

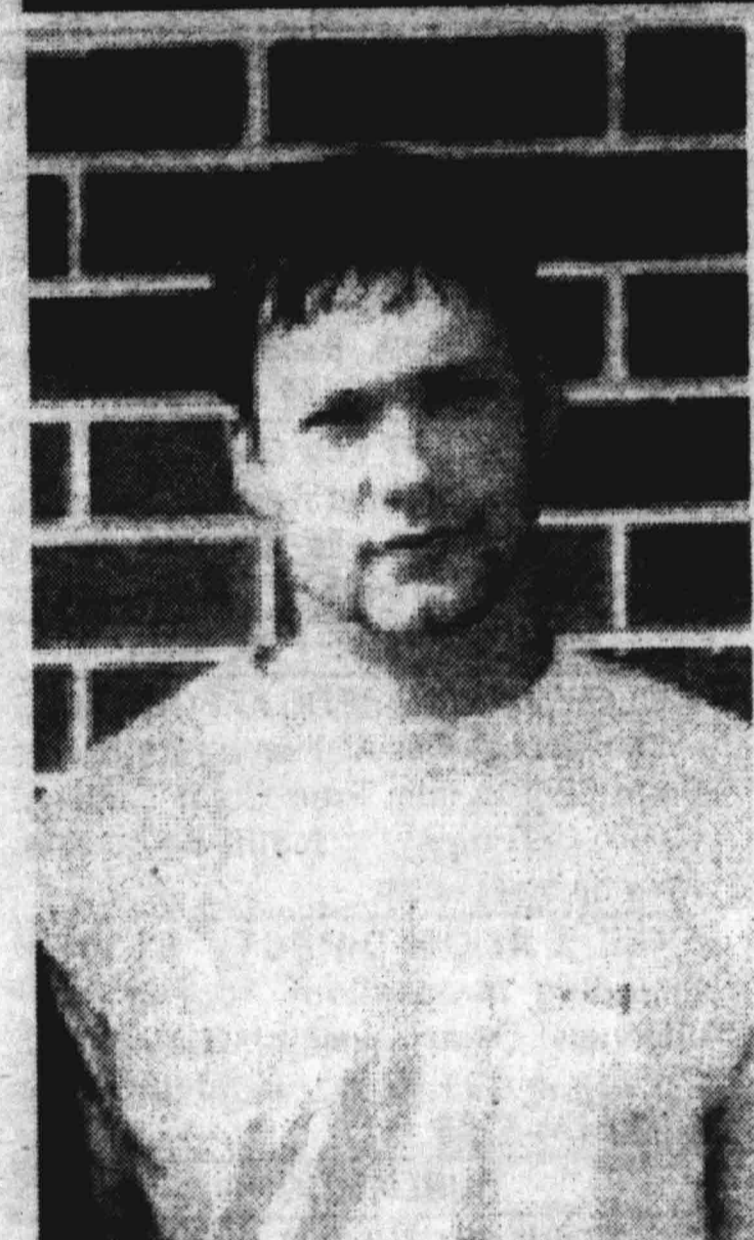
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April 20th

Accident Fatal To Halls Teen



NICK HARTSFIELD

NICHOLAS ELLIOTT HARTSFIELD, 18, son of Gregory Hartsfield, of Ripley, and Christina Kail, of Bells, was fatally injured in a one-car accident at approximately 3:45 p.m. Friday on Hurricane Hill Road. According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig, Hartsfield, driving a white 1996 Chevy Lumina, was headed east on Hurricane Hill Rd., when he lost control and flipped the vehicle, ejecting him from the automobile. The vehicle belonged to the passenger, James Stallworth, 18, who was treated and released at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Halls Funeral Home.

A member of DECA, the Halls High School football team and the chess team, he leaves a brother, Brandon K. Hartsfield, his sisters, Cassandre M. Hartsfield and Jessica L. Hartsfield, all of Ripley; his

step-father, T. C. Kail; his step-mother, Donna L. Hartsfield; and grandparents, Joyce Kuehnel and Julius Kuehnel, both of Memphis.

Memorials to Halls High School in his name would be appropriate.

PUPPET SHOW

The Melville Methodist Church puppet team will present a program at 7 p.m., Fri., Apr. 4th, in the church, located at Edith-Nankipoo Rd., with refreshments immediately following.

Puppeteers include Jennifer Akins, Justin Brown, Matt Buffalo, L. J. Cates, Sam Dukes, Jesse Hardee, Clint Vickery, Kayla Brown, Parker Brown, Olivia Jackson, John Paul McGuire and Peyton Vickery.

The public is invited.



Little Halls Royalty



TIFFANY GITCHELL, in upper photo, daughter of Angie and Keith Gitchell, was crowned Queen Friday in the Halls Band Jr. Miss Halls pageant. Her court includes Kristin Carihfield, first maid, daughter of Micky and Laura Carihfield, and Cassie King, second maid, daughter of Melody and Joey King.

Toni Haley, in middle photo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Haley, was crowned Little Miss Halls Queen. Her court includes, Kristen McCallister, first maid, daughter of Keith and Nancy McCallister, and Maddison Stanley, second maid, daughter of Brent and Kelly Stanley.

Matthew Williamson, son of Kelly Mitchell and Kurt Williamson, and Brianna Belton, daughter of Shane Belton, were crowned Little Mr. and Miss Halls. Their court includes Taylor Brasfield, first maid, daughter of Ty and Tammy Brasfield, and Madison Holcomb, second maid, daughter of Scott and Angie Holcomb.

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Governor Phil Bredesen and the State of Tennessee Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matthew Kisber unveiled plans Friday for Toyota's intention to build a state-of-the-art facility in Jackson. The plant, to be located in the Jackson/Madison County Airport Industrial park, is expected to generate approximately 200 jobs. This is an important announcement for all of West Tennessee stated Commissioner Kisber. Toyota's Bodine Aluminum engine block plant is expected to begin production in 2005. Construction of

the plant is set to begin later this year.

Applications for the new jobs are not available yet, but according to an article in the *Commercial Appeal*, the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce has received several calls inquiring as to when and where to obtain applications, not available until 2005 or check the website, www.toyota.com/jobs for positions at Toyota's other plants.

We owe our children a set of good habits.

—George Herbert Betts

A wrong reason is worse than no reason at all.

—G.E. Lessing

HOPE HOUSE

The Hope House Drop-In Center, 313 Masonic St., Dyersburg, will offer a 'BRIDGES' (Building Recovery of Individual Dreams and Goals Through Education and Support) group meeting at 6 p.m. April 3rd. The center is open for those in the county who suffer from bi-polar, schizophrenia, and anxiety and panic disorders.

They offer social activities, support groups, peer counseling, snacks, and a place to meet others who have similar experiences. They are open Tuesday through Saturday.

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April Vows Slated



RACHEL LEIGHANNA WARD, daughter of Alan and Sherry Ward, of Ripley, will marry Christopher Shane Stanfil, son of Terry Jones and Gary Stanfil, of Jackson, at 4 p.m. April 19th in Enon Baptist Church, with family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of J. H. and Buton Ward, of Halls, and Marshall and JoAnn Langley, of Ripley.

A 2001 graduate of Halls High School, she is attending West Tennessee Business College.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mary Stanfil and Jo Alice Pylent, of Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, of Savannah.

The couple will reside in Jackson.

Marriages

March 9 - Ralph Edward Meredith, Jr., 25, to Jodie LeAnne Holman, 24, by Dan Holland.

March 15 - Billy Dale Webb, 37, to Tammy Lucinda Crenshaw, 38, by Frankie Pilcher.

Billy Wayne Lambert, 37, to Denise Yvette McLemore, 37, by Michael W. Gardner.

March 22 - Shanon Shian Crowder, 19, to Aaron Rhey Lynch, 19, by Hollis W. Adams. Stephen Michael Dixon I, 30, to Devora Shonta Robinson, 34, by Willie E. Dyson

March 24 - David Lee Crawley, 53, to Evelyn Joyce Lee, 52, by Thomas E. Sanders.

March 28 - Braderick Glen Alston, 32, to Vicki Lynn Heath, 37, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Anniversaries

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

April 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Phil Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cohill.

April 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Norman Layne.

April 6 - Mr. and Mrs. James L. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs.

Birthdays

April 3 - Megan McBroom, Jodie Holder, Andrew Vaughan, Renee Nelson, James Berkley.

April 4 - Grant Caldwell, Kara Steelman, Caleb Steelman, Shane Harris, Melanie Keen Marvel, Vanessa Williams, Heather Fitzhugh, Austin Reynolds, Lexie McMahan, Channing Kidd, Jody Sorrell.

April 5 - Leroy Cohill, Angela Dew, Gary Baker, Crystal Barham, Jistine Lawson, Scott Oates, Molly Jackson, Bryant Nash, Sr.

April 6 - Charles Carter Walker, Bobby Best, Kathy Brooks, Finley Green, Amber Davis, Glenda Davis, Sondra Wright, Jason Young, Jessica Danley.

April 7 - Amanda K. Lane, Kelly Crawford, Caroline Cannon, Marion Ward, Wanda Brewer, David Elkins, Billie Crihfield, Regina Fleming, Lindsey Jones, Jimmy Goforth, Teresa White.

April 8 - Andrew Belton, Ouida Belton, Thomas Terry, Tyler Hyde, Cheryl Reynolds, Devona Temple Shaw, Greg Coughlan, William Massengill, Nancy Mooney.

April 9 - Chris Watson, Gerald Thurmond, Susan Chavers, Jessica Danley, Lynn Grantland, Robbie Lowrance, Mitch Anderson, McKenzie Heath, Mitchell Dziedzic, Beth Cunningham, Gary Crowson.

Wade Stanley.

April 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gibbons.

April 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Lewis.

Never slap a man who chews tobacco.
—Willard Scott

What isn't tried won't work.
—Claude McDonald

April Nuptials Nearing



CASSANDRE MARIE HARTSFIELD, daughter of Greg Hartsfield, of Ripley, and Christina Kail, of Bells, will marry Brian Keith Apperson, son of Keith Apperson, of Halls, and Dianne Apperson, of Ripley, at 2 p.m. Sat., April 12th in Hutcherson Chapel Church of God near Halls, with all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Julius and Joyce Kuehnel, of Memphis, and the late William and Ruby Hartsfield.

A 2000 graduate of Halls High School, she is employed at Ripley Dry Cleaners.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Edward and Louise Apperson, of Halls, and Pete and Faye Midkiff, of Ripley.

A 1996 graduate of Ripley High School, he is employed at Komatsu.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Iuta Nolen

Iuta Nolen, 64, of Halls, widow of Bobby Joe Nolen, died Wednesday of last week in her home.

Rites were Friday in West-side Baptist Church in Halls, where she was a member, with burial in Gates Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She had been employed by Tupperware in Halls.

She leaves a son, Michael, of Luckett; daughters, Debra Wooster and Glenda Ward, of Halls, and Dena Davis, of Gates; a brother, Albert Bell, of Arlington; a sister, Martha Ham, of Henry; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Anne Sulcek

Anne Mary Sulcek, 88, of Burlison, sister of Albina Sulcek, of Ripley, died Sunday before last in Methodist Healthcare North, Memphis.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Chicago, Ill.

She had retired as a secretary for Leo Burnett Advertising.

She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Albina Catherine Kotrba Sulcek.

Survivors include a brother, Charles, of Arkansas.

Burl G. Carson

Burl Gene Carson, 53, of Ripley, factory worker, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

A Viet Nam veteran, he was a member of the National Beagle Organization and of the National Rifle Association.

He attended First Baptist Church in Halls.

He leaves his wife, Nancy Edens Carson; daughters, Amber and Lauren Bivens, of Halls, and Tamara Carson Wright, of Dyersburg; a brother, Terry, of Alamo; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Odell Neal

Nellien Greenup Neal, 73, of Paris, sister of Blondell Pritchard, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Paris Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were Friday in Hunt Funeral Home in Bradford, burial in Davis Grove Cemetery.

She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Odell Neal; sons, Thomas Greenup, of Henry, and Robert Greenup, of Georgetown, N.Y.; step-daughters, Cheryl Neal, Barbara Boyd, and Nancy Nelson, of Paris; a brother, Clavin Lynn, of McHenry, Ill.; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Robertson

Janice Laverne Browning Robertson, 50, of Dyersburg, mother of Cornelius Jackson, of Henning, and sister of Emma Lee Morton, of Halls, died March 23rd, in Ripley.

Rites were Friday in New Hope Pentecostal Church, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, Hudson Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a son, Mario Gauldin, and a brother, The Rev. Elrader Browning, of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter, Jacqueline Bowen, of La Mesa, Calif.; Browning brothers, William, of Dyersburg, Leroy, of Nashville, and Lonnie, of Lacombe, La.; another sister, Alma Layne, of Louisville, Ky.; and eight grandchildren.

Alfred G. Brown

Alfred Grady Brown, 87, of Covington, step-father of Ann Williams, of Ripley, died Saturday in Covington Care Nursing Home.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home, in Ripley, with burial in Trinity Cemetery.

He had retired as an oiler for International Harvester.

He was a member of Frayser Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille; a son, Grady, of St. Louis, Mo.; daughters, Emma Jean Johnson, of Memphis, and Lynda Spears, of Virginia Beach, Va.; another step-daughter, Candy Alexander, of Chickamauga, Ga.; brothers, Frank, of Bartlett, and Ralph, of Adamsville; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Kerry D. Gray

Kerry Dale Gray, 39, of Memphis, brother of Robert Gray, of Henning, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley, from injuries received in a one car accident at approximately 10 a.m. Saturday on Highway 51, near the Hatchie River Bridge.

According to an article in the *Covington Leader*, Gray was traveling north in a 1996 Pontiac Grand Prix, when he went off the road into the median. He apparently tried to steer the car onto the road when the car went into a clockwise spin. It slid sideways across the north lanes and off the pavement. It then went airborne, traveling about 23 feet before landing on its left side at the bottom of a hill, struck a tree, and rolled upside down into the water. Henning Police Officer Paul Merando was the first law officer to arrive on the scene and was able to pull Gray and passenger, William T. McCulley, 37, of Mason, from the automobile.

According to Tennessee Highway Patrol Officer Steve Max, the accident was alcohol related.

Rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Northridge/Woodhaven Funeral Home in Millington.

He was a construction worker and painter.

Mrs. Sutton

Martha Long Sutton, 66, of Ripley, wife of Julian Sutton, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Ripley Church of Christ, where she was a member, with burial in Memorial Gardens, Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a son, Charles, of Memphis; a daughter, Sandra Elliott, of DeKalb, Ill.; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Bridges

Flossie M. Bridges, 84, of Halls, widow of P. B. Bridges, who served for many years on the County Court (now County Commission), died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Antioch Cemetery.

She was a member of Halls Church of Christ.

She leaves sons, Kenneth, of 624 Sumrow, Halls, and Ronald, of Johnson City; sisters, Frances Starr, of Pocahontas, Ark., Georgia Hughes, of Caruthersville, Mo., Virgie Richardson, of Devinc, Tex., and Anna Laura Frances, of Yuba City, Calif.; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Timothy Climer

Timothy Dale Climer, 37, of Brownsville, died March 27th, at Haywood Park Community Hospital in Brownsville from injuries received in a car accident in the Forked Deer area.

Services were at 11 a.m. March 29th at Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Zion Methodist Cemetery.

Survivors include his mother and father, Wanda L. Climer and James D. Climer, one brother, Mark A. Climer, and a grandmother, Evelyn Climer, all of Brownsville; a twin sister, Tammy Dawn Lane, of Alamo, and another sister, Donna Deloris Williams, of Bartlett.

Mrs. L. B. Leach

Sue P. Leach, 65, of Garland, daughter of Annie H. Pate, of Ripley, mother of Terry Sealand, of Ripley, and sister of Bobby Pate and Sherry Hubbard, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

A member of Garland United Methodist Church, she delivered meals for the Inter-Faith Assn.

She was the widow of Lynel Barry Leach.

Survivors include a son, Sam, and a daughter, Lynel Harvell, of Garland; Pate brothers, Larry, of Fulton, Ky., and Joe, of Gaithersburg, Md.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Billy Golden

Billy Golden, 69, of Dyersburg, father of Debbie Street, of Halls, and of Phyllis Sanders and Samantha Wright, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

He had been a heavy-equipment operator.

He was a member of Parrish Chapel Baptist Church and of the Newbern Saddle Club.

Survivors include daughters, Sophia Gamble, of Dyersburg, and Rita King, of Magnolia, Miss.; a son, Michael, and a sister, Geneva Cruise, of Memphis; one brother, Freddie, of Friendship; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Charles O. Sims

Charles Odis Sims, 16, Ripley High School student, died Saturday, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, near Three Points in Henning, with burial in the church cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

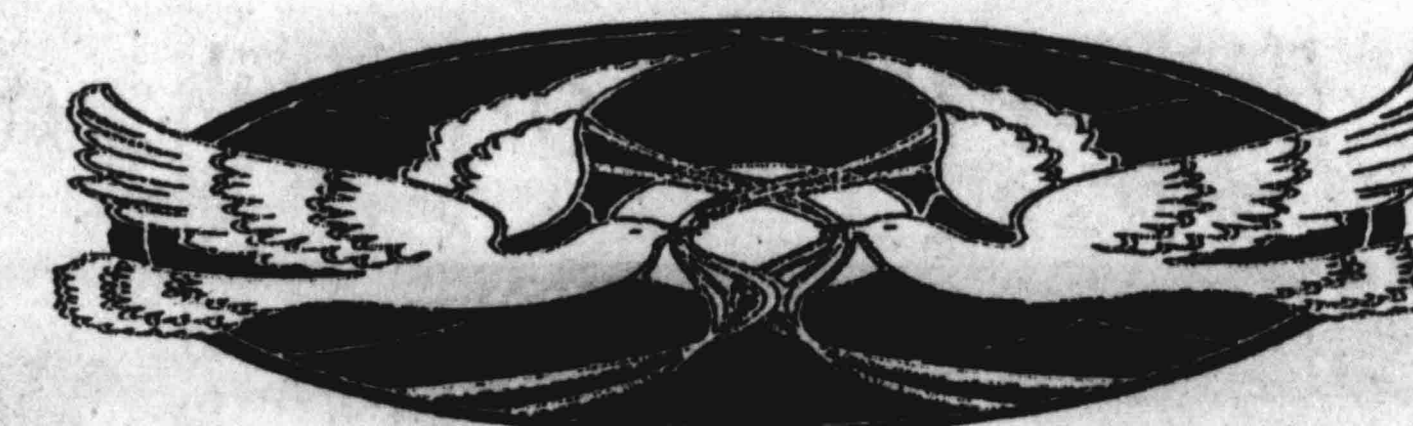
He leaves his mother, Mary Ann Sims, of Ripley, and his father, Fredell Wilkes, of Fortson, Ga.; one brother, Curtis Lee DeBerry, and two sisters, Jelsa Danielle Sims and Latesa Ann Sims, all of Ripley; two other sisters, Ashley Wilkes and Clara Wilkes, of Fortson, Ga.; grandparents, Robert and Mary Sims, Sr., of Covington, and O. T. and Clarissa Bell, of Jackson; and great-grandparents, John and Martha Johnson, of Covington.

