

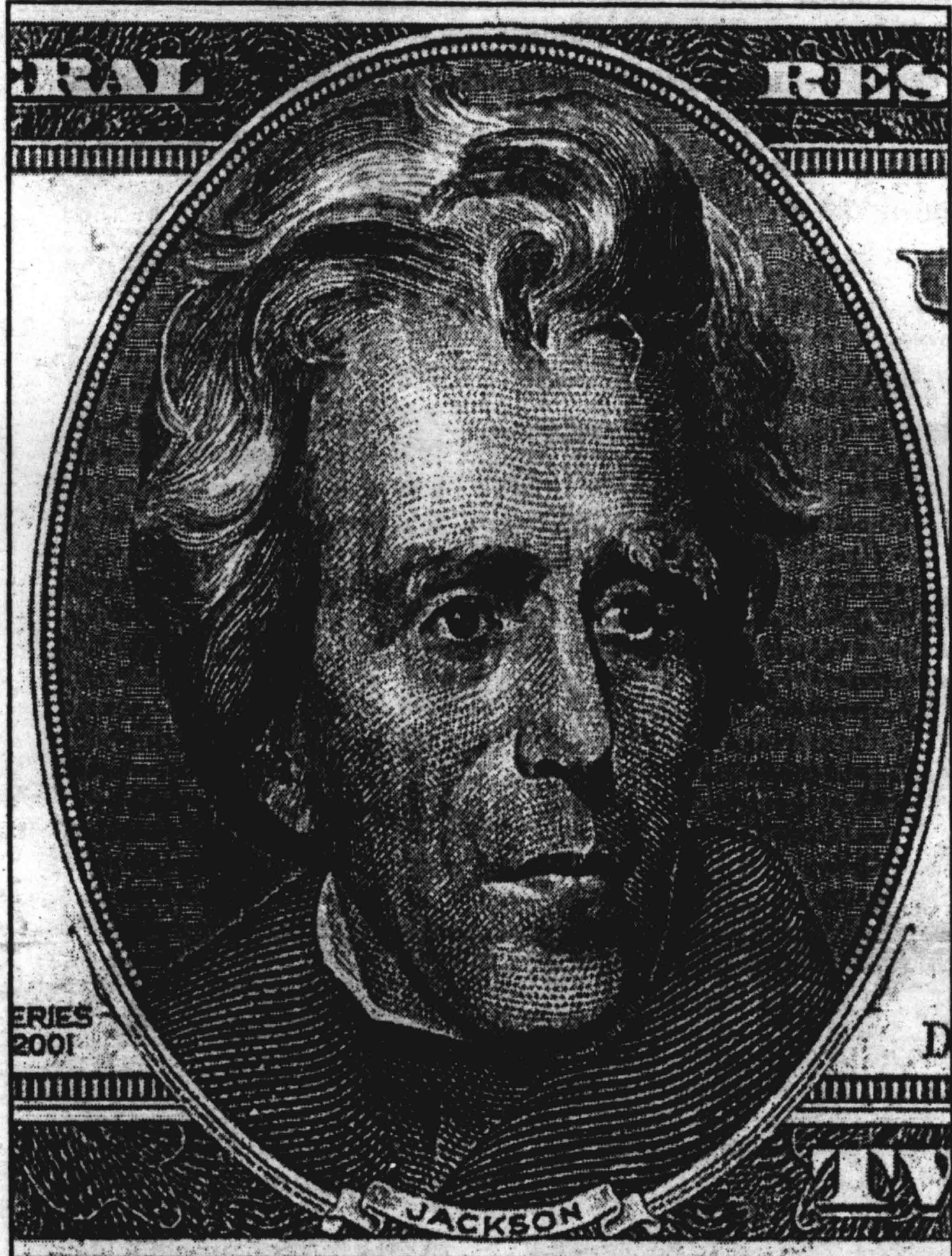
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New Year!

New Year Will Bring Color To Ease Andy



ANDY'S 1998 DESIGN

The new year will bring color, on \$20 bills, to or near the face of Andrew Jackson (since 1998, big-headed, tight-lipped, worried, and off-center, above a polo shirt).

Within 18 months, The Associated Press reports, color tints, differing by denomination, will also be added to the \$50 Ulysses S. Grant and \$100 Benjamin Franklin.

