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Circuit Court Juries Find Three Guilty

Circuit Court juries in Ripley have returned three guilty verdicts.

Thaddeaus Medford, 28, was convicted of possession of eight grams of cocaine, with intent to deliver. Testimony:

Drug Task Force officers stopped his vehicle for erratic driving on Hwy. 209, on Jan. 9, 2000.

While they were speaking with him, he sped off, turning down Beech Bluff Road. Pursuers discovered the vehicle wrecked in a ditch. Money was scattered in its interior.

Nearby was a bag of cocaine, dry, although it had been raining. A razor found in Medford's pocket had a white substance on it.

Medford was convicted in November of evading arrest,

but that jury could not decide the possession case.

With three previous convictions of cocaine delivery, he could get a 12-year sentence.

Richard C. Rogers was convicted of cutting a fence and stealing a truck, loaded with tools, from the Lauderdale County Highway Dept. building on Asbury Road, selling the tools in Nashville.

He was found days later in Dyer County, asleep in the truck.

With dozens of convictions for theft and burglary, he is in prison.

Tony Craig Long was convicted of escape from a work detail cutting grass. He returned a few days later. A career offender, he is in prison.

August Ballot Names Grow

Long before the May 16th dead-line, candidates are qualifying for the Aug. 1st primary and general elections here.

Qualified through Monday of this week were:

For County Commissioner Dist. 2 - Lynnwood Shoemake and Larry Kelly.

For County Commissioner Dist. 3 - John Snead and Charlie Moore.

For County Commissioner Dist. 6 - Timmy L. Green and Don Moore.

For County Commissioner Dist. 7 - Reid Hilliard and Henry Buckner.

For Trustee - Steve Carmack.

For Sheriff - Louis Craig.

For Constable Dist. 3 - Dennis King.

For Constable Dist. 4 - Thomas F. Cherry.

For Circuit Court Clerk - Richard Jennings.

For County Court Clerk - Ronnie Etheridge.

For Register of Deeds - Annie Laura Jennings.

For Tennessee House of Representatives Dist. 82 - Craig Fitzhugh.

Gates Bank Promotions



TODD HENDERSON, 35, was promoted to vice president and is a member of the board of directors at Gates Banking and Trust Co. A 1984 graduate of Halls High School and a 1989 graduate of Memphis State University with a bachelor of business administration with a finance major, he is the son of Jack and Doris Henderson, of Halls. He and his wife, Angela, have two children, Rachel, 6, and Allie, 2.

With over ten years experience in lending and bank management, he was community bank president at Bank of Lexington, a member of the board of directors at Bank of Friendship, and vice president, branch manager at BancorpSouth of Jackson. He is a 1998 graduate of the Southeastern School of Commercial Lending and a 2000 graduate of Southeastern School of Banking at Vanderbilt University.

Dixie League Sets Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Halls High gym for persons interested in coaching girls softball, boys baseball and coach pitch.



ELTON JONES, senior vice president and cashier at Gates Banking and Trust Co., was elected to the Board of Directors during their February meeting. Jones has been employed with the bank for 12 years. He is married to Elsie Jones and they are active members of Whitefield Assembly of God Church. An active member of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club, he is a past president and now serves as its treasurer.

Halls In State Tourney, First Time Since 1929

Halls boys led University School of Jackson Monday, 59-51, to go to the state basketball tournament for the first time since 1929.

Class A play begins March 20th, in Murfreesboro.

Halls lost to South Fulton, 83-70, Friday, for the Region 8-A crown.

But visiting USJ, district and regional champs, 21-9 until Monday, Halls trailed only 12-11 after the first pe-

Public Forum Set For School Policy

The Lauderdale County School Board will hold a public forum at 6 p.m., Thurs., March 14th in the Ripley Elementary School boardroom before the regular board meeting. Citizens will be permitted to address the board regarding issues as they relate to School Board Policy. Participants may register to speak and be permitted to speak up to five minutes on a particular issue.

Tournament Set

The Region II Tournament of the Destination ImagiNation® program will be held at the Halls schools complex Sat., March 9th under the direction of Janet Baker, regional director, and Annetta Camp, tournament director. Region II covers all counties west of the Tennessee River, except Shelby County.

The community-based creativity and problem-solving program provides kids with the opportunity to develop skills through unique sets of challenges that appeal to the many ways in which children learn.

riod, and never more than four points after that.

Junior Kingsley Brown put up 18 points for Halls, and its only 3-pointer.

Junior Vincent Dewalt added 15; and senior guard Courtney Smith provided 10.

Coach Winston Jarrett, in 22 seasons, has sent teams to the sub-states four times, but never before to the state tournament.

Caution About Grid Marketers

Telephone calls are asking local businesses for \$199 ads on a football calendar for Ripley High School.

