Voss, and Mable Voss to Joseph A. McNeill, Dist. 17, 26.735 acres.

Virginia Viar Austin, Montine Viar Robertson, and Charles O. Viar to Deborah Kay Wooster and Gary Wayne Wooster, Dist. 12, lot.

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**HALLS FIRST UNITED METH-
ODIST CHURCH** members gathered Sunday in the rain for a ground breaking ceremony for the new church. The Rev. Randy Jetton, pastor, led members in a short but soggy ceremony as everyone gathered under umbrellas.



MRS. SANDRA CARTER, second from left, rear, and members of Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 13926, of Ripley, helped plant 23 trees in the new Curve Community Park. The trees were donated as a good neighbor project by Modern Woodmen, a fraternal life insurance society, who helps communities where their members live.

Certified



LISA ESKRIDGE, owner of Headquarters Hair and Nail Salon in Halls, has returned from a trip to New York City. During the trip, she attended a Beauty Focus sponsored by world renowned hair colorist, Beth Minardi, and hair designer, Carmine Minardi. Lisa took a test sponsored by The American Board of Certified Master Haircolorists, and earned the title of Board Certified Master Haircolorist. She is only one of nine Board Certified Haircolorists in the State of Tennessee, and one of less than 500 in the nation.

Flamingo Surprise



GAILON SMITH was surprised on his 90th birthday when he arrived home Monday to find 33 pink flamingoes scattered about in his yard. The birds, a Relay for Life fundraiser for the Lauderdale chapter of the American Cancer Society, were "flown" to his yard when he was away by Lowell and Bettie Tillman, along with a "Happy Birthday" sign. The birds will be flown to someone else's yard after a donation is made to the Cancer Society. For more information on the birds contact Annie Laura Jennings at the courthouse.

Annual Tree Day



DENNIS LEE, left, member of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District (SCD) Board of Supervisors helped give away 4,500 trees March 3rd. Renie Taliaferro, right, of Ripley, was one of 300 landowners receiving trees during the annual tree day. The SCD hosted the event in an effort to promote tree planting in the county and to enhance the awareness concerning the importance of soil and water conservation.

PAGEANT CHANGES

Coordinators of the 2000 Tomato Festival Beauty Pageants have announced changes in scheduling due to the need to accommodate other events. Representatives from the Helen R. Tucker Adult Developmental Center and the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, who are sponsoring this year's event, hope that the changed schedule will be a more convenient arrangement for everyone.

The Lauderdale County Jr. Miss Pageant, which was previously scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14th, will now begin at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 15th. The Miss Lauderdale County Teen Pageant will move from 8 p.m. Friday to 6:30 p.m. Friday, and the Miss Lauderdale County Pageant will begin at 8 p.m. Friday, with interviews beginning at 5 p.m.

For more information on the pageants or changes contact Jean at the Helen Tucker Center, 635-4290 or the Chamber of Commerce at 635-9541.



RELAY FOR LIFE team members met Monday of last week to make plans for the upcoming event. Team members present include, in front, from left, Annie Laura Jennings, Paul Avery, Alice McCoy, Carley McCuan, Linda McBroom, and Amy Morris; in rear, from left, Katherine Garner, Betty Chipman, Pat Buchignani, Gwen Kiestler, Sue Newman, and Kim Welch.

FIBER FARE*

Aim for 25 to 30 grams of fiber each day—

Foods containing 6 or more grams of fiber:

- 1 cup cooked kidney, black or baked beans
- 1 cup bran cereal
- 1 cup raspberries
- 2 ounces uncooked whole wheat spaghetti

Foods containing 4 to 5 grams of fiber:

- 1 cup Total Raisin Bran cereal
- 1 large apple
- 1 cup strawberries
- 1 medium baked potato with skin
- 2 kiwi

Foods containing 2 to 3 grams of fiber:

- 1 ounce of peanuts

1/2 cup broccoli
1 pear
1/3 cup raisins
3/4 cup Whole Grain Total cereal
1/2 cup brown rice
1 orange
1 medium sweet potato
1/2 cup corn

*With extra fiber you need extra water. Be sure to drink 8 to 10 glasses a day.



DALLOS BURROUGH, of Halls, center, in upper photo, was presented the Conservation Farmer Award during the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District's annual SCD Awards Banquet Thursday of last week. Pictured with Dallos include, from left, his daughter, Amanda, wife, Gloria, Vernon McBride III, Chairman of Lauderdale SCD Board of Supervisors, and son, Chris.

Approximately 130 people attended the banquet at the Ripley High School cafeteria. Vernon McBride, III presented the award to Mr. Burrough. Burrough has farmed full-time for twenty-five years with approximately 650 acres of cotton and 350 acres of soybeans. He became the assistant manager for the Lauderdale Gin and Supply and Edwards Gin in Halls. He went from full-time row crop farming to a part-time livestock farming converting cropland to pasture and hay land on 300 acres of land. Dallos currently has 200 head of cattle. He served as a member of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors from 1989 to 1998.