What Jackson is worried about is counterfeiting, much easier now with sophisticated copiers and computer printers.

The new bills will retain other measures to foil fake-money makers - watermarks visible, held to the light; embedded threads which glow in ultra-violet light; and mi-

cro-printing visible only with a magnifying glass.

Color-shifting ink, used on some current bills, may or may not be retained. It's green viewed directly, black when seen from an angle.

The new \$20 bill will be printed on five new presses, in Washington, D.C., and in expanded facilities in Fort Worth, Tex.

Adding color beyond the traditional green and black complicates printing, and inspection costs will rise.

Thomas Hipschen, who engraved the last portraits of Jackson, Grant, and Franklin, is doing the new ones, but they're not to his liking.

The AP says he'd like to re-place all the images

"Love Lights A Tree" Donations

Donations made to the Lauderdale County American Cancer Society for the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn. \$5 a light, include:

In memory of Laura Elizabeth Criner, Robert Clinton Criner and Scotty Dunavant by The Rev. and Mrs. Russell Reid.

In memory of Irene Craig by Debbie Brewster.

In memory of Tracie Dupree by Bobby and Betty Dupree.

In memory of Robin Tatum, Joy Crihfield, Joe Crihfield and Brandon Spray by Beatrice Fowler and Carolyn Tatum.

In memory of Howard Honey, Elic Buckner and Barry White by Jerry and Donna Buckner.

In memory of Clint Criner, Elizabeth Criner, Margaret Fullen and Blanche Wright by Peggy and Rozelle Criner.

In memory of Martha Currie by Emma Crawley.

In memory of Herbert Robison and A. C. Crowder by Ruby Robison and Shirley Crowder.

In memory of Rosemary Millar and Margaret Orman by Susan and Leigh Farris.

In memory of Jimmy McBride, Luther McBride, Geraldine McBride, Kenneth Cooper, Claude Cooper and Sally Cooper by Dale and Geneva Cooper.

In memory of Henrietta Pipkin, Oneal Pipkin and Eddie Pipkin, Jr., by Eddie Pipkin.

In honor of Patty Siddell by Rodney and Mary McCurry.

HHS CLASS OF 1932

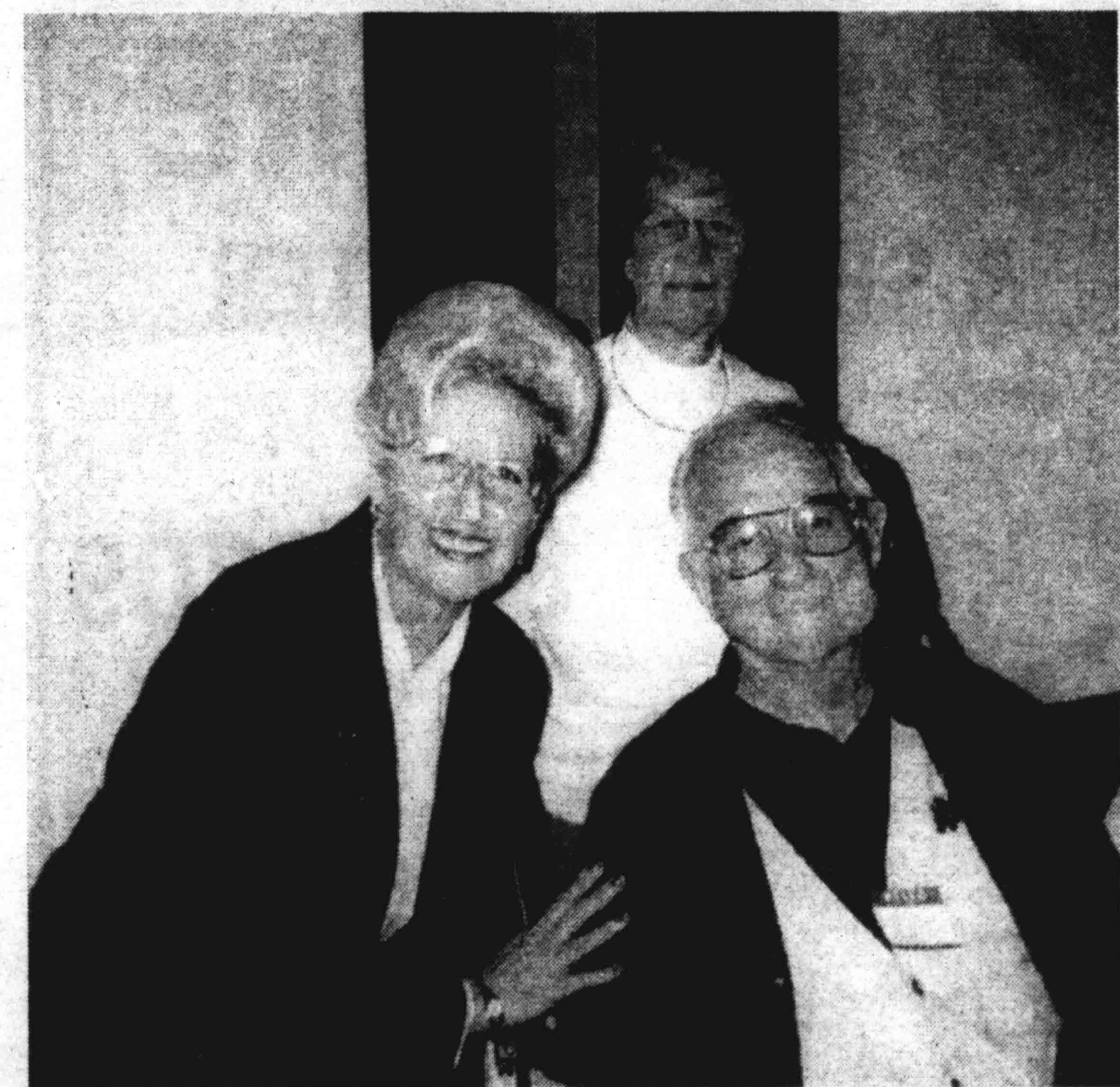
The Halls High School 1932 annual, featured last week, included freshmen through junior classes as well, their photos are included inside this edition.