Union City reports similar calls for ads in its high school's football program.

Neither school is sponsoring these efforts. They have their own calendar and program projects, at less cost, to benefit their athletic activities. The phone marketers give the schools nothing.

Halls High Happenings

By Beth Sadler

The Halls High School Tiger Basketball team left Tuesday morning at 10:45 for Murfreesboro. The entire high school and junior high school cheered them as they left. They will travel all day Tuesday to Murfreesboro and will play Wednesday at 3:15 against Pickett County. If they win, they will play again on Friday. Good luck, Halls.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The Lauderdale County Education Foundation will award two \$500 scholarships this spring to a graduating senior from Halls and Ripley High School.

All students are eligible, but emphasis will be placed on those students involved in their school and community.

Foundation president, Carol Ann Douglas, said she and the entire board of directors are very excited about being able to award scholarships for the second year.

All money raised by the foundation stays in Lauderdale County for education. They hope to increase the amounts and the number of scholarships each year.

The foundation will continue to offer grants to teachers once a year.

Any graduating seniors, who would like to apply for the foundation scholarship, can pick up an application at the Chamber of Commerce office or the

guidance office at Halls and Ripley High School. The application deadline is Friday, April 12th.

One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.
—Arnold Glasow

In my belief, you cannot deal with the most serious things in the world unless you also understand the most amusing.
—Winston Churchill



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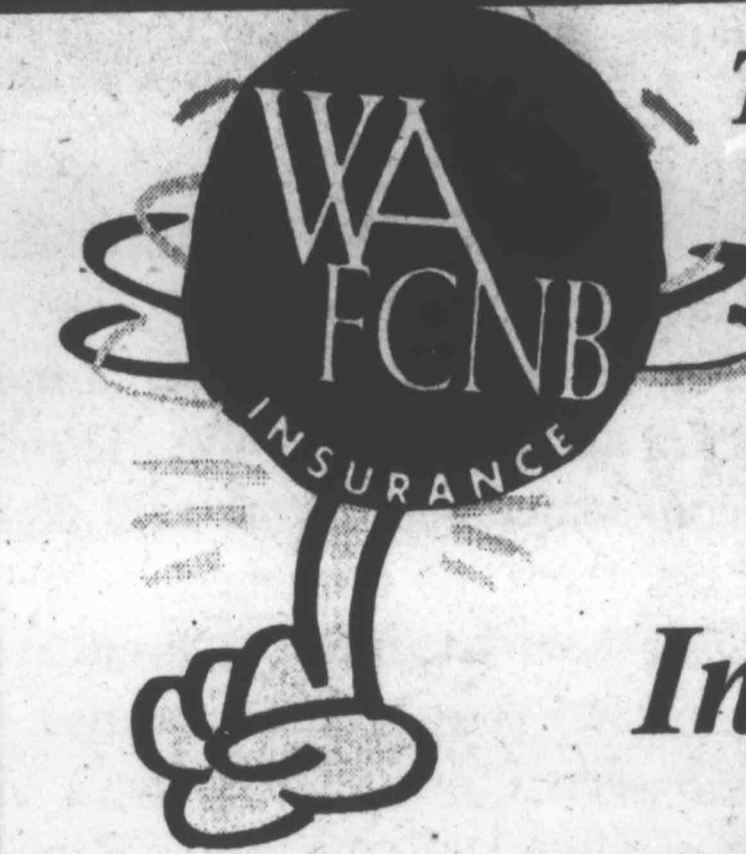
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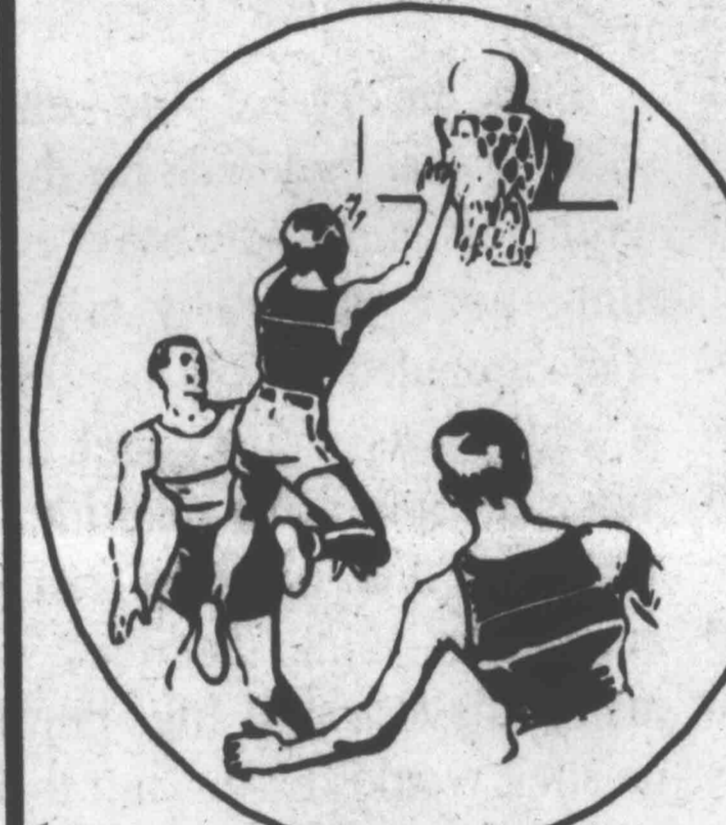


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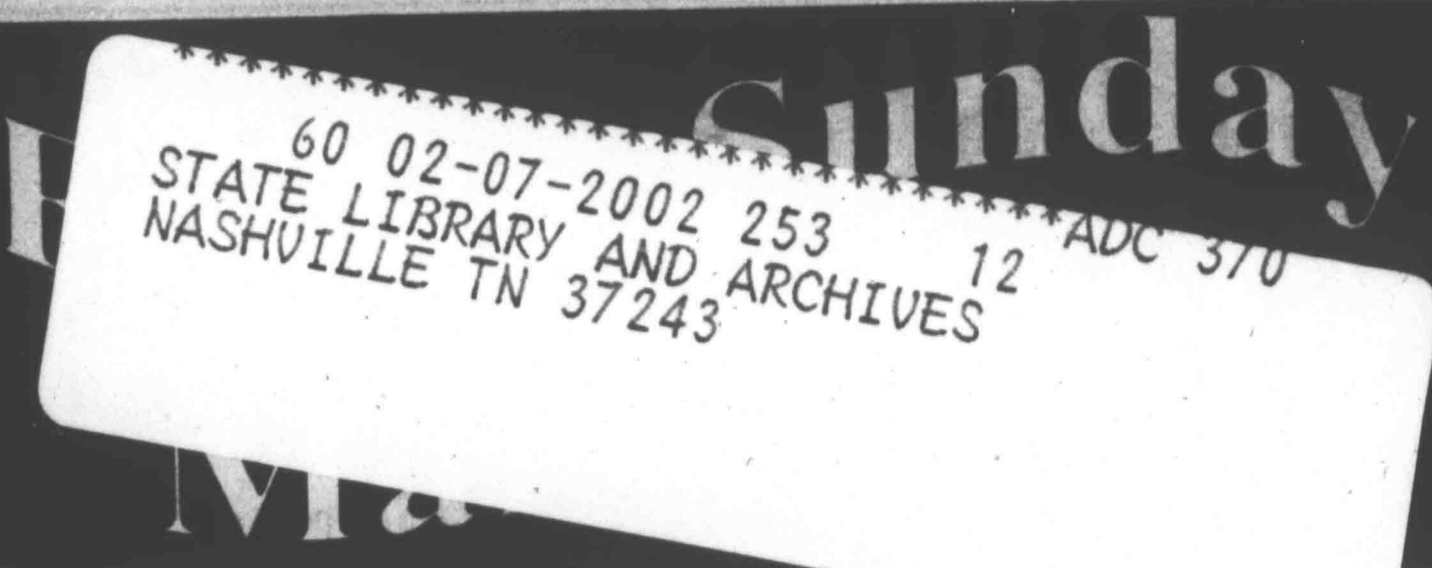


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Halls Boys Lose State Semi-Final

After having led Pickett County, 68-62, to gain the state basketball tournament semi-finals in Murfreesboro, Halls High School's Tigers lost last Friday to Ezell-Harding Christian Academy, of Antioch, 65-46.

HHS closed its season 25-9, after leading District 16-A, running second in Region 8-A, and topping the University School of Jackson, 59-51, in sub-state play, earning the first Tiger trip to the state tourney since 1929.

Halls senior Courtney Smith and sophomore Dane Strayhorn made the Class A all-tournament team.

E-H lost Saturday's final to Chattanooga Temple, 58-45, to end its season 27-5.

This is E-H's second consecutive year as runner-up in the state.

Last year, it gained the final tilt without a senior on the team.

A week before the boys' final, E-H girls took the Class A crown over Celina, 53-38.

E-H, in southeast Nashville, reports 289 students, Halls 361.

Halls Band Sets For 3rd Time, Ark. Lets Weevils Roam

The Halls High School Band will hold its Spring concert at 3 p.m. Sun., March 24th in the HHS gym. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$4 or save a dollar by purchasing advance tickets from band members for \$3.

The boll weevil eradication program, already under fire (Page 1, Feb. 28th) for mis-spraying and escalating fees, has taken another big hit.

For the third time, farmers of 350,000 acres of cotton (about 66% of the state crop) in Crittenden and Mississippi Counties in Arkansas, directly west of Gold dust, rejected the weevil spraying plan.

Passage required 67% approval; approval was 60.3%

This leaves these two Arkansas counties alone outside the program, except for two areas in Texas.

And Arkansas weevils can easily buzz across the Mississippi, into this county.

Farmer Of The Year

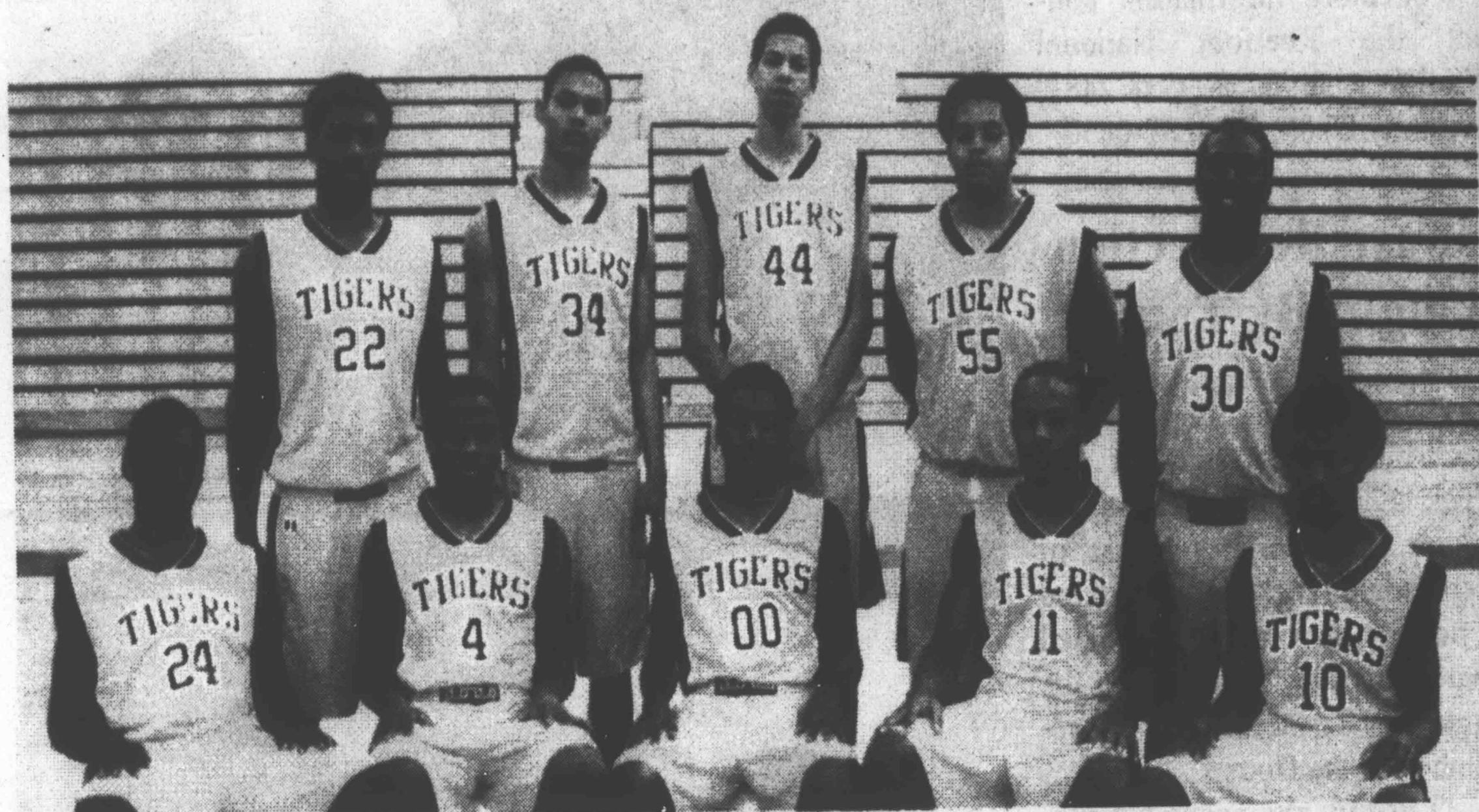


LESLIE CROOK, center, was presented the Conservation Farmer of the Year Award at the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation Award Banquet Thursday of last week. George Meadows, Lauderdale SCD Board of Supervisors, left, presented the award. James Ford, USDA NRCS, State Conservationist, of Nashville, left, congratulated Crook on his award. Crook owns and operates approximately 4,500 acres of land in Lauderdale County with an operation consisting of 1,100 acres of corn, 600 acres of soybeans, 2,100 acres of cotton, and 350 acres of wheat. He has installed 6,200 ft. of terraces, 1,800 ft. of diversions, 3 sediment basins, and 2 grade stabilization structures in an effort to reduce soil erosion on cropland fields. He dedicated the award to his grandfather, L.E. Cribfield, Jr.

In lower photo, Lee Johnston, of Henning, second from left, was presented a Conservation Achievement Award. The Award is presented to the farmer who exhibits the conservation ethic, "With the right use of the land, goes the duty to conserve the land in such a way as to pass it on to the next generation in a better condition than when they received it". Johnston owns and operates approximately 350 acres of land in the Henning community. He has converted approximately 100 acres of highly erodible cropland to pasture and hayland. This conversion reduced the soil erosion rates by approximately 20 tons per acre per year. Johnston has renovated another 100 acres of pastureland to all legumes and to improve the quality of the forage for his cow-calf operation.

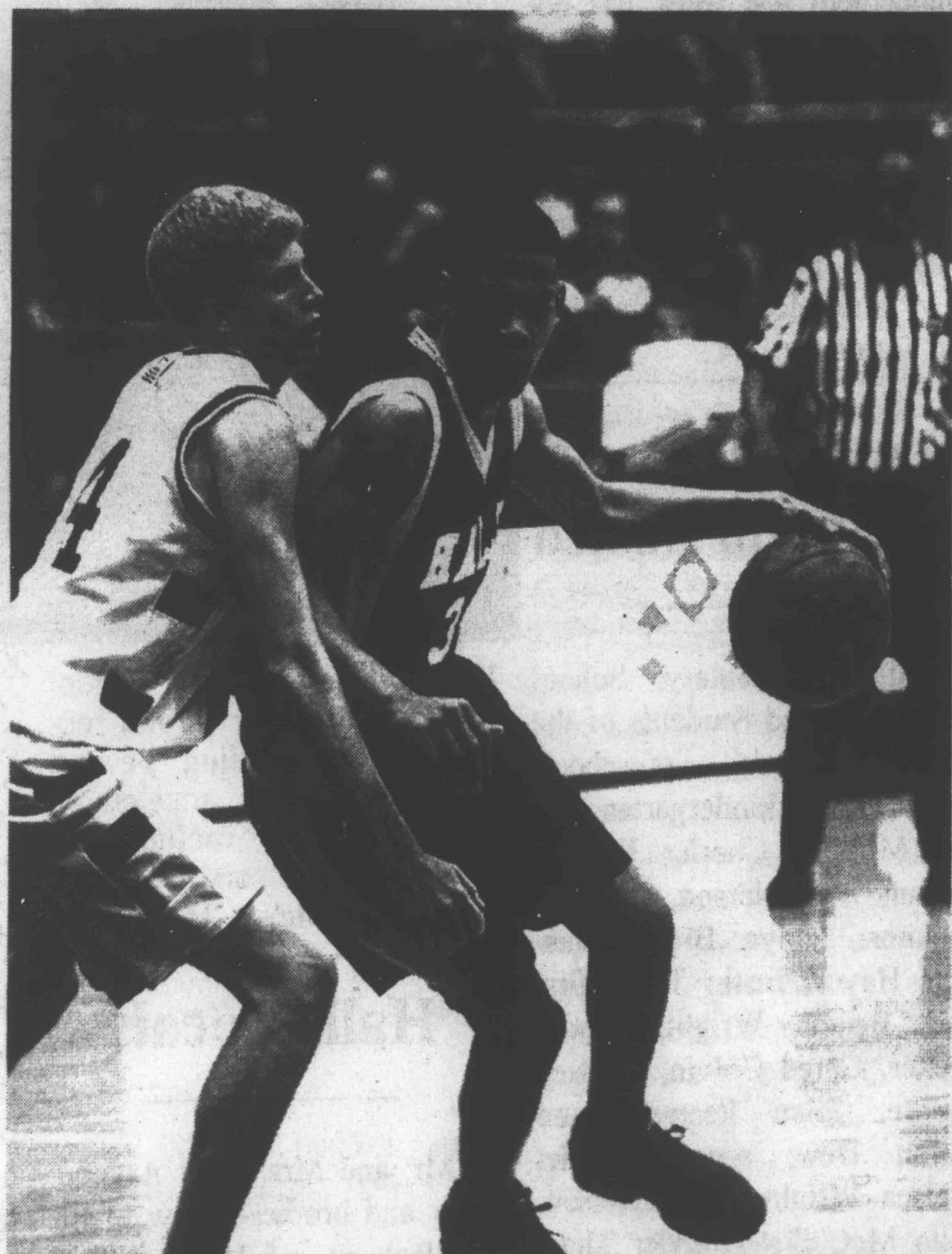
Presenting the award to Lee was Talmage Cribfield, Jr., left, Lauderdale County SCD board member. Lee credited his wife, Dawn, second from right, and step-daughter, Kaci Hanks, right, with being the best partners he has.

HHS Boys Basketball Team



MEMBERS OF THE Halls High School boys basketball team include, in front, from left, Lajoel Nance, Dane Strayhorn, Kingsley Brown, Courtney Smith, and Brandon Dixon, and in rear, from left, Marquez McKinney, Vincent Dewalt, Quentin Jones, Jamie Wilson, and Brian Dewalt. Winston Jarrett and Jimmy Clendenin, not pictured, are coaches. Dane Strayhorn and Courtney Smith were named to the State All Tournament Team, and Courtney will play in the East-West All Star Game.

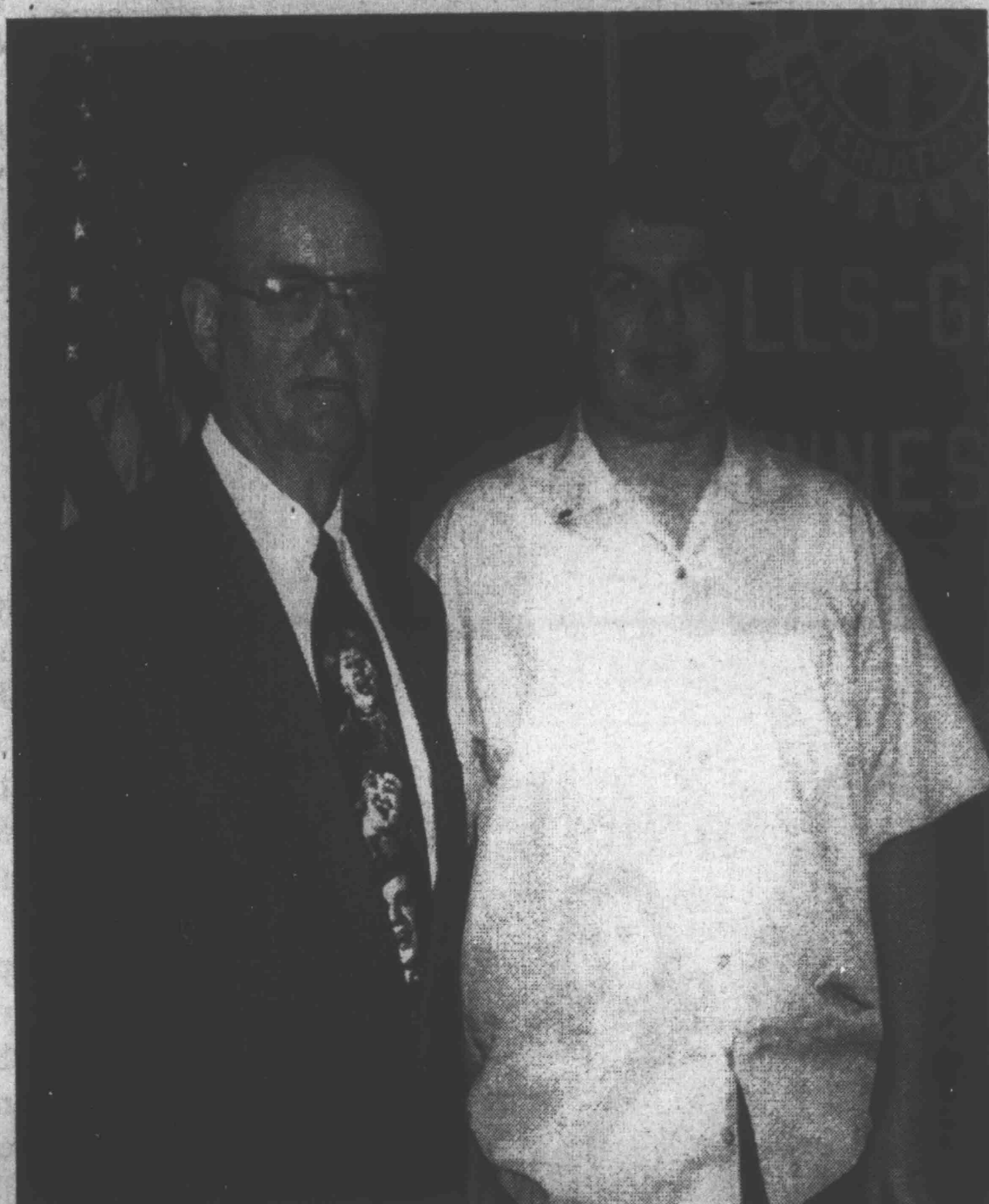
Halls Team In Action



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL basketball team were victorious over Pickett County Wednesday of last week. These pictures were provided by Mark Lucas, who attended the game. He has other pictures available on his web site at esportpix.com.

cupational Safety And Health Administration workers. A call was made for assistance and Tennessee responded in true "Volunteer" fashion. Teams of two will travel to New York City staying a week, through May, to help with safety concerns. Federal OSHA will pay for all direct expenses. "I can help them be safer so we don't have anymore casualties than we already have. There's not much I can do as far as the War on Terrorism, but this is some-

Guest Speaker

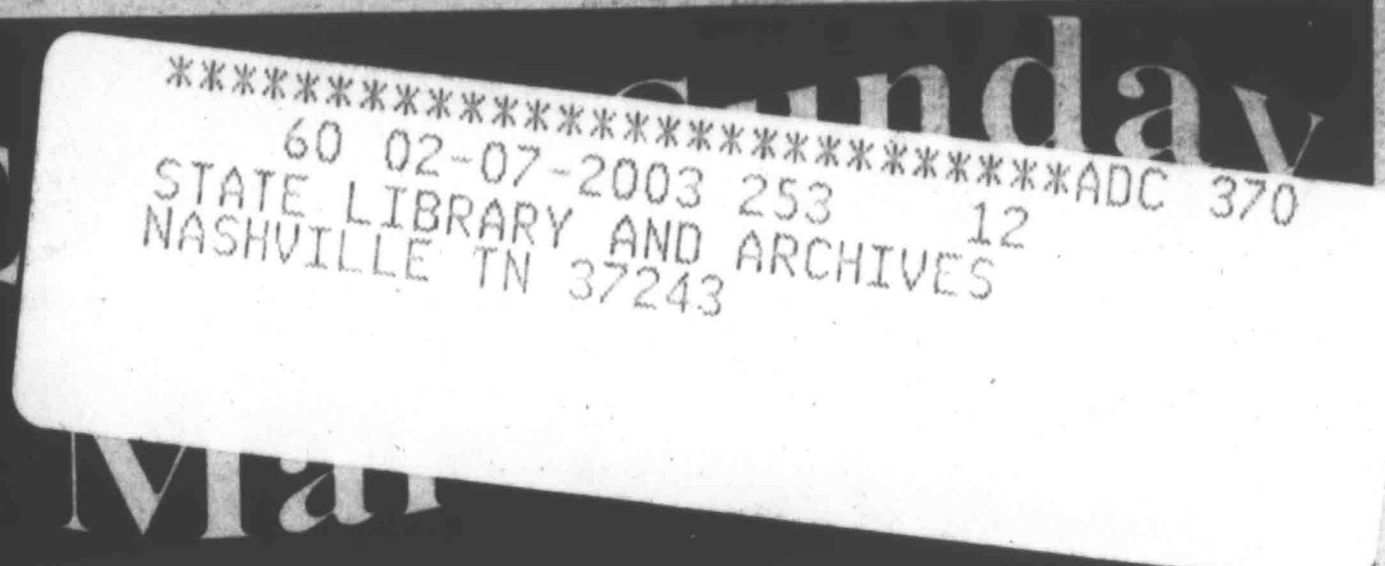


ROBERT JONES, left, incoming Halls-Gates Rotary President 2002-2003, presented the program for Monday's regular luncheon meeting. Roger Charest, right, introduced him. Mr. Jones made committee assignments and discussed plans for his year as club president.



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Poster Contest Winners



ALYSSA DENNIS, left, in upper photo, 2nd grade student at Ripley Primary School, London Estis, center, 4th grade, Ripley Elementary School, and T. J. Crutchfield, right, 2nd grade, RPS, and in lower photo, Brittney Bane, left, 6th grade, Halls Elementary School, Joshua Winn, 5th grade, HES, and Barbara Joyner, right, 3rd grade, HES, were named winners in the Lauderdale County Healthy Hearts poster contest. The posters focus around healthy hearts and things that can help to have a healthy heart. The posters will be used in facilities, where programs for adults, who strive for healthy hearts, will be held. Other

participants included from RPS, Jeffery Manns, Matthew Walker, Jennifer Rose, Steven Jackson, Benjamin Elkins, Kim Jackson, Christopher Ellis, Mark Bradley, and Brandie Ellis; from RES, Aaron Apperson, Summer Henson, Logan Long, James Webster, Eugene Lewis, Jr., Katrina, Ashley Jones, Terrell Harmon, Haley Brooke Banks, and Mike Mallory; from HES, D'Angelo Tyus, Natalie Grantland, Rachel Bane, Kristen McCallister, Brittney Ward, and Keith McCallister; and from Halls Junior High, Joseph Jackson. Each of the students will be awarded certificates of appreciation for their contribution.

Candidates Set Public Meeting

Lauderdale County Board of Education School Superintendent candidates will tour each of the county's schools and hold a public reception in Ripley, Monday, April 8th at Ripley Elementary School, and Tuesday, April 9th at Halls High School, where candidates, Andy Pugh, Rebecca Schwab, Claudia Joplin, Helen Owens, Phillip Jackson, and Judy Martin, will answer questions.

Pugh, Schwab, and Joplin will speak at RES and Owens, Jackson, and Martin will speak at HHS.

The tour will begin each morning from the district office.

Pageant Slated For Miss Halls

The Miss Halls Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Sat., March 30th in the Hall High School gym. The Mistress of Ceremonies will be Miss Halls 1998, Jordan Cribfield, with Miss Halls 1999, Melissa Hurt, providing entertainment. The annual pageant is sponsored by the Halls Community Club, 201 N. College St., as a fundraiser. Admission is \$5.

Dyersburg Mayor To Seek 9th Term

Bill Revell, Dyersburg's Mayor of 21 years, announced at the close of the Dyersburg Board of Mayor and Aldermen Monday of last week that he would seek re-election. The longest serving mayor in the history of Dyersburg, he has held a full-time mayoral seat longer than any of his contemporaries across Tennessee.

Receives Recognition



DR. DAVE STRONG, left, of his leadership in the organization and commended for ten years of service as Dyersburg State Community College's advisor for Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. He was honored for his commitment to students, who are member of PTK. Dr. Karen Bowyer, right, DSCC president, presented a golden letter opener for his years of dedication and service.

Attends Seminar



AMANDA SANDERS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Sanders, of Edith, second from left, and Keith Young, son of Paula Young, of Nankipoo, and Jerry Young, of the Forked Deer community, second from right, Halls High School students, were among 44 juniors from across the state who attended the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Youth Leadership Seminar held at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in

Nashville. Brett Carmack, left, operating superintendent Forked Deer Electric, accompanied the students on a tour of the Capitol. They attended Senate and House committee meetings and met State Representative Craig Fitzhugh, right. "Youth Leadership Seminars helps students learn by experience," said Harold Willis, manager of Forked Deer Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Halls High School Softball Team



MEMBERS OF THE Halls High School softball team include, in front, from left, Jessica Benjamin, Pam Frazier, Leslie Hughes, Lauren Solomon, Jessica Critchfield, Amanda Sanders, Julie Pratt, and Amanda Clark, and in rear, from left, Coach Teresa Frazier, Allyson Jennings, Julie Pickard, Amanda Britt, and Nicole Hutcherson.

Halls High School Baseball Team



MEMBERS OF THE Halls High School baseball team include, in front, from left, Craig Hutcherson, Justin Nelson, Jeremy Goforth, Blake Brewster, Alex Perry, Joseph Grimison, Tyler Moore, and Brent Wooster, and in rear, from left, Coach Mike Blackwood, Clint Throgmorton, Ryan Young, Terry Critchfield, Scott Johnson, Jason Milam, Justin Roach, Caleb Steelman, Dallas Watson, Kyle Blackwood, and Dustin White.

DSCC LECTURES

Jinx Rasmussen, a biology teacher at Brighton High

School, will be presenting lectures on the Human Genome Project at Dyersburg State

Community College. Her lectures will be held at 8 a.m., April 4th, and at 8, 9, and 10

a.m., April 5th, in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium on the Dyersburg campus.

Rasmussen was one of only 13 high school teachers selected nationwide to introduce into the

classroom the Bioinformatics and Human Genome Project supplement sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The public is invited to attend. There is no admission fee.

Divorces

Stephen Wayne Webster vs. Jennifer Suzanne Webster.

Alan Ingram Douglas vs. Misty Dawn Douglas.

Sandra Jones McLemore vs. Carlos Dan McLemore.

Kristine Weir Smith vs. Lee Andrew Smith.

Timothy Wayne Lily vs. Charlotte Ayers Lily.

Halls High Happenings

By Beth Sadler

Lately at HHS, our spring sports season has had a slow jumpstart. Rain, cold weather, and wet days have all effected games for baseball, softball, and tennis. Although several games have been played, the majority have been rained out. However, the games played have rendered very good outcomes, with several softball victories, and a few baseball wins as well. Tennis has played only once.

All three teams are hoping for very good seasons, and weather permitting, coaches are confident they will have them.

RECYCLE PHONE BOOKS

McLeodUSA Publishing Co. is in the process of delivering new McLeodUSA Planet Pages telephone directories.

You may recycle your old telephone books at the Dyer County Recycling Center located at the Dyersburg Landfill on Sorrells Chapel Rd.

For directions call 731-287-0775.

ARMY ENLISTMENT

John D. Cox, son of Melody I. and John D. Cox, of 7979 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, joined the United State Army under the Delayed Entry Program. He has the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year and qualifies for a \$19,000 enlistment bonus. A 2000 graduate of Halls High School, he will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., for basic training.