In lower photo, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Arthur Bentley, second from right, for his service with the USDA Natural Resources Soil Conservation Service as the soil conservation technician assigned to Lauderdale County. A native

Selected



MICHAEL PENA, formerly of Ripley, grandson of Dewey and Reba Arwood, of Dry Hill, has been accepted as a member of the Spirit of America National Honor Band 2000. He will represent West Tennessee during the band's 23rd Annual Performing Tour of Europe, in which they will tour and perform in Luxembourg, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Holland, France, and Belgium. The band, directed by George Naff, former conductor of the Duke University Wind Symphony and the East Carolina University Marching, Concert, and Jazz Bands, will tour the European countries for fourteen days.

Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pena, of 665 Betty Boyd Lane, Atoka, is a member of the Munford High School Band, directed by Barry Trobaugh. He will be raising a major portion of his travel expenses himself. Anyone interested in sponsoring or otherwise helping him may contact Perry or Sheila Pena at 874-3405.

HJHS HONOR ROLL

Halls Junior High School has named its Honor Roll students for the 4th six-week period.

Students listed on the All A's Honor Roll include Ashley Adkins, Brooke Barnes, Blake Brewster, Jennifer Buntin, Joey Gillon and Sallye Rae Hartman.

Students listed on the All A's & B's Honor Roll include Amanda Anguiano, Tina Barnett, Amanda Bell, Jenny Benjamin, Jessica Bentley, Braden Burns, Chris Broyles, Heather Cowan, Charity Cox, Stevie Cox, Jessica Cirihiel, Megan Dudas, Kristina Edwards, Heather Escue, Kari Escue, Nichole Farris, Laura Fowler, Elizabeth Goodman, Angie Green, Jessica Hartsfield, Leigh Hastings, Brook Hogue, Allison Howell, Bailey Hutcherson, Nachole Hutcherson, Kevin Kesler, Nicki Lee, Rachel MacCaslin, Jessica Matthews, Tyler Moore, Alex Perry, Anika Perry, Julie Pratt, Ryan Rodgers,

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Brad Porter, of Woodville, a 6 lb., 1/2 oz son, John Leland, born at 4:27 p.m. March 13th in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, of Woodville, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peerman, of Clarksville. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lelon Edwards, of Ripley, Mrs. Martha Peerman, of New Johnsonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bedwell, of Albuquerque, N.M.

Beth Sadler, Erin Shands, Derrica Simmons, Jessica Spencer, Kyle Steelman, Seth Steelman, Felicia Thomas, Aaron Vaughn, Kevin Ward, Jason Washegesic, Samantha Wright, Sara Wright and Ryan Young.

Grant Received



HALLS MAYOR EUGENE PUGH received a \$3,000 check for the Halls Senior Center from the H.W. Durham Foundation in Memphis to replace the central heating and air conditioning unit at the Halls Center. This grant will make it possible for seniors to continue their programs and services without any discomfort.

Wendi Henry, Director of the Halls Senior Center, with the assistance of Robert McFalls, Executive Director of the Delta Area Agency on Aging, wrote the grant to cover the cost of the unit. The Halls Senior Center serves as the focal point for meeting the needs of seniors living in Halls and throughout Lauderdale County.

BAND CONCERT

Halls High School Band will present a concert Saturday in the Halls Junior High School Gym. Tickets are available in advance for \$3, or at the door for \$4. For more information or to purchase tickets contact a band member or call Robin Finley, band director, at the handroom, 836-7691.

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FPCS HONOR ROLL

First Presbyterian Christian School, of Dyersburg, has named its honor roll students for the 4th six-week period.

Students on the A Honor Roll include first grade, Chase Bowers, Kody Breedlove, Peyton English, Cameron Griggs, Caleb Langley and Emily Queen; second grade, Jacob Clark, Lauren Halliburton, Mallory Martin, Aaron Morris, Nicholas Smith, Suzanna Stanley and Brittany Tillman; third grade, Holly Arwood, Devin Blankenship, Holly Crook, Gracie Ferrell, Nicole Griggs, Austin Hardin, Hayley Jankovsky, Christopher Morris, Samantha Roach and Stephanie White; fifth grade, Caitlyn Harrison and Catelyn Meadows; and sixth grade, Alyssa Davis, Adam Queen and Sally Jo Turner.

Blankenship, Alison Griggs and Taylor Martin; kindergarten, Ashley Buckner, Aaron Patterson, Michael Ray, Tyler Shelton, Luke Stanley, Hunter Talley and Michele Wilson; first grade, Cameron Griggs and Caleb Langley; second grade, Lauren Halliburton, Conor Luck, Mallory Martin, Nicholas Smith and Brittany Tillman; third grade, Holly Arwood, Devin Blankenship, Gracie Ferrell, Nicole Griggs, Christopher Morris, Kyle Paris, Samantha Roach and John Shelton; fifth grade, Austin Allen, Caitlyn Harrison and April Nichols; sixth grade, Alyssa Davis, Adam Queen, Anna Spray and Sally Jo Turner; seventh grade, Kayla Chesor and Elliott Martin; eighth grade, Dustin Smith; and ninth grade, Chris Reaves.

LIFEBLOOD DRIVE

Students on the A & B Honor Roll include first grade, Krista Henderson; second grade, Conor Luck; third grade, Karly Hines, Logan Luck, Nathan Maness and John Shelton; fourth grade, Hannah Day and Nell White; fifth grade, Austin Allen and Kelley Crook; sixth grade, Amber Smith; and seventh grade, Heather Day.