on U.S. currency with new ones, including Duke Ellington, on bills shorter or longer, per denomination.

Special Guest



JANE WILEY, of Halls, left, was invited to be a special guest of Dr. Buck Morton, right, a pastor, teacher, published author, producer, and host for various gospel productions and events, Dec. 5, 2002 at the Gospel Cross Roads Supper Club in Jackson at the Old Country Store Restaurant. The event featured the Singing C's, of Camden, and the Southern Image Quartet, of Tupelo, Miss. She received the invitation after she interpreted a song in sign language for Dr. Morton's Bible study group at the Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Cordova.



JANE WILEY, of Halls, left, interpreted in sign language for six stroke support and caregiver groups Dec. 7, 2002 at Grace Celebration Lutheran Church in Cordova. Leaders for the Baptist Germantown Stroke Support and Caregiver group, Guy and Fran Miller, pictured with Mrs. Wiley, extended the invitation to her. Members from the St. Elisabeth's Stroke Support Group, Wesley Wellness Stroke Support, the Peer Visitor Program, Baptist Memorial Hospital - De Soto Stroke Support, and Atria Riverdale Stroke Support attended.

Obituaries

Mrs. Griffin

Juanita Inez Griffin, 60, wife of James B. Griffin, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Grace Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Bill Jones, of Destin, Fla., James L. Griffin, of Hopkinsville, Ky., Jeff Griffin, of Trenton, Ky., and Jimmy Griffin, of South Korea; three daughters, Cindy D. Jones, of Halls, Janice Akin, of Ripley, and Regina Goertz, of Clayton, N.C.; her step-mother, Helen Gitchell, and a brother, Thomas Lewis Gitchell, of Ripley; a sister, Sharon Harrison, of Jonesboro, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



JUNIOR CLASS MEMBERS include, Nell Avery, Nannie Sue Barnes, Helen Braden, Ruth Brown, Joe A. Boyers, Frewl Buffaloe, Robert Chambers, Mary Frances Chaney, Lucille Cunningham, Margaret Daws, *President*; Margaret Dyer, Will Dunaway, Joe Clyde Escue, Hassel Fussell, Bob Goff, Prichard Jordan, Marsaline Harward, Harold Howel, *Vice-President*; James McFarland, Millie McDaniel, Mae Bell Meeks, Thomas Oakley, David Parrish, Jack Perrin, Dewell Pickard, Eugene Ragland, Lois Smith, Mary Spence, Esther Stallings, *Reporter*; Mildred Sumrow, Ebbie Lee Viar, Maude Francis West, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Helen White, and Faye Williams.