Where judgment has wit to express it, there's the best orator.

—William Penn



When lions are reunited after a separation, they greet each other by rubbing cheeks.



Church Happenings

Woodlawn Baptist Church at Nutbush, will hold a high attendance day during the 11 a.m. worship service Sun., April 6th. Dr. James H. Edmonson, pastor, invites the public.

A gospel singing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sat., April 5th at the Gates Community Center featuring the Castle Family, of Jackson, Miss., Heaven's Grace, of Brandon, Miss., the Goodmans, of Dyersburg, and Intercession, of Jonesboro, Ark. The public is invited. A love offering will be taken. For further information or directions, call 738-1233 or 731-589-2825.

Fountain of Life Church of God In Christ, 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its family and friends day at 3 p.m. April 13th with New Beginning Ministries, of Dyersburg, as the guest church. Kenneth Taylor, pastor of New Beginning Ministries, will be the guest speaker. A fellowship dinner will be served after the program. The public is invited.

The Rev. Danny Neal, formerly with the Southern gospel Neal Family, will preach at 6 p.m. April 6th at Ripley Church of God. For more information, contact Tracy Henson, pastor, 635-4484.

A prayer vigil for peace will be held from 5:30 until 6:30 Wednesday and Thursday and at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Immanuel Episcopal Church in Ripley. Scripture will be read, simple songs, and prayer, both silent and spoken, will be offered. The public is invited.

Please remember that these listings can only contain church revivals or gospel singings, etc. Church yard sales or flea markets cannot be included, if an ad is not purchased.

Send your church happenings to our office or call, 635-1771, to be included.

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Jaden Currie

Jaden Omarion Currie, infant son of Laquins Currie and Kelvin Stowers, both of Covington, died Tuesday, in Baptist Hospital in Covington.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday in Kingshills Baptist Church in Covington, with burial in the church cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves one brother, Kelvin Stowers, and one sister, Kya Stowers, both of Covington; grandparents, Kenneth and Teniece Bonds, of Ripley, and Melvin and Lottie Eaton, of Covington; great-grandparents, Tillman and Annie Jones, of Covington, James and Lillie Sangster, of Henning, and Clarence Mitchell, of Detroit, Mich.; and great-great-grandmother, Lelie Qualls, of Ripley.

William Gregory

William "Greg" Gregory, 75, of Halls, laborer, died March 28th at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, in Ripley.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Cleaves Temple CME Church in Halls, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include three sons, Martin Taylor, Harold Edward and Conrad Edward, and two daughters, Cecilina Rogers and Nelluth Taylor, all of Halls; another son, Charles Edward, and another daughter, Mary Edward, both of Toledo, Ohio; one brother, Booster Gregory, and one sister, Louise Gregory, both of Richmond, Va.; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Dyersburg State Community College will receive \$95,376 in Federal Work Study, and \$49,962 in Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant funds, for the 2003-2004 award year, July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

The funding is available for students, in addition to Federal Pell Grant funds and other federal and state aid.

Full time, degree-seeking students may qualify for up to \$4,050 in Pell Grant funds for the 2003-2004 year.

Prospective students interested in applying for financial aid for the 2003-2004 academic year, which begins fall of 2003, should complete the Free Application for Federal Student

Community Club Suspends Singing

The Tuesday afternoon sing-a-long at the Halls Community Center will be suspended until the winter months. The visits to nursing or assisted living homes will still continue once a month on Tuesday, leaving the center at 2 p.m. The next visit will be April 15th to Canterbury Place in Dyersburg.

A community chorus will begin rehearsing patriotic music at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday nights at the center. Tues., April 22nd will be the first meeting. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Higdon, 836-7448, after 7 p.m.

Application For Beer Permit Off-Premises Has Been Made By

Caroll Lynn Brooks

For

DBA Bullpen Market

372 Church St., Halls, TN 38040

The Halls Beer Board will meet at 5 p.m. Wed., April 23rd in the conference room at Halls City Hall. All persons desiring to be heard or to make a statement concerning the issuance of this license should be present at the meeting of the board.

First Place For Upward Bound



STUDENTS of Dyersburg State Community College's Upward Bound Program competed in the annual Scholars' Bowl Competition March 22nd, held at the Marriott Hotel in Nashville, and finished first with an excellent performance by the nineteen students attending and will represent Tennessee in the Southern Region competition Saturday in Atlanta, GA. The students were asked questions on a college-level in the areas of literature, history, mathematics, science, and current events. They also won individual recognition trophies.

Marilyn Armstrong serves as the coach for the team. Members represent high schools from Lake County, Dyer County, Peabody, and Halls.

Team members include, in front, from left, Latonya Mays, LCHS; Steven Avery, LCHS; Anessa Inman, PHS; Josh McDonald, DCHS; Justin Myers, DCHS; and Colt Lemmons, DCHS; and in rear, Kevin Ward, HHS; Gracie Ambrose, DCHS; John Akins, HHS; Nick Pratt, DCHS; Darren Bush, PHS; Heather Cowan, HHS; Jason Sollis, DCHS; Kim Ferrell, LCHS; Andrea Scrivener, PHS; Nikki Moore, LCHS; Laura Bivens, HHS; Marilyn Armstrong, coach; and Eboni Overall, HHS; plus, not pictured, Chassidy Ivy, LCHS.

Presenting Plaques



ELNA ROBBINS, of Ripley, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented four Freedom plaques to the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, Lauderdale County Library, Ripley High School and Halls High School. Each crystal plaque featured a flag background with the words, 'Freedom...A State of Mind...A Way of Life'.

Friday, April 11th

- Tacos w/ salsa
- Deli Hoagie
- Cup of Trimmings
- Corn on the Cob
- Sunkist Orange Sections
- Dessert- School's Choice
- Choice of Milk

Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship.
—Benjamin Franklin

Fall seven times, stand up eight.
—Japanese proverb

Force has no place where there is need of skill.
—Herodotus

Never advise anyone to go to war or to marry.
—Proverb

HALLS TO FLUSH FIRE PLUGS

Halls Mayor Eugene Pugh says Halls Fire Plugs will be flushed, at 4 p.m. Tues., April 8th. 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

Halls DARE Graduation

School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 7th

- Max Pizza
- Cheeseburger
- Lettuce/Tomato Cup
- Oven Fries
- Sunkist Orange Wedges
- Rice Krispie Treat
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday, April 8th

- BBQ Sandwich
- Comdog
- Baked Beans
- Fried Okra
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Peaches
- Choice of Milk

Wednesday, April 9th

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Beef Outlet w/ gravy
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Pear Halves
- Applesauce
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Thursday, April 10th

SCHOOL'S CHOICE MENU



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School held graduation ceremonies for D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, Wednesday of last week. Each student completing the program received a medallion and certificate. Receiving essay awards were, in front, from left, Avonlea Brewster, Tommy White, DARE officer, Natalie Grantland, and in rear, Tamara Boyd, Nathan Smith, Maddison Stanley, and Stephanie White.

Never be haughty to the humble; never be humble to the haughty.
—Jefferson Davis

Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall.
—Oliver Goldsmith

OFFICIAL STATE NOTICE

Notice of Names of Persons Appearing To Be OWNERS OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

The list below contains the names and last known addresses of apparent owners of Unclaimed Property that has been delivered to the Treasurer of the State of Tennessee. The property is usually from bank accounts, utility deposits, stock, dividends, insurance proceeds, uncashed wage checks, or similar items held for persons who can no longer be located. Addresses are provided to distinguish the proper owner associated with the account.

The fastest way to claim property is to visit www.treasury.state.tn.us/unclaim on the web and search for your name. The web claim will tell you the proof needed to pay your claim. Always submit a signed paper copy of the claim form with the requested documentation. The claim form you print from the web site will be tailored to your responses. The next fastest way to claim your refund is to complete the claim form printed here and provide the proof requested.

- Print the owner name as published in the paper.
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- It is the last number following your name.
- Sign the form.
- Get your signature notarized.
- Attach copies of your driver's license and social security card.
- Provide proof of current address. (i.e. utility bill)
- If your name has changed, provide proof of name change.
- If your address changed, provide proof of the advertised address.
- If you are claiming property for an estate, attach a copy of your authority to act for the estate.
- Mail your form and proof of ownership to the address at the top of the form.
- Other Documents May Be Required.

If the claim is approved, a refund check will be sent to you. Filling out the form will speed your inquiry. There is no need to call. Just send in the form and the proof of ownership. There is no deadline for claiming the property. The Treasurer will hold the property until the owner or the owner's heir establishes higher entitlement to the property.

Steve Adams,
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- HALLS**
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- Alford Patricia, 313 Lackey Ln, 861614; American Legion Post #178, PO Box 208, 724427; Andrews George S Mrs, C/O Marie & Joe Fleming Route 3 Box 237, 724161; Bagwell Tanya M, 332 Old Camp Rd, 830159; Bard Gary L, 7129 Lightfoot Lockard Rd, 68645E; Bard James B, Bardigary Rt 4 Box 330, 839178; Bates Katie, 303 N. Main, 842259; Bates Karla, 303 N. Main, 842260; Blease Betty, 5191 Cornerfield Road, 787563; Bobo Fletcher 155 Highland, 516831; Bobo Joel 155 Highland, 516832; Bobo Lucilla, 155 Highland, 516833; Broyles Sharron A, 53 Trade Lane, 728378; Burnham James A, 832912; Lumley Eunice, 261 Gay St Apt B, Route 3en, 516769; Cheek Dorothy, 158 Lake Drive, 516871; Childress Billy Joe, Rt 4, 781684; Clay Billy, 180 Spring, 752709; Collins Amanda, Apt 7 112 Hallburton St, 856075; Conner Mary L, Route 1, 734113; Conner Mary D, Route 1, 734113; Cooper Sherman L, Rt 5 Box 280, 849586; Cooper Wilma, Rt 6 Box 131, 630116; Crowder James D, Rt 2 Box 300, 826721; Curtis Mack E, Route 43, 861939; Dillingham Warren P, P O Box #91, 849756; Dyer Lauderdale, 88 Roy Crain Rd, 742537; Eton Glenda, 2628 Central Curve Road, 706818; Given Kathleen Estelle, Attn: William Alonzo Klutts P O Box 289, 738787; Golehr Jimmy, Route 4 Central Edith Road, 649877; Hammock James, 2398 Conner Whitefield Rd, 762200; Hardesty Wendy, 2063 Barlow Rd, 616989; Hickman Tammy, PO Box 581, 706851; Jeff Davis Service, Us 51 & Vols, 832254; Johnson Clifton, 230 Jefferson, 616823; Kirkpatrick Catherine, 155 Highland, 801623; Kirkpatrick Doris, 155 Highland, 516999; Kirkpatrick Laura, 155 Highland, 517000; Kirkpatrick Lucille W, 155 Highland, 517001; Kirkpatrick Walt, 155 Highland, 517002; Kirkpatrick William Jr, 155 Highland, 517003; Klinefild David, 604 Conner Whitefield Rd, 856114; Lescroart Mary, 142 Highland, 850817; Latham Luis, Rt 1, 813143; Lattimore Annie, Future City, 831846; Lauderdale County Juvenile Court, 190 Court Square, 72854E; Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, 2000391 Bill; R Cooper 157 Spivy Street, 746797; Davis

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Present address _____

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Daytime Phone No. () _____ Email Address _____

Property number _____
(the number listed after your printed address in the list of names below)

Are you the person whose name is on the list? Yes ___ No ___

If no, attach an explanation why you are claiming this property.
Relationship to original owner _____

DOCUMENTATION

- You must provide all of the documentation with your claim form.
- Copy of driver's license.
 - Copy of Social Security card.
 - Proof that you lived at the address reflected on the list (invoices, billings, correspondence, etc.)
 - Proof of current address (i.e. utility bill)
 - Proof of authority to claim property if you are not the person named in the list (death certificate, probated will, etc.)

CERTIFICATION AND NOTARIZATION

I hereby certify that the information that I have provided on this form is true and accurate.

Signature of Claimant _____ Date _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Notary _____ Notary seal _____

My commission expires: _____

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Pesticide Waste Collection Days

Jerry Parker, Extension Director, urges farmers to dispose of unwanted pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and defoliants, etc., from 8 a.m. – noon, Sat., Apr. 5th, at the Tennessee Gin Co., 800 Tennessee Ave., Covington.

Collection and disposal is free to all Tennessee farmers, with a 1,000 pound maximum per farm.

Farmers are responsible for safely transporting pesticides to the drop-off point. Free over-pack materials are available from the University of Tennessee Extension agent.

Disposal does not include explosives, petroleum, paints, medical wastes, radioactive materials and no empty pesticide containers, seeds, surfactant or fertilizers.

For further information, call Jerry Parker, 635-9551.

Natalie Hart Helps With DSCC Play

Natalie Hart, of Halls, will help with props for Dyersburg State Community College's upcoming play, *Over the River and Through The Woods*, by Joe DiPietro.

The play, rated PG-13, is a comedy and offers something for everyone who has ever been a grandparent or ever had one.

The play will begin at 7:30 p.m., Thurs. through Sat., Apr. 17th – 19th, in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium in the DSCC Student Center.

Admission is \$4 for students and senior citizens, and \$5 for all others.

On Fri. and Sat. nights, an optional Italian dinner will be served, beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Student Center grill.

Cost of both the dinner and play is \$14 for students and senior citizens, and \$15 for all others. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the DSCC business office or any cast member.

For further information, call 286-3261, or 286-3306 to reserve tickets.

Receives Credentials



TOMMY STANLEY, left, and **David Hughes**, right, attended the Tennessee District Council of the Assemblies of God March 24th, 25th and 26th in Nashville. Stanley, pastor, and Hughes, associate pastor, of Abundant Life Assembly of God Church in Ripley, attended with their wives, Carolyn Stanley and Mary Elizabeth Hughes. Having met all the requirements as set forth by the general council of the Assemblies of God, David received credentials as a licensed minister and Tommy as an ordained minister. Ordination is the highest level of credentials obtainable.

Concord Locals

Mrs. Louise Fennel

Jerry Carmack and Mrs. Adie Webb, of Jackson, visited Mr. Carmack's father, Winston Carmack, Thursday before last.

Mrs. Kathy Koontz, of Madison, Wisc., and Mrs. Lana Pierce, of Chicago, Ill., spent week before last with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams. During that week, they visited Mrs. Thelma Joyner in Brighton and Mrs. Mary Gilliland in Covington Care on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Cole at Jackson Country Club Tuesday, were luncheon guests of the Weldon Heaths in Alamo Wednesday, and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry in Ripley Thursday. Mrs. Juanita Hartman, of Columbus, Miss., and Mrs. Geneva Jackson, of Atoka, spent Friday before last and remained for the night in the Williams home.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson enjoyed a bus tour to Washington, D.C. from Sunday through Thursday of week before last. Caleb and Eli Jordon, of Memphis, visited their grandparents, the Emersons, from Friday until Tues-

day. Their mother, Mrs. Barry Jordan, joined them for dinner Tuesday and they accompanied her home.

Mrs. Ronnie Carmack and Mrs. Geraldine Holder visited Mrs. Carrie Dell Harrison at Whitefield Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gilliland, of Frog Jump, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams Thursday afternoon of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were Saturday luncheon guests of the Weldon Heaths in Alamo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmack visited Louise Fennel in Ripley Healthcare Sunday afternoon.

Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear.

—William Shakespeare, *All's Well That Ends Well*

Land Transfers

March 21 – Myron P. Kissell and Peggy Kissell to Myron P. Kissell, Jr., Douglas Eugene Kissell, Anita Gail Kissell Moore, Michael Kirk Kissell, Vickie Vanessa Littles, and Cheryl Darlene Littles, Dist. 9, 23.1 acres.

Rebecca T. Smith and Mary Faye Cloninger to Terry W. Williams and Charlotte C. Williams, Dist. 8, 2 tracts.

Bettie Jean Yanders to Angela Yanders, Dist. 17, 3.20 acres.

March 24 – BankTennessee to Georgia "C" Store, Inc., Dist. 12, 0.479 acres.

Pat Gitchell Sanders to Michael Sanders, Dist. 6, lot.

March 25 – Janessa Rose, trustee, Debra Voss, trustee, and Estate of Evelyn Summar Rose to Donnie Lynn Rose and Pam Rose, Dist. 2, 1.00 acres.

Charles Neal and Joyce Neal to Paul C. Morris and Libby Morris, Dist. 1, lot.

March 26 – Michael A. Bradford to Eddie Barnett, Lynn Barnett, and B & B Partners, Dist. 12, lot.

William Douglas Voss to Mike Voss and Debra Voss, Dist. 7, tract.

Dorothy Inez Blakley to Carey K. Blakley, Dist. 10, 2 tracts.

March 27 – David Scott Oates and Lisa G. Oates to Blake A. Murphy and Shelley R. Murphy, Dist. 6, lot.

Jerome P. Carihfield to Gregory P. Carihfield and Kristy F. Carihfield, Dist. 12, lot.

Alison Puckett Brammel and Monnie Lou Puckett to Carole Pesnell and Hugh Pesnell, Dist. 12, lot.

S. N. Anthony, Jr., Barbara Anthony, William Maxwell, Linda Maxwell, and John B. Anthony to William F. Sweat and Janie T. Sweat, Dist. 6, lot.

Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.
—William Shakespeare, *Twelfth Night*

When in doubt, do the courageous thing.
—Jan Smuts

Where judgment has wit to express it, there's the best orator.
—William Penn

Do not judge and you will never be mistaken.
—Rousseau

AUCTION

SAT., APR. 5 SAT., APRIL 5, 2003 10:00 A.M.

Location: 246 Carroll Lake Road, McKenzie, TN
From Hwy. 22 just outside of McKenzie at Carroll Lake, turn east on Carroll Lake Road. ¼ mile to sale site.

EXCELLENT FARM & HAY EQUIPMENT

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| Tractor - John Deere 1999 - 7710 - FWD - 1500 hrs. - Has all extras | Hay Rings (8) |
| Mixer - Jay Lor - Like New | Sickle Mower - I.H. 3 pt. |
| Disc Mower Conditioner - John Deere 936 - 2002 Model | Creep Feeder - Apache |
| Baler - Vemeer 605 XL w/Accu-bale - 2001 | Do-All - 8 Row |
| Rake - Vemeer - 5 Wheel - 2001 | Cultivator - I.H. 8 Row |
| Tedder - Vemeer 18' - 2001 | Box Blade - 7' |
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| Loader - John Deere 740 | Fuel Tank - 110 Gal, 12 V. Puma |
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| Dirt Pan - Reynolds 8 Yard | 7' Bush Hog |
| Feed Trough - (5) 20' Steel | Metal Building - 76x70 - Clear Span - High Pitch - Complete package includes New Roof, Purlins, Ends, No Sides |
| Vise - 300 Rigid Power | Silencer Hydraulic Squeeze Chute - New |
| Disc - John Deere 630 20' | Powder River Corral - Complete Working Pen |

Mr. Freeman's cattle will be selling at Southwestern Stockyard on April 12 at 1 p.m. Selling 100 purebred Angus cows, 20 bred Heifers and 50 calves.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Mr. Freeman is retiring from the cow business. The equipment has been on this farm all its life. If you need good, fresh, like new equipment, don't miss this sale!

RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT - ALL STAINLESS

Imperial 6 Burner Commercial Grill, Metal Table, 2 Door Commercial Oven, Imperial Deep Fat Fryer (3), Commercial Double Sink, 2-Door Bun Warmer, Pans, Utensils of All Kinds, Storage Racks for Gallon Containers, Hobart Slicer

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Mr. Freeman bought this equipment to use and changed plans. This equipment is in good condition, top of the line, ready to use.

TERMS: Cash.

All information contained in this brochure is believed to be correct, but not guaranteed. Buyers must rely on their own judgment and inspection of items. Announcements made day of sale take precedence over any prior announcement and advertising. Not responsible for accidents.

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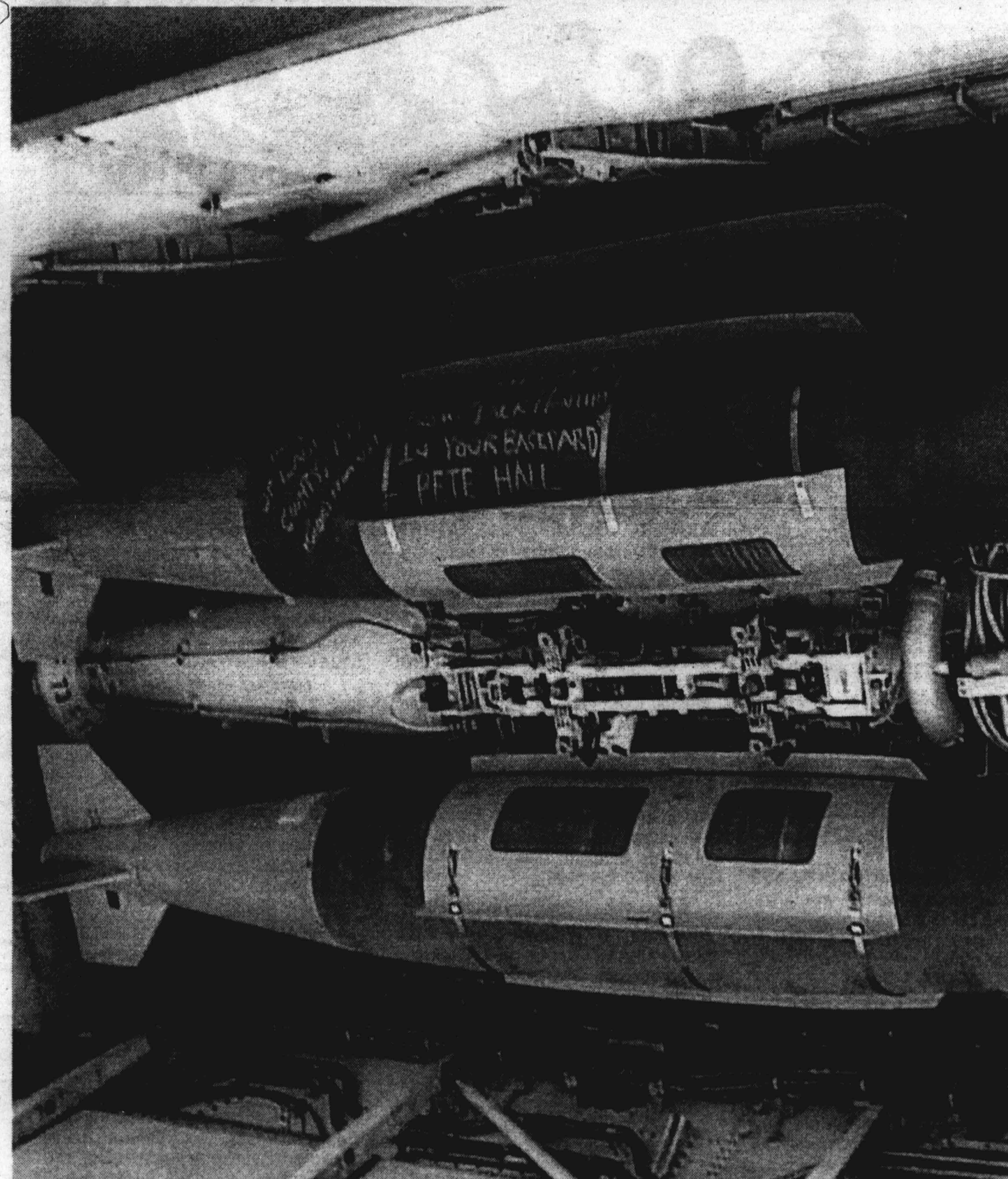
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April 20th

Backing Of War Gym, Roofs, Await Gates, County OKs Said On Bomb



Walter "Pete" Hall, of 3420 Hobe Webb Rd., reports this photo of a bomb he says fell from a B-1 over Baghdad, chalked to the left of his name, "From: The Veterans of Lauderdale County, TN. This one's from us!"

Hall, a 7-year Air Force veteran, with two years in

Halls, will receive a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service, announced U.S. Rep. John Tanner.

Forked Deer Electric Receives USDA Loan

Forked Deer Electric serves Lauderdale, Crockett, Dyer and Haywood Counties.

"This loan will help hundreds of consumers in West

Ripley's city board, meeting Monday, joined the boards of Halls and Henning in approving a Board of Education plan to re-finance bonds, at a lower interest rate, fund a new Ripley High School gymnasium, and re-roof Halls High School and Lauderdale Middle School.

Approval is now lacking only from Gates and from the County Commission, meeting Monday. No opposition is anticipated.

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Mayor Douglas appointed aldermen Billy Poston and Alonzo Beard to join her for a report May 5th.

Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional district.

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NOTICE - Chitosan 500 mg. Fat burner is now available at Arnold's Drug Co., 112 E. Main St., Halls. 836-7211. 7-tf

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FOR SALE - Bed, new queen Pillowtop mattress set, still in plastic, only \$160, 901-277-2456. 25-tf

FOR SALE - All Italian leather couch - \$499, loveseat - \$495, chair - \$485, new, still in package, 901-767-1778. 25-tf

FOR SALE - Cherry bedroom set, 7-piece, approximate retail value, \$1,500, sacrifice \$750, 901-767-1778. 25-tf

Web Site Answers Questions On War

U.S. Rep. John Tanner announced that the 8th Congressional District web site, www.house.gov/tanner, now includes answers to questions being asked by many Tennessee

ans during the war. The site features pages specially designed to help visitors follow the war in Iraq, show their support for troops, discuss war with their families and ensure their homes, schools and workplaces are secure. Links are available to send online greetings to service members, local news coverage on the war and background in-

formation about the people, organizations, countries and military equipment involved in the conflict.

"This is a difficult time for all Americans as we struggle to understand what is going on around the world and how it affects us at home," Tanner said. "As developments continue to unfold, it is increasingly tough to discuss these issues with children. We have put together a

listing of resources to help families better understand what they see and hear in the news."

"Dozens of Guard units from Tennessee have been deployed to the Middle East in recent months and, with the troops of the 101st Airborne Div. from Fort Campbell, are playing very active roles on the front lines of this conflict," Congressman Tanner said. "I am proud of the work they are doing, and we

want to make sure Tennesseans can follow their progress and show their support."

Tanner serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, and is vice president of the NATO parliamentary Assembly, the civilian arm of NATO.

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May Vows Nearing



KACEE NICOLE PIERCE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stewart, of Dyersburg, and Cody Pierce, of Yuma, Ariz., will marry Steven Michael Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cunningham, Jr., of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hardy, of Newbern, at 4 p.m. Sat., May 17th at First Christian Church in Dyersburg, with all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Stewart, of Newbern, James Pierce, of Yuma, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Speers, of Parker, Ariz., and Mrs. Beverly Hayden, of Buckeye, Ariz.

A 2000 graduate of Dyersburg High School, she plans to graduate in May from Dyersburg State Community College. She is employed at the Just Divine Tea Room at Charlene's Colony of Shoppes in Halls.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Francis Cunningham, of Ripley, Mrs. J. C. Hardy and the late Mr. Hardy and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pratt, all of Halls.

A 2002 graduate of Halls High School, he is employed at Huish Detergents in Dyersburg.

The couple will reside in Dyersburg.

For fast-acting relief, try slowing down.
—Lily Tomlin

My sole inspiration is a telephone call from a producer.
—Cole Porter

Courage is grace under pressure.
—Ernest Hemingway

Society, saith the text, is the happiness of life.
—William Shakespeare,
Love's Labor Lost

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy S. Tucker, of Knoxville, an 8 lb. 6 oz. son, William Bryce Tucker, at 11:38 a.m. March 13th in Fort Sanders West Hospital in Knoxville. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. William H. Tucker, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Roberts, of Dandridge, and great-grandparents are Mrs. Edith Hancock and Delmar Roberts, both of Strawberry Plains, and Mrs. Martha Craig Tickle, of Dyersburg.

Birthdays

April 10 - Dr. Joe Hunt, Deborah Morris, Katherine Anthony, Mackenzie Haislip, Willard Norvell, Joe Mason McDowell, II, Kim McAdams, Lynda Lewis, Tracie Taylor, Penne Pickard, Scotty Holcomb.

April 11 - Jeff Fitzhugh, Delton Jackson, Rhonda Owens, Gerrilynn Hayslett Halliburton, Amy Morris, James Sylvester.

April 12 - Hattie Florence, Todd Kent, C. J. Eskridge, Jere Mize, Ann Dunavant, David Jennings, Jimmy Nation, O. E. Dunaway, Rickey Terry, Sr.

April 13 - Kathy Spoon, Jerry Temple, Jr., Deana Gammon, Dennis King, Jean Belton, Jonathan Scearce, Nancy Brewster, Julie Pickard, James Beasley.

April 14 - Doug Nelson, Kathy Sills, Jan Holder, Jessie Belton, Lila Wandler, Hunter Racliffe, Cyndi McFall, Steve Sanders, Donna Galloway, Brandon Harrison, Kamryn Pennington, Dee Wright, Michael Johnston, Terisa Holcomb.

April 15 - Syble Moore, Jerry Summar, Jeremy Maxwell, Chris Pitts, Craig Tucker, Tommye Fisher, Adrian Taylor Terry, Dan Ungerecht, Rebecca Cain, Loretta Thurmond, Mary Yanders, Miriam Box, Chelsi White, Chelsey Odom, Johnny Stephens, Lynn Vickery.

April 16 - Ty Spoon, Myles Benjamin, Chad Neal, Cliff Floyd, Kristin Nicole Hinton, Ray Hurt, Sandra Steelman, Lawanda Martin.

May Vows Slated



KERI ANN WARD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ward, of Halls, will marry Scott Reed Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burns, of Plymouth, Mich., at 2:30 p.m. May 24th in Westside Baptist Church in Halls, all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Ward, Joy Ward, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Nolen, all of Halls.

A 1994 graduate of Halls High School, she is employed by Comair Airlines as a flight attendant.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Russell R. Burns, of Hudson, Fla.

A 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in aviation, he is employed by Northwest Airlines as a pilot.

The couple will reside in Canton, Mich.

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Obituaries

Rubin Jones

Rubin Jones, 75, retired from the Lauderdale County Highway Department, died Saturday at Ripley Healthcare and Rehab.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

The husband of Ollie Jones, he leaves a son, Frank Jones, of Ripley; two daughters, Vivian Padgett, of Brighton, and Genevieve Brodgon, of Streator, Ill.; three brothers, George Jones, Odean Jones, and Herbert Jones, Jr., and three sisters, Betty Jane Hutcherson, Dorothy Lane, and Eva Helton, all of Ripley; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Chipman

Dorsey Sears Chipman, 87, of Halls, widow of Freddie B. Chipman, died Tuesday of last week in Cordova, where her daughter, Karen Nichols, resides.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens north of Halls.

She was a member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, George Michael Chipman, of Prospect, Ky., and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderson

Lizzie Bell Anderson, 76, of Halls, widow of Raymond Anderson, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Sunday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Henning.

She leaves sons, Billy, Ray, and Robert, of Ripley; daughters, Deborah Ferguson, of Halls, Peggy Vaughn, of Ripley, and Kathy Hutchins, of Burlington; brothers, Johnny Watson, of Halls, and Marshall Raspberry, of Atoka; sisters, Geneva Barton, of Halls, and Shirley Pruitt, of Dyersburg; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Anderson Exchange Club Seeks Members

The Rev. Booker T. Anderson, Sr., 88, of Nashville, formerly of Ripley, died Saturday.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Oak Grove Baptist Church, near Fort Pillow, with burial in Canfield Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He was a 1941 graduate of Lauderdale County High School and was valedictorian of his class. He received a business degree through the Humboldt Board of Education.

Survivors include five sons, Booker T. Anderson, Jr., David Anderson and Timothy Anderson, all of Nashville, Cleophus Anderson, of Milwaukee, Wisc., and Maloyd Anderson, of Texas; three daughters, Shirley Anderson, of Nashville, Alomina Anderson, of Milwaukee, and Georgia Spivey, of Virginia; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

'Smokey' Johnson

Joseph Ivy 'Smokey' Johnson, 69, of Memphis, died April 4th of heart failure.

Services were set for 11 a.m. Friday in the House of the Lord Church of God In Christ Holiness, with burial in West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, Bells Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Robinson, of Nashville; brothers, Carl Johnson, Sr., and Andrew Britton, Jr., a step-brother, Reddie Morton, sisters, Rubye Johnson Carter and Joyce Britton Gordon, all of Memphis; and step-sisters, Minnie Britton Russell, of East St. Louis, Ill., Louise Wilson Branch, of Illinois, and Yvonne Wilson Brown and Margaret Rogers Wilson, of Memphis.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howard, of Memphis, spent the weekend with Mrs. Howard's father, Winston Carmack. Mrs. Eileene Byrd, of Memphis, visited Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Emmerson accompanied Mrs. J.D. McNeill to Memphis Tuesday of last week for a check-up with her doctor.

Mrs. Mike McNeill visited her mother, Mrs. Nell

The Lauderdale County Exchange Club is participating in a nationwide effort to recruit civic-minded community members to become a part its service organization. Contact Natalie Chalk, president, 635-2451, or 635-0421, or Bonita Fullen, president-elect, 635-1368, or attend the noon Thurs., April 17th 'New Member' meeting at Bozo's Restaurant. If anyone is interested in helping with projects focusing on community service, Americanism, and youth please attend.

SOYBEAN PRICES

Soybean producers have voiced complaints about trading practices of Cargill, in connection with its pro-pricing contracts, at their expense, which depressed the 2001 soybean crop price.

Nels Ackerson, a lawyer, of Sommer Barnard Ackerson, P.C., of Washington, D.C., has accepted invitations to meet with concerned soybean producers in Tennessee and nearby states.

Mr. Ackerson, former national FFA president, who has represented farmers and agricultural interests for many years, believes the prices some soybean producers received from Cargill for their 2001 crop should be adjusted, and that Cargill should pay more, as much as \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel more, to some producers.

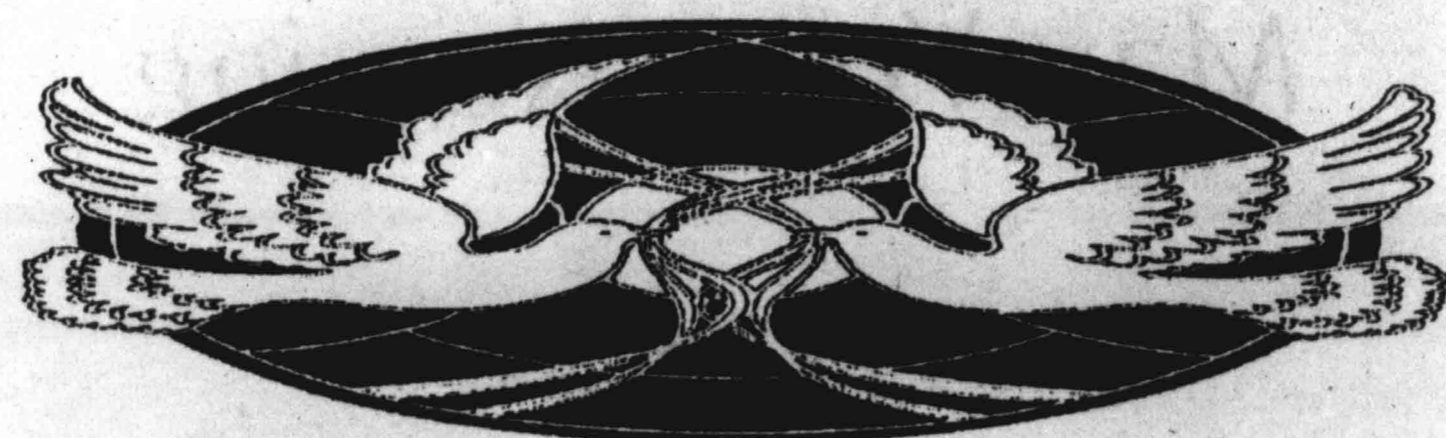
Farmers, who think they may have a claim for compensation from Cargill, should contact Mr. Ackerson at 1-877-202-2858.

Caldwell, in Covington Healthcare Sunday afternoon.

David Smith accompanied his mother to Memphis Wednesday of last week to see her dentist.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson visited her son, Roger Emerson, in Alamo Thursday of last week.

Keep conscience clear,
then never fear.
—Benjamin Franklin



Church Happenings

St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning has started a prayer and support ministry for the families that have lost loved ones in the war. This ministry will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday. The public is invited.

Forerunner Baptist Church, 361 Eastland Ave., will present "The Women Around The Cross" and "The Seven Last Sayings Of Christ" from a woman's perspective at 3 p.m. Sun., April 13th. The Rev. Thomas Bester, pastor, invites the public.

Fountain of Life Church of God In Christ, 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its family and friends day at 3 p.m. April 13th with New Beginning Ministries, of Dyersburg, as the guest church. Kenneth Taylor, pastor of New Beginning Ministries, will be the guest speaker. A fellowship dinner will be served after the program. The public is invited.

The Women's Department of the West Tennessee BM&E Association, under the leadership of Mrs. Ola Mathis, is sponsoring a workshop at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Haywood County, from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. April 12th, \$5 registration fee. Mrs. Rose Fields will be the presenter for the day. The Rev. William Jarrett, pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, will be the moderator, and The Rev. J. T. Freeman, a missionary in the area and to foreign lands, will give encouraging words with Missionary Lera Lee. Ethel Hayes, vice-president, will assist.

Faith Tabernacle Church, across from Mills Grocery, will hold homecoming services Sun., April 13th with worship service at 11 a.m. with Paul Duncan, as speaker, dinner at noon, and gospel singing at 2 p.m. featuring the Johnsons, of Munford.

Please remember that these listings can only contain church revivals or gospel singings, etc. Church yard sales or flea markets cannot be included, if an ad is not purchased.

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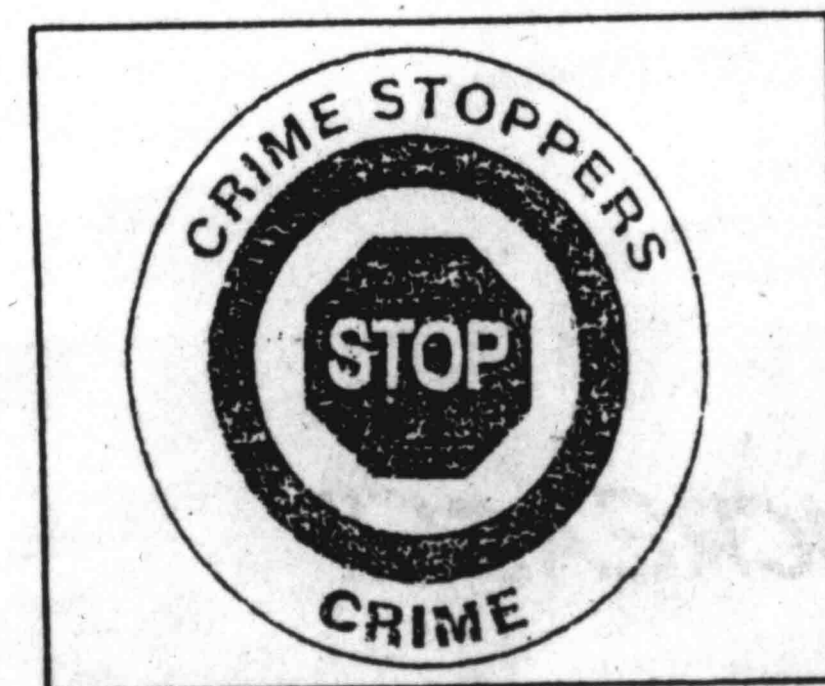
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FFA President Visits Class



WILL BIRD, center, in rear, 2002-2003 Tennessee Future Farmers of America State President, visited Mrs. Nita Taylor's 4th grade homeroom class last month at Halls Elementary School.

A former student of Mrs. Taylor, Will spoke to the students about FFA and shared with them some of his experiences this past year including meeting President George W. Bush last summer during the FFA Washington Leadership Conference, living with a German farm family in January during a month-long trip to Europe, and traveling across Tennessee promoting FFA and Tennessee agriculture.

Friends Of Library Meeting April 8th

Friends of the Library will have its Spring meeting at 7 p.m., Tues., Apr. 8th, in the Lauderdale County Library, 120 Lafayette St., in Ripley. The public is invited.

Betty Anthony will review the book, *Southern by the Grace of God*, written by Michael Grissom.

Everyone is invited to stop by and see the newly decorated children's section during National Library Week, Apr. 5th through Apr. 12th. The theme is, "Books, The Other Channel."

The Used Book Sale is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 5th, in the green building behind the library. Book sales benefit the library and help fund future library needs.

The public is always welcome to stop and visit. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. through Fri., and 9 a.m. to noon, Sat.

Celebration Slated For Natural Areas

Sunk Lake in Lauderdale County is among 66 of the state's natural areas, encompassing more than 100,000 acres of the state's protected lands, included in the Tennessee State Parks kick off of a weeklong celebration through April 13th. A variety of activities including guided walks, canoe floats and volunteer stewardship activities will be held at natural areas across the state.

Land Transfers

March 28 - Shelby Jean Pittman Gaines, Linda Joy Pittman Wilson, Janet Diane P. Newman, Michael Lynn Pittman, Richard Lynn Pittman to Larry T. Olds and Mary P. Olds, Dist. 11, 4 tracts.

Peggy Joyce M. Tracy, Lorene M. Goforth, Lorraine Goforth, Alma L. Goforth, trustee, Russell L. Goforth, trustee, Goforth Family Revocable Living Trust, and Alma L. Goforth to Randall J. Harris and Virginia S. Harris, Dist. 8, 88-57/160 acres.

S. N. Anthony, Jr., Barbara Anthony, John B. Anthony, William Maxwell, and Linda Maxwell to Latham Homes, LLC, Dist. 6, lot.

Dorothy L. Hopper to Ricky L. Nelson and Renee G. Nelson, Dist. 10, 19.3 acres and Dist. 10, 2.70 acres.

March 31 - Arnold Hilliard and Lanette Hilliard to Rex A. Hilliard, Dist. 16, 2.7 acres.

S. N. Anthony, Jr., Barbara Anthony, John B. Anthony, William Maxwell, and Linda Maxwell to Brenda Northcott, Dist. 6, lot.

Paul Stout and Valerie Stout

to Regina Toomes, Dist. 2, 0.838 acres.

April 1 - Jerry Wayne Conrad and Doris Belinda Bettermann to Natasha D. Larose, lot.

Willie Sam Taylor and Sophronie M. Taylor to Robert Thomas Maclin and Dorothy Lee Maclin, Dist. 12, lot.

Katie Lou Hurt Stanfield, David Harold Hurt Estate, David H. Hurt, III, Anne Zachry, Raymond Hurt, and Chris Hurt to Gregory P. Cribfield and Kristy F. Cribfield, Dist. 12, 2 tracts.

April 2 - William A. Klutts to Chad A. Land, Dist. 2, lot.

David J. Ream and Cynthia Lee Ream to Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere, Dist. 2, 2.5 acres.

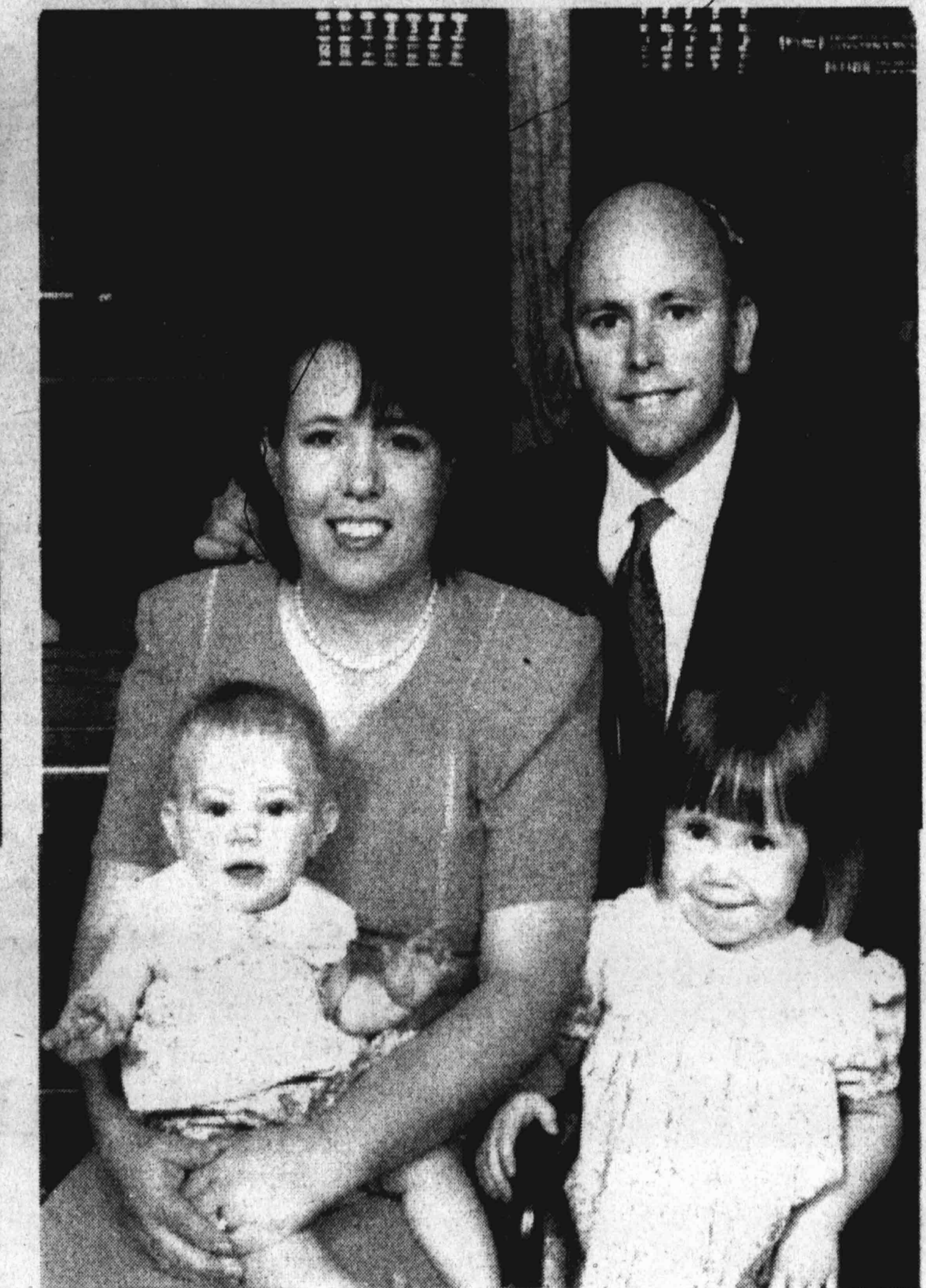
April 3 - Michael L. Rhyne and Linda Rhyne to Mary Jarrett, 2 lots.

S. N. Anthony, Jr. and Barbara R. Anthony to Donald Maxwell, Dist. 2, 1.168 acres.

Katherine Garner, Thomas F. Garner, III, and Garner Funeral Home, Inc. to Trustees of Ripley First United Methodist Church, Dist. 2, 0.685 acres.

Kenneth Simpson to Jerry Littles and Phyllis Littles, Dist. 6, lot.

New Minister



THE REV. JOHN T. COMPERE, with his wife, Janet, and children, Mary Adeline, 4, and Elizabeth Lucille Grace, 1, was welcomed March 1st as the new minister at Westside Baptist Church in Halls. Born in Utah, he was licensed Dec. 12, 1990 and ordained June 30, 1991 at First Baptist Church in Shelby, Mo. The Rev. Compere graduated Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary with a masters of divinity in May 1998, and Hannibal LaGrange College in Hannibal, Mo., with a bachelor of arts degree in Bible in 1993. Prior to serving at Westside, he was pastor of Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., Eads Baptist Church in Eads, and Prairie View Baptist Church in Hunnewell, Mo., and a ministry assistant at Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova.

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- Sunkist Orange Wedges
- Cookie
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday, April 15th

- Steak Fingers
- Baked Ham
- Lima Beans
- Steamed Carrots
- Fruit Mix
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Wednesday, April 16th

- Roasted Turkey
- Chicken Nuggets
- Whipped Potatoes
- English Peas
- Pear Halves
- Peaches
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Thursday, April 17th

- Chili Pie
- School's Choice Entrée
- Corn Nibbles
- Broccoli w/ Cheese
- Jello w/ fruit
- Applesauce
- Choice of Milk

Friday, April 18th

- GOOD FRIDAY
- No School

Tanner Discusses "AMBER" Alert

The House of Representatives passed the Child Abduction Prevention Act, which calls for a national AMBER Alert system, among other provisions.

Tanner said, however, that the legislation passed would not address needs quickly enough, and has co-sponsored a separate bill that would send AMBER Alert immediately to the White House for the President's signature.

Both bills call for a national coordinator to facilitate among AMBER Alert systems at the local, state and regional levels. Tennessee has implemented

Nat. Public Health Week Apr. 7-13th

National Public Health Week, established in 1995, is April 7th through 13th.

Public Health professionals warn that the number of Americans suffering from overweight or obesity is steadily increasing at epidemic proportions, and immediate intervention is critical to the health of our country.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 127 million adults in America are overweight, 60 million are obese and 9 million are severely obese. Childhood obesity has reached its highest level in 30 years.

"The leading causes of overweight and obesity in the United States are inactivity and poor eating habits," said George Benjamin, MD, executive director for the American Public Health Association. "This is largely a preventable epidemic, but more resources are needed. Healthy eating and active living should be priorities for this nation."

Tennessee, along with Alabama, Mississippi and Kentucky, have the largest percentage of obese adults in the country. In Tennessee, the percentage rose from 12.1% in 1991, to 22.7% in 2000.

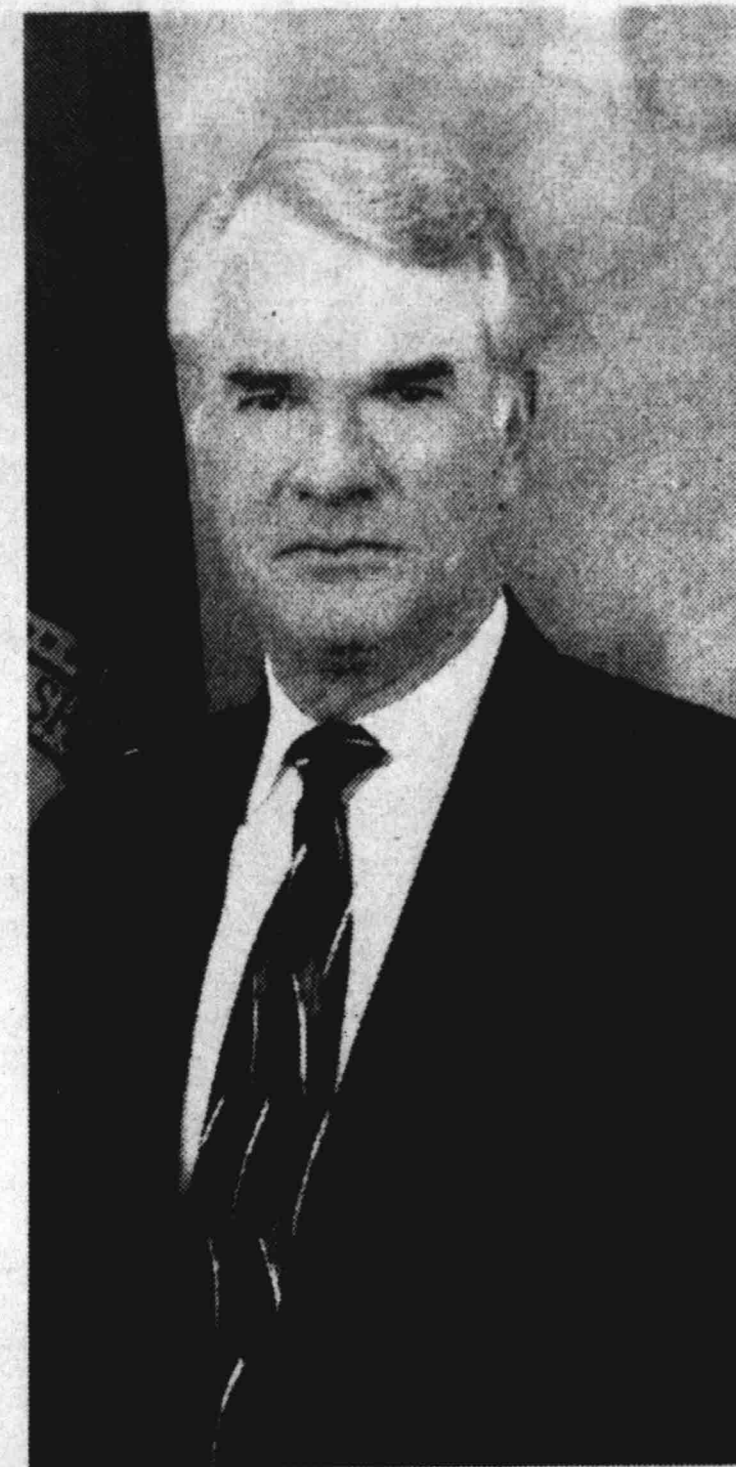
Increasing daily physical activities will help control weight, help bones stay healthy and relieve stress. 30 minutes of exercise a day, most of the days of the week, will also reduce the risk of high blood pressure, diabetes, colon cancer and heart disease.

"We need to call attention to this life-threatening epidemic," said Billie Kissell, Health Educator, at the Lauderdale County Health Dept.

For additional information on obesity or exercise, call Billie Kissell at 635-9711.

such a program statewide. "A child abducted in Tennessee could be taken across the state line into Kentucky, for example, into areas where Tennessee's AMBER Alert doesn't reach. That's when national coordination would be helpful," Tanner said. "Within minutes, drivers in Kentucky could hear

Speaker



MARK H. LUTTRELL, JR., Shelby County Sheriff, will be the guest speaker at the Fraternal Order of Police Banquet at 7 p.m. April 10th at Ripley High School.

A graduate of the University of Memphis and Union University in Jackson, Sheriff Luttrell began his career in 1970 when he joined the U. S. Army. He served as public information officer and vocational training director at the Shelby County Penal Farm in Memphis, executive assistant Supervisor of education at the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., associate warden at the Federal Correction Institution at Englewood, Colo., chief of labor management relations, at the Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C., deputy regional director at the Northeast Regional Office at Philadelphia, Penn., warden at Federal Correctional institutions at Texarkana, Tex., Manchester, Ky., and Memphis. He has been with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department since 2002.

radio announcements about the incident and descriptions of the suspect. Instead of a few police officers on the lookout, there could be thousands of motorists helping find the missing child."

A federal coordinator would set minimum, voluntary standards to help states coordinate AMBER Alerts, when necessary.

The alerts would not be issued nationwide, but targeted to motorists in the city, state or region where the incident oc-

Receiving Instruction



JAMIE DELANEY, of Gates, a graduate of the Drafting and CADD Technologies Program at the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley, received instruction from Covington Electric Supervisor, Tim Sallee. In preparation for his new job, Mr. Delaney completed his course work, concentrating in the area of architectural drafting. The eighteen-month program also offered opportunities to study in the field of mechanical, civil, and structural drafting/computer aided design. Persons interested in pursuing a course of study in CADD, or any of the Technology Center Programs, should contact the center at 635-3368.

curred, or where the child and abductor are believed to be.

"As a grandfather of two, I know how important a system like this could be to families," Tanner said. "I am pleased we are moving forward with the implementation of a national coordination effort, but it is unfortunate that the process will be further delayed because the House of Representatives passed a version of the legislation that contains too many other provisions, bogging down the AMBER Alert system."

Law enforcement officers and broadcasters created the

AMBER Alert system in Texas in 1997, when nine-year-old Amber Hagerman was abducted and murdered. Since then, the model is credited with helping recover at least 52 children nationwide.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life will hold its next captain's meeting at 5 p.m. April 14th at the Tennessee Technology Center. All captains are urged to attend. The relay will be held May 9th at the Ripley City Park.

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Nunn Site Chosen Named 2003 Officer Of The Year

The Lauderdale County Commissioners, meeting Monday, unanimously approved purchase, from Jenny Wren Nunn, of Scott Lawn, Ripley, of 2.9 acres on which to build a new County Health Department.

The site, one of seven considered, is on the east side of Hwy. 51, just north of the produce stand at 51's intersection with Asbury Road, and across 51 from the Justice Center. Price is \$20,000.

Commissioners voted 19-5 to refund \$14,350,000 in 1995 and 1996 bonds, to obtain a lower interest rate.

Opposed were Commissioners Henry Buckner, Dan-

ny Hartsfield, Mike Martin, and Charles and Don Moore.

Commissioners voted 21-3 for \$5,750,000 in bonds to repair school roofs in Ripley and Halls and to build a new gym at Ripley High School.

Voting "No" were Buckner, Martin, and Don Moore.

Sales tax is expected to repay both bond issues.



JOE PURSELL, second from left, was selected Officer of the year by the Lauderdale County Exchange Club at the Fraternal Order of Police banquet Thursday of last week. Natalie Chalk, president of the Exchange Club, presented the award to Pursell, pictured with his wife, Penny. (Continued On Page 6.)

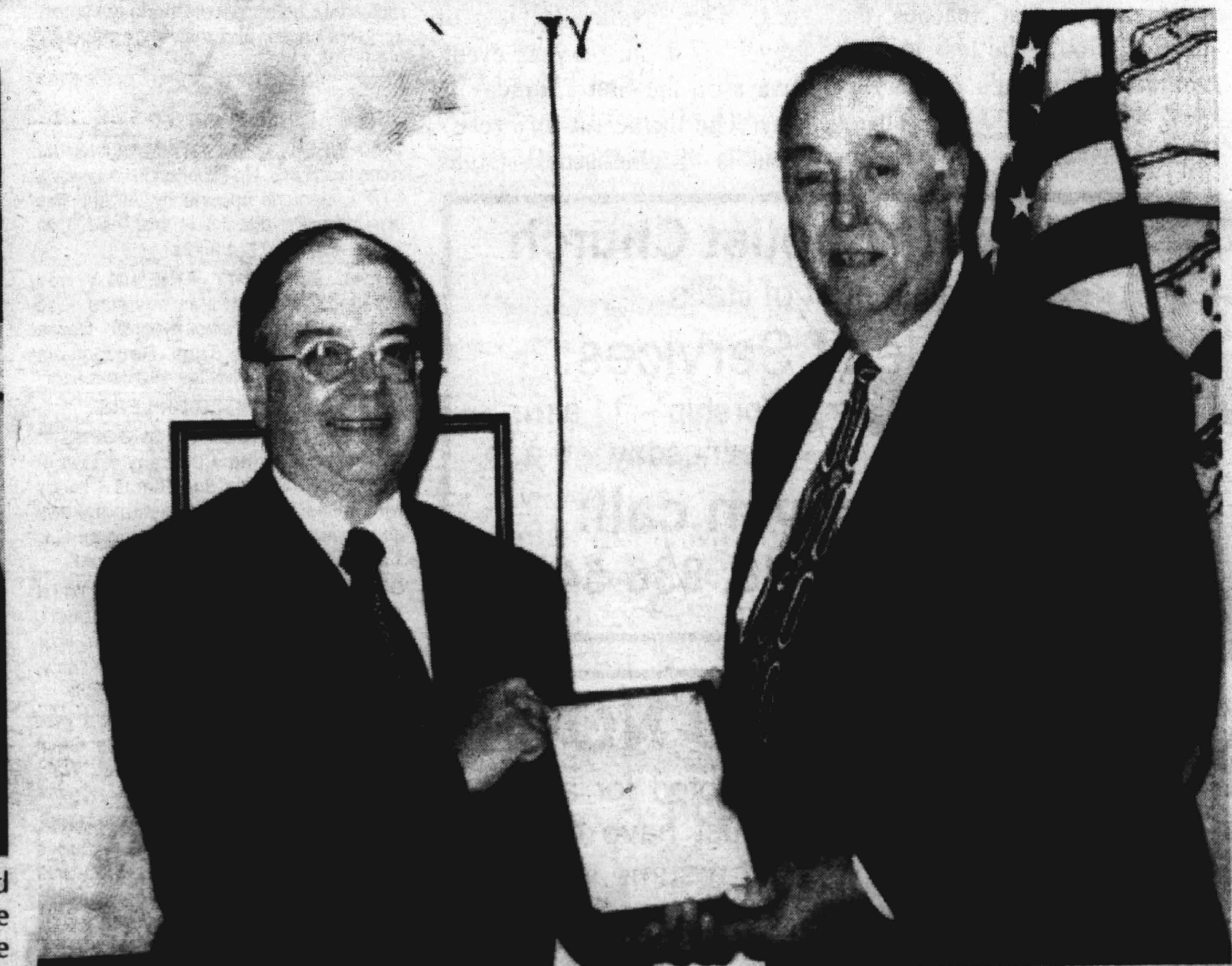
Woman Of The Year



MARIAN ELIZABETH "LIZ" CRAFT, center, was named Woman of the Year at the annual Fraternal Order of Police Banquet Thursday of last week. Presenting the award were Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig, right, and Shelby County Sheriff Mark Luttrell, left, who was the guest speaker.

Born and reared in Lauderdale County, Liz attended Whitefield School in what was called primer class, Ripley (Continued On Page 6.)

FOP 2003 Man Of The Year



PAUL AVERY, left, was presented the Man of the Year Award by Bob White, right, at the Fraternal Order of Police banquet Thursday of last week. Avery was reared in Gates, where he attended elementary school. A 1958 graduate of Halls High School, he played football and base- (Continued On Page 6.)

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Readers Speak

Editor,
With our nation embroiled in a conflict that is called "Operation Iraqi Freedom", we are more than ever in need of fervent prayer that reaches the heart of God. The loss in lives within our nation's military is now well over 100, with many more wounded and others

missing in action or held as prisoners of war.

In just a few short days, praying people of the United States of America will gather at a specified hour, all across our nation, to pray for our country, its leaders and fellow Americans. The "National Day of Prayer" is a once-a-year event, always on the first Thursday in May. The theme for this year's event is "Righteousness Exalts

A Nation". The theme is based on Proverbs 14:34, which reads, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." We believe this verse contains an important exhortation for the citizens of this country, especially in light of recent events.

The Ministerial Alliance of Lauderdale County will host this year's "National Day of

Prayer" service at 11 a.m. Thurs., May 1st. It will be at the Lauderdale County Courthouse in Ripley. The service will be outdoors unless inclement weather prevents that. If that occurs, we will move the service indoors.

The Lauderdale County Ministerial Alliance would like to encourage all patriotic citizens to attend this service as we

look to God's word for direction and encouragement and lift our voices in prayer and supplication to Almighty God.

Let's do our part to turn our nation back to our Godly heritage.

The Rev. Gary A. Green
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April Nuptials Near



AMANDA LOUISE BURROUGH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallos Burrough, of Halls, will marry Karl Brian Wright, son of Karl Heinz Wright, of Cordova, and Mrs. Charles Kennedy, of Burlison, at 7 p.m. April 26th in St. Louis Catholic Church, in Memphis, with formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lucille Burrough and the late Theron Burrough, of Halls, and Phil Garrett and the late Mrs. Louise Garrett, of Trenton.

A 1990 graduate of Halls High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, the bride was a little sister to the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity while at UTM.

She is employed by Micro Flo Company of Memphis as a supply chain specialist.

The groom-elect is the grandson of John Wright, the late Erika Wright, and the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Meter, all of Memphis.

A 1990 graduate of Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, he attended Christian Brothers University, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi, and graduated in 1994 from the University of Memphis.

He is employed by Swift Transportation in Memphis as a manager of contract finance department. The couple will reside at Cordova.

Marriages

April 10 - Timothy Wayne Lilly, 30, to Lisa Michelle Stanley, 21, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

Only one baseball player has had his number retired by three different teams. Nolan Ryan's number was retired by the Angels (#30), the Astros and the Rangers (#34).

Anniversaries

April 17 - Dr. and Mrs. Roy Crowder, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Summar, Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn.

April 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Trosper, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drumwright.

April 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Ron Feakins,

April 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thebeau, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Ing.

April 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Stan Matras.

Birthdays

April 17 - Michelle Vaughn, Robin Porter, Brandon Vowell, Pat Smith, Rusty Kesler, Brad Williams, Brittany Lane, Faye Braden, Cynthia Holland.

April 18 - Jean McDearman, Rickie Kerley, Laura Jennings, Latricia Turner, Brian Bailey, Jo Turner, Beth Poyner, Linda Turner, Shelbi Stewart, Scotty Oates, Patience Correll.

April 19 - Celeste Kiestler, Hannah Kelly, Lisa Dunham, Houston Haynes, Martha Land, Laura Layne, Beverly Taylor, Dennis Jones, David King, Jack Oates, Sam Cannon, Jamie Jones, Alex Dunaway, Jane Burnett.

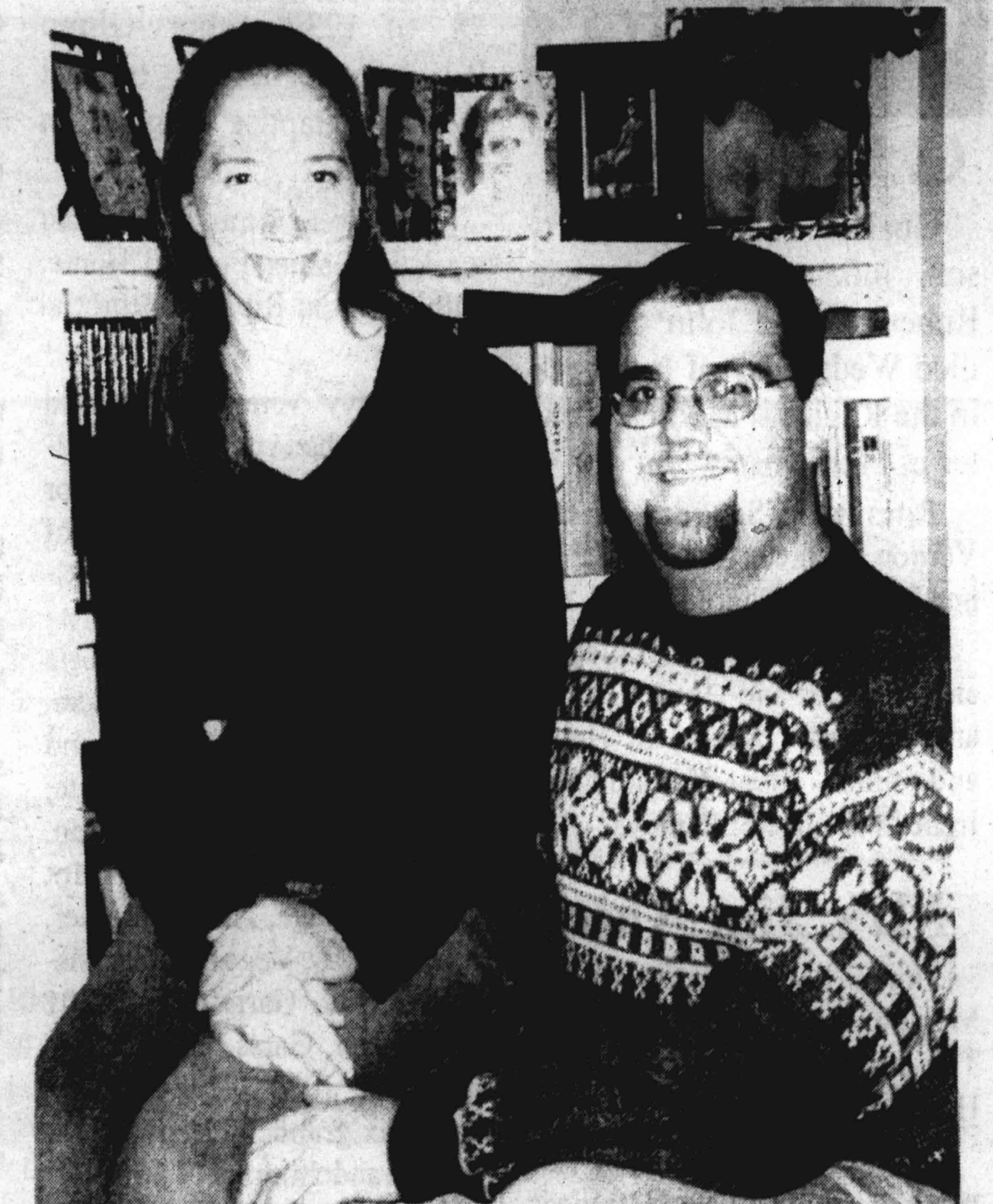
April 20 - Beverly Hutcherson, Derry Newman, Don White, June Sapp, Sarah Brassfield, Sparkle Pitts, Donna Burns, Rev. Randy Jetton, B. J. Graham, Shirley Braden, Cecil Crowder, Sr., Irene Savage.

April 21 - Shannon Ray Walker, Paul Meadows, Lee Snalley, Bill Caldwell, Paige Murray, Keith Jackson, Jean Ward, Jeff Lawrence, Heath Elmer, Wesley Jennings.

April 22 - Catherine Carpenter, Diane Whitelaw, Shelia Dillard, Rosie Waters, Amanda Grivet.

April 23 - Christie Woodard, Bill Lemons, Alene Boyd, Carmon Durham, Mike Robison, Brantley English, Carolyn Mitchell, Autumn Hutchison, Jimmy Hutcherson, Danny Belton, Natalie Hart, Madison Mountjoy, Carolyn Mitchell, Tammy Vaughn.

June Nuptials Set



ELIZABETH RAE OSBORNE, daughter of Elaine Osborne, and Richard E. Johnson, Jr., of Mokena, Ill., will marry Barry Lee Britt, II, of Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Britt, of Halls, Sun., June 8th at Peace Lutheran Church, New Lenox, Ill.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hecht, of Frankfort, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, of Chicago, Ill.

A 1998 graduate of Lincoln-Way High School in New Lenox, Ill., she graduated in 2002 from Union University, magna cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in special education and was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota sorority.

She is employed by the Crockett County Board of Education.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Ruby Britt, of Lexington; formerly of Halls, the late Carl Britt, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Darriel Hilliard, of Halls.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, he graduated in 2002 from Union University with a bachelor's degree in computer science and music. He was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity.

He is employed by Aeneas Communications Services in Jackson.

The couple will reside in Jackson.

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Obituaries

C. F. Robertson

Charles Franklin Robertson, infant son of Patricia Robertson and John Grimes, died Wednesday of last week in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include grandparents, Charles and Irene Grimes and Patricia Ozment, of Halls, and his great-grandmother, Irene Williams, of Ripley.

Mrs. Jim Akin

Dorris Sanders Akin, 76, of Memphis, former countian, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Antioch Cemetery near Halls, Memorial Park Funeral Home, of Memphis, in charge.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was the widow of Hershel O. Sanders and Jim Akin.

Survivors include one son, Michael O. Sanders, of Memphis; daughters, Brenda S. Pope, of Hernando, Miss., and Ginger S. MacMillan, of Nesbit, Miss.; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

James Ivy Rhyne

James Ivy Rhyne, 97, of West Memphis, Ark., father of Mike Rhyne, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in West Memphis Healthcare.

Rites were Saturday in Crittenden Memorial Park at Marion, Ark., Roller-Citizens Funeral Home in charge.

He had formerly owned the "Pig and Poke."

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include another son, Marvin, of West Memphis; a daughter, Mary Witman, of Florida; step-sons, Jackie Gordon, of West Memphis, and Ray Pitts, of Southaven, Miss.; a step-daughter, Susann Newcomb, of North Branch, Mont.; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

W. C. Holloway

William Clyde Holloway, 78, of 1737 Asbury-Glimp Rd., died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he had retired as a millwright for Buckeye and Proctor & Gamble. He was a member of Victory Baptist Church near Ripley.

He leaves his wife, Marjorie Brown Holloway; daughters, Patricia Price, of Ripley, and Karen Carpenter, of Mesquite, Tex.; sons, David, of Houston, Tex., and Richard, of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; a brother, Bob, of Las Vegas, Nev.; sisters, Effie Garrett, of 301 Huntington, Gates, and Frances Spear, of 10705 Hwy. 51 N., Halls; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Thomas Jones

Thomas Earl Jones, 70, of Ripley, retired from Bell-South, died Sunday, at home.

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

An Army veteran, he was a member of the Curve Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Elaine; a son, Steve Jones; daughters, Sandy Arnold and Susie Hughey; a brother, Glynn Jones, and a sister, Nancy Lane, all of Ripley; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Wardlow

Mary Sue Wardlow, 93, of Ripley, domestic worker, mother of Vernita Blackwell, of Ripley, died April 12th, at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Other survivors include eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Mark L. Haynes

Mark L. Haynes, 37, of 930 Lightfoot-Luckett Road, welder for Ripley Gas and Water and emergency medical technician for Lauderdale and Lake Counties, died Saturday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

A volunteer fire-fighter for the West Lauderdale County Fire Dept., he was a member of First Baptist Church in Ripley and umpired softball.

He leaves his wife, Donna; a son, Tyler; a step-son, Tim Broyles; step-daughters, Angie Broyles and Bethany and Kacey Ables; his parents, J. B. and Martha Haynes; a sister, Wendy Haynes, and his grandmother, Minnie Haynes, all of Ripley.

James Merriweather

James O. Merriweather, 84, of Dyersburg, farmer, died April 12th, at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at Cleaves Temple in Halls, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. R. A. Stocklin, of Henning.

Carol Nelson

Carol Diane Nelson, 39, of Ripley, employed by World Color Press in Covington, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Tuesday in the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Demorrio Lee, of Ripley, and Alphonzo Lee, of Lincoln, Neb.; her mother, Rosie Mae Lee, of Ripley; brothers, Craig and Michael Lee, of Ripley, Glen and Steven Lee, of Henning, and Kelvin Lee, of Norfolk, Va.; four sisters, Yolanda Cherry, Anita Webster, and Karen Lee, all of Ripley, and Erica Cohill, of Henning; and two grandchildren.

Club Plans Tournament



TOWN OF HALLS MAYOR, EUGENE PUGH, right, welcomed Rotary District 6760 Governor, Dr. Linda Rudolph, second from left, to the April 14th meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club. President Robert Jones, left, and President-elect, Jerre Jordan, second from right, announced the Halls-Gates Rotary Club First Annual Invitational Golf Tournament to be held June 18th. This will be the Rotary Club's three year commitment to help fund the improvements at Crichfield Park's ball fields as each club has been asked by Rotary International to have a special project earmarked for completion by June 2005 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary.

Verna Jarrett

Verna Mae Jarrett, 79, of Ripley, homemaker, died April 11th, at Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Friday at Elam Durhamville Baptist Church, where she was a member of Missionary Circle No. 1, with burial in St. Matthews Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Jeremiah Jarrett, one daughter, Sallie Jarret, and one brother, James D. Richmond, all of Ripley.

Ronnie McWilliams

Ronnie Lewis McWilliams, 59, of Houston, Tex., formerly of Gates, died April 13th at Houston North West Medical Center.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery, near Gates.

He was an Army veteran of Korea and Viet Nam, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one brother, Terry McWilliams, of Henning; and one sister, Teresa Bishop, of Ripley.

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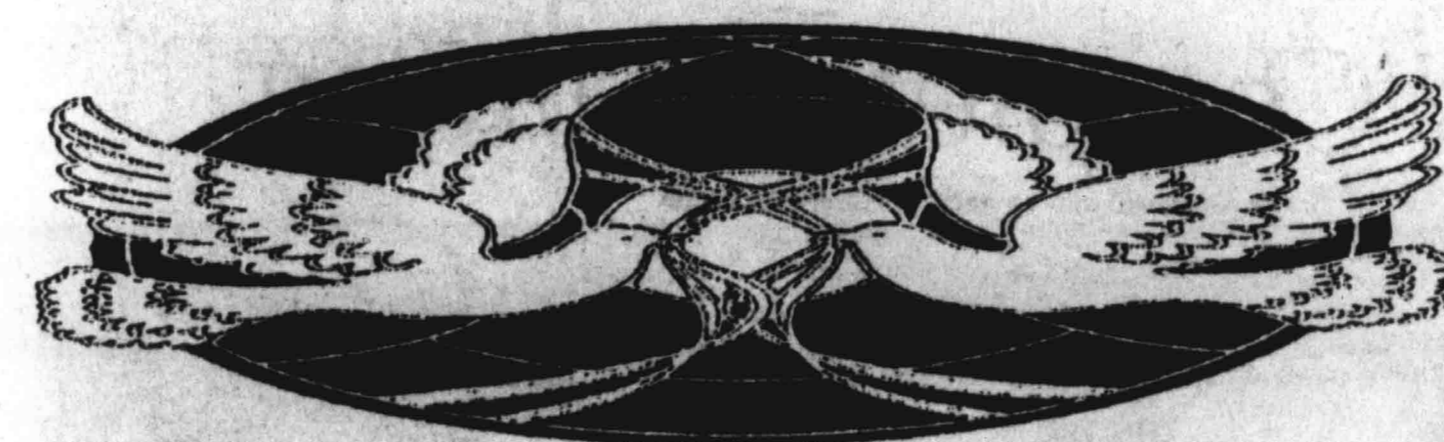
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Church Happenings

St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning has started a prayer and support ministry for the families that have lost loved ones in the war. This ministry will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday. The public is invited.

Open Door Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. April 19th featuring the Stairways. For more information, call 635-4967 or 635-4039. Donnie Reed, pastor, invites the public.

St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning will present an Easter pageant, "The Crucifixion", at 7 p.m. April 20th. The Rev. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

Victory Baptist Church, 275 Faye Barfield Rd., near Henning, will present "God of the Empty Tomb", at 7:30 p.m. Fri., April 18th and Sat., April 19th. The final days of Jesus will be presented in a Passion play setting. The Rev. Dan Holland, pastor, invites the public.

The New Sensational Heavenly Voices, of Ripley, will hold its Western Style Gospel Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Sat., April 19th at the Northcrest Community Center, 101 Northcrest St., Ripley, with guests choirs including The Divine Singers, of Henning; the Sunset Travelers, of Dyersburg; the Jones Brothers, of Hayti, Mo.; The Survivor's Singers, of Brownsville; the Heavenly Voices #2, of Ripley and Hayti, Mo.; and many more. The public is invited.

The Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 492 Church Rd., Halls, will hold an early Easter service at 7 a.m., breakfast at 7:45 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Fran Vickers, pastor, invites the public.

Dyersburg Christian Center will hold a special service at 8 a.m. Resurrection Sun., April 20th at the Dyersburg Church of God in Christ, on the corner of Rucker and Finley in Dyersburg, with Wesley J. Arije, pastor, as guest speaker. Refreshments will be offered before the special musical program at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 731-286-9138.

New Beginning FWC Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold an Easter egg hunt, for ages 1-12 with an adult, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sat., April 19th. Mark Fisher, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 635-4440.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 6435 Hwy. 19 West, will present "The Seven Last Words" at 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 18th. The Rev. James T. Byars, pastor, invites the public.

St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning will hold its revival at 7:30 p.m. April 28th through May 2nd with The Rev. Dexter Morangne, pastor of the St. Luke Baptist Church in Covington, as guest speaker. The Rev. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

Please remember that these listings can only contain church revivals or gospel singings, etc. Church yard sales or flea markets cannot be included, if an ad is not purchased.

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By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Floyd Emerson was ill last week with pneumonia. Mrs. Jack Johnson, of Maury City, visited Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Demetra Williams, of Dyersburg, is visiting her brother, Winson Carnack, this week.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, was a dinner guest of the Floyd Emersons Thursday of last week.

Jimmy L. Smith was in Madison County General Hospital Thursday of last week for treatments.

Mrs. Jimmie Sue Burks attended the Passion Play at Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova Saturday night.

Mrs. Mike McNeill visited her mother, Mrs. Nell Caldwell, in Covington Health Care Sunday afternoon.

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State Representative **CRAIG FITZHUGH**

Weekly Newsletter from Capitol Hill in Nashville
April 10, 2003
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Democrats Support

"Accountability in Government" Legislation

At the start of the 103rd General Assembly, the Democratic Caucus Policy Group identified several important areas on which to focus this session and submitted legislation on these points. The main body of legislation developed by the policy group continues to move through the committee system.

The number one issue identified by the group was "Efficient and Accountable" government. In this area, we are proud to present three key pieces of legislation that are making their way through the committee system.

The first, HB 1257, as amended requires the Registry of Election Finance to develop an Internet-based electronic filing process for use by all candidates for state public office and all political campaign committees required to file with the registry. The timeline for implementation is the 2004 regular August election. A fee structure is established that will ensure the system is self-sufficient. This Democratic Initiative is scheduled for debate on the House Floor on Monday night.

The second, HB 1256, gives the General Assembly the ability to provide more oversight and accountability to the state's contractual procedures. During the previous administration, non-competitive, sole-source state contracts were awarded to many insiders. These sole-source contracts do not go through the regular bid process, and in many cases the state isn't paying a competitive rate for a service. The legislation will allow the legislature's Fiscal Review Committee oversight of the state's contracting process. All sole-source contracts over \$100,000 would be reviewed quarterly by the committee. The administration would be required to provide justification of why the contract was not bid, how long the company providing the service has been in business and all efforts by the agency in identifying competitive purchasing alternatives. This legislation will be heard in the State & Local Government Committee next week.

And the third, HB 1249, requires that all legislative and executive branch officials disclose consulting contracts with persons or businesses currently doing business with the State of Tennessee. This Democratic Initiative to require accountability through disclosure of legislative consulting contracts was heard on the House floor this Thursday. As amended the legislation will require members of the General Assembly to fully disclose any consulting contracts held with companies currently doing business with the state. The legislation is almost identical to the legislation sponsored by Representative Frank Buck, which passed 99-0 in May of 2001. The Senate refused to take action. The legislation again passed the House of Representatives on Thursday by a near-unanimous vote.

Accountable government is effective, efficient and responsive government. It addresses the changing needs of the state and its citizens in an efficient, appropriate and equitable manner. It demonstrates sound planning and fiscal management. It encourages its citizens to be informed participants in civic affairs and to become actively involved in the governing process. And it is one of the most important responsibilities of our elected officials because virtually all other programs and operations of government depend on an efficient system.

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Grammar School, where she was a student of 'Miss Kate', Ripley High School, Memphis School of Commerce, and Memphis State University. She lived in Memphis for 43 years and returned to Ripley, when her husband, the late Doyle Craft, retired. She retired from the Memphis City School System, where she worked at Bellevue Jr. High School and Overton High School as executive secretary to the principal, James M. Hewlett.

She has attended Evangelical Methodist, Cherokee Baptist, Colonial Baptist, and Parkway Village Baptist (all neighborhood churches), Memphis Second Baptist, Ripley First Baptist, and Collierville First Baptist.

Liz is a member of the Cancer Society in Memphis; Friends of the Pink Palace; a charter member of St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary; founder of Fox Meadows Civic Club; sponsor of clubs at Overton High School; president and treasurer of Alpha Delta Pi Mothers Club at Memphis State; local Member of the Year, board member, and prepared the scrapbook that received a state award for the Lauderdale County Cancer Society; president and vice-president of the Memphis City Schools Secretaries Association; vice-president of the Lauderdale County Retired Teachers; vice-president and treasurer of the Lauderdale County Historical Society; president, founder, chairman, member of the scholarship committee, and Member of the Year of the Do So FCE Club; in charge of the newsletter for the Lauderdale County Newcomers Club; Regent, recording secretary, historian, genealogical records chairman, completing two books, for the Fort Prudhomme Chapter, NSDAR; and compiling a history of Whitefield Assembly of God Church with obituaries, 50 years or older; organized the Korean War Program, compiled and wrote an 80 page book to present to veterans; received the Key to the City from Ripley Mayor Richard Douglas at the end of the program; and is working on the history of Lauderdale County Veterans. She has compiled a history of the Lauderdale County Courthouse, "It Happened Here", and is responsible for the marker on the west lawn of the courthouse.

She has two daughters, Dianne, who is married to Ron Peebles, of Collierville, and June Bailey, who is married to Dr. Ben Bailey, of Asheville, N.C., five grandchildren, Jenny Peebles, graduate of the Hutchison School, of Memphis, attended Vanderbilt University, graduate of Rhodes College, and a second year law student at the University of Memphis; Brain Craft Bailey, U.S. Navy aboard the USS new Hope; Beth Bailey, junior at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Andrew Bailey, freshman at North Carolina State; and Bennett Bailey, sophomore at Asheville High School.

She and her husband were married for 53+ years before his death, Nov. 16, 2001.

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VOLUNTEERS for the Lauderdale County Emergency Management, from left, Doug Kissell, Kevin Brogdon, and Kirk Kissell, completed Weapons of Mass Destruction training in incident Response to Terrorist Bombings, sponsored by the Department of Justice at the EMRTC in Socorro, NM. They are certified to teach Awareness to Terrorist Bombings. The training consisted of classroom time and field exercises in detonating and investigating explosives.

Doug is a full-time captain and paramedic for Milan Army Ammunitions plant and is a certified instructor for Tennessee Emergency Management Agency in Hazardous Materials and the Department of Justice in other WMD courses.

Kirk is a full-time deputy with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and is at the Awareness Level of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Hazardous Materials working toward the instructor level.

Kevin is a full-time emergency medical technician for Lauderdale County Ambulance Service and is a certified police officer for Halls.

Lauderdale County Emergency Management Agency is in the process of coordinating training courses for Emergency Services Agencies in Lauderdale County in Weapons of Mass Destruction and Hazardous Materials.

Pursell xxx

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and children, Chris and Kara. Born in Shelby County, he moved with his family to Houston, Tex. at the age of three, and at the age of nine, moved to Dyersburg, where he was reared.

A 1969 graduate of Dyersburg High School, he received a "personal invitation" from Uncle Sam to join the United States Army. He served in Vietnam for one year, serving as an Army artillery gunner. He returned to Dyersburg, where he finished his education at Dyersburg State Community College, earning an associate of science degree in criminal justice. He met his wife at DSCC and they will celebrate their 30th anniversary this August.

Committed to community service, he is the father of two and has worked hard to support area youth sports by coaching and helping with Dixie Youth Baseball, softball, Pee Wee football, and Ripley Junior High football. He served as Ripley High School softball booster club president and vice-president, and has been active in the Regional Special Olympics. He is an active member of Whitefield Assembly of God Church, serving in many capacities including board member, assistant Sunday school teacher, choir member, and previous youth leader.

He joined the City of Ripley Police Department in 1977, where he worked until 1986. He was a member of the Military Police Unit of the Tennessee National Guard from 1976 until 1984 and was a member of the Tennessee Defense Force. He became the Lauderdale County Juvenile Investigator in 1986 and served for ten years. Believing he was becoming too old to chase juveniles, he accepted the position of Chief of Police in Halls.

Avery xxx

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ball and was chosen Campus Cutie with Rose Cannon. After graduation, he attended the University of Tennessee at Martin.

While at UTM, he began dating Joyce Cannon. They fell in love and were married in 1962. They have two daughters, Carol Avery Wilson and Beth Avery, and three grandchildren, Josh, Justin, and Seth.

A member of Halls First Baptist Church, he is a deacon, Sunday school teacher, sings in the choir, leads congregation singing, and serves on various church committees. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, golfing, and of course his grandsons. Avery serves on numerous boards including the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration Advisory Board, Tri-County Mental Health Center Board, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale Advisory Board, Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Board, Chairman of Private Industrial Council, SDA 13, Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board, SDA 12, charter member of Dyer County Society Human Resources Management Group, and chairman for the Lauderdale County Relay for Life Event from 2000-2002.

He has been employed for 42 years and is the human resource manager at A. O. Smith.

School Lunches
Lauderdale County Schools**Monday, April 21st**

Hot Ham & Cheese
Pepperoni Pizza
French Fries
Fresh Vegetable Cup
Sunkist Orange Wedges
Oatmeal Cookie
Choice of Milk

Tuesday, April 22nd

Pork Roast w/ gravy
Chicken Fillet
Whipped Potatoes
English Peas
Pear Halves
Peaches
Roll
Choice of Milk

Wednesday, April 23rd

Spaghetti
Entrée-School's Choice
Green Beans
Steamed Carrots
Applesauce
Jello w/ fruit
Roll
Choice of Milk

Thursday, April 24th

Hot Dog
Deli Sandwich
Baked Beans
Broccoli Bites
Pineapple Tidbits
Fruit Mix
Choice of Milk

Friday, April 25th

Chicken Fajita
Quesadilla w/ salsa
Cup of Trimmings
Corn Nibbles
Sunkist Orange Wedges
Cookie
Choice of Milk

IJHS PARENT MEETING

Halls High School will host a parent meeting for parents of 8th grade students going into 9th grade, 2003-2004 school year, at 6 p.m., Mon., Apr. 21st, in the Junior High School gym.

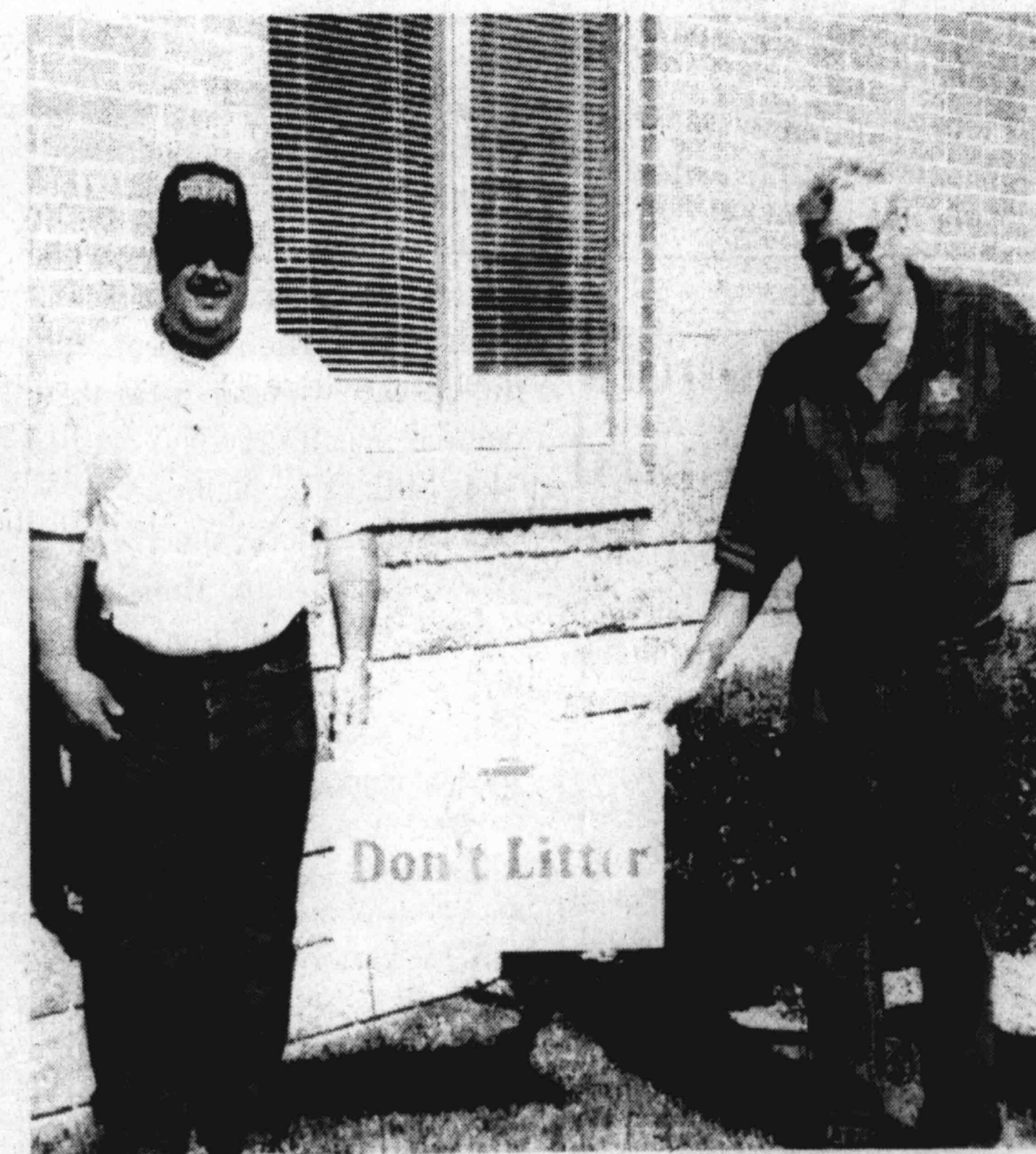
Parents will be informed of requirements for graduation, the Gateway Tests, the math program and set appointments to schedule students for high school.

Students will not be scheduled into high school, without a parent meeting with a high school guidance counselor.

Certificate Presented To Students

ROTARY DISTRICT 6760 GOVERNOR DR. LINDA RUDOLPH, second from left, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Halls High School Interact Club, from left, Lauren Bivens, Kayla Chessor, Danielle McBroom, Leslie McGarrity, Leslie Hughes, and Interact Sponsor Ron Goforth, for its contribution of \$1,000 to the Rotary Club Foundation to be used for Polio Plus Campaign, during the Halls-Gates Rotary Club meeting April 14th. Guests at the meeting were Governor Rudolph's husband, Bill, and Past-District Governor, Bill Ellis, and his wife, Agnes. Robert Jones, left, local president, stated the club was honored to have in attendance the guests and its own Past District Governor, Roger Charest, and his wife, Terry.

Governor Rudolph expressed appreciation on behalf of Rotary International and praised the youth for their thoughtfulness in wanting to be a part of Rotary's goal to have polio completely eradicated worldwide by Rotary's 100th anniversary to be celebrated in 2005.

Placing Reminders

LAUDERDALE COUNTY SHERIFF LOUIS CRAIG, right, and Litter Control Officer Ed Hunt, left, show placards placed in the county reminding citizens not to litter. During the month of March over 70,000 pounds of trash was picked up.

IJHS HONOR ROLL

Cristy Meeks and Heather Spangler.

Students earning all A's and B's include Kyle Ray, Bree Burns, Justin Erry, Roger Jetton, Leamond Arthur, Sara Michelle Meeks, Cody Dew, McBroom, Anna Hartman,

**Assistance For
Cancer Victims**

A local support group, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society and Ripley First United Methodist Church, meets monthly on the fourth Thurs., at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall at the church. Information is given through the programs presented each month. For further information, contact Diane Maness, 635-2979.

Reach To Recovery is another program, sponsored by the ACS, for breast cancer patients. A well-trained volunteer, who has had breast cancer, contacts the patient, and if the patient requests it, makes a visit sharing information about her experience. Her kit includes exercises and general information supplied by the ACS.

Lauderdale County has three volunteers, Lillie Dennison, 738-9158, Diane Taylor, 635-5636, and Theresa Strange, 221-0509, who have received certification from the ACS. Turbans are available through the volunteers, or Annie Laura Jennings, 635-2171. A selection of wigs is also available at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, through Donna Pugh.

Financial aid for 2003 has been changed to now include individual needs. In the past, the ACS could assist with only a few needs, such as travel and diet supplements. Some cancer clinics have received grants to help patients pay for gas used to come to their offices. Patients should check with their doctor first.

Help is always available by calling the ACS, 1-800-227-2345, or on the internet, www.cancer.org.

CCRP PROGRAM

Landowners have an excellent opportunity to enroll filter strips, grassed waterways, and riparian buffers in the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program, according to Vernon McBride, Chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District. The CCRP allows landowners to receive annual rental payments for acres enrolled for a period of 10 to 15 years. In addition, the program provides cost-share funds to install the conservation practices on the land. Currently, the program also provides producers with additional incentive payments to encourage producers to participate in this program. McBride pointed out that this program does much to eliminate

excessive erosion adjacent to streams, to improve water quality of the stream, and to enhance wildlife habitat on the farm.

For more information concerning the CCRP and how the program may benefit the farming operation, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Farm Service Agency in the USDA Service Center, 301 Lake Drive, Ripley, 635-7686.

Receives Award



PEYTON FISHER, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, of Lithia, Fla., formerly of Ripley, won first place March 15th in the K-2 category of the Greater Tampa Bay Builder's Association Seventh Annual "Draw Your Dream House" Art contest. More than 700 children from three Tampa Bay area counties entered the contest for K-5th grade students. The children were asked to draw their dream house using a choice of crayons, colored pencils, or watercolors. Peyton entered a watercolor painting depicting a brightly colored, two-story home with a yard full of colorful flowers.

She and her family were invited to attend a VIP party kicking off the 2003 Parade of Homes at the showcase home in FishHawk Ranch, where she lives with her parents and sister, Marley. At the party, Eric Isebergh, president of GTBBA, presented her with her framed artwork, a \$1,000 savings bond and a professional art kit. Her work was displayed in the showcase home throughout the remainder of the 2003 Parade of Homes. Peyton is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes, of Ripley. She attends second grade at Colleen Bevis Elementary School in Lithia.

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LADIES from Westside Baptist Church, in Halls, held a sock drive and donated 29 packages of socks to Ripley Healthcare, and also hosted the March birthday party for residents.

Pictured, from left, are Betty Lovelace, Margaret Jackson and Juanita Broglin.

Tanner Honors National Guard

U.S. Rep. John Tanner applauded Tennessee's Army National Guard and Tennessee Air National Guard, in remarks recorded in the *Congressional Record*.

"In Tennessee, we have always been proud of our strong volunteer spirit, made famous when volunteers from Tennessee traveled with Davy Crockett in 1836 to defend the Alamo in Texas' fight for independence," said Tanner. "Today, the volunteer spirit is still alive, and one fine example is in the more than 14,000 men and women, who serve in the Tennessee Army National Guard and Tennessee Air National Guard, under the leadership of Tennessee Adjutant General Gus Hargett."

He also commended the "Screaming Eagles" of the

Halls First Baptist Presents Egg Hunt

Halls First Baptist Church will present a free Children's Easter Celebration from 10 a.m. until noon Sat., April 19th with age appropriate egg hunts, carnival type games, face painting, hot dogs, snacks, candy and a gift for all children. For more information, call Jason Smith, minister to students, 836-7116.

CLASS REUNION

A potluck dinner will be held for the Helen's Bluff Reunion April 27th beginning at 11 a.m. at the Halls Community Center. Anyone attending is asked to bring a dish. For more information, call Norma Burse, 731-656-2068 or Lottie Floyd, 731-779-2126.

RHS, for his artwork, "Fingers at Play," and Trina Curington, from HHS, for her oil pastel.

"We are very proud of all the fine young artists who entered this competition, and each of them are to be commended for their hard work and dedication," said Tanner.

The artworks of county winners will be judged in district competition Fri., Apr. 25th, at Carnegie Center, in Jackson.

The district winner's artwork will hang for one year in a corridor leading to the United States Capitol, with the work of winners from all over the country.

Tanner Announces Local Art Winners

Congressman John Tanner announced the Lauderdale County winners of the 2003 Congressional Art Competition.

Thomas Anderson, a senior from Ripley High School, submitted the winning artwork, a colored pencil drawing, entitled "The Stillness in Nature."

Second place winner was P. J. Arwood, from Halls High School, for his photography entry, and third place went to Brittany Schneider, from RHS, for her work, "Nature's Night."

Receiving Honorable Mention were Don Gaines, from

101st Airborne Division of the United States Army, based at Fort Campbell, for answering the call to duty and continuing the division's long history of outstanding military service.

"Their love for our country, the safety of its people and the protection of its liberties, is what makes this nation free and great," he said, of the 101st Airborne Division.

Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional District.

He retired from the Tennessee Army National Guard in 2000 as the rank of Colonel.

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Truck Collides With Falling Tree Coloring Book Winners



A FORD F150 PICK-UP, driven by Terry Lents, of Halls, was struck at approximately 7 p.m. Sunday, near Curve. According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig, a tree was blown over, during the storm, onto the hood of Lents' stretch-cab pick-up, flattening it. He was trapped inside by the airbag and later transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale. Lents underwent surgery Tuesday at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis for a broken neck.

His father, Curtis Lents, of Henning, was injured January 30th, while working for the county, when tree limbs, he was picking up, went through the cab of his trackhoe and pierced his body. He is recovering at home.



THE HALLS-GATES ROTARY CLUB presented its 2002-2003 Drug Abuse Prevention Coloring book winners, from Halls Elementary School second grade classes, from right, Devin Castelli, Mandy McClellen, Lindsey Elmore, and Gared Colvin. Presenting the awards were Club President, Robert Jones, Beth James, Halls Elementary Teacher, and contest judge The Rev. John Compere. Each winner received a \$25 prize.

Bank Welcomes Art Class



BETH ABLES, left, assistant vice-president and branch manager of the Bank of Ripley, 514 Hwy. 51 N. location, welcomed Steve Warren, right, rear, and Halls High School Art Class. The group toured the bank and visited the Congressional Artwork Exhibit. Students winning awards were P. J. Arwood, second place, and Trina Covington, honorable mention.

Signs Bible Scriptures



JANE WILEY, left, of Halls, and Jeff Love, right, production manager at WDYR-TV33 in Dyersburg, have finished the taping of Bible scriptures for Christian television stations. The brief videos will be aired throughout the United States and over television stations in the Philippines. Mrs. Wiley interpreted the scriptures in sign language.

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April 25 - Lex Sanders, Barbara Jennings, Becky Hilliard, Beth Deaton, Brenda Newman, Margie Halliburton, Becky Fain, Nathan Smith, Mike Fuller.

April 26 - Mary Meadows, Emily Elkins, Alfred Brassfield, Susan Pipkin, Billie Belton,

Lewis Vaden, David Booker, Caroline Snell, Margaret Ceparulo.

April 27 - Chris Buckner, Ruth Steelman, Mark Reynolds, Montell Sandlin, Emmie Henderson, Zach Heath, Diana Dedmon, Mark L. Reynolds, Dawn Steelman, Meagan Rose Kimbrell, Keeley Fowler, Randy Robison.

April 28 - Lauryn Emilee Caldwell, George Grugett, Emily Anthony, Kevin Hoguard, William Belton, Jim Jarrett, Ken Long.

April 29 - Julie Wright, Matthew Taylor, Betty Chipman, Cynthia Harvey, Rebekah

D. Ennis.

April 30 - Patricia Box, Steve Austin Tate, Lisa Kissell, Lori Berkley, Lauren Shelby Douglas, Becca Carmack, Josh Puckett, Justin Middleton, Mary Fitzhugh, Mike Barham, Bill Burnett, Elizabeth Jane West, J. C. Mills.

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Obituaries

Helen Ann Jones

Helen Ann Jones, 54, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were held Saturday in the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Carlton Green, of Ripley, Anthony Jones, of Henning, and Earnest Green, of Covington; a daughter, Sharon Jones, of Henning; brothers, Sammie Green, of Memphis, and Joe Green, Jr., of Peoria, Ill.; sisters, Frankie Green, of Ripley, and Diane Green, Louise Halliburton, Mary Johnson, and Geraldine, Josie, and Rosie Morgan, of Henning; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Cary Payton

Cary Payton, 83, of South Bend, Ind., brother of Sam Payton, of Ripley, died Sunday at his residence.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Lake Chapel Primitive Baptist Church in South Bend, where he was a minister, with burial in Riverview Cemetery, at South Bend, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Other survivors include his wife, Gennie Estes Payton, a daughter, Shirley Clark, two brothers, Dan Payton and Herman Lewis Payton, and a sister, Bernerdean Green, all of South Bend; another daughter, Verla Jean Fingers, and a sister, Verline Campbell, both of Jackson; another sister, Princess Powell, of Detroit, Mich.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

True ecstasy hails neither from spirit nor from nature, but from the union of these two.

—Martin Buber

A friend is, as it were, a second self.

—Cicero

Charles Jones

Charles W. Jones, 76, of Henning, retired Tennessee Electroplating employee, died Saturday, at Methodist North Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mark Baptist Church, in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, in Henning, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie B. Jones, of Henning; two sons, Robert Jones, of Ripley, and The Rev. James Otis Jones, of Union City; three daughters, Loretta Williams, of Ripley, Stella Louise Jones Lake, of Union City, and Celestine Jones, of Nashville; 18 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Frankie Davis

Frankie B. Davis, 94, of Ripley, homemaker, mother of Syvelia Winbush, of Ripley, died April 15th in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Luke Baptist Church, in Ripley, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Other survivors include another daughter, Norma Willis, of Nashville; a son, Clifford "Clayton" Davis, of Memphis; one brother, Robert Bowers, of Gates; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Theopolis Patrick wishes to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness during their time of bereavement. The many calls, cards, flowers and monetary gifts were deeply appreciated. A very special thank you to the employees of H and A Partners, Mrs. G. W. Odell and The Rev. W. L. McCadney. May God bless each of you.

The Patrick Family

Adv.

Do not simply retire from something; have something to retire to.

—Harry Emerson Fosdick

'Everyday Heroes' Awards Received

U. S. Senator Bill Frist received Court TV's "Everyday Heroes" award Apr. 2nd, for emergency medical care he provided to victims of a car crash Jan. 1st, when he and his family were driving along Interstate 75 in Florida and came upon the accident. Three of the five people in the vehicle died, due to injuries sustained in the crash.

"I am greatly honored and humbled in accepting this award," said Frist. "On that day in Florida, I did what any doctor would do to help those in need."

Senators John McCain and John Kerry also received "Everyday Heroes" awards, in recognition of their military service during the Vietnam War.

In addition, Court TV honored local heroes across the country for demonstrating acts of courage or bravery, and has been awarding the America's Heroes Award for the past four years as a part of the Cable Television Public Affairs Association Annual Conference.

Court TV works with local cable operators, community leaders, legislators and law enforcement across the United States to develop the award.

Local cable operators nominate individuals for the award.

Land Transfers

April 11 — Rosie Lee Wiggins to Cory Jermaine Turner, Dist. 3, lot.

Bud Fitzhugh and Lola Fitzhugh to Pamela L. Fitzhugh, Dist. 14, 6.0 acres.

April 14 — Kevin Jay Freeman to Jerry Buckner and Donna Buckner, Dist. 12, 1/8 acre.

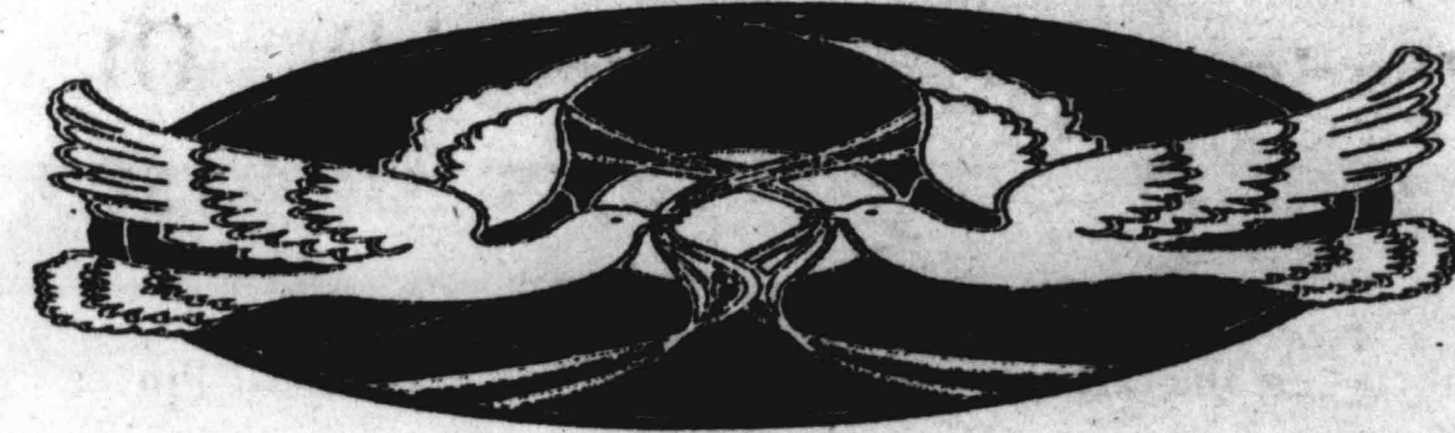
Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Clarence Hixson, Jr., Dist. 1, lot.

Union Planters Bank NA to Randy Lankford, Dist. 2, lot.

April 15 — Tom Greaves and Steve Cherry to Leslie Dale Smith and Brandi Nicole Ross Smith, Dist. 2, lot.

April 17 — Ollie Jones to Frank Jones, Dist. 6, lot.

Mary Doyle to Sammy Taylor and Patricia Taylor, Dist. 4, 1 acre.



Church Happenings

St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning has started a prayer and support ministry for the families that have lost loved ones in the war. This ministry will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday. The public is invited.

Dyersburg Christian Center, on the corner of Rucker and Finley Streets in Dyersburg, will hold a special crusade at 7 p.m. nightly Wed., April 23rd through Fri., April 25th with Ronnie McLaughlin, of Detroit, Mich., as guest evangelist. Praise and worship musical performance will be presented by the Dyersburg Christian Center Praise Team, the Gillespie Temple Praise Team, of Carbondale, Ill., and the March of Faith Outreach Ministries Fellowship Mass Choir, of Detroit, Carbondale, and Dyersburg. For more information, call 731-286-9138. Wesley J. Arije, pastor, invites the public.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold revival services beginning at 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sun., April 27th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through Wed., April 30th with The Rev. Tommy Pirtle, of Covington, as guest evangelist. The CrossView Choir, directed by Roy Harkness, pastor, will provide special music each service with solos by various members. The public is invited to attend.

St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning will hold its revival at 7:30 p.m. April 28th through May 2nd with The Rev. Dexter Morganne, pastor of the St. Luke Baptist Church in Covington, as guest speaker. The Rev. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

Please remember that these listings can only contain church revivals or gospel singings, etc. Church yard sales or flea markets cannot be included, if an ad is not purchased.

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Readers Speak

Editor,

Many of us are former members of the armed forces and are proud veterans. We are also husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers. The current war in Iraq brings many emotions and thoughts to our mind. Recently, I watched *The News Hour*, with host Jim Lehrer. The names of military personnel, that have died in the war with Iraq, appeared in a silent scroll across the television screen. I watched and then wrote the following.

The Faces of War

Yesterday they were young. Today, Oh, how they have changed. (These are the faces we see on the nightly news.)

Yesterday there were high school dances, football games, baseball games, and the like.

Today, there is suffering and dying.

Yesterday, there were family gatherings and laughter. Today, there is mourning for those lost.

Yesterday, there were dreams of the future.

Today, those dreams are gone Erased by the guns of war.

WENDELL WILEY
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Life Enrichment Conference

By Jane H. Connell, CFCS, Extension Agent III

Seeking to find some sort of balance in your life? If so, plan to attend the LIFE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE presented by the Agriculture Extension and Family & Consumer Sciences Agents. The 2003 conference theme is "THE BALANCING ACT".

The one-day conference on Thursday, May 22nd is packed with tips to help you to rebound into a safety zone where you may refocus and re-energize. Featured speakers are Patrick Lewis, *A Balanced Life*, Tania Farley, of Charlene's Colony of Shops, Amy Elizer, UT Agriculture Extension agent, and Lucy Scarbrough, of Jackson Day Spa and Lee Flowers.

The conference will be held at the Buford Ellington 4-H Center in Milan from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 22, 2003. The registration, fee (\$15) is due to

National Day Of Prayer May 1st

The National Day of Prayer service is set for 11 a.m., Thurs., May 1st, on the East side of the courthouse in Ripley.

The theme for this year's event, "Righteousness Exalts A Nation," is based on Proverbs 14:34, which reads, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

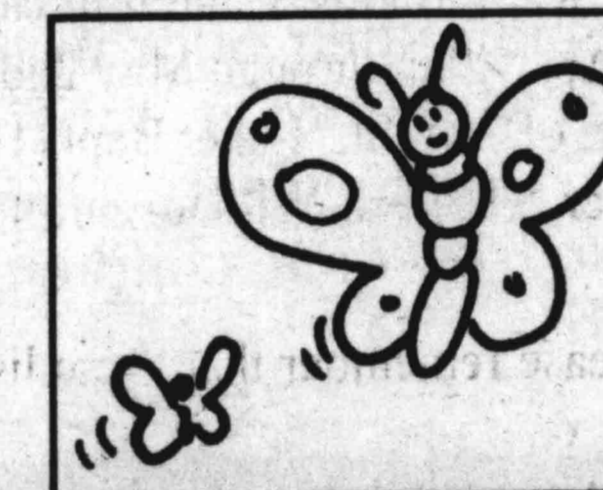
People all across the nation will gather May 1st, at a specified hour, to pray for the United States of America, the world, its leaders and fellow citizens.

The Ministerial Alliance of Lauderdale County will host the event, and encourages everyone to attend.

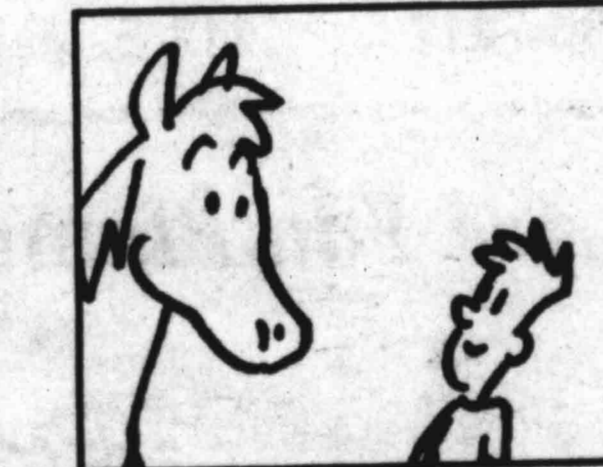
If inclement weather, the service will be held inside the courthouse.

For further information, call The Rev. Abe Silliman, Jr., 635-1788.

your local UT/TSU Agricultural Extension Agents, Jane H. Connell or Christene Anderson, by April 29th. For more information on *Life Enrichment Conference*, please call 731-635-9551 or 731-635-3101.



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Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Barry Jordan and sons, Caleb, Eli and Isaac, of Memphis, visited the Floyd Emersons from Thursday of last week until Saturday.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis and children, of Nesbit, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vaughn, of Bolivar, and Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and daughter, Wendy, of Lightfoot, were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escues.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson accompanied Mrs. J. D. McNeill to Memphis Tuesday of last week for a check-up with her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McNeill and sons, Joe and Jacob, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McNeill and children were Sunday dinner guests of the J. D. McNeills.

EARTH WEEK

The week of April 21-25 has been proclaimed, Earth Week, and specifically Apr. 22nd as Earth Day in Tennessee, according to Bill Parker, West Tennessee vice-president, for the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts.

Parker stated that President George Bush has said that good stewardship of the environment is not just a personal responsibility, it is a public value.

"Wherever you live, in the city, or in the country, you depend on soil, water, air, plants and animals," said Parker.

He encourages all citizens of Lauderdale County to think about how much they depend on clean air to breathe, clean water to drink and good productive soils to grow crops, and with the right to use natural resources, goes the duty to protect it for future generations.

Special Report

from
State Representative

CRAIG FITZHUGH

Weekly Newsletter from Capitol Hill in Nashville
April 22, 2003
Contact: Matt Kroplin, Press Secretary, (615) 741-6620

Representative Fitzhugh Passes Internet Disclosure Legislation And Continues Work on Lottery

HB 1257, a strong piece of government accountability legislation which I am co-sponsoring, passed the Tennessee House of Representatives on Monday evening. The legislation will require the Registry of Election Finance to develop an Internet-based electronic filing process.

The Internet filing system will be for use by all candidates for state public office and all political campaign committees required to file with the registry. If passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor, the law will require the Registry to implement electronic means through which citizens across the state can view campaign contributions and expenditures from any computer connected to the Internet.

HB 1257, as amended, mirrors legislation Majority Leader Kim McMillan proposed last year. In the 102nd General Assembly, however, the issue was not passed in the Senate. This year, the Democratic Initiative passed the House by a vote of 94-0 on Monday night.

This has long been a priority for the House Democrats. Our disclosures are matters of public record, and our constituents have a right to view them. For those who cannot as easily make the trip to Nashville, we should make sure they have access to these documents as well.

The timeline for implementation is the 2004 regular August election. A fee structure is established that will ensure the system is self-sufficient. House Democrats are committed to making government open and accountable. This legislation is one more step in that process.

Also this week, the Lottery Implementation Legislation, HB 0001, received favorable consideration in the House State & Local Government Committee and was referred to the House Finance, Ways & Means Committee.

House Democrats, in consultation with Governor Bredesen, enhanced the Implementation Bill by returning to a more Georgia-based model with Tennessee improvements. Finance, Ways & Means is the last standing committee other than the scheduling Calendar & Rules Committee that the legislation must pass through before full House Floor debate.

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June Vows Slated



PATRICE YVETTE SAWYER, of Clinton, Miss, daughter of Mrs. Linda Adams Hall, of Gates, and James Sawyer, Sr., of Halls, will marry Michael Patrick Guilfoyle, of Clinton, Miss., son of John and Jean Guilfoyle, of Woodbine, Md., at 5 p.m. June 7th at the River Terrace Yacht Club in Memphis.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lillie Mae Adams, the late Alonzo Adams, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sawyer, all of Halls.

A graduate of Halls High School and the University of Memphis, she is a state government reporter for the *Clairon-Ledger* newspaper in Jackson, Miss.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore, Md., Auburn University in Alabama, Frostburg State University in Maryland, and a doctoral student at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a biologist at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Miss.

They will reside in Clinton, Miss.

Newborn Welcomed



SETH BRADEN JONES, 6 lb. 8 oz. son of Timmy and Tina Jones, of Halls, was born March 13th at Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Grandparents are Dennis and JoAnne Jones, of Halls, and Jackie and Shelia Luttrell, of Gates, and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Charest, of Halls, Ruffin Luttrell, of Gates, Josephine Latham, of Ripley, and Martha Davis, of Curve.



GRANT C. SUMMAR, 9 lb. 5 oz. son of Rebecca and Greg Summar, of Ripley, was born March 27th at Baptist East Women's Hospital in Memphis. Grandparents are Jonny and Linda Carmack and Jerry Don and Linda Summar, all of Ripley, and great-grandparents are Louise Latham and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Summar, of Ripley, and Ollie Mae Jones, of Halls.

School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 28th

- Stuffed Crust Pizza
- Cheeseburger
- Potato Wedges
- Lettuce/ Tomato Cup
- Sunkist Orange Sections
- Chocolate Cookie
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday, April 29th

- Oven Fried Chicken
- Beef Cutlet w/ gravy
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Jello w/ fruit
- Pear Halves
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Wednesday, April 30th

- Ham & Cheese sandwich
- Burrito w/ salsa
- Corn Nibbles
- Carrot Sticks
- Fruit Mix
- Peaches
- Choice of Milk

Thursday, May 1st

- Steak Fingers
- Baked Ham
- Lima Beans
- Steamed Carrots
- Fruit Mix
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Friday, May 2nd

- Tacos w/ salsa
- Hot Dog
- Lettuce/ Tomato/ Cheese Cup
- Corn Nibbles
- Banana
- Applesauce
- Chocolate Cookie
- Choice of Milk



Thomas Jefferson was the first President to have a grandchild born in the White House.

One cloud is sufficient to eclipse a whole sun.
—Baltasar Gracian

Golden Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS HUDSON, of Halls, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 5 p.m. Sat., May 3rd at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 539 East Court Street, Dyersburg, with a reception, hosted by their children, all family and friends invited.

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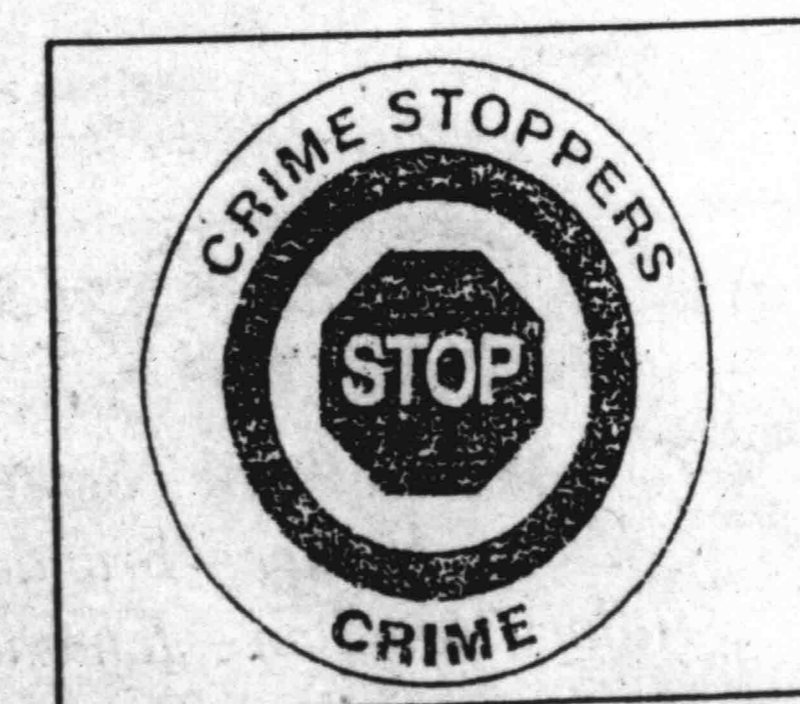
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Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

First Mowing Of Spring Lawn Leaves Look Of Picked-Chicken

Ah! Spring is finally here. No more stoking the fire, wearing heavy coats, cold bathroom floors, and scrapping ice from your windshield. Now we can enjoy flowers blooming, spring showers on a tin roof, warm temperatures, fresh air blowing through our windows, and mowing grass once again.

What? Did I include mowing grass as one of the "wonderful" rituals of spring? Please excuse my rambling, and the insult to many of you who find mowing the grass a different type of ritual. To many of you it's a ritual of sacrifice and torture that could be only enjoyed by a person who has overdosed on dandelion pollen.

This year, as I rolled out the "ole trusty" mower, (the word trusty is used here as a joke), I wondered just what this year's mowing experiences would be. Would it be another year of watching the engine of my riding mower blow up sending numerous internal mower parts all over my yard as it did year before last? Maybe it will be another year like last year of me wrapping the blades of my brand new mower, which I had to buy after the engine blew on the other one, around a hidden tree stump in the front yard. The answer came sooner than I thought. The

mower had a flat tire. No. Make that two flat tires.

After taking two days to get the tires repaired, which involved the buying of one new tire, I began to mow my yard. The winter's weather had taken a toll on my front yard sod and along with the moles that had migrated to my yard to spend the winter months, my ride was anything but smooth.

As I rode along, the memory of how spring grass is tough and very juicy was returned once again to my wintered mind. I had forgotten how the yard looks after the first cutting of spring. My yard had the sad look of a picked chicken after a severe thunderstorm. Where there was tall grass minutes before, there was now clumps of grass dotting the newly cut yard that resembled a freshly cut hay field. It was not a pretty site.

Those of you who have those picture perfect lawns, I am sure yours turns out much more attractive than my "Field of Dunes." However, that's why you call your mowing area a lawn. A real lawn has the look of a green space straight from *Good Housekeeping*.

But, I don't have a lawn. I have a yard. It looks like a yard, complete with crabgrass, sticks and mole runs. My philosophy is if it is green let it grow. When I cut the grass, I have to send the women and children to safety and wear a helmet. Neighbors close their shutters and bring their animals inside to avoid the dangers of flying objects.

I grew up on a farm where the yard was a place

that surrounded the house and was not suitable for hay. If it had been, I am sure my father would have let it grow and round baled it. I'll never forget the time he ran the fertilizer spreader over the front yard when he was fertilizing the fields for the annual hay crop. We almost mowed ourselves to death just trying to keep up with its fast growth. At night you could almost hear it pushing up through the ground. Since that time, I have had a phobia about fertilizing a yard.

This year I am calling in reinforcements to help me win the war against rampant grass. No, I am not getting a new mower, but does the product "Roundup" ring a bell with any of you? This amazing little product is going to give me plenty of time-off from being bounced to death by my mower. Simply spray it around the base of your trees and just zip on by as you save time from trimming.

Yes, spring is here and it will not be long before we will be enjoying summer.

However, summer does bring on another problem with mowing. Summer is hot! The weather service is predicting that La Nina will be here once again, which means we could have hot and dry weather. Maybe this will slow the grass down or at least give you an excuse to not mow. If that does not work, there will be plenty of "Roundup" at your local Farmers Co-Op.

Youth is not properly definable by age. It is a spirit of daring, creating, asserting life, and openly relating to the world.

—Malcolm Boyd

Visits Governor



MEMBERS of the 2002-2003 Tennessee Future Farmers of America State Officer Team, along with their advisor, Steven Glass, second from right, in rear, and Steve Gibson, West Tennessee Vocational Director, right, in rear, visited with Governor Phil Bredesen, center, as part of their State Goodwill Tour in February. During their visit, they extended to him a special invitation to this year's 75th anniversary convention of the Tennessee FFA Association to be held in Gatlinburg May 5th and 6th at the W.L. Mills Auditorium. Preliminary events will begin May 3rd.

The State FFA Officers, including Will Bird, left, in rear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bird, of Halls, are developing a time capsule to commemorate the 75th convention. All FFA chapters in Tennessee are invited to place items in the capsule, which will be opened at the 100th convention in 25 years.

Bird's advisor at Halls FFA Chapter is Clair Hammond.

Marriages

April 11 – Davenor Eugene Caldwell, II, 35, to Susan Elaine Morris, 29, by Lyle P. Larson.

April 12 – Donnie Tatum, 51, to Terry Ann Thedford, 51, by Rev. Roger N. Criner.

Edward Vance Brewster, Jr., 20, to Kimberly Leayne Vaughn, 20, by Wayne Voss.

Brian Keith Apperson, 24, to Cassandre Marie Hartsfield, 20, by William Nichols.

April 17 – Willie James Buck, 30, to Jessie Mae Halliburton, 22, by Willie Crews, Jr.

April 19 – Jacob Daniel Newman, 21, to Jessica Bianca Stiles, 17, by Gary L. Waters.

Anniversaries

April 25 – Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garrett, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurt.

April 26 – Mr. and Mrs. Don Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Scarce, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Layne.

April 27 – Mr. and Mrs. Mike Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Demeris.

April 28 – Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kitts.

May 1 – Mr. and Mrs. David Puckett.

Courage is grace under pressure.

—Ernest Hemingway

NOTICE

The Town of Halls is receiving bids on a utility vehicle. Specifications are available at Halls Public Works, 940 Industrial Rd.

Bid opening at 2 p.m., May 2nd, at Halls City Hall.