Lifeblood, Mid-South Regional Blood Center, will hold a community blood drive from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, 145 South Main, Ripley. There is a critical need to replenish the supply of O Positive, O Negative, and B Negative blood types, but all blood types are needed.

Students with perfect attendance include pre-kindergarten, Jacy

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State Rep. Fitzhugh Has Hardeman Foe

Johnny W. Shaw, of Bolivar, radio station owner, Monday put his name on the Aug. 3rd ballot to oppose the re-election of Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, as State Representative.

Fitzhugh's district includes Lauderdale and Haywood Counties and part of Hardeman County.

A pending law-suit could draw a new district for the Aug. 3rd voting, a district more favorable for Shaw.

Monday's filing staked his claim to run in either district.

Deadline for other candidates to file is April 6th.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight Savings begins Sun., April 2nd. Remember the saying, "Spring forward, Fall back" so all clocks should be set forward one hour.

Henning Lady, 88, Beaten Into Coma

Mrs. Ruby Thompson, of 217 Graves, Henning, remains in critical condition in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, after a savage beating discovered Wednesday morning of last week by her house-keeper, Betty Harris.

Dennis Gardner, Henning's acting police chief, found a rear window broken.

If you have any information, please call sheriff's investigator Lucian Herron, 635-1311.

First Presbyterian Announces Events

April events for the First Presbyterian Christian School, 1005 Hwy. 51 By-Pass, Dyersburg, include an open house for school enrollment of grades pre-kindergarten through 12th, at 7 p.m., April 6th; and a band concert at 7 p.m., April 27th and 28th, in the church sanctuary.

A Mexican dinner and an evening about mission information is Sat., April 29th, at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the school's Monterey, Mexico mission trip June 3rd-10th. Tickets are available April 1st at the school. Adults are \$7, children, 13 years and younger, \$3.50. The public is invited.

For further information, contact the school office at 901-285-3727.

YOUTH TRUTH RALLY

The Grace Bible Baptist Church, located three miles south of Halls on Hwy. 51, will host its 7th annual "Truth for Youth" rally Thursday, March 29th through Sunday, April 1st. Evangelist Gary Lutrick, of Houston, Tex., along with preachers from other states, will bring the messages. Events include special music, singing, skits, and activities in the afternoon. Meals will be served by the ladies of the church.

Services will begin at 7 p.m. and end at noon Saturday. Pastor Jerry Hickson and the congregation of the church invite the public, especially the youth of the community, to attend the rally. For transportation or information call 836-5501.

Donna Moore Admits Embezzling \$436,982

Donna Eaton (Mrs. Mike) Moore, 44, of Gates, Monday pleaded guilty, in U.S. Court in Jackson, to embezzling \$436,982 from Union Planters Bank.

Sentencing July 5th, by Judge James D. Todd, could give her more than two years in a federal prison and a fine of up to \$1,000,000. She must also repay the funds stolen.

Donna worked for Gates Banking & Trust Co. and for the Bank of Ripley before she joined Ripley's branch of Union Planters in January, 1994.

She was promoted to vice-president of marketing for UP in Humboldt, where, like many bank staff members, she had a modest unsecured credit line.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Len Register says she used the bank computers to vastly increase her credit limit and then to open three additional accounts, one in 1995 and two in 1996, under fictitious names but using her P.O. box.

Register says some proceeds went into furniture and into a vacation for four in Hawaii.

Register says that on Jan. 5th, Frank Christie, Union Planters' senior lender, asked Moore to look into high balances on some accounts. They included hers.

Register says she fled, leaving her purse, consulted her husband, also a UP banker, and walked back into the bank to confess.

ART COMPETITION

Congressman John Tanner has announced that county exhibitions for the 2000 Congressional Art Competition will be on display the week of April 3rd through 7th.

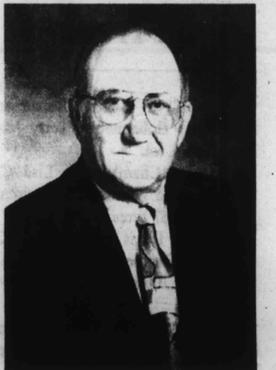
Lauderdale County students will display their artwork at the Bank of Ripley.

"I hope that everyone will make an effort to go by and view the work of these talented young students," Congressman Tanner said.

County winners, selected by April 7th, will compete in the district judging April 28th in Carnegie Library, Jackson.

Artwork of district winners from all over the country will hang for one year in a corridor leading to the United States Capitol.

Appointed



HAROLD WILLIS, of Newbern, has been appointed General Manager of the Forked Deer Electric Cooperative in Halls by its Board of Directors. Prior to this promotion, Willis served the Forked Deer Board of Directors for thirty years, and had been chairman for eleven. He is replacing Nelda Bishop, who retired in February.

Willis and his wife, Betty, reside in the Millsfield community in Dyer County and attend Glendale Church of Christ. They have three children and four grandchildren. He has also served on the Dyer County Board of Education.

Family Given 90-Day Trial

Juvenile Court Judge Rachel Anthony, of Ripley, last week allowed Dewayne Johnson, 4, found after a night snuggling his dog along the Mississippi River, and then seized by the Department of Human Services, to be re-united for a 90-day trial period with his mother, Petra, and his step-father, Wayne Nolan.