Burnis T. Craig

Burnis Talley Craig, 77, of Munford, mother of Dennis Craig, of Henning, died Saturday in Methodist Healthcare/University Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Crigger Cemetery there.

She was a member of Simon-ton Assembly of God.

She was the widow of Henry Craig. Survivors include another son, Johnny, a daughter, Gloria McKee, two brothers, Albert and Vernon Talley, and a sister, Lucille Embry, of Munford; other daughters, Donna Childress, of Burlington, and Judy L. Weir, of Covington; another sister, Deloris Glover, of Omaha, Neb.; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls will hold its monthly Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 6th at Halls City Hall.

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CORRECTION

The obituary of Cathie Lee McCulley, 48, which was published in last week's issue, incorrectly listed her age as 46. Services were at Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, not graveside at Dry Hill Cemetery, near Ripley. We regret inaccurate information.

Attends Reception



JANE WILEY, of Halls, left, attended a reception at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library to honor Tennessee State legislators and organizations for the support of a bill to protect spouses from losing their insurance in case of divorce or legal separation. She was the guest of Patricia Thompson, second from left, executive director of the Network for Health Insurance Continuance, which co-hosted the reception with the Memphis Women's Political Caucus. They were both board members for the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities for many years and have known each other for approximately 20 years.

State Representative Craig Fitzhugh received recognition for his support of the legislation and Shelby County delegates, Carol Chummey, right, who introduced the bill in 2000, and Mike Kernell, not pictured, spoke on the bill's capabilities.

Readers Speak

Editor,

In November of this year, several tools were stolen from a location on Tigrett St. in Halls. The tools were used to make a living for three men. The robbers took their tools, sold them for about one third of their value, and continued to steal from other places. In most cases, you would say, well they will never find those tools, but, not in this case. The Halls Police Department and Lauderdale Sheriff's Department did a great job and has recovered most of the items. On Christmas Eve, we were able to pick up our tools. What a great Christmas gift. We want to express our great appreciation and thanks for a job well done! God bless each of you.

Jimmy Patton
Jimmy Wright
David Edwards



ON-COMING FRESHMEN CLASS include, Lena Mae Avery, *President*; Annie Laura Baine, J.H. Brown, Modine Carter, Rachel Chaney, Edna Cherry, John Moss Cherry, Lloyd Cloud, *Vice-President*; Sara Dunaway, Aubrey Ellis, Hazel Espey, Mary Bennett Ferguson, Alice French, Mildred Hargett, Alma Dean Hart, Rebeka Haste, Ford Haynes, Bernard Higdon, Ruth Evelyn Jaynes, Frances Lucas, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Ruby Lucas, Ruth Lucas, Burksie Lee Meadows, Freil Mullins, John W. McClendon, Kathryn Neeley, Penny Pipkin, J.O. Richardson, Charles Shoaf, Eva Smith, Vivian Vaden, Evelyn Viar, L.R. Viar, Eugenia Walpole, James White, and Evelyn Williamson.



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Happy New Year! 2003 Calendar – A Look Ahead

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Keep Your Computer Just Let Me Talk To A Human

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Every time we transact business these days, there usually is a computer involved. Computers calculate our monthly electric bill, our grocery purchases, our order at the fast-food place, and are becoming a major factor in most of our lives.

Whether we like it or not, we all are becoming partners to machines to take care of our daily routines. A lot of businesses have even turned their customer services over to computers which is taking the modern computer age a little too far.

It really bugs me to have my phone call answered by a machine that requires me to run through the entire multiplication table just to talk to a human. I have a major blood pressure increase when my phone call is answered by the phrase, "If you are calling from a touch-tone phone." Those words immediately tell you that you are about to be lost in telephone land where there is no return.

I do not want to push one for customer service, two for billing, three for someone who does not care, or four for the current time in China. I want to talk to a person who breathes and appreciates my call. I don't even care if it is a rude person, just as long as they are alive and can give me some kind of an answer.

There is one place I have called for the last two weeks

just to get the answer to a simple question. I could not get past the button pushing cycle because I did not know "my party's extension." How should I know my party's extension when I had never called my party before. I finally had to drive to their office to see them face to face.

Don't get me wrong. I do think computers and modern electronics are great, but not to the point of taking over human contact and communication when problems arise.

Today's computers are a necessity in most of our occupations. The thing that causes me major stress is the terminology that is used in the computer trade. It is a language all by itself, and to many of us country boys, it is just plain mind boggling.

Take for example the simple term Windows. Using my simple "country" logic I would say that is something you close when it is cold outside. And now, they are even talking about new windows. I haven't even wore out my old windows yet. What I really need are new doors.

A keyboard is where you hang your keys. Modern is what you did to your hay fields. Dot Matrix is John Matrix's wife.

A chip is something you munch on and a micro chip is what's left in the bag when the chips are gone. Floppy is what my hat is after working in the field all day and a zip is what I do to my coat when the wind turns cold.

Log on is what is making the wood stove hotter and log off means don't add any more

wood and close the flue damper. Monitor means to keep an eye on the wood stove and download is the operation to get the firewood off of the pickup truck.

Mega hertz is when you are not careful downloadin' the pickup, and a floppy disk is whatcha get from piling too much firewood.

Software in country logic is those plastic eating utensils, and a mouse is what you try to keep out of the house in the fall.

With my kind of logic, you may see why they did not allow a "real" country boy to come up with computer terms. It will probably take a while for a lot of us to get use to computer terms, (a lot longer for some of us), but we will as we become computer literate.

Land Transfers

Dec. 20 - Pamela McNeill Fee and Pamela McNeill to Harbert M. Lee and Rebecca L. Lee, Dist. 2, 1.569 acres.

Bank One NA, trustee and Residential Funding Corporation to Wendy White, Dist. 6, lot.

Community Choice Financial Services, Inc. to Gene W. Edwards, Dist. 3, 1.00 acres.

Garland Lee Hargett to Dana R. Freeman, Dist. 9, 101.10 acres.

Dec. 23 - Jo Ann R. Koffman to Susan R. Wilson, Dist. 1, 264 acres and Dist. 1, 94 acres.

Dorothy D. Thompson to Frank Thompson and Donna Thompson, Dist. 1, 3 tracts.

Thomas E. Ellis and Charles Allen Ellis to Jerrell Dawson and Reba Dawson, Dist. 12, lot.

Gerald D. Cherry, Sr. and Shirley J. Cherry to Belinda Gerth, Dist. 12, 0.5292 acres.

Cooking Corner Tips To Help You Sharing The Fun Of Baking

(NAPS)—Baking cookies is one of the easiest activities that families can do together. So round up the troops, head for the kitchen, and turn your baking into a group affair. Your children and the kids next door will have great fun learning to make cookies. Whether cookies are made for gifts or to fill your own cookie jar, the results will be pleasing.



The following recipe can provide you with lots of family fun without spending hours in the kitchen. Having the pantry filled with baking needs such as cookie mixes and miniature candies will also allow you to bake on a moment's notice.

For more recipes, decorating and family fun activities, go to www.marsbrightideas.com/cookies.

Snickers Surprises

- 2 sticks butter (softened)
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour (sifted)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 bag Snickers Miniatures Powdered Sugar
- 1 bag Dove Milk or Dark Chocolate Promises, optional

Combine butter, peanut butter and sugars using a mixer on a medium to low speed until light and fluffy. Slowly add eggs and vanilla until thoroughly combined. Then mix in

flour, salt and baking soda.

Cover and chill dough for 2 to 3 hours.

Unwrap each Miniature. Remove dough from refrigerator. Divide into 1-tablespoon pieces and flatten.

Place one Miniature in the center of each piece of dough.

Form dough into a ball around each Miniature.

Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 325° F for 10 to 12 minutes. (Baking time and temperature may need to be adjusted if using more than 1 tablespoon of dough per cookie.)

Let cookies cool on baking rack or waxed paper. Sift powdered sugar on top of cookies.

(Hint: Spruce up Snickers Surprises by drizzling melted Milk or Dark Chocolate Promises over top of each cookie. Recipe can also be made with 1 batch of prepared peanut butter cookie dough.)

This recipe and others can be found on www.marsbrightideas.com/cookies. Makes 2 dozen cookies.

You can have such an open mind that it is too porous to hold a conviction.

—George Crane

The years teach much which the days never knew.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Two Held For Halls Burglaries, Thefts

Halls police have charged two persons for burglaries and thefts in Halls.

Facing preliminary hearing Jan. 23rd:

Rose Marie Stewart, of Halls, for theft under \$500 and theft over \$1,000.

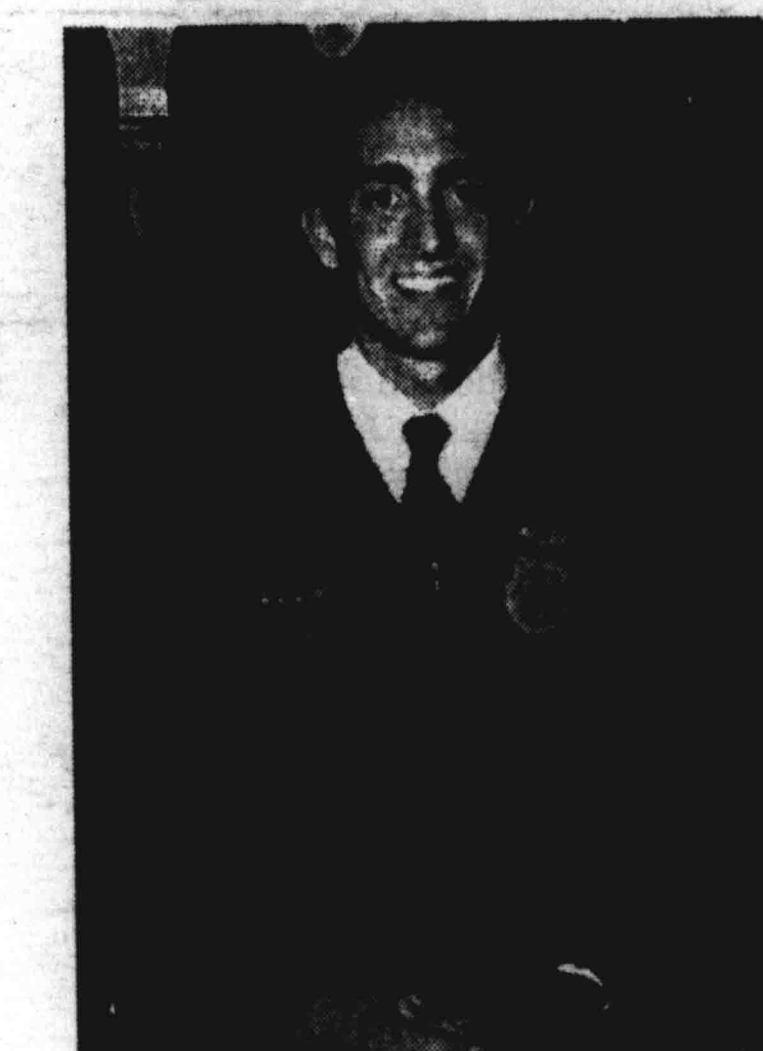
Steve Jeffery Wysocki, 20, of 207 Maple, Halls, for burglary, aggravated burglary, two counts of theft under \$500, and theft over \$1,000.

Police report recovering two saws stolen Nov. 26th from a Christian Brothers Vinyl Siding job site on West Main in Halls; most of Jimmy Patton's power tools stolen from a home under construction on Tigrett, and a stereo and PlayStation taken from the home of Tina Cates, Dec. 18th.



STEVE WYSOCKI

Selected



WILL BIRD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bird, of Halls, was selected to participate with 60 students as they spend Jan. 5th through the 21st in Germany, Austria, and Italy learning about agriculture on an international level. Will is the Tennessee Future Farmers of America State President. The 2003 International Leadership Seminar for State Officers, coordinated by the National Future Farmers of America, gives participants the opportunity to better un-

derstand global agriculture. The increasing production capacity of foreign agricultural markets demands that American agriculture make adjustments in order to remain competitive. The seminar allows the students to gain valuable experiences that can be shared with FFA members and other agriculturalists throughout the United States.

Highlights of the trip will include tours of the John Deere Tractor manufacturing facility near Heidelberg, Germany, touring the Aberdeen Angus Farm, and a visit to a regional wholesale cooperative, Johannes-Gutenberg-Schule agricultural and horticultural departments.

Each participant will stay with a German farm family for five days.

The seminar is offered each year to current or past state FFA officers, who have a strong background in leadership and agricultural, as well as an interest in expanding their knowledge of other cultures throughout the world.

Tomato Festival Beauty Pageants

The annual Tomato Festival Beauty Pageants in Lauderdale County, sponsored by the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, will be held Sat., Feb. 22nd, in the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater at Ripley High School.

Participation is open to any resident of Lauderdale County within the various age categories.

The pageants include Little Mr. & Miss Tomato, ages 0-2 (boys & girls), 9:30 a.m.; Little Mr. & Miss Lauderdale County, ages 3-5 (boys & girls), 11 a.m.; Jr. King & Queen, ages 6-9 (boys & girls), 12:30 p.m.; Lauderdale County Jr. Miss, ages 10-12, 3 p.m.; Miss Lauderdale County Teen, ages 13-15, 5 p.m.; and Miss Lauderdale County, ages 16-21, 7:30 p.m.

All pageant winners will represent Lauderdale County in the 20th Annual Tomato Festival celebration July 10th, 11th and 12th.

Miss Lauderdale County and the Jr. King & Queen winners will also represent Lauderdale County in the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival pageant in May.

For further information, call the Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The next meeting for the Relay for Life teams is set for 5 p.m., Mon., Jan. 13th, in the Tennessee Technology Center.

For further information, call Keith Klutz, 738-5005, Annie Laura Jennings, 635-2171, or Paul Avery, 635-2421.

OPEN HOUSE

Jackson Christian School, will host an Open House Sun., Feb. 2nd, from 2 to 4 p.m., on the K-12 campus, located at 832 Country Club Land and 649 Rushmeade Rd., in Jackson.

Reappointed Park Reservations For 2003 Necessity



GUS L. HARGETT, Major General, a Ripley native, has been reappointed as adjutant general of Tennessee by governor-elect Phil Bredesen.

Hargett supervises the state Dept. of Military, including the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard. He was appointed adjutant general last August after serving 40 years in the National Guard, and has been instrumental in developing the state's homeland security plans.

"It's an honor and privilege to continue serving Tennessee," Hargett said. "Our military preparedness is at its highest in our state's history, and is only getting stronger."

Hargett began his career in 1962, enlisting as an infantry soldier in the Tennessee Army National Guard. Four years later, he became a commissioned infantry officer, following completion of officer candidate school.

From 1982 to 1984, he served as chief of mobilization plans with the Third U.S. Corps, Ft. Hood, Tex., and from 1984 to 1986, served as chief of the Fifth U.S. Army's Plans Division, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

In 1988, Hargett attended NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy, and in 1989, won a United States Army War College fellowship at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

From June 1990 to April 1992, including a period during the Gulf War, Hargett served as chief of the National

Ripley City Park is stressing advance reservations for use of park pavilions, ballfields, open festival area and pool.

"The park has become very popular with surrounding counties, and once someone visits the park with festivals or tournaments, they tend to make reservations for their next event," said Seal Elder, park director.

Reservations are granted on a first come, first served basis.

A reservation form must be completed, with a copy given to the person making the reservation.

Pool parties require full payment to reserve the date of choice.

For further information on reservations, or any park activity, call the park office, 635-4645, or visit web site www.ripleyparks.com.

"Love Lights A Tree" Donations

Donations made to the Lauderdale County American Cancer Society for the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn, \$5 a light, include:

In memory of Jimmie Steelman and James W. Sellers, Sr., by Mrs. James W. Sellers.

In honor of Jane Connell, Lynn Brackin, Mrs. Beulah Kate McBride and Catherine Forsythe by members of Town and Country FCE Club.

Guard Bureau's Operations and Exercises Branch at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

He was appointed assistant adjutant general of Tennessee in 1994.

In addition, he is chairman of the board of the National Guard Association of the United States, and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Cumberland University.

Obituaries

Billie H. Baker

Billie H. Baker, 74, of Michie, father of Debbie Kirkpatrick, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Michie.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Shackelford Funeral Home in Selmer, with burial in Pebble Hill Cemetery.

An Army veteran of the Korean war, he had been a public works inspector in Memphis, a restaurant owner, and a county commissioner.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Sue Baker; sons, Dana, of Lexington, and Danny, of Adamsville; a brother, L. P. Baker, of Memphis; sisters, Mattie Donahoe, of Michie, and Kate Wardlow, of St. Louis, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

R. N. Frazier

Raymond Neal Frazier, 71, of 271-H Gay, Ripley, a carpenter, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Grace Cemetery at Central.

A Korean War veteran, he was a member of the Central Assembly of God.

He leaves sons, Ronnie and Thomas, and sisters, Addie and Margie Allmon, of Ripley; another son, Ricky, of Corinth, Miss.; a daughter, Deborah Buchanan, and a brother, Don, of Bartlett; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ashmore

Edmonia Griffin Ashmore, 84, of 242 W. Main, Halls, widow of J. B. Ashmore, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She leaves a son, Keith, of Halls; two daughters, Deborah McAlexander, of Spring, Tex., and Jill Macy, of Keller, Tex.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Iola Taylor

Iola Reed Taylor, 67, of Ripley, a seamstress, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ in Ripley, where she was a member of the Mothers Board, with burial in Walker Cemetery in Haywood County, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves her husband, Clarence Taylor, Jr.; two sons, James Reed, of Covington, and John Reed, of Jacksonville, Fla.; a daughter, Stephen Reed, of Los Angeles, Calif.; seven stepsons, Barnarvon, Ivory, and Willie Taylor, of Ripley, Michael Taylor, of Henning, and Johnny, Timothy, and Titus Barnes, of Beloit, Wis.; five step-daughters, Alice Faye, Brenda Rogers, and Linda Taylor, of Ripley, and Carolyn and Lisa Barnes, of Beloit; 30 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Joe Neville

Joe Junior Neville, 54, of Gates, a farmer, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Healthcare Brownsville.

Rites were Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Edith Cemetery near Ripley.

An Air Force and Marine Corps veteran, he attended the Baptist Church.

He leaves a daughter, Brandy Neville, of Friendship; his mother, Pauline Warren Davis, and a brother, Paul Erskin Peery, of Dyersburg; and another brother, William Gale Neville, of Springfield.

R. K. Gammon

Burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery, at Henning Saturday followed rites in Munford Funeral Home for Robert K. Gammon, Jr., 60, a salesman, who died Wednesday of last week in his home in Osceola, Ark.

He leaves his wife, Betty, a son, Nicholas, of Osceola; daughters, Amanda Dawn Gammon, of Osceola, and Deana Michelle Gammon, of Covington; his mother, Marjorie R. Gammon, of Memphis; a brother, James N. Gammon, of Jackson; and two sisters, Ruth Alice McCoy, of Millington, and Sarah Rebecca Couey, of Bartlett.

Mrs. Anderson

Irene Elmar Anderson, 83, of Hernando, Miss., sister of Clara Kiestler, of Ripley, died Sunday in the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

Rites were Tuesday in Brantley-Phillips Funeral Home in Hernando, with burial in Memory Hill Gardens in Memphis.

She was a member of West Frayser Baptist Church.

She was the widow of David W. Anderson.

Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy J. Jones, of Hernando; a son, Lewis Simpson, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

W. L. Genesy

Wilmore Louis Genesy, 40, of Ripley, employed by Slim-Fast in Covington, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his mother, Mattie Holloway, two brothers, William Genesy, Jr., and Keethone Genesy, and a sister, Ruby Dell Whitelaw, all of Ripley.

Mrs. Waterson

Norma Jean Waterson, 57, of Ripley, former store manager, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Gates Cemetery.

She leaves a son, Marty King, of Cordova; a daughter, Donna Stewart, of Memphis; step-daughters, Tammy Vaughn, of 3075 Conner-Whitefield Rd., and Angelia Waterson, of Texas; a sister, Judy Anderson, of 1287 Hurricane Hill Rd., a brother, Bill Dunaway, of Memphis; and 10 grandchildren.

David Littles

David "Buddy" Littles, 62, of Friendship, brother of Linda Dunger, of Ripley, died Dec. 29th, in his home.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in Friendship Funeral

'Joe' Middlