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Guest Speaker



ROZELLE CRINER, center, right, introduced Mr. Criner, Lauderdale County Executive, who gave members an update on the county's dealings. Roger Charest, left, club president, is pictured with them. Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club.

Halls Sports

Thursday of last week:

Baseball coach Mike Blackwood saw Dustin White allow only three hits in six innings, but his Halls Tigers got only two hits from the Crockett County Cavaliers, losing 2-0.

Softball coach Teresa Mills saw her girls win from Obion County, 9-8.

Tennis coach Jennifer Duke saw three players lose to Union City - Alicia Gooch losing to Marcy Stringfield, 8-0, Beth Sadler losing to Elizabeth Hudson, 8-4, and Kevin Webb losing to Zack Butler, 8-0.

In doubles, UC's Stringfield and Elizabeth Mooney defeated Sadler/Gooch, 8-1.

17, Held For Abusing 4-Mo.-Old Daughter

After her husband, 17, brought their 4-month-old daughter to Christina Hutcherson, 18, at her job at Wal-Mart in Ripley, Thursday of last week, the infant is in the Critical Care Unit of LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis, with eye and possibly brain damage, according to Ripley Police Investigator Steve Sanders.

Sanders says that the husband reported that the baby had fallen out of her bed.

LeBonheur doctors reported more severe abuse.

Charged with aggravated child abuse, the husband was ordered, in Juvenile Court Monday, to have a psychological evaluation.

"Help Can The Abuse"



PHYLLIS BARLOW, right, assistant principal at Halls Elementary School, received a check from Joy Beard, left, in rear, volunteer from the Tina Turner Family Center. HES was the top collecting school for the "Help Can the Abuse" project. Michael Lilly, second place student winner, and Colton Harris, third, are pictured with them.

Sick & Ailing

J. T. Simmons, 6, son of Tom Simmons and Kim Simmons Lee, of Halls, returned home from LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis after a bicycle accident Sunday before last.

Annual Heritage Health Fair Day

May is Older Americans Month, and Halls Senior Citizen Center, 605 Airport Street, will host its 9th Annual Heritage & Health Fair Day Fri., May 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fair will feature a flea market, bake sale, door prizes, music, silent auction and concessions stands with ice cream, hotdogs, hamburgers and popcorn.

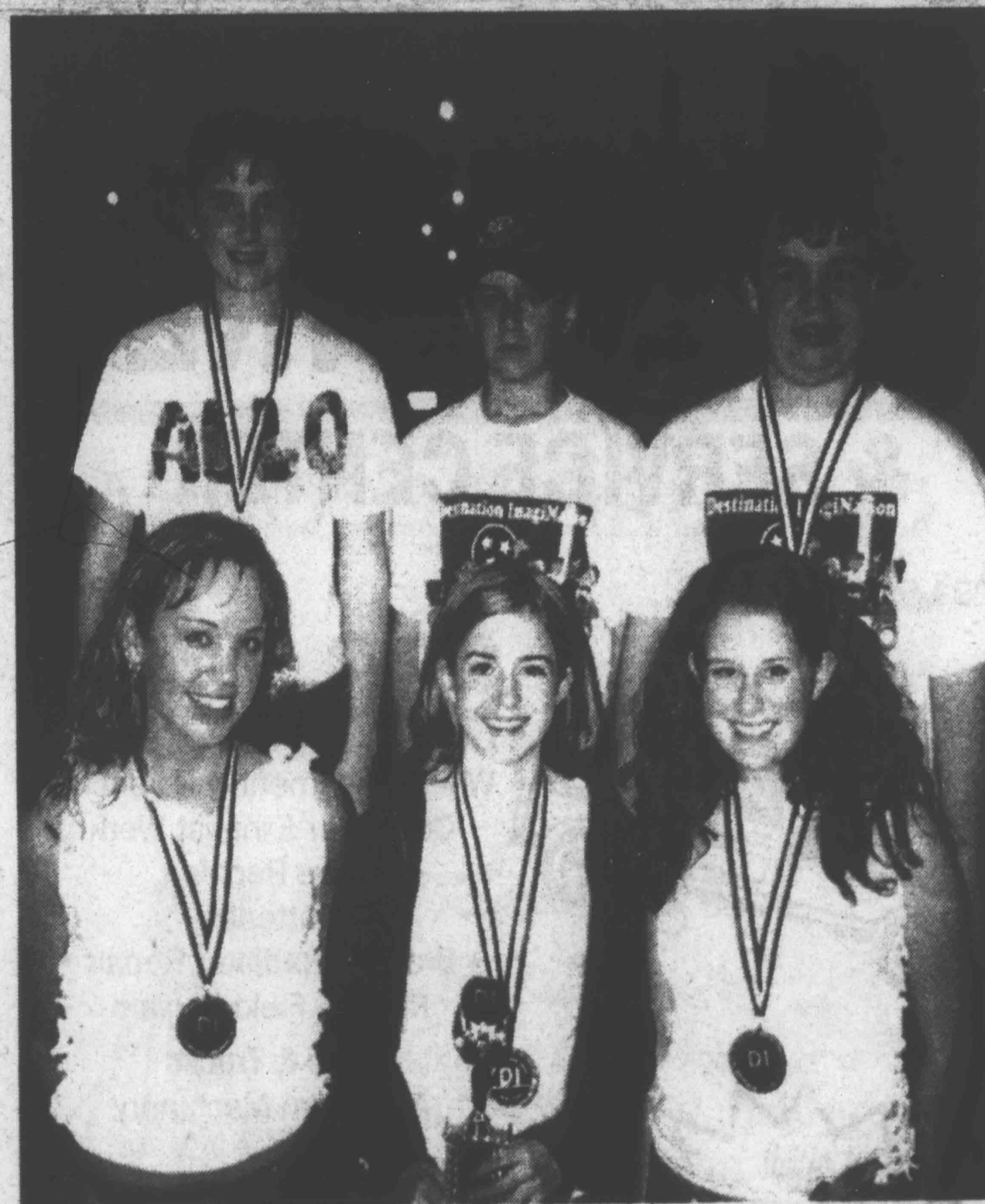
Demonstrations will include health screenings for weight, blood pressure, eye exams, blood sugar and cholesterol checks.

Information booths at the fair include the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, Lakeside, Jackson Eye Clinic, Wal-Mart Eye Clinic, Memphis Area Legal Services and Star Cardiac Clinic.

The public is invited to come and spend a fun-filled day.

For registration or booth information, call Wendi Henry, 836-5444.

Destination Imagination



HALLS JR./SR. HIGH School students, in front, from left, Brooke Barnes, Sara Beth Warren, and Jennifer Buntin, and in rear, from left, Allorie Smith, Zach Camp, and Zak Kelley, competed

April 13th in the Destination Imagination State Competition in Nashville. The team placed third against other teams in the state. This is the first time a team from Halls has placed at the State level.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Floyd Emerson accompanied Mrs. Jack Johnson to Memphis Thursday of last week for a check-up with her doctor. They visited Mrs. Barry Jordan and they all lunched out.

Mrs. Demetra McWilliams, of Forked Deer, spent the weekend with her brother, Winston Carmack. Mrs. Jimmy Howard and Mrs. Eileen Byrd visited Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sue Young fell Tuesday of last week breaking five ribs. She is recovering in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Sue Burks.

Mrs. Gary Howard, of Memphis, spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Willie Burks. Mrs. Sue Baker, of Halls, visited Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nelson, of Lightfoot, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nelson, of Newbern, N.C., visited the Pharis Escues, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jimmy L. Smith accompanied her husband, Jimmy, to Jackson Friday for a check-up with his doctor.

Mrs. Ronnie Carmack visited her mother, Mrs. Lewis Mills, in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital several days last week.

SCHOLARSHIP

Graduates of high schools in Lauderdale County, who are enrolled full time in a college or university, are eligible to apply for the Paris Memorial Scholarship, provided by the late William M. and Hilda H. Paris, through the Bank of Ripley Trust Department.

Applicants may be in any field of study with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or GPA of 3.0 plus 24 or higher ACT score and not on a full scholarship.

Applications are available at any Bank of Ripley location. The deadline to turn in application is July 31st. The scholarship recipient is selected by a random drawing from the pool of qualified applications.

For further information, call Betty Henson, Gail Shelton, Paulette Herron, or Sherry Layne, at the Bank of Ripley, 635-1230.

Center Plans Fund Raisers



MEMBERS OF THE Youth Advisory Board for the Tina Turner Family Center, seated, from left, Sam Stiles, Brooke Barnes, Jennifer Buntin, Christopher Reynolds, Sara Beth Warren, and Marley Sigman, and standing, from left, Sarah Anderson, David Sanders, Kendra Parham, Karen Brandon, and Danielle McBroom, are preparing for fundraisers Sat., May 4th. A yard sale will be held from 7 a.m. to noon at the center, 629 S. Washington St., a roadblock will be held from 7 a.m. to noon at the Wal-Mart Shopping Center, and a donation table will be set up at E. W. James and Sons. All proceeds benefit the center and its projects.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Lauderdale County Chapter of Republican Women will meet at 7 p.m. Mon., May 6th in the home of Mrs. Debby Jenkins, 272 Anthony Street, Ripley. Mrs. Theta Rone, of Tipton County, will present "No Child Left Behind", which she originally presented at the Tennessee Republican Women's Convention and also at the Governor's mansion. Mrs. Debbie Moody, a Tennessee State Republican Women committee member, will be the group's special guest. Anyone interested in participating in this local chapter is invited to bring a

BLUE DOG COALITION

U. S. Rep. John Tanner and members of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of 33 moderate to conservative Democrats in the U.S. House, have unveiled their outline for returning the nation to the days of fiscal responsibility.

"We must act now to secure our children's future," Tanner said. "Our national debt is currently at more than \$6 trillion, and now we're being asked to borrow even more. If we don't get this country's fiscal house back in order soon, future generations will be overtaxed the rest of their lives, just to pay off the debt and interest we have incurred as a result of irresponsible budget decisions."

The Coalition's outline, "It's Elementary: The ABCs of Securing Our Children's Future," includes assuring honesty and accountability, balancing the budget without raiding social security, climbing out of the deficit ditch, and defending children from paying our bills.

"It is my hope that the President and Congress will agree that these four steps are necessary to get this nation's finances back on track," said Tanner.

friend. The local chapter has named the month of May as membership month. For more information, contact Mrs. Jenkins, 635-1263.

ENERGY BILL

U. S. Senator Bill Frist praised passage of the energy bill by the Senate April 25th, and said it will be good for America.

The legislation encourages conservation, energy-efficient technologies and alternative fuel sources. It will also provide federal loan guarantees for construction of a pipeline to move natural gas from Alaska to the entire United States.

In addition to the energy bill going to conference, Republicans and many Democrats concur in repealing the death tax, which taxes a family's assets twice, no later than June 28th.

Divorces

Felicia Michelle Carter vs. Bwana M. Carter.

Patricia Ann Bostic vs. Richard Carl Bostic.

Felicia Leigh Webster vs. Phillip Reed Webster, Jr.

Tabatha Crowder vs. Jerry Lee Crowder, Jr.

Angela Dawn Chumley vs. Alan Wade Chumley.

Donald Douglas Burroughs vs. Crystal Langley Burroughs.

Michael Coleman Ross vs. Tonya Melinda Moore Ross.

INSIDE SALE

Sat., May 4th
8 a.m. - until??
247 Dunaway Rd.
(Right before Charlene's in Halls.) 2-1p

Allen-Stone YARD SALE

To Benefit Relay For Life
Sat., May 4th
7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Church St. in Halls,
(Across from Cook's Service Station.)
We are accepting item donations through Friday at the plant. Donations will be greatly appreciated.
Call 836-7542 for information.

YARD SALE

Sat., May 4th
8 a.m. - until??
601 E. Tigrett St.

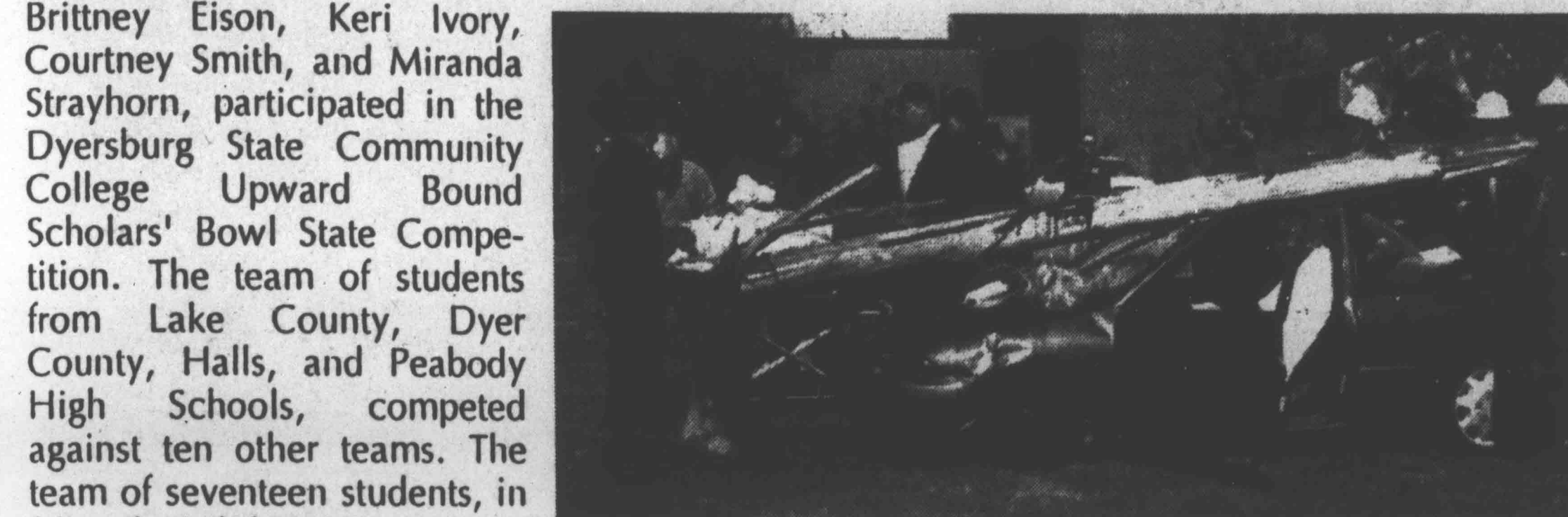
YARD SALE

Fri., & Sat.
May 3rd & 4th
7 a.m. - until??
18 Beech St.
(Home of J.D. Alley.) 2-1p

Students Attend Competition



Mock Driving Accident



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL students, Jerrica Barnes, Richard Dawson, Kristina Deaton, Brittney Eison, Keri Ivory, Courtney Smith, and Miranda Strayhorn, participated in the Dyersburg State Community College Upward Bound Scholars' Bowl State Competition. The team of students from Lake County, Dyer County, Halls, and Peabody High Schools, competed against ten other teams. The team of seventeen students, in front, from left, Latonya Mays, LCHS; Anessa Inman, PHS; Miranda Strayhorn, HHS; Colt Lemons, DCHS; Jeff Griffin, DCHS; Nikki Rodriguez, DCHS; Josh McDonald, DCHS; Kristina Deaton, HHS; and Steven Avery, LCHS; and in rear, from left, Jerrica Barnes, HHS; Brittney Eison, HHS; Shawn Howard, PHS; Courtney Smith, HHS; Keri Ivory, HHS; Josh Goodman, DCHS; Samantha Mendenhall, DCHS; Jonathan Stanley, PHS; Richard Dawson, HHS; and Justin Myers, DCHS, placed third, improving their fourth place finish last year. The questions were asked on a college level in the areas of literature, history, mathematics, science, and current events.

Upward Bound students receive special instruction in developing the learning and life skills needed during the first year of college and are offered the opportunity of advanced studies in all high school academic subject areas, including foreign language, ACT and SAT test preparation, and computer training.

Halls Mayor Eugene Pugh says Halls Fire Plugs will be flushed, Tues., May 7th, at 4 p.m. The operation could cause some discoloring water for up to 24 hours. The operation will help prepare the town in the event of an emergency requiring use of fire plugs and determine if any plugs require maintenance.

Anyone with questions may call City Hall, 836-9653.
Town of Halls

Nancy Thrash and Bette Davis, daughters of
DOROTHY WOOD HARGROVE



invite you to celebrate
their mother's
80th birthday
from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 5th

Halls First United Methodist Church
Gate 6 Rd., Halls
Let your presence be your only gift. 2-1p

Travelers are always discoverers, especially those who travel by air. There are not signposts in the sky to show a man has passed that way before.
—Anne Morrow Lindbergh

CLASS REUNION

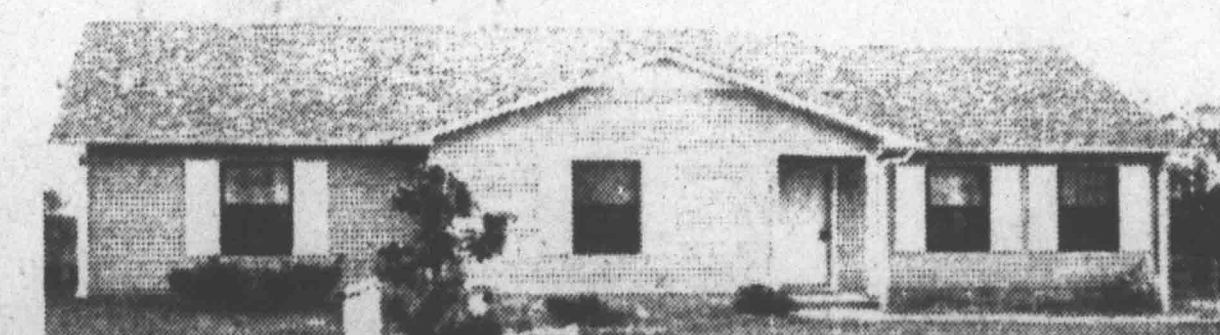
The Halls High School Class of 1957 will hold its 45th class reunion at 6 p.m. Sat., June 8th in the Triple "B" Trucking Building located on the Halls Airbase. Letters have been mailed and confirmation must be received by May 21st. If you were in the class and did not receive an invitation, or if you need additional information, please call Francene Smith Salemi, 731-836-5776.



FRESHEN THE CURTAINS in the dryer with a fabric softener sheet and a damp towel. This gives the curtains a fresh scent.

Zest is the outermost layer of any citrus fruit.

FOR SALE

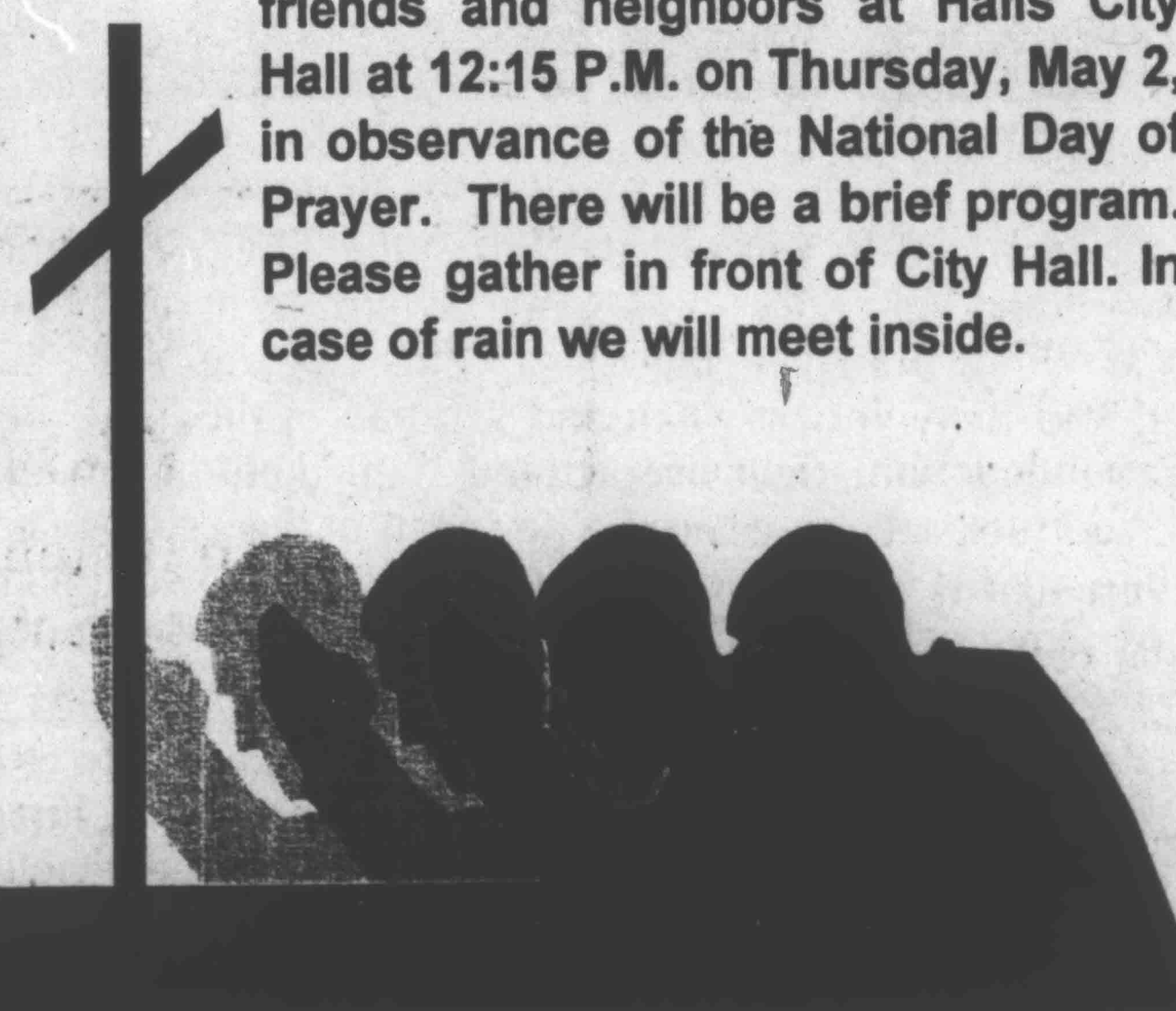


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National Day of Prayer

SERVICES AT HALLS CITY HALL TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2002 12:15 P.M.

The Community is invited to join friends and neighbors at Halls City Hall at 12:15 P.M. on Thursday, May 2, in observance of the National Day of Prayer. There will be a brief program. Please gather in front of City Hall. In case of rain we will meet inside.



Awards Presented



RIPLEY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, Robert P. White Lodge No. 27, presented its annual awards Thursday of last week for Man and Woman of the Year. The Ripley Exchange Club presented the Officer of the Year award. In upper photo, honorees were, from left, Jay King, Officer of the Year, and Herbert and Betty Feist as Man and Woman of the Year. Bob White, second from right, is pictured with them. In middle photo, Ed Hunt, left, received the Key Man of the Year Award. With him are his wife, Cindy, and son, Ed, Jr. In lower photo, Larry McCoy, right, introduced guest speaker, Steve Young, left, National President of the F.O.P.

Barry Bates, Exchange Club President, spoke on Jay King's life in Ripley. Jay is active in boy scouts, a graduate of Ripley High School and attended Dyersburg State Community College. He is an active member of the Ripley First Baptist Church and active with the youth groups and activities. He is involved in the Special Olympics, Relay

for Life, little league baseball and high school baseball, and is the vice-president of the booster club, a founding member of the Ripley chapter of the Peace Officers for Christ International, and is on the board of directors of the Crossroads Project, which helps with food and clothing for low income families and also assists in the placement of individuals in Christian based drug and alcohol rehab centers. Jay has been a police officer since 1978, promoted to Sergeant in 1986, named SWAT team commander in 1999, and promoted to Lieutenant in January 2001. He is married to the former Judy Williams, and has one son, Brandon, 17.

Bob White presented the Outstanding Man of the Year Award to Mr. Feist recalling his life growing up in Cologne, Germany, moving to Berlin, where his father and uncle entered into a brew-business. When the business failed, his father opened a coal and lumber shop. This hardly supported the family, with their third child, Carol, they settled in the home they built on her family land, 221 Jefferson. Her life has evolved around her family and Ripley. She has worked with meal on Wheels, Girls Scouts, fundraisers, equal opportunities, and keeping business in Ripley. Her friends are important and she is always ready to lend a helping hand. She takes pride in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild. She belongs to the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club, made up of her closest friends. She is a very generous person and gives when needed or asked. She and her husband like to play triplie and skipbo and eat out and travel when she can.

Ed Hunt received the Key Man of the Year award for his efforts with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department. He remains as busy today as when he was younger. He started to school at Curve Elementary, transferring to Ripley Elementary and graduating from Ripley High in 1976. His first job was at E. W. James, where he worked during his high school years. After graduation, he began work at Fort Pillow Prison and worked there from 1979 until 1986. He was employed by the Ripley Police Department as a patrolman in 1986 and later became Sergeant. In 1995, he joined the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, where he served as officer for the Litter Grant Program. He married Cindy on Sept. 14, 1984 and has two children, Amanda Jaye, 16, and Michael Edward, 12. He takes special interest in his children and the community he calls home. He attends Curve Baptist Church. He patrols the ball games in Halls and helps direct traffic at the games. He cleans up after all the F. O. P. meetings and keeps the yard mowed. He keeps the courtyard at the courthouse and helps when needed. He is active in the Olympics and Relay for Life. He and his brother delivered the coal, while their mother helped in the shop. His grandfather opened a store in the hilly part of central Germany and it became the first large department store in the town. He opened it in 1905 and stayed in the family until it was confiscated by the Nazis in 1938. His father was convinced that there was no future for the family after Hitler was appointed prime minister and liquidated the German Jews in five years. At the age of 14, he was still in school and a soccer player, at 16, he was brought over to St. Louis by his family that lived in St. Charles, Mo. His brother and sister went to Israel to live. November 10, 1938, his father was arrested and imprisoned in a concentration camp for operating the business. He was imprisoned in a concentration camp different than his wife, who did not know if her husband was still alive. While working in his uncle's shoe store, Mr. Feist met the love of his life and married. He served in the Army as an Intelligence Officer in Germany for the United States. After the service, he joined his father-in-law in the family business, Berg and Schafer Company. He now manages the Art Mall, actively paints, and is the treasurer for Temple Adas Israel.

Lynn Gould introduced Mrs. Betty Feist as Outstanding Woman of the Year. In his introduction, he stated she was born in Newark, New Jersey to Sam Berg and Alice Sternberger. Her life was filled with her parent's business in Ripley. Upon graduation from Ripley High School, she enrolled in Lindenwold College for Women in St. Charles, Mo., where she met the love of her life. They married May 5, 1942. The army and World War II gave them many locations to call home. After the birth of their son, Lee, and daughter Alice, and pregnant

cupants, White and Newman, were treated for lesser injuries. Mr. Pratt, a farmer, had been employed by Tipton County Farmers Co-Op. He was a member of Elon Baptist Church. Rites were Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the Abernathy family cemetery. He leaves his wife Theresa Rivers Pratt, of Ridgely; a daughter, Stephanie Pratt, of Dyersburg; a brother, Randy, of 5391 Hwy. 88 west of Halls; and two sisters, Dot Cunningham, of Halls, and Gail Gardner, of Ripley.

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Crash Claims Larry Pratt



LARRY FRANKLIN PRATT, 40, of 12249 Edith-Nankipoo Road, was fatally injured about 2:30 p.m. Saturday as one of two passengers in a 1991 Toyota pick-up driven by Elmer N. Wright, Jr., of 6252 Edith-Nankipoo Road.

According to the Tennessee Highway Patrol:

The pick-up, west-bound on Hwy. 88 west of Halls, was struck by a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier, north-bound on Cook Rd., which failed to observe a stop sign.

The Cavalier was driven by Alisha N. White, 16, of 578 Circle Drive, Halls. Her passenger was Krista Newman, of 287 Harvey Newman Road, Gates.

Elmer Wright went to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, seriously injured.

His other passenger, Douglas Wright, and the Cavalier's occupants, White and Newman, were treated for lesser injuries.

HHS BACCALAUREATE

Halls High School Seniors will hold their Baccalaureate services at 7 p.m. Tues., May 14th at Halls First United Methodist Church, 110 Gate 6 Rd. The public is invited.

Police Charge 4 After Drug Bust Shot 2?

Three adults, Steve Henderson, Larry Adams, and Richard Dewalt, and a juvenile were arrested in Halls last week and charged with simple possession of marijuana and crack cocaine, according to Halls Chief of Police Joe Pursell. Officers seized \$1,000, which will go into the drug fund, and confiscated a car with drugs; the owner is being sought.



DAVID R. COOK, 28, of Ripley, who has a gun permit, is charged with second degree murder of Ray Thomas Hayes, 31, of Ripley, and attempted murder of Donald Alberda, 41, of Ripley, about 11 p.m. Sunday in the parking lot of Mega-Mart and Huddle House on New U.S. Hwy. 51 near Ripley.

Ripley Police Chief Milford Durham says Cook shot both men in the climax to several weeks of arguments.

Alberda, air-lifted to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, is listed "stable."

Receives Award



SHIRLEY SPILLER, right, Assistant Governor for the district, was presented a plaque by Roger Charest, left, during Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Halls Gates Rotary Club. The plaque was given to Spiller in appreciation by Governor Dr. Virgil Crowder for district service.

TENURE RECEPTION

A reception to honor teachers awarded tenure will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thurs., May 9th at Ripley Elementary School, prior to the monthly board meeting. Teachers, awarded tenure April 11th, included Andrea Baynes, Kelly Campbell, Katherine Curtis, Bryan Finley, Holly Gay, Mindi Hearn, Jamie Lee, Robin Naifeh, Brandi Rickard, Corrina Watson, Gerald Boxx, Sharon Charles, Tabatha Depriest, Robin Finley, Brett Grant, Alexis Hurt, Johnny McAdams, Keith Potter, John Terry, Andrew Campbell, Angela Crowder, Emily Elkins, Chloe Gamer, Renee Harber, Jennifer Kent, Kelly McCannless, Janet Rasp, and Karen Voss.



Special Report

from
State Representative
CRAIG FITZHUGH

Weekly Newsletter from Capitol Hill in Nashville
May 6, 2002
Contact: Matt Kroplin,
Press Secretary, (615) 741-6620

Committee Hears Budget Proposals

This week, as a member of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, I heard budget proposals, from an income tax to increasing "sin" taxes. Last Wednesday, Finance Chairman Matt Kisber, D-Jackson, challenged members of the House either to support an existing proposal or to bring forth their own.

Only five members offered plans before the committee. Only three would raise sufficient revenue. House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh presented his 4.5% Flat Income Tax plan. Noting its elasticity, deductibility and adequacy, Speaker Naifeh testified that this is a fair, long-term solution being offered to solve our budget crisis. Naifeh pointed out that under his plan, Tennessee's effective tax rate would be 49th in the country, last in the Southeast, and lower than the Southeastern average tax burden by 1.6 billion.

Rep. Frank Buck, of Dowltown, presented a proposal that would raise the per-pack tax on cigarettes and on other tobacco products, raise the tax on wine, beer, and distilled spirits, extend the state's existing 6 percent Hall Tax on investment income to capital gains, and also raise the state's car tag registration fee. Similarly, a bill was presented by Rep. Bill Dunn, of Knoxville, to increase the wholesale tax on cigarettes from 13 cents to 19 cents per pack and increase the tax on alcoholic beverages.

A small raise in the so-called "sin taxes" would not generate sufficient revenue, so these plans would need to be coupled with additional revenue measures.

Kingsport Representative Keith Westmoreland's proposal would repeal most of the state's

tax code, and in its place set a 3.15 percent "unitary exchange tax" on the payment of wages, bonuses, interest or other income. The concept, which is not in place anywhere in the country, would be a simplified combination of a tax on income, a tax on services, a broadening of sales tax on goods, and a lowering of its rate.

Rep. Jack Sharp, of East Ridge, presented the complex Fowler proposal, which extends the sales tax to services and exempt goods and then calls a referendum for a constitutional convention. If the convention is called, the sales tax expansion stays in place until the constitutional convention on taxes is held. If not, then an income tax-based reform system is put in place.

As legislators, we have to seek a solution to both the short-term and the long-term fiscal situations of this state. By June 30, we must cover the projected \$480 million deficit, and we must balance and fund the budget for next year.

Each proposal presented this week deserves consideration. I remain committed to closing this year's budget in balance and to finding a long-term solution for Tennessee's fiscal situation.

Divorces

William Ewell Lenderman vs. Malisa Diane Prater Lenderman.

Jason William Hurt vs. Lindsey Dearth Hurt.

Harold Michael Vaughn vs. Tammy J. Vaughn.

Beverly Ann Keltner Champagne vs. Phillip Champagne.

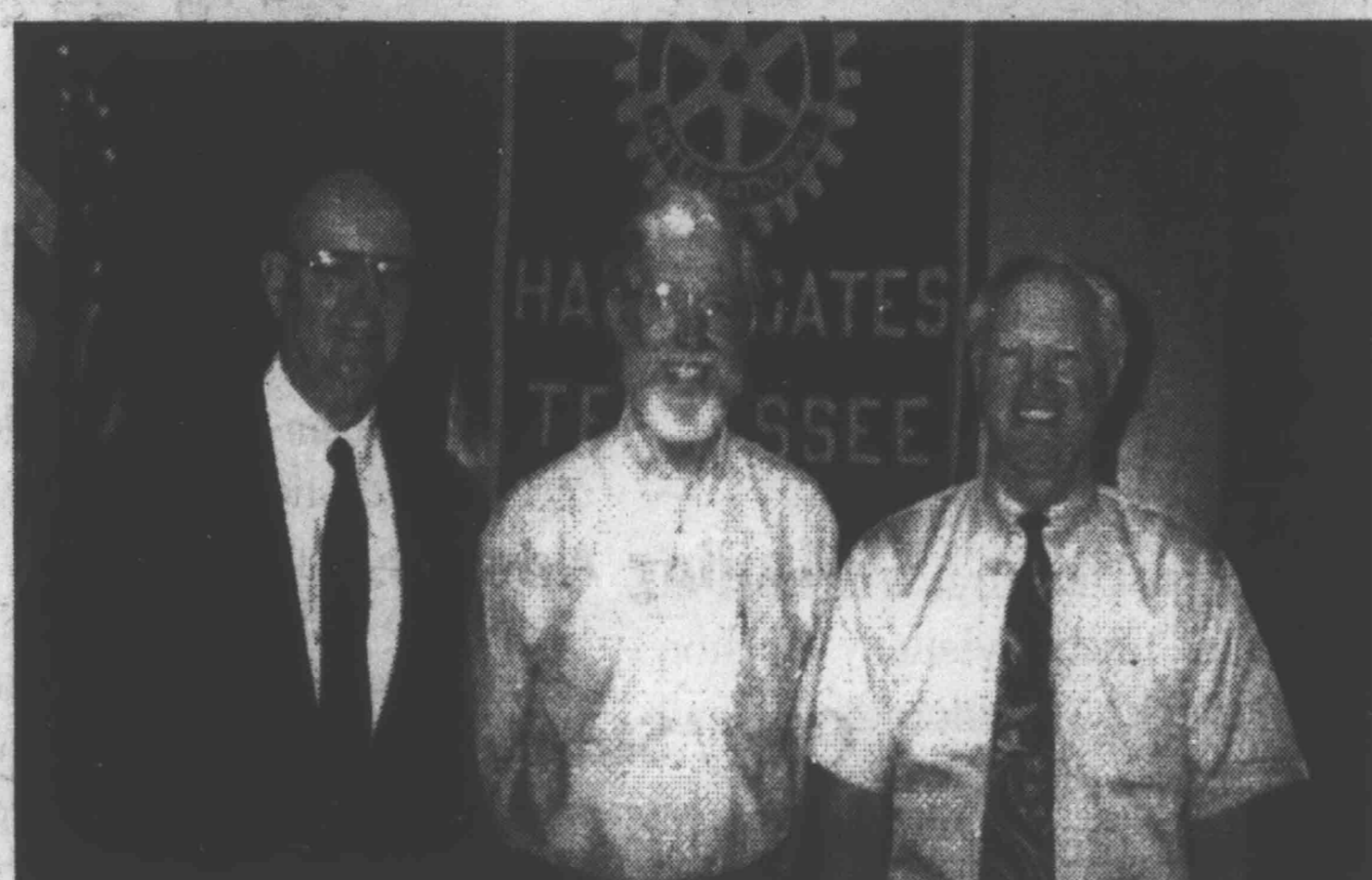
Billy Wayne Robinson vs. Patricia Ann Jackson Robinson.

F. O. P. State Officers Gather



TENNESSEE STATE OFFICERS of the Fraternal Order of Police attending the F.O.P. banquet Thurs., April 25th in Ripley High School included, from left, Jessie York, of Morristown, Sgt. at Arms; Carl Jenkins, of Knoxville, State President; Desmond Carter, of Nashville, 2nd Vice-President; Dwayne Phillips, of Nashville, National Trustee for the State of Tennessee; Mike Embry, of Atoka, State Secretary; Larry McCoy, of Ripley, State Treasurer; and Robert Yoakum, of Covington, Chairman of Trustees.

Rotary Programs



WINNERS, in upper photo, of the Drug Abuse Prevention Coloring Contest, were welcomed to Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Halls Gates Rotary Club, including, in front, from left, Austin Reynolds, Dustin Wright, Hali Conrad, Amanda Wright, Cristin Goforth, and Elizabeth Huguely, and in rear, Beth James, right, who accompanied them. Each winner received \$20.

In lower photo, Murray Hudson, center, guest speaker at the luncheon, was introduced by Warren Nunn, right, in charge of the program.

Mr. Hudson, map expert, who has a business in the former post office on Church Street in Halls, showed maps and spoke about their history.

Roger Charest, left, club president, is pictured, in both photos.

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COMPLETES TRAINING

Marine Corps Pvt. Nick R. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Williams, of 1826 Bald Knob Rd., Ripley, completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

A 2001 graduate of Halls High School, Williams and other recruits began training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Williams spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

He received instruction on the Marine Corp's core values, honor, courage, commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

The training phase was ended with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution, which culminated with a ceremony, where the Marine Corps Emblem was presented and the recruits were addressed as Marines for the first time.

Land Transfers

April 29 - Allied Properties, LP to Jeff Buckner and Missy Buckner, Dist. 2, lot.

Dorothy J. Simpson to Dorothy J. Simpson and Joseph H. Simpson, Dist. 1, lot.

Franklin D. Ward and Linda C. Ward to David B. Hamlet and Zina W. Hamlet, Dist. 8, 1.2041 acres.

April 30 - David Blakely and Patsy Blakely to Charlotte Bartlett, Dist. 2, 0.237 acres.

May 1 - J. Louis Nance and Melbahue Boles Nance to John Hudson, Dist. 17, 1 acre.

Robert L. Mann to Robert Mann, Jr. and Barbara Mann, Dist. 17, 1.0924 acres.

Anthony, Lankford, and Poston, LLC to Fisher Enterprises, LLC, Dist. 2, lot.

May 2 - Warren Nunn and Eleanor Nunn to Neil Dyer and Mary Martha Dyer, Dist. 12, lot.

Teachers Attend Coalition Rally



FIFTY LAUDERDALE county teachers, parents, educational assistants, and school board members, led by Superintendent of Schools Phillip Jackson, participated in the "Rally for Tennessee's Future" held in Nashville May 1st. Sponsored by the Coalition for Tennessee's Future, the rally brought educators and supporters of K-12 public education together from across the state. The purpose of the rally was to speak out against cutting \$450 million from K-12 education for the next budget year. Such a cut would mean 2.4 million dollars in cuts to Lauderdale County schools for the 2002-2003 school year. The legislature is expected to take up the issue of cutting the budget or raising new revenue to support education in the coming weeks.

Halls High Happenings

By Beth Sadler

Spring sports district tournaments are now in progress.

The tennis season ended with a district tournament Sat. at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In girls singles, Beth Sadler finished in the quarter finals, losing to Union City, 6-4, 6-4.

Alicia Gooch and Holly Young finished in the quarter finals in girls doubles, losing to Brownsville, 6-1, 6-3.

The baseball teams played their tournaments in Trenton this year, finals were Tues., May 7th, against Lake County. They are automatically qualified for the regional tournaments, which will be held either at Lake County or Halls, depending upon the tournament winner.

Softball teams played their tournaments at Crichfield Park in Halls, finals on Tues., May 7th, against their biggest rival, Trenton.

They are also automatically qualified for the regional tournaments, to be held at Trenton or Halls, depending on the winner.

Congratulations to all the spring sports for an outstanding season and excellent tournament play.

Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country.

—Anais Nin

I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music.

—Billy Joel

GRAND OPENING
May 11th,
8 a.m.

The Body Shoppe

400 S. Church Street,
next to Jones Warehouse Food Market
in Halls

Fitness and aerobics center for women.

Special One-Time

Sign Up Fee

May 11th - May 17th

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Inc. Tax + Sales Tax Leap? Mourned
Gov. Candidates Shun Plan

At press-time Tuesday, State House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh, of Covington, was still seeking 50 votes in the House to pass a flat 4.5% income tax, with an additional clothing exemption, and a "temporary" increase in the state sales tax of 1%, through December, 2002.

Naifeh has added to his plan to end sales taxes on food and non-prescription drugs an exemption for clothing costing less than \$100.

Income tax foes note that all but five of the 41 states which now have income taxes are having budget short-falls

And both the Democratic and Republican most-favored candidates for Governor, in this fall's elections - Phil Bredesen and Van Hilleary - have pledged to seek a repeal of any income tax the current legislature enacts.

JSCC GRADUATES

Joni Michelle Emerson and John Marshall Hines, of Halls, and Jill Hawks Sullivan, of Ripley, were among 380 graduates at Jackson State Community College in ceremonies at Oman Arena in Jackson.

USDA COMMODITIES

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by DHS and USDA, will distribute USDA commodities between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wed., May 22nd at the following locations: Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson St., and Rice Park, Watkins St., Ripley; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St., Halls; and Palmer-Turner Community Center, 655 Church St., Henning.

Commodities will be given on a first come, first served basis. If you do not have a new card, you must bring proof of income. Someone should accompany recipients, to carry the bag to the car.

Scholar Award Presented



NATHAN TOLENE, of Halls, right, was honored May 3rd at the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Business and Public Affairs Awards Banquet. He received the Faculty Scholar Award, presented by Bob Bradley, left, instructor in the department of computer science and information systems, who nominated him.



VERNON McBRIDE, Sr., 89, of 1742 Williams Switch Rd., south of Ripley, a County Court/Commission member for 29 years, died Friday in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Asbury United Methodist Church, where he was an active member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

A farmer and merchant, he had also served on the Board of Education and on the board of Farmers Union Bank.

He had enjoyed half a century of rearing Shetland ponies.

He leaves his wife of 69 years, Beulah Kate Stewart McBride; one son, Vernon, Jr., former County Court Clerk, of 1896 Williams Switch Rd.; a daughter, Barbara Sumrow, of Ripley; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

There will be no classes in Lauderdale County Schools May 23rd, due to administrative day. Reports cards may be picked up May 24th at all schools, which is an abbreviated day.

GED GRADUATION

The Lauderdale County Optional School's GED program will hold graduation ceremonies at 10 a.m. Wed., May 22nd in the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater at Ripley High School. The public is invited.

Accreditation Review



DR. PAMELA SIRMANS, right, Halls Junior High School principal, was cited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Secondary and Middle School Review Team for her instructional leadership during the reaccreditation review May 9th and 10th. HJH successfully met the requirements for reaccreditation. Ronnie Parks, left, chaired the review team. A number of commendations were made including the high degree of commitment on the part of the faculty and staff to the development of HJH students. The community support and the school's mission were lauded. Among the recommendations made by the committee were the need for additional space as 100% of available space is currently utilized, the need for a science lab, and the reduction of student/teacher ratio.



BILL REVELL, right, Dyersburg Mayor, was the featured speaker for Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Halls Gates Rotary Club. Ellen Jackson, center, in charge of the program, introduced him.

Mayor Revell, representing this area for the I-69 Highway project, had returned from

meetings in Washington and gave members an update on the project, expected to cost \$8.3 billion and to end at the Mexican border. Final decision on the proposed route through Lauderdale County is expected this fall.

Roger Charest, left, club president, is pictured with them.

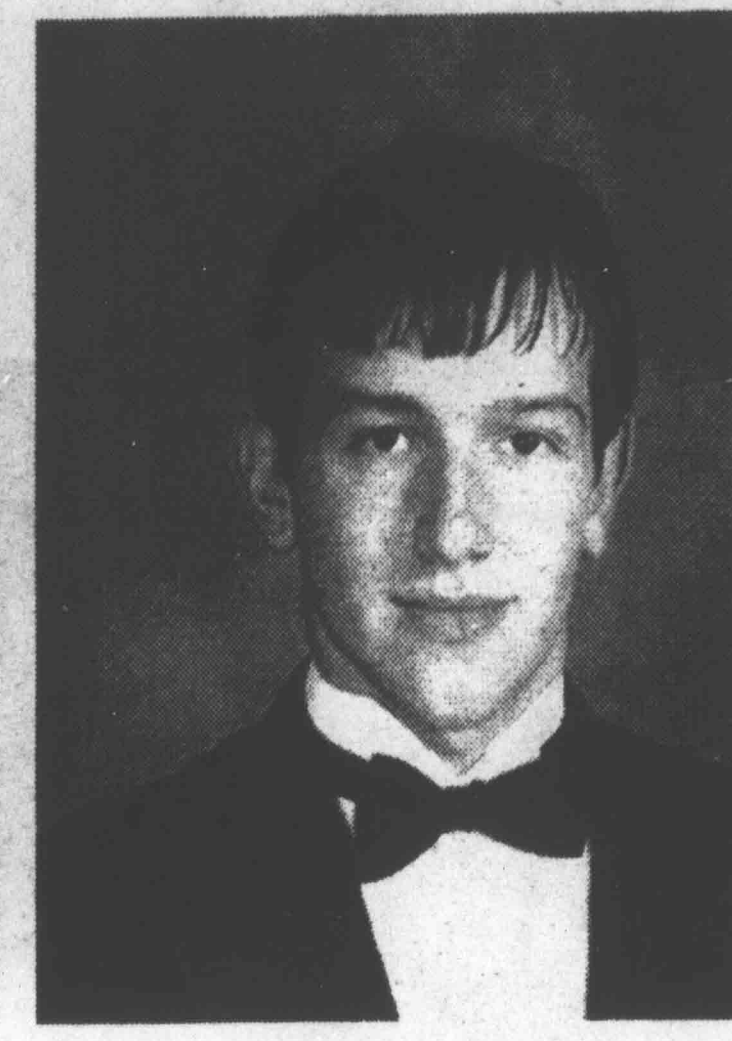
Congratulations To The Top



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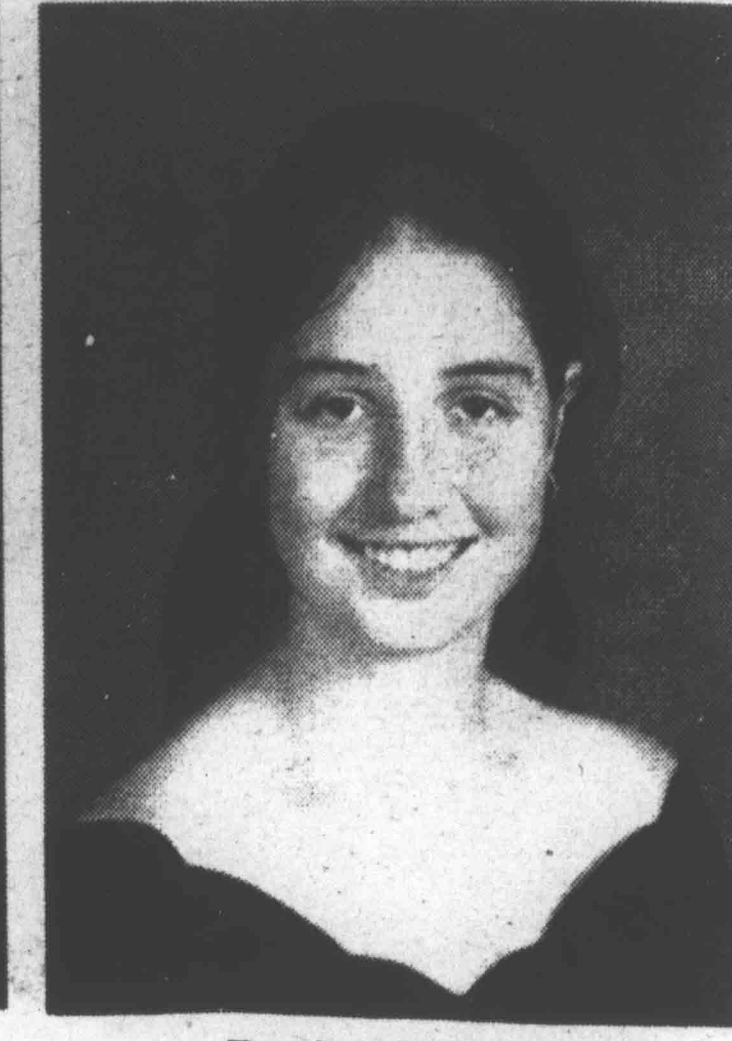
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Tyler Layne
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Lauren Bray
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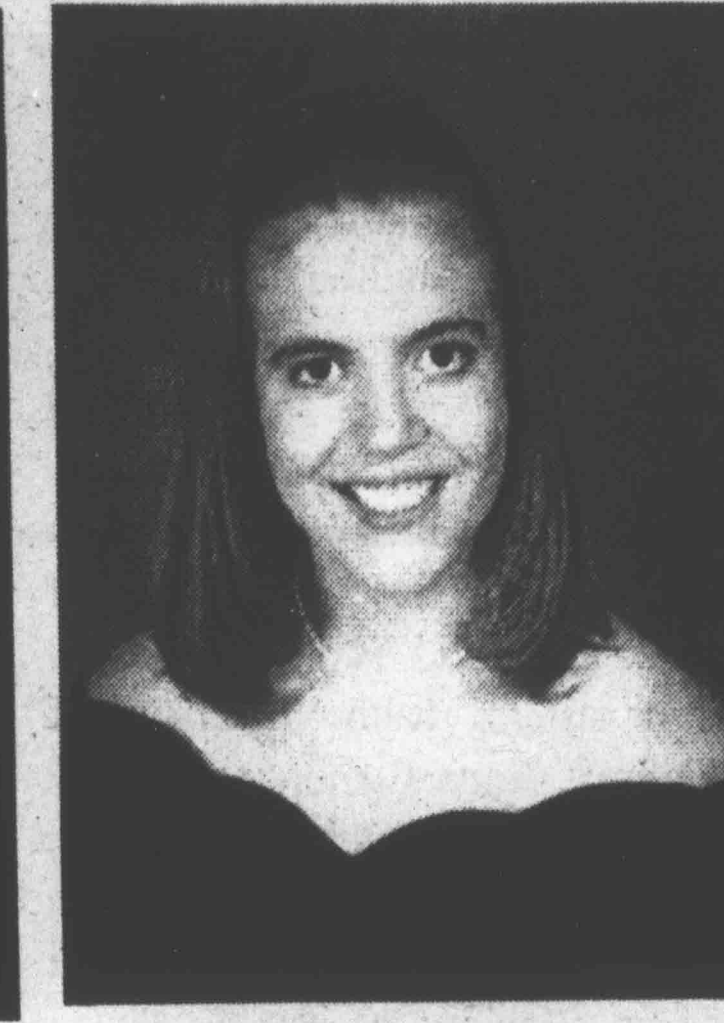
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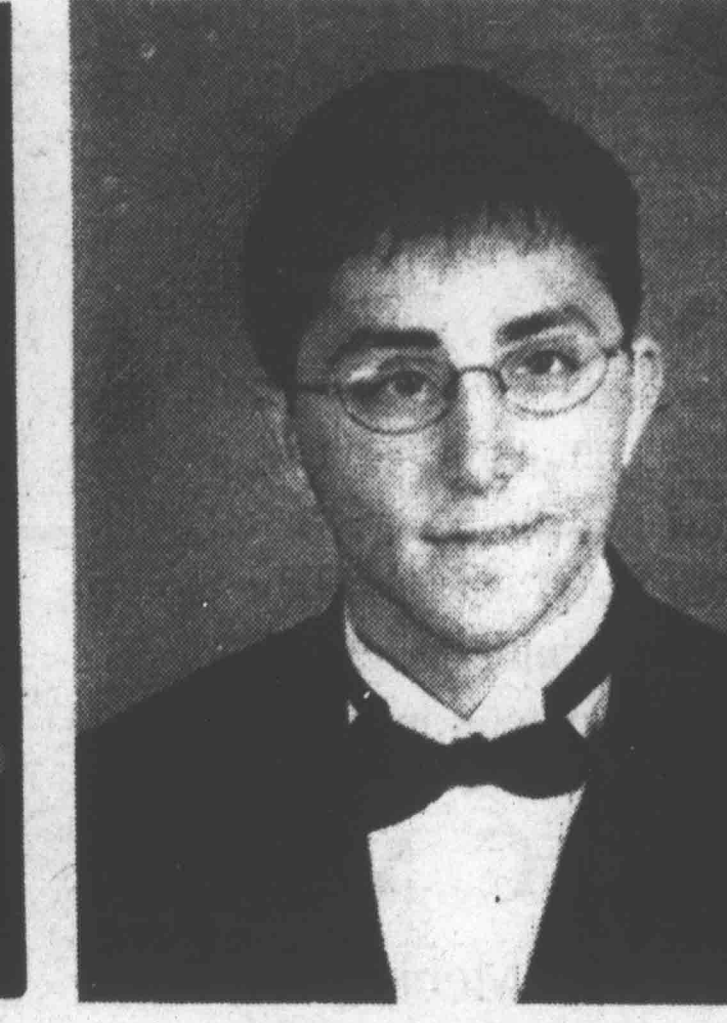
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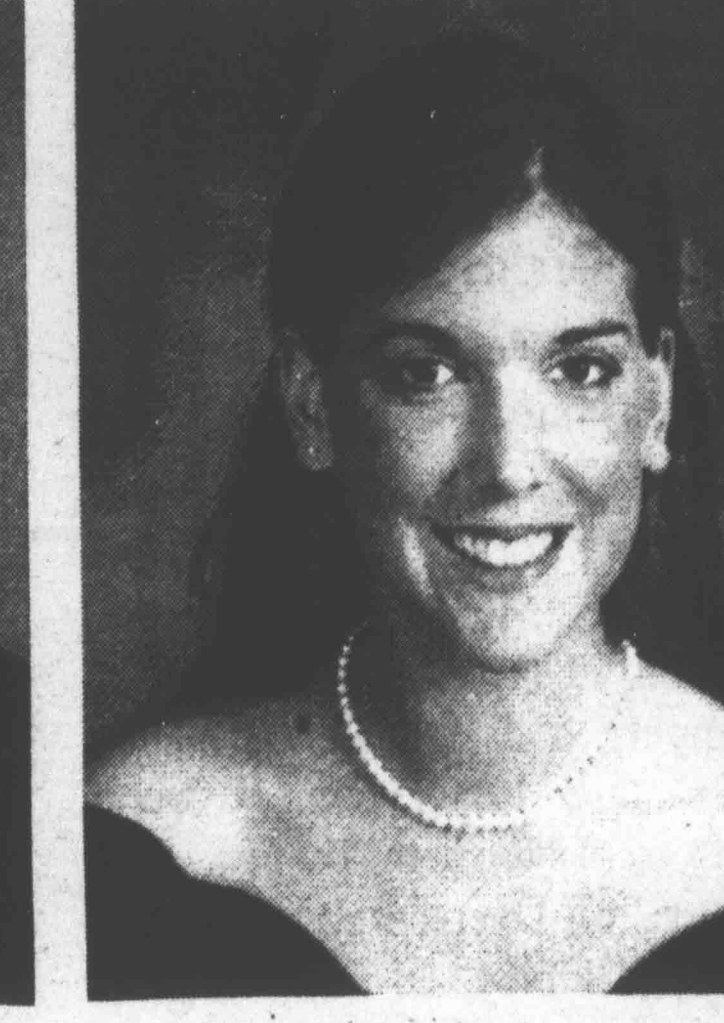
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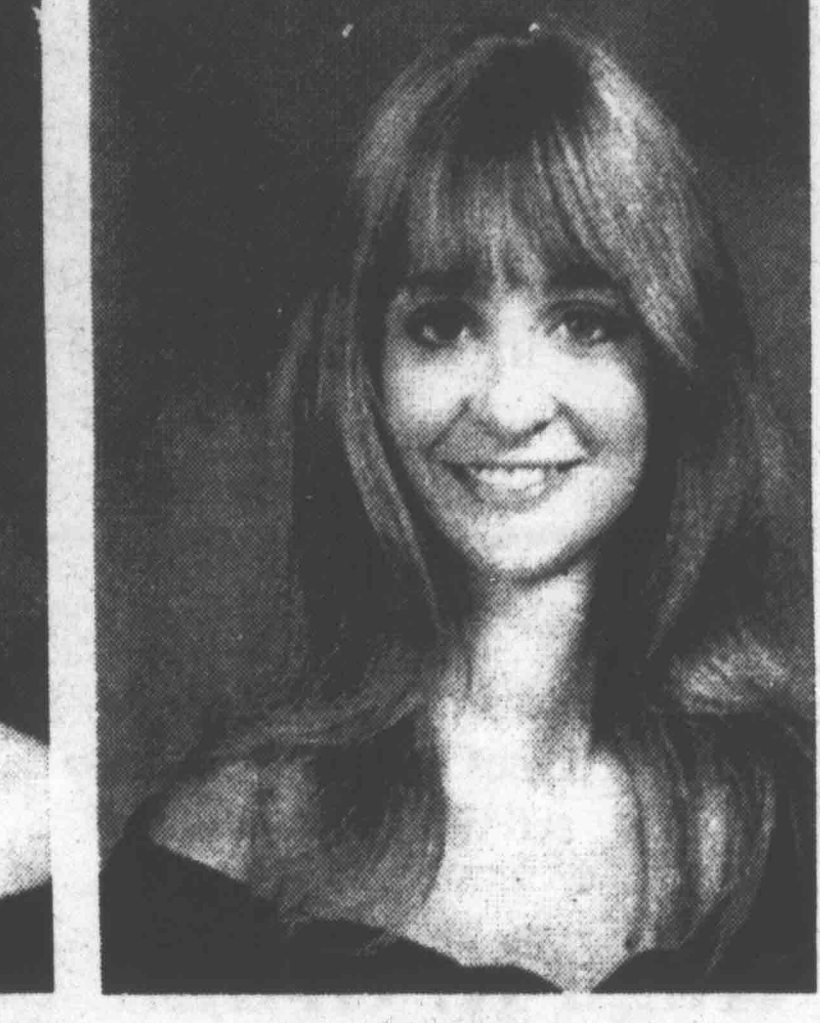
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Richard Dawson
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Julie Pickard
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Sara Herder
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Halls High Honors Day



THE HALLS HIGH SCHOOL Honors Day program was held Wednesday of last week to present scholarships and awards to students. Kristina Deaton, Allyson Jennings, Tyler Layne, and Elizabeth Webb were recognized for earning a grade point average

of 3.5 or higher with four years of upper level math and science, 85th percentile or higher in math or reading on a standardized achievement test such as the ACT, SAT, or TCAP.

Lauren Bray, Sarah Beth Cates, Kristina Deaton, Alicia

Gooch, Sarah Herder, Allyson Jennings, Tyler Layne, Heather Newlin, Julie Pickard, Kristen Throgmorton, Dallas Watson, Elizabeth Webb, Rachel Wilson, Brent Wooster, and Holly Young will receive honor diplomas for taking four years of honor or AP English, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry or higher level math and science with a GPA of 3.0.

Receiving scholarships and awards were Allyson Jennings and Richard Dawson, Arnold Academic; Sarah Allen, Bank of Ripley; Wade Privett, C. N. Armour, Jon M. Moore FFA, and Tanner Trust; Holly Young, Baptist Hospital League Volunteers; Elizabeth Buffaloe, Key Corner Marketing; Richard Dawson, Lauderdale County Council of Arts; Sarah Beth Cates, Lauderdale County Foundation Merit Scholarship; Rachel Wilson and Alicia Gooch, Lauderdale County Education Association; Richard Dawson, Lauderdale County School Food Service; Kristen Throgmorton and Courtney Smith, M. L. Jones Memorial; Keri Ivory, Masonic Scholarship; Allyson Jennings and Julie Pickard, David R. and Mildred W. Nunn; Allyson Jennings, Ross W. Dyer Memorial; Kristina Deaton, Union Planters National Bank; Brandon Dixon, Josh Morrison, and Mark Norman, U. S. Army Montgomery GI Bill; Kristina Deaton and Richard Dawson, Will R. Manier (Halls-Gates Rotary Club); Shelly Alston, Jerrica Barnes, Brittney Eison, Marquita Holloway, Keri Ivory, Courtney Smith, Miranda Staryhorn, Elizabeth Webb, Dyersburg State Community College; Jerrica Barnes and Marquita Holloway, Tennessee State University; Allyson Jennings, Sara Herder, and Julie Pickard, Union University; Scott Johnson, Clint Herron, Sara Herder, Tyler Layne, and Rachel Wilson, University of Memphis; Alicia Gooch, Clint Herron, Julie Pickard, Wade Privett, Kristen Throgmorton, Elizabeth Webb, and Holly Young, University of Tennessee at Martin; Sarah Beth Cates, Murray State University; Lauren Bray, Samford University; Lauren Bray, Melinda Milam, and Salena Bell, Art; Allyson Jennings and Courtney Smith, Athletic; Elizabeth Buffaloe, Business; Richard Dawson, Drama; Julie Pickard, Elizabeth Webb, Sara Herder, Tyler Layne,

Sarah Beth Cates, Rachel Wilson, Kristina Throgmorton, and Allyson Jennings, English; Allyson Jennings, French; Elizabeth Buffaloe and Jamie Collins, Service Learning; Kristina Deaton, Mathematics; Allyson Jennings, Science and Social Studies; Kristina Deaton and Lauren Bray, Spanish; Allyson Jennings, Balfour; Keri Ivory, Booker T. Washington; Lauren Bray, D.A.R.; Allyson Jennings, Principal's Leadership Award; Salena Bell, University of Memphis and Union University; and Richard Dawson, Rotary Youth of the Year.

The top ten freshmen are

Ashley Akins, Brooke Barnes, Jessica Bentley, Jennifer Buntin, Elizabeth Goodwin, Bailey Hutcherson, Jessica Matthews, Rachel McCaslin, Erin Shands, and Derrica Simmons; sophomores, Blake Brewster, Heather Cowen, Kristina Edwards, Kari Escue, Sallye Rae Hartman, Tyler Moore, Julie Pratt, Beth Sadler, Kevin Ward, and Angie Green; and juniors, Mary Lee Bales, Lauren Bivens, Amanda Britt, Jennifer Broglin, Sarah Callender, Rachel Hammond, Leighann Harris, Leslie McGarrity, Krista Newman, and Brandee Masterson.



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Stephanie Akins
Constance Alexander
Amanda Arroyo
Marie Baltimore
Alisha Barbee
Marquita Barnes
Jennifer Beasley
Bradley Benjamin
Travis Beraud
Brandon Bernard
Andrea Bonds
Daniel Brabec
Eric Braden
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Marquita Brown
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Marian Byars
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Amber Carneil
Melanie Carter
Henry Carter
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Krunal Chauhan
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Shandeitra Gaines
Kristina Grammer
Jereld Graves
Cornelius Graves
Mary Elizabeth Graves
Emmanuel Green
Herlando Gwynn
Danielle Halliburton
Shirley Hammond
Timothy Harrell
Jason Hayes
Hermando Hayes
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Jonathan Helwig
Cristal Henning
Adriana Irigoyen
Ricky Jackson
Annette Jackson
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Cynthia Johnson
Renee Jones
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Brandon King
Tiffany Kirby
Kristen Kirkpatrick
Clayton Kirkpatrick
Clay Kissell
Cristan Littles
April Lovelady
Jaqueeta Maben
Lucas Mackerway
William Macklin

James Rucker
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Kathy Sanders
David Sanders
Melissa Scott
Rozelle Scott
Shana Sims
Robert Sims
Rachel Smith
Justin Snow
Lisa Spray
Pepper Stilwell
Alecia Taylor
Lyndsey Thebeau
Sarah Thompson
Keocean Thornton
James Todd
Sharketha Toomes
Lakesha Turner
Sheena Tyus
Charlie Ward
Nicholes Ward
Kimberly Watkins
Richard Webb
Brandon Wells
Lakendia Wesley
Amanda Whaley
Brandy Williams
Consuela Williams
Will Williams
VonShola Williams
Brandi Williamson
Chris Wong
Shondeidra Wynn
Major Young

The Ripley High School list of graduates is incomplete, pending the outcome of final tests.

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Salena Elizabeth Bell
Steven Carl Beiton
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Darrrel Kyle Chessor
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Alicia Dee Gooch
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Isalah Aaron Lee Hayes

Sara Nicole Herder
Clint S. Herron
Heather Lynn Hickman
Marquita Rochell Holloway
Keri Shavonne Ivory
William Dunaway Jacques
Dabnie Paige James
Alyson Leigh Jennings
Scott O'neal Johnson
Quentin Maurice Jones
Roy T. Kitzmiller
Ryan Klutts
Joshua Tyler Layne
Dustin Jackson Lee
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Shaina Nicole Matthews
Lindsay Joanne McBroom
Eric Paul McCadney
Keston Deshaun McCadney
Marquez Myron McKinney
Melinda Faye Milam
Leatha Camille Moore
Joshua James Morrison
Danyale Rene' New

Heather Renee' Newlin
Mark Allen Norman
Julie Marie Pickard
Wade Carson Privett
Stacey Marie Reynolds
Stacie L. Rogers
Terri Shvonne Rouser
Mark Anthony Simpson
Billy Smith
Courtney Durrell Smith
Willie Lee Spivey
Caleb Hunter Steelman
Matthew Allen Stephens
Miranda Lynn Strayhorn

Kristen Nicole Throgmorton
Jessica Allyse Todd
Sharonda Monique Treadway
Brian D. Trevillian
Maurice Marshawn Vasser
Ronnie Lynn Ward, Jr.
Dallas Lynn Watson
Tammy Leigh Watts
Elizabeth Diane Webb
Dustin Logan White
Jamie Harvey Wilson
Rachel Delynn Wilson
Brent Allen Wooster
Holly Denise Young

As the future leaders of our community, now's your chance to
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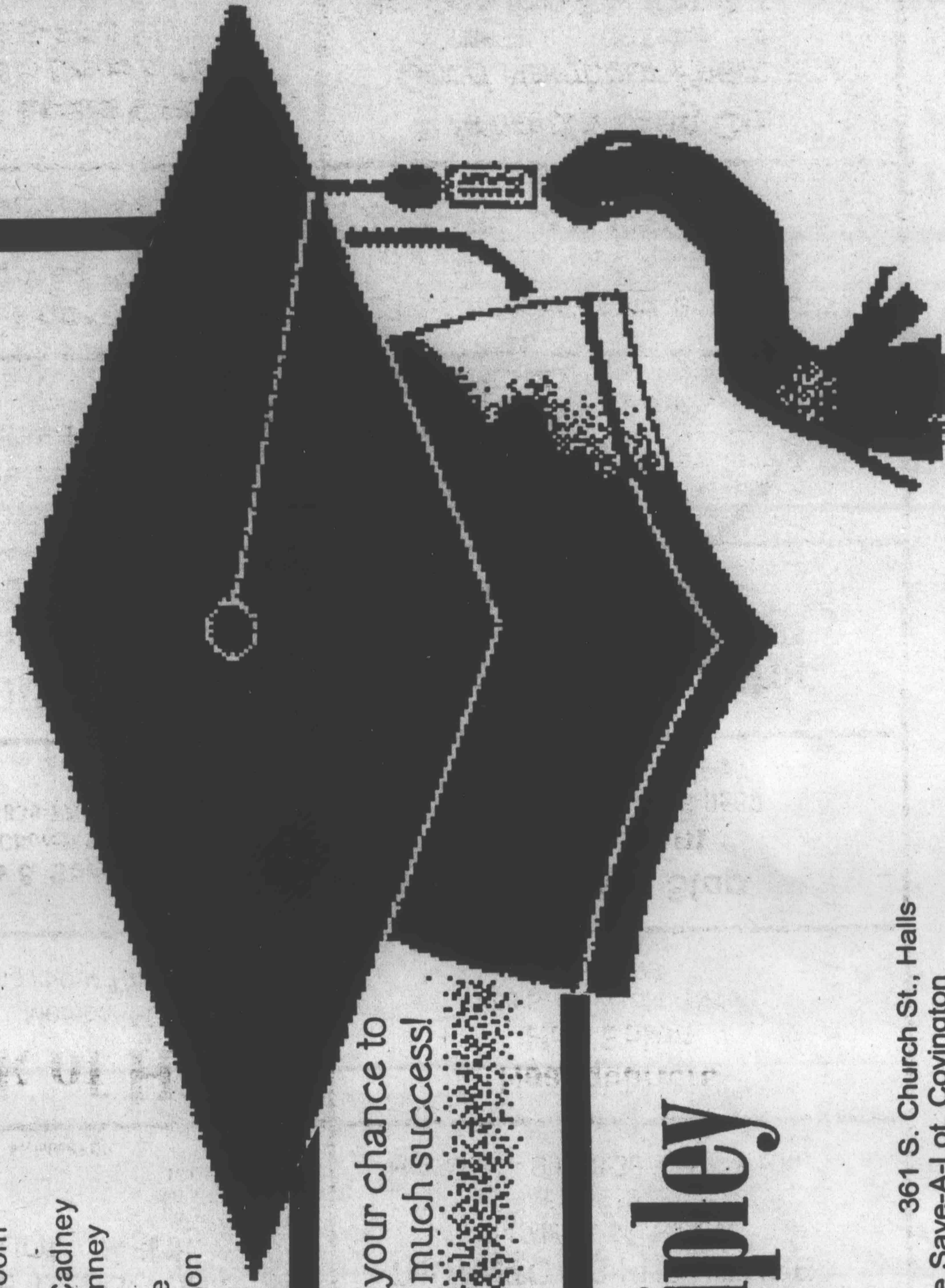
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ALICIA GOOCH
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ISAIAH HAYES
WILL JACQUES
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KERRI IVORY

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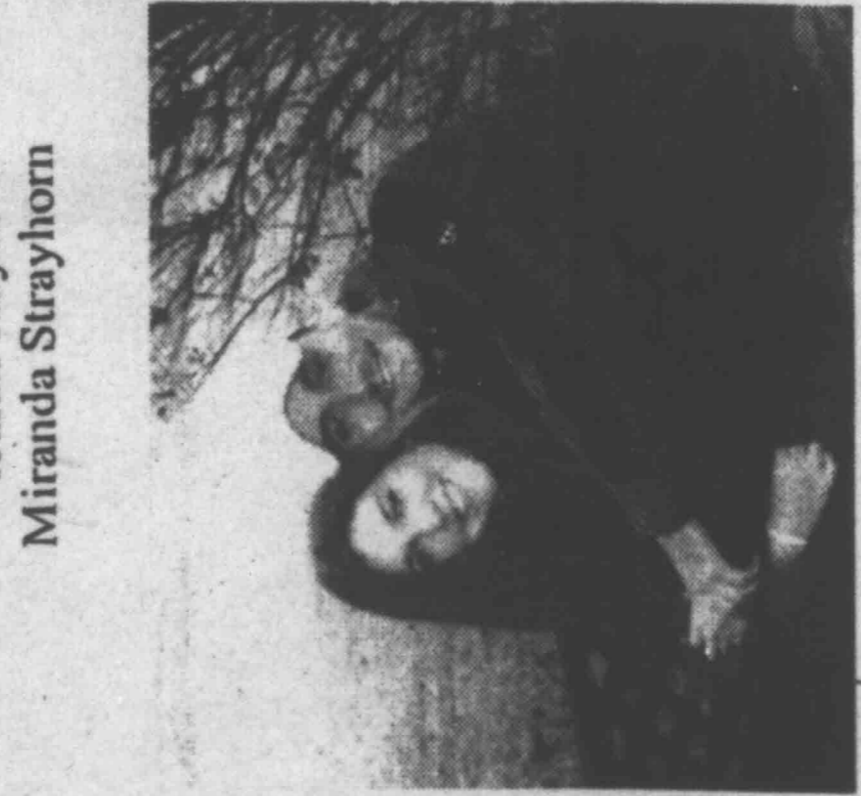
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Dyersburg State Honors Students

Area students and leaders recognized at the annual Honors Convocation Sun., April 28th at Dyersburg State Community College, honoring student and community leaders for academic excellence and service to the college, included Jonathon Mooney, Phi Theta Kappa, vice-president for scholarship, and Karen A. Bowyer Presidential Scholarship to the University of Memphis; YaWanda Hubbard, Student Government Association, assisting with student activities projects; and Penny Lee, Administrative Office Support, top AOS graduate, highest grade point average.

Recognized for the Dean's List were April Diane Dowell, Kelli Renee' Haislip, Linda C. Hogue, Jonathon D. Mooney, Angela Denise Steelman, Laura Michelle Walker, Jimmy Russell Carroll, Jr., Penny Louise Lee, and Katrina Danae Smith. Honored by Who's Who Among Students in America Junior Colleges 2001-2002 were Kimberly Diane Britthouer, Patti Marie Cagle, Deborah Demeris, April Diane Dowell, Penny Louise Lee, Andrea Gilliland Marbray, Jonathon D. Mooney, Rachel A. Young, and Jennifer Lynn Ziemianin.

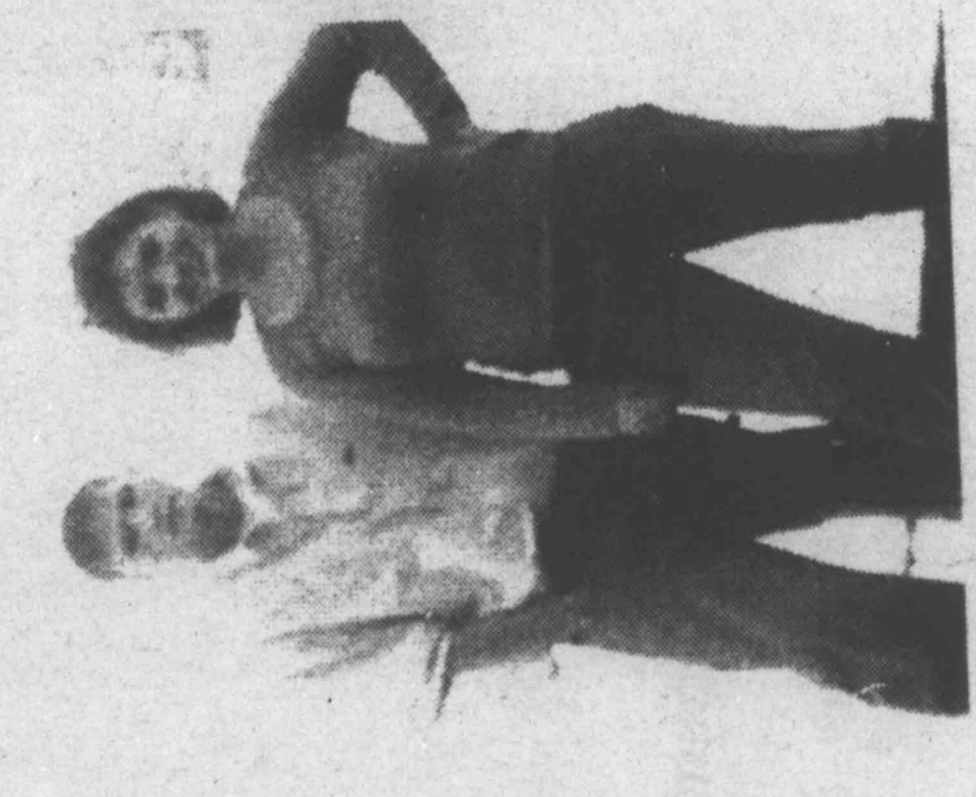
Halls High Happenings

By Beth Sadler

Halls High School students are excited as they complete their last full week of school, this week. Next week, students will spend the first two days for exams, before leaving for summer break. Summer plans include, swimming, vacations, sports camps, church camps, sleeping in, and relaxing. Hang in there, students! Only a few more days!



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Billy Smith
Ronnie Ward
Elizabeth Buffaloe



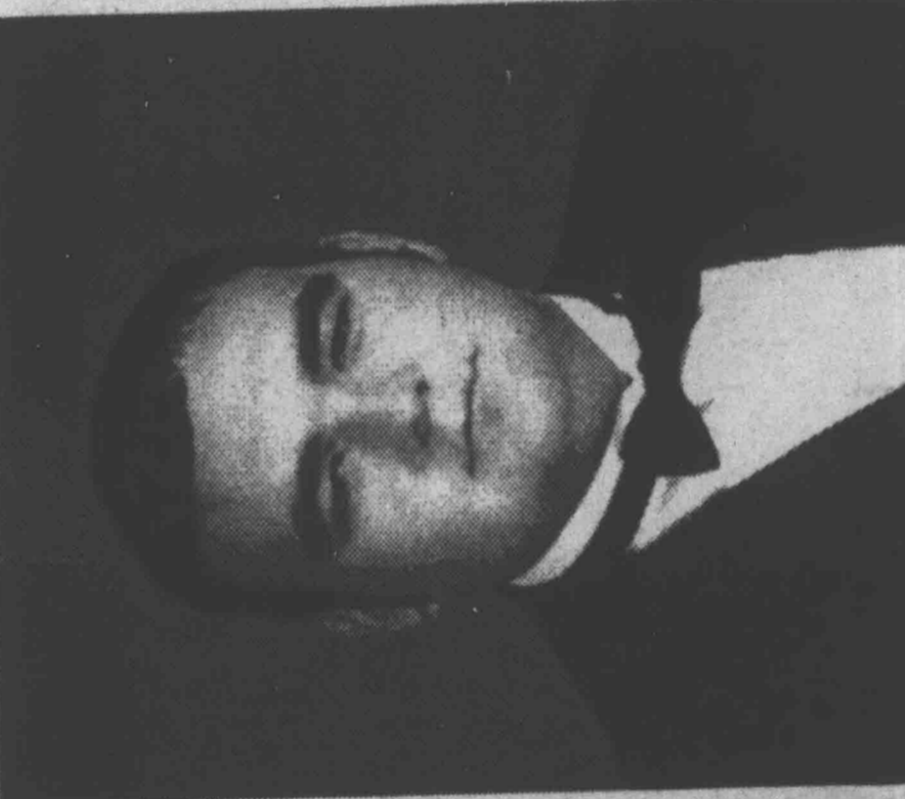
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Stefanie Ammons



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MOST UNIQUE PERSONALITY
Dabnie James
Ray Kizsmiller



MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED
Holly Young
Maurice Vassar

Land Transfers

May 3 - Katherine B. Wiggins to Agape Properties LLC, Dist. 12, 0.941 acres.
Betty L. Moore to Emmett James Harding, Jr., Dist. 6, 0.91 acres.
Veston Ellis and Clifford Dwight Ellis to Clifford Heath Ellis and Pamela M. Ellis, Dist. 7, 1.00 acres.
Clifford Dwight Ellis and Clifford Heath Ellis and Pamela M. Ellis, Dist. 7, 1.00 acres.
Gordon Lee Thompson, Trustee, and Norma Lee Thompson, Estate to Gordon Lee Thompson, Dist. 6, 0.36 acres.
George E. Bentley to Jeremy L. Rogers and Nicole Ellen Riley, Dist. 8, 0.75 acres.

May 6 - Jimmy Buckner and Susan Buckner to Jerry Leggett and Myra Leggett, Dist. 7, 2.1224 acres.
Jerry Buckner, Donna Buckner, Charles S. Cherry, Cynthia B. Cherry, Thomas A. Davis, Pamela Joyce Davis, and Jerry Buckner to Tawanna Smith, Dist. 3, lot.



WILL BIRD, right, 19, son of Allen and Janice Bird, of the Forked Deer community, was selected to serve as State President of the Tennessee Future Farmers of America Association for 2002-2003 at the annual convention May 5th-7th in Gatlinburg. A 2001 graduate of Halls High School, he served as president of the Halls FFA Chapter his

The Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency crop reporting dates are as follows:
May 31st, small grains (Fall and Spring planted); May 31st, fruits and vegetables (Spring planted); July 15th, all other crops, except small grains and tobacco; July 15th, fruits and vegetables (Summer planted); Sept. 30th, fruits and vegetables (Fall planted); July 31st, Burley Tobacco.

For NAP eligibility purposes, the final reporting date is the earlier of the established date or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing. If you have any questions concerning these dates, please contact the Lauderdale County FSA Office at 301 Lake Drive, Suite B or call (731) 635-7686.

Missy Hammond, left, is the Halls FFA advisor. In lower photo, Halls High School changed the sign in front of the school, congratulating Will on the accomplishment. The Tennessee FFA Association has approximately 13,000 members in 180 chapters across the state.

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PAUL MEADOWS announces his candidacy for re-election to the office of Lauderdale County Trustee.

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I was born in the Edith community, attended Lauderdale County schools and graduated from Halls High School. I now reside in Central. It has been my privilege to be a member of southern gospel quartets for more than fifty years. This experience at various times allowed me to be apart of the worship services of virtually every denomination of Christian churches in the Mid-South.

A friend once said to me, 'each person should contribute something to the community in which they live'. I was aware of the need for adequate sound equipment at the functions of various schools, civic organizations, churches, and local industries. For thirty-five years I had the pleasure of providing this service. While doing this, I had the honor and privilege to meet and work with many wonderful people who were focused on the betterment of our community.

This office is our primary

SCHOOL PROGRAM

Ripley High and Halls High School students who were not successful in English, geometry, or science may extend their regular program during the month of June if the final average of their courses were no lower than 55. Make-up sessions will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 3rd through June 28th. Cost for each course is \$125. A total of two courses may be made up for \$250. Any Out-of-county residents will pay \$175 per course.

Registration will be held at each high school at 8 a.m. Mon., June 3rd, with classes beginning that day. Students are asked to bring final report cards and registration fees at that time. A minimum of twelve students is necessary in order for the classes to be taught.

County and school policies will be adhered to at all times for the summer session. There will be no refunds for students who are dismissed for discipline or attendance reasons. Absences must be made up by contracting with the school at an additional per hour charge.

For further information, contact the office at each high school, Ripley High School at 635-2542; Halls High School, at 836-9642.

source of income. One of the greatest aspects of my job has been assisting the deserving senior citizens of this county in receiving more than ten thousand tax rebates totaling in excess of half of one million dollars over the past thirty years. These special people had a part in shaping Lauderdale County into the wonderful place in which we live today.

Two years ago, I was involved in an auto accident. I would like to again say thanks for your prayers and concerns during that trying time. I will do my best to contact each of you personally to ask for your support. I humbly solicit your vote for Paul Meadows, Trustee. Thank you," said Mr. Meadows.

Candidate



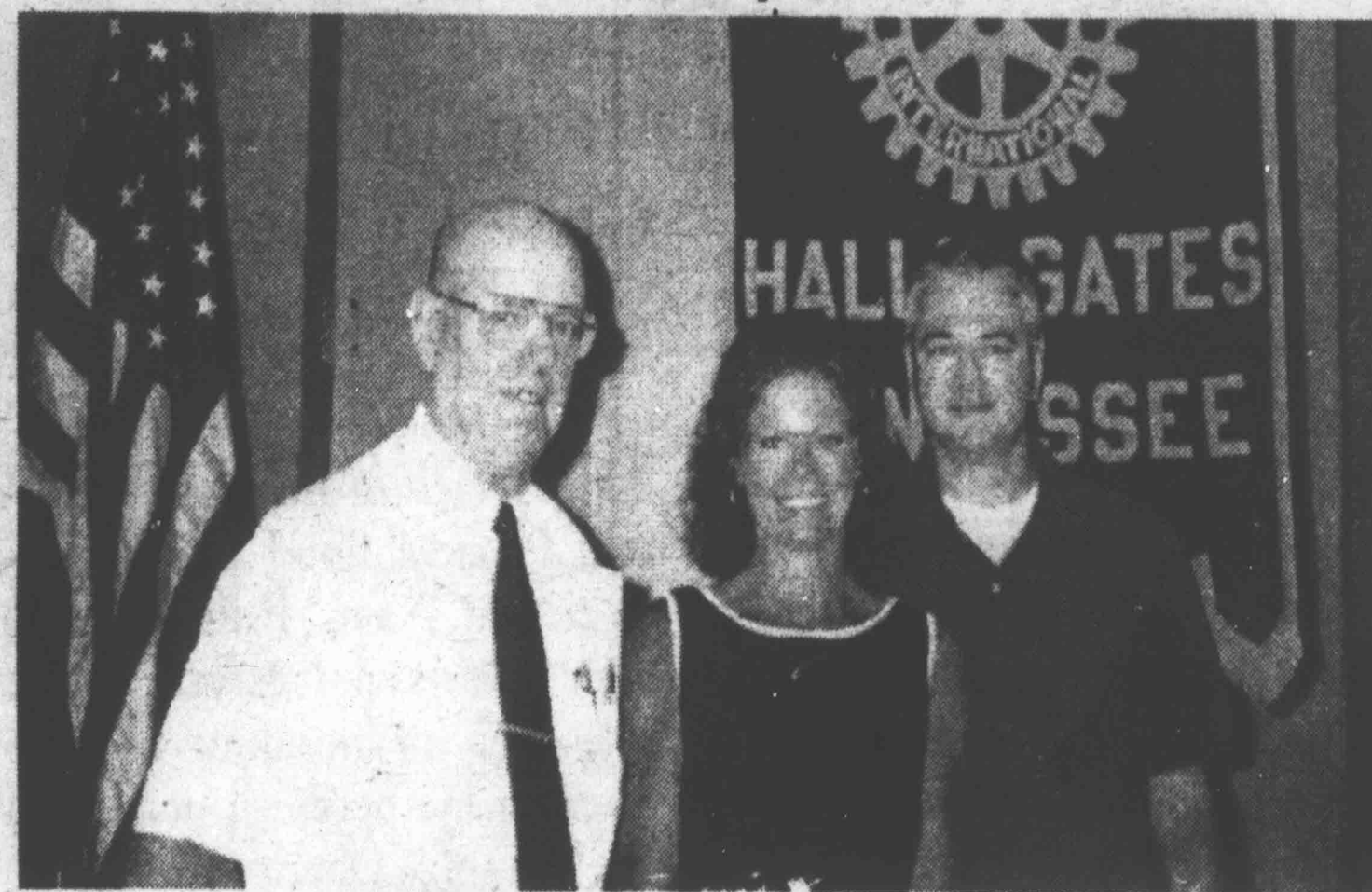
RONNIE ETHERIDGE has announced his candidacy for the position of Lauderdale County Court Clerk.

"I live in the Mary's Chapel community of Lauderdale County. I am a native of this county for 37 years. I have a wife, Terrie, who is employed at Ripley Residential Care Center. We have three children, Brian, 16, Brittany, 14, and Byron, 11, who all go to school here in the county. I am currently employed with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department. I have worked for Ripley Housing Authority, Dew Pest Control, and have had two businesses in the past here in the county. I am very interested in the County Clerk's position in Lauderdale County. I feel that the clerk's office is for the people and should be available for the people. The work hours should be longer than just four and a half days a week, and also friendly faces, make friendly faces. Please help make a change in the County Court Clerk's Office. Vote and elect me, Ronnie Etheridge, County Court Clerk Aug. 1st. Your support will be greatly appreciated," said Mr. Etheridge.

DEAN'S LIST

Joni Michelle Emerson, of Halls, was named to the dean's list at Jackson State Community College. She maintained a 3.5 to 4.0 grade point average to achieve this recognition.

Featured Speaker



RICHARD BUNTIN, right, was the featured speaker for Monday's regular luncheon meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. He was introduced by Jayme Buntin, center, in charge of the program.

Mr. Buntin, extension agent and crop advisor for

Lauderdale County Agriculture Extension Service, spoke on lawn care, answered questions, and presented a video.

Roger Charest, club president, left, is pictured with them.

Cumberland Signs Halls High Student

Marie Vickers, daughter of Trish Turner, of Knoxville, student at Halls High School, was signed by Cumberland College head coaches, Jon Campbell, volleyball, and Angie Dean, softball, to play volleyball and softball for the Patriots, when she enrolls in the fall. Cumberland College is in Williamsburg, Ky.

Chamber To Hold Planning Meeting

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Tomato Festival planning committee meeting, at 3 p.m. Fri., May 24th at the chamber office. Anyone interested in joining the committee should attend. For more information, call 635-9541.

Two Men Rescued Sunday After Night In Duck Blind

Brian Baker and Michael Bowers, of Lauderdale County, were rescued Sunday after spending the night in a duck blind, wrapped in nets to keep warm, and stranded without a boat.

rough and fearing the boat would capsize, they tied up at a duck blind about four miles north of Chisholm Lake.

According to Sheriff Louis Craig, the two men, attempting to check fishing lines in the Mississippi River backwater Saturday morning, returned because of rough water. They ventured out again late Saturday afternoon, the water turned

The Lauderdale County Rescue Squad and Sheriff's Department were notified. After searching with approximately ten boats in the river, a small plane was obtained to join the search. Shane Davis and Danny Beard, of the Lauderdale County Water System, spotted the men and notified authorities of their position. They were rescued a short time later.

Awarded



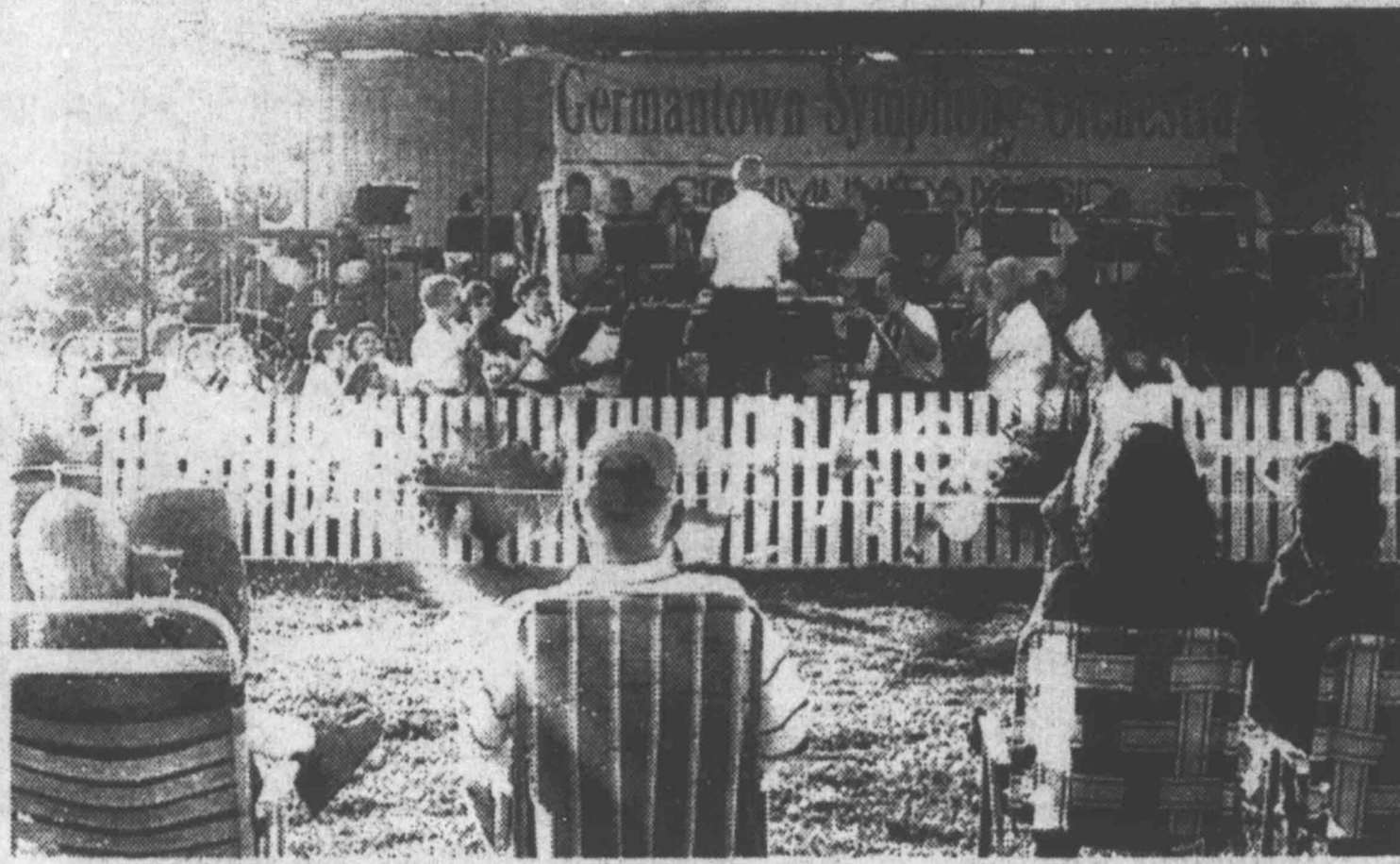
LOGAN LUCK, 11, son of Donnie and Lynne Luck, of Halls, was awarded the Boy of the Year 2002 by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Tennessee Chapter Memphis Office at a banquet in Memphis May 11th. The banquet was attended by his parents, brother, grandmother, Patsy Bowie, and his aunt, Debra Danley, all of Halls. Logan was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in 1998 and is in remission after extensive treatments at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. He is a very active young man and has participated in many charity events to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the Ronald McDonald House. Logan is home-schooled, and enjoys video games and action figures and playing with his brother, Conor, 10, who attends First Presbyterian Christian School in Dyersburg. Logan dreams of one day becoming a FBI agent.

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pointed Constable, 3rd District, 2001.

My educational background includes, graduate of Ripley High School, Associate Degree, Criminal Justice, graduate of F.B.I. Academy, Quantico, Va. Gambling Technology, University of Memphis, What lies ahead in law enforcement, 1967, University of Memphis, Current problems in law enforcement, 1968, Supervisory Management Skills School, 1976, Law enforcement Education Development School, F.B.I., 1993, taught undercover investigation at Police Academy, Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction Seminar,

Symphony Performs



THE GERMANTOWN Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert at 6:30 p.m. June 1st at the Ripley City Park, presented by the Lauderdale County Council of Arts, in association with the Tennessee Arts Commission and the greater Memphis Arts Council. This is the fourth year the symphony has performed for the Arts Council's "Pops In The Park" series. The program consists of poplar music as well as light classical selections. They will perform *The Armed Forces Salute*, during which those who served in the military will be honored.

The Lauderdale County Council of Arts invites the public to attend, bring a lawn chair and a picnic basket, and enjoy this free family concert.

2000, Commissioned Police Officer through Tennessee, P.O.S.T., implemented creative approaches to fighting crime such as Drug Task Force, Gang Task Force, Reserve Police Units, Bicycle Patrols, Buckle Up America campaign, Community Policing, and picnics in the Housing Projects and Parks.

My personal information includes, crosses Racial, Social, and Economic boundaries to represent all citizens of Lauderdale County. I will work to bring integrity and fairness to Lauderdale County while fighting crime to a stand still. Forty-two years in law enforcement, Tina Turner Child Abuse Board Member, a member of the Ripley Rotary Club, and Crime Stoppers Board.

I am a family man, married to Harriet for 46 years. We have four children, and seven grandchildren.

My platform and objectives will follow in the weeks to come.

With your help we can make a difference," said Mr. King.

BellSouth Offers New Assistance

BellSouth customers in Tennessee have access to a new service through directory assistance, reverse search. The new service, charged at the same 29¢ rate as local directory assistance calls, allow customers to call with a phone number from anywhere in the country and be given the name and address associated with that number.

As with regular directory assistance, names and addresses are provided only if the phone number is published. The service does not extend to non-published, private, or wireless numbers.

Bench Dedicated



Friends of Library To Hold Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold its monthly book sale from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in the green building behind the Lauderdale County Library, 120 Lafayette St., Ripley. The sale, run by the Do-So FCE Club, will feature a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books for sale. All proceeds benefit the Library. For more information, call 731-635-1872.

Nationwide reverse search calls are charged at the rate of 85¢ per call, the same as regular assistance calls. Two searches are permitted per call.

VETERANS and POWs were honored Saturday by the Lauderdale County Republican Women's organization as they dedicated a bench at the new Veteran's Park on the South corner of the Ripley Square. Debby Jenkins, president, gave a short program on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Carlton Gay, right, a POW for 33-1/2 months during the Korean War, was present with other veterans and guests, including, from left, Ripley Mayor Richard Douglas, James Jenkins, Rufus Smith, Herbert Capell, James Ray, and Dennis Sadler, plus, not pictured, Lauderdale County Executive Rozelle Criner, Sheriff Louis Craig, and Judge Janice Craig.



First Baptist Church of Halls

*invites
all Children age two through sixth grade
to join us for*

Amazon Outfitters

*Come deep into the Amazon Rain Forest
with the Amazon Outfitters-On Expedition
with the One True God Vacation Bible School!
We will take this journey June 3-7
beginning each day at 8:30 and ending at
11:30 A.M. Bring your children and let them
enjoy this week of activities. If your child
needs a ride, please call the church office -
836-7116 - and we will make arrangements
to have them picked up.*

*Come
Hang Out
With Us.*



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June 3-7 - 8:30 -- 11:30 A.M. daily