A mobile home, donated, and more than \$22,000 of other contributions are installing the family in Tipton County.

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Land Transfers

March 17 - Michelle Bohannon and Ricky Bohannon to Terry Akins, Dist. 6, lot.

Marsha Chambers to Lisa C. Hendren and Norman P. Hendren, Dist. 2, 2.067 acres.

Danny Davis and Peggy K. Davis to Bennie R. Barcroft, Sr., Dist. 2, 13.200 acres.

March 20 - Lisa C. Hendren and Norman P. Hendren to Shellie R. Hendren and William E. Hendren, Dist. 2, lot.

Martha Deane Kissell to Kitty Kissell and Odeas Kissell, Dist. 6, 0.640 acres.

March 21 - Charles A. Anthony to Ora Belle Queen and Thomas Queen, Dist. 3, 51.000 acres.

Harriet W. Land to Harriet W. Land Revocable Trust and Harriet W. Land, Trustee, Dist. 6, 172.000 acres.

Harriet W. Land to Harriet W. Land Revocable Trust and Harriet W. Land, Trustee, Dist. 2, lot.

Harriet W. Land to Harriet W. Land Revocable Trust and Harriet W. Land, Trustee, Dist. 2, 1.800 acres, 1.250 acres, 1.520 acres, and 1.820 acres.

James P. Johnson to Alveretta Holcomb, Dist. 3, 5.975 acres.

Bernard B. Broadstreet and Cheryl B. Meadows to Cheryl B. Meadows, Dist. 7, 0.520 acres.

B. B. Broadstreet, Georgia Leona Broadstreet, and Cheryl B. Meadows to Cheryl B. Meadows, Dist. 7, 2 parcels.

March 22 - Ella Mae Moore to Ella Mae Moore and Saul Moore, III, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Alveretta Holcomb to Kevin Michael Maners, Dist. 3, 8.330 acres.

March 23 - Steve Rice to Harold E. Buehler, Sr., Dist. 3, 21.900 acres.

John Coughlan, Sr. to Ann

chicken and can be purchased on a walk-up basis.

For advance purchase or further information, contact any Dyersburg Knight of Columbus, or call 901-287-8000.

PROJECT 2000

The Terra Nova Motivational Concert, PROJECT 2000, will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 31st, at Dyersburg Christian Center, 591 Davis Drive, Dyersburg (down from Plaza Restaurant off Hwy. 51 Bypass S).

Fairest Hill, the speaker, has a heart for today's youth and has dedicated his life to making a positive difference. This motivational youth rally will inspire youth to raise their test scores for the Terra Nova testing.

Families are invited. Admission is free, and seating capacity is limited. For further information, call 901-286-9138.

Divorces

Fred Gentry Taylor vs. Louella Duncan Taylor.

Aretha Shania Pitts Wilder vs. Fred Wilder, Jr.

Shelia Anderson Jones vs. Robert Wayne Jones.

CAJUN CHICKEN

The Dyersburg Knights of Columbus will sell cajun chicken from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Friday, April 28th, in Okeena Park, Lake Road, Dyersburg.

The cost is \$4 per one-half

MOVIE PRESENTATION

A movie, "Payday Someday", by Dr. Robert G. Lee, will be shown at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 2nd at Fellowship Baptist Church, 197 Drake Ave., Ripley. The public is invited to attend.



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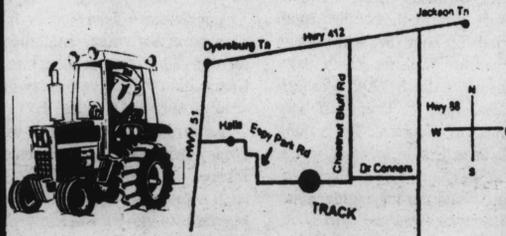
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Presents Flag



LEWIS MITCHELL, District Representative of the Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance society, and Camp #15655 secretary, presented a United States flag March 23rd to Cathy Cherry, Brownie Troop Leader of Halls troop #167. The flag will be used at troop meetings.

55 Alive Drivers



FOURTEEN PARTICIPANTS of the AARP 55ALIVE Safe Driving Class received certificates of completion for attending eight hours of classes to learn enhanced driving techniques. The class, sponsored by Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale and the Bank of Ripley, was held at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley.

Participants included, in front, from left, Dorothy Weiss, Ann Lazure, Wauburga Brown, and Beatrice Fowler; middle row, from left, Kelly Stanley, BMHL sponsor, Marie Furr, Frances Wiseman, Joel Sutton, Betty Sutton, and Dorothy Halliburton; and in rear, from left, Bob Pasley, Richard Weiss, James "Bud" Craig, Beauton Matthews, Bank of Ripley sponsor, Kitty Crowder, Henry Williams, in-

structor, and not pictured, Helen Harrell.

Another driving class is scheduled for late spring. For more information call 635-1230.

Birthdays

March 30 - Karyn Summar, Amy Land, Kayla Howard, Amy McBroom, Beth Newman, Deb Wooster, Mary Ann Swims, Corey Crihfield.

March 31 - Kay Freeman, Clint McKinnie, Cary Porter, Caleb Currie, Hannah Smith, Chris Tucker, Amber Sadler.

April 1 - Carl Hoggard, Doug Ward, Gladys Crain, Jeannie Vickery, Vance Brewster, Emilee Anne Hartman, Alisa Parish, Christopher

Hardy, Teresa M. Ward, Jeff Weaver, Robin Hughes, Jim Clark, Betty T. Henson, Mary Beth Caldwell.

April 2 - Haley Turnbow, Madeline "Mott" Vaden, Stephen Belton, Shelley Jones, Justin Garrett, Diane Land, Ricky

Awards Program



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL students receiving \$20 each at Awards Night, Friday before last were, from left, Crystal Delock, Leslie McGarrity, Jennifer Broglin, Allison Fisher, Sara Beth Cates, Julie Terry, Mark Simpson, Tyler Staggs and Chad Burns, plus Jerry Crihfield, President, Lauderdale County Bank, fifth from left.

Lauderdale County Bank sponsors Awards Night after each nine-week grading period and contributes \$1,000 a year to the program. 150 seniors were recognized for perfect attendance,

honor roll, improvement, good citizenship and dedicated vocational work.

The four seniors who have been award winners each nine-week term for two years were eligible for the \$50 drawing. Eighteen students were eligible. Winners include Derrick Claybrook, Katie Cook, Crystal McCaslin and Deanna Washington.

Other gifts were McDonald coupons, school pens and certificates.

Ripley Stop Planned For Titans Caravan

Joe Salave'a, Tennessee Titans defensive tackle, will be on the Tennessee Titans Caravan 2000 when it rolls in to Ripley Thursday for an autograph session from 11:45 a.m. through 12:45 p.m. at Allied Ace Hardware on Hwy. 51. The public is invited to attend, at no cost, and WTRB radio, a Titans affiliate, will broadcast live from the event.

Salave'a, who is in his third season with the Titans, will autograph special team posters and give away other items. "T-Rac", the Titans' mascot, will be in town also and will visit Ripley Elementary School from noon to 12:30 p.m. The caravan will also include Mike Keith, Titans Director of Broadcasting and play-by-play announcer, Larry Stone, Titans Radio broadcaster, Bob Hyde, Titans Vice President for Community Relations, and Jimmy Stanton, Titans Media Relations Assistant.

The Tennessee Titans Caravan 2000 crew travels in a specially decorated 31-foot Campers Corner RV. This year, the caravan will visit over 60 cities in five states from March 27th through April 8th.

HES Receives Title I Distinguished Honor

Halls Elementary School has been named a National 2000 Distinguished Title I School. The national award will be presented May 2nd in Indianapolis, Ind., in conjunction with the International Reading Association's meeting. Receiving the award will be Mrs. Phillis Barlow, curriculum coordinator at HES, Mrs. Theresa Gooch and Mrs. Kay Hansford, Title I teachers, Mrs. Jo-Anne Jones, Title I educational assistant, Dr. Joan Evans Hartman, director of the Title I program in Lauderdale County Schools, and Mrs. Elizabeth Noblin and Mrs. Pat Webb, Title I educational assistants.

The school was recognized as a State of Tennessee Distinguished Title I School in Nashville March 2nd. On hand to receive that award were Pat Carmack, principal, Mrs. Gooch, Mrs. Hansford, Mrs. Jones, and Dr. Hartman.

Anniversaries

March 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Ozell Hargett, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Roberts.

March 31 - Mr. and Mrs. War-

ren Nunn.
April 2 - Mr. and Mrs. David Meeks.

April 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burlison, Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Vaughn.

Married In Dyersburg



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL ALLEN DUPREE, of Gates, were united in matrimony March 18th in Hebrews 13:8 Tabernacle in Dyersburg.

Eddie Paul Smeton, Jr., of Spirit and Life Christian Tabernacle, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, the former Virginia Ann Doss, is the daughter of Tommy and Linda Doss, of 417 Jones St., Halls.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a cathedral length white satin gown, accented with seed pearls, featuring a fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of purple and white roses.

Amanda Ogden, of Union City, was the maid of honor. The two flower girls were attired in dresses of purple and blue.

The bride and groom were preceded down the aisle by a miniature bride and groom.

The groom is the son of Johnny Earl and Karen McGee, of 141 Gum Flat Rd., Halls.

He chose Joshua Carmack, of Ripley, and Nathan Rice, of Dyersburg, as his best men. Bobby Porter and Tom Courchaine served as groomsmen.

Pianist Robin Miles Horner, of Nut Bush, provided the music.

The bride's mother wore a lavender suit, the mother of the groom wore a blue dress, both accented with corsages of white and purple roses.

HOSTING BANQUET

Heavenly Voices will have their second annual banquet at 6:30 p.m., Sat., April 8th, in the City of Ripley Community Center, 142 Nelson Street.

Guest entertainment will include The Sunset Travelers, of Dyersburg; The Spirituals, of Ri-

pley; The St. James Spirituals, of Jackson; and The True Victory Singers, of Hayti, Missouri.

Special guests are The Voices Of Hope, of Radcliff, Kentucky.

A novel is a mirror that strolls along a highway. Now it reflects the blue of the skies, now the mud puddles underfoot.

—Stendhal

She's Three



HANA KATLIN JONES, daughter of Shelly Moore, of Friendship, and Michael Jones, of Gates, was three on March 28th. She is the granddaughter of Dennis and Jo-Anne Jones, of Halls, and James and Vicki Sansom, of Friendship. Great-grandparents are Roger and Theresa Charest, of Halls, and Mrs. Helen Holland, of Friendship.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Moore, Jr., of Forked Deer, a 5 lb. 6 oz. son, Houston Cade, born 3:58 a.m. March 24th in Dyersburg Methodist Hospital. He was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tillman, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Buckner, of Forked Deer, and Lanny Moore, Sr., of Ripley. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gailon Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parish, of Halls, the late Barbara Osteen, of Brownsville, Pattie Moore and the late James Moore, of Ripley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Houston Daniels, of Forked Deer.

"Little Red Schoolhouse"



LAUDERDALE COUNTY Education Foundation Board Members, from left, Janice Craig, Joan Hartman and Delene Craig are holding samples of "Little Red Schoolhouse" pin-ups to be sold in recognition of National Teachers Day, Tues., May 9th.

A donation of \$1 will honor your favorite teacher whose name will be placed on the red schoolhouse and posted in local businesses.

All funds of the LCEF, a non-profit organization supporting educational excellence in Lauderdale County, are used locally. For further information, contact the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541.

YOUTH RALLY

Maranatha Baptist Church, 3057 Forked Deer Road in the Toulon Community, is hosting the 4 Winds saxophone quartet and ensemble from Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, on April 8th and 9th.

The youth rally will begin at 7

p.m., Saturday, and the group will conduct the morning service at 11 a.m., Sunday.

All interested youth that would like to attend the rally or anyone who needs to know the church location should call The Rev. Tollison by Wed., April 5th, 635-7745.

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May Vows Set



DAWN EZEKIEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ezekiel, of Halls, will marry Thomas H. Ray, Jr., son of Thomas H. Ray, Sr. and the late Mrs. Mildred Ray, of Cordova, in May at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis with formal invitations.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. John R. Lovelace and the late Mr. Lovelace, of Chestnut Bluff, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Ezekiel, of Halls.

A 1994 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect graduated magna cum laude in 1998 from the University of Memphis, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism with a concentration in public relations. She is currently employed by Sossaman & Associates Advertising in Memphis as a public relations professional.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Conover, of Maysville, Ky., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ray, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A 1986 graduate of Germantown High School, he received a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1991 from the University of Memphis, with a concentration in graphic design. He is employed as a graphic artist.

After a Caribbean cruise, the couple will reside in Cordova.

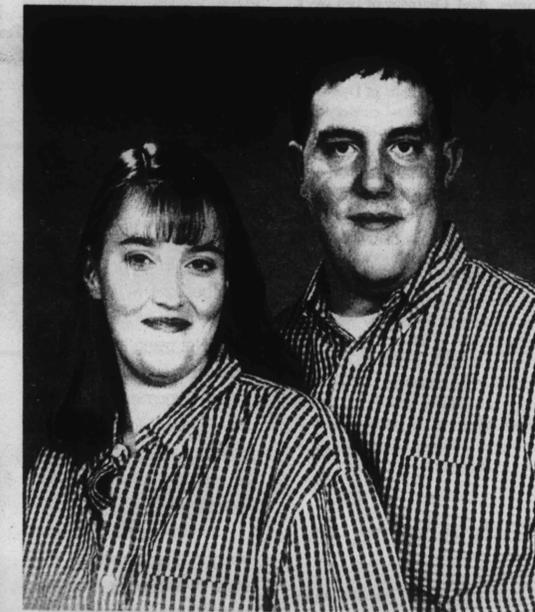
IRIS FESTIVAL PAGEANT

The 13th annual Iris Festival Territorial Pageants will be held Saturday, April 22nd at Dresden Elementary School, located on Hwy. 22, in the multipurpose room. Age divisions are from birth to 21 years of age. For more information or applications, contact Lauri Homsby, Chairman, at 986-2288 or Wendi Maxey, Co-Chairman, at 364-6786.

Marriages

Feb. 26 - John L. Walker, Jr., 27, to Shekita Tawana Bradley, 22, by Alonzo Green, Jr.
 Feb. 27 - Jim Edwards Mires, 27, to Kimberly Ann Paris, 22, by Billy P. Brandon.
 Feb. 29 - Michael Jerome Williams, 44, to Patricia Louise Hendrix, 44, by Billy P. Brandon.
 March 16 - Michael Anthony Fought, 18, to Tamara Dawn

Nuptials Nearing



JENNIFER RENAY JONES, daughter of Glynn and Pattie Jones, of Curve, will marry Carl Allen Pruitt, son of Danny and Debra Pruitt, of Ripley, at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 15th in Calvary Hill Baptist Church in Ripley, family and friends invited.

She is the granddaughter of Gerald and Mildred Fitzhugh, of Halls, and the late Basil and Robbie Jones.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect is employed by Corky's Ribs and BBQ in Dyersburg.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Paul and Ester Taylor and the late Carl and Louise Pruitt.

A 1998 graduate of Ripley High School, he is employed by West Tennessee State Penitentiary.

After the ceremony, the couple will reside at Curve.

"FRIENDS" MEETING

Friends Of The Library will have their semi annual meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4th, in the Lauderdale County Library, 120 Lafayette Street.

Pam Webb, art instructor at Ripley High School, will present the program. She will discuss and show some of her artwork depicting scenes of Lauderdale County.

Business will include reports of Friends activities for the past six months and suggestions of future events will be discussed.

NEWCOMERS MEET

The Lauderdale County Newcomers Club will have their monthly dutch-treat luncheon at 12 noon, Friday, March 31st, in the Just Divine Tea Room, located at Charlene's Collectibles, 2257 Hwy. 88 W, Halls.

All newcomers and members are invited.

FOSTER PARENTS

The Tennessee Department of Children's Services for Lauderdale, Tipton and Fayette Counties will begin initial training for prospective foster parents at 6 p.m., Mon., April 17th, in Covington High School, 803 W. College Street.

Persons interested in becoming foster and/or adoptive parents for children in state custody are invited.

For further information, call Marjorie Taylor, Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 901-475-2505.

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Maurine Rossmailer

Maurine Thurmond Rossmailer, 76, of Savannah, sister of Louise Thurmond, of Halls, died March 20th, of heart failure, at Asbury Place in Chattanooga.

Services were at 11 a.m. March 23rd at Shackelford Chapel in Savannah, with burial in James L. Thurmond Memorial Cemetery in Halls, Shackelford Funeral Home in charge.

The widow of John William Rossmailer, she was a member of First United Methodist Church, of the United Methodist Women's Guild, and of the Savannah Book Club.

She leaves three sons, John Terry Rossmailer, of Cleveland, John Joel Rossmailer, of Russellville, Ark., and John Francis Rossmailer, of Fredricksburg, Va.; another sister, Virginia Wilcox, of Rockford, Ill.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Curtis L. Barcroft

Curtis Lee Barcroft, 71, of 1737 Asbury-Glimp Road, retired boiler-maker, died Friday, of cancer, in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Whitefield Cemetery

He was a Mason and Shriner.

He leaves his wife, Pauline Jones Barcroft; five daughters, Betty Morris, of Ripley, Barbara Derengowski and Cherie Sleyter, of Troy, Brenda Frazier, of Memphis, and Linda Carter, of Bartlett; two step-sons, David Olds, of Gates, and Mike Olds, of Ripley; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. G. G. Herron

Dixie B. Herron, 96, of 214 Sharp, Gates, widow of George G. Herron, died Tuesday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of the Gates Church of Christ.

She leaves two daughters, Ruby Sanders, of Halls, and Carrie C. Owens, of Memphis; two sisters, Louise Buckner, of 1419 East Dry Hill Road, Halls, and Dorothy Robinson, of Memphis; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Maxie Clopton

Maxie Laverne Clopton, 80, sister of Johnny and Otha Criswell, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week, of heart failure, in Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Curry & Son Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

She was a member of Springhill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, John, of Hixson; a daughter, Joan C. Slieff, of Burton, Mich.; three other brothers, James Criswell, of Jackson, Mark Criswell, of Rutherford, and Lawrence Criswell, of Houston, Tex.; nine sisters, Carolyn Ketchum, Dorothy Brandon, Lottie Sue Lewis, Pam Webb, and Ruby Fowler, of Dyersburg, Charlene Butler and Linda Dunsmore, of Lakeland, Lucille Crawford, of Branson, Mo., and Macie Snow, of Swartz Creek, Mich.; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Calvin Stone, Jr.

Calvin Stone, Jr., 63, of Covington, father of Lillian Childs, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of cancer, at home.

Rites were at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Hatchie St. Church of Christ, with burial in Avery Chapel Cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

He had retired from employment with the Illinois Central Railroad.

He was the widower of Alice Katharine Stone.

Survivors include four sons, Bobby and Michael Stone and James Clemons, of Covington, and Jerry Stone, of Memphis; six other daughters, Paulette Stone, Carolyn Oliver, and Darlene Whitley, of Covington, Brenda Stone, of Brighton, and Kathie Nelson and Mary Brown, of Memphis; a brother, Willie L. Stone, of Covington; three sisters, Gracie Long, of Detroit, Mich., and Frankie Sims and Marjorie Brian, of Florida; 41 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Willie Shaw

Willie Hill Shaw, 84, retired farmer, of 200 Green St., Henning, died Friday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Elam Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home of Henning in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Lela Esters, of Chicago, Ill.; two brothers, Anderson Nolen and

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The Lessons Taught From English Class

Each day I am amazed how the English language has become almost a forgotten form of communication. Not being the greatest student in English class during my education days, I still have the ability to notice when some things written or spoken are just not exactly right.

Written material is now sought after more on the style of the writer than the correct use of grammar. For me that has been a blessing, but for English teachers across this country, it has been a nightmare.

The increased use of e-mail is also taking its toll on the written word. Those of you who receive e-mail understand what I'm talking about, but for those who are still not sure computers will ever catch on, let me explain. E-mail messages are written with such haste, words are misspelled, sentences are fragmented, and commas are spliced and superfluous. What's worse is this problem will probably not get any better. And we call this progress!

As I have said and you probably have observed, I am as guilty as anyone who writes. Miss Hall who taught my English classes in high school tried her best. However, in my case, the sole was

Anphan Nolen, both of Elyria, Ohio; two sisters, Leora Brook and Valle Pearl Bowen, both of Detroit, Mich.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

willing, but the mind was weak.

English was hard for me. In the English language too many words are spelled the same, but sound and have different meanings. Here are some examples of what I mean.

- We polish the Polish furniture.

- He could lead if he would get the lead out.

- A farm can produce produce.

- The dump was so full it had to refuse refuse.

- The soldier decided to desert in the desert.

- The present is a good time to present the present.

- At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of a bass drum.

- The dove dove into the bushes.

- I did not object to the object.

- The insurance for the invalid was invalid.

- The bandage was wound around the wound.

- There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.

- They were too close to the door to close it.

- The buck does funny things when the does are present.

- They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.

- To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

- After a number of novocaine injections, my jaw got number.

- I shed a tear when I saw the tear in my clothes.

- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

- How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

- I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt.

See what I mean. No wonder people from other countries are confused when they visit us. Even the English say we don't know how to speak English. Of course, they are still a little testy about all that tea we threw in the ocean back in the 1700s, but our English at times is not something to me admired.

As a graduate student of English Class 101, (not really, it just seemed like it), there is not much hope for me. I just hope people continue to seek a writer by style.

Barr Locals

By Mrs. Ward Hardy

Bitsy Smith, of Curve, is spending the week with J. D. Smith. Junior Smith, of Jackson, spent the weekend with him.

Pauline Kissell spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Jones, and family on Chisholm Lake Road. Garland Kissell, of Woodville, spent the weekend with her.

Mrs. Ward Hardy was in Memphis Tuesday of last week for a check-up with her doctor. Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Hardy and children, of Nankipoo, Martha Stokes, of Curve, and Mary Phillips, of Ripley, visited her last week. Jake Kitchens, of Union University in Jackson, visited Sunday. Ann Kitchens is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Hardy while repairs are being made on her home in Halls, which was damaged by fire in February.

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Attended Seminar



WILL BIRD, second from left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bird, of Forked Deer, and Jamie Nolan, second from right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Nolan, of Porter's Gap, attended the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association's (TECA) annual Youth Leadership Seminar at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Nashville.

Both juniors at Halls High School, they were chosen because of their interest in government and their leadership abilities to participate in the seminar, in which they took part in leadership activities led by representatives for national Rural Electrification Association and cooperative employees.

Pictured with the students are Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, left, and Harold Willis, General Manager of Forked Deer Electric.

While in the state capital, the students participated in two days of activities, including an overview of the legislative process. They sat in on Senate and House committee meetings at the Legislative Plaza, enabling them to see the state government in action. Participants were treated to a tour of the Capitol building and some of Nashville's most popular sites, and attended a Nashville Predator hockey game.

"The annual seminar gives students an opportunity to learn about electric cooperatives and how they affect their lives," said Joe Jackson, TECA director of youth and member relations. "It also gives them an opportunity to see the legislative process for themselves."

HHS HONOR ROLL

Those making the Principal List include twelfth graders Brian Benson, John Carroll, Derek Claybrooks, Katie Cook, Cleve Crook, Allison Fisher, C.J. Hodges, Anna

Holcomb, Melissa Hurt, Leslie Kennedy, Pam Martin, Mary Ellen Mathis, Crystal McCaslin, Justin Meeks, Jacob Newman, Brooke Newsome, John Allen Noblin, Van Piphus, Jacarra Riley, Doug Robbins, Amber Sadler, Amber Sauber, Skyler Smith, Erin Steelman, Kyle Terry, Ricky Terry, and Shawna White. Eleventh graders include Will Bird, Chad Burns, Rachel Dennis, Leanne Harris, Megan Jordan, Denise McAlister, Jami Nolen, Stephanie Privett, Leah Simpson, Kara Steelman, and Amy Taylor. Tenth graders include Lauren Bray, Sarah Cates, Kristina Deaton, Allyson Jennings, Tyler Layne,

Heather Newlin, Julie Pickard, Julie Terry, Elizabeth Webb, and Rachel Wilson. Ninth graders include Mary Lee Bales, Amanda Britt, Crystal Delock, Rachel Hammond, Leighann Harris, Rhonda Linton, Lesley McGarrity, and Krista Newman.

Twelfth graders making the Gold List were Aimy Burns, Kenneth Dixon, Virginia Doss, Michelle Edmundson, Lakenia Halliburton, Jackie Hutcherson, Lisa Norman, Alan Prater, Collins Voss, Candice Ward, and Deanna Washington. Eleventh graders include Bryan Jetton, Vance Brewster, Deanna Coonts, Mark Dew, Natalie Hart, Ketha Jacox, Will Morris, Amber Newman, Kim Shands, Kim Vaughn, Tristan Vaughn, and Mary Younger. Tenth graders include Sarah Allen, Salena Bell, Steven Belton, Richard Dawson, Alicia Gooch, Sara Herder, Keri Ivory, Elizabeth Privett, Courtney Thomas, Kristen Throgmorton, Diane Vaughn, Dallas Watson, and Holly Young. Ninth graders include John Atkins, Churecia Allen, Nora Baena, Celia Barnes, Lauren Bivens, Jennifer Broglin, Sarah Calender, Kristina Climer, Adrian Ekabua, Savannah Ferguson, Anthony Fisher, Shelbra Halliburton, Leslie Hughes, Kristen Kennedy, Eboni Overall, Leah Pretz, Lis Scott, Tasia Steel, Michael Ward, Dennis Weaver, and Alisha White.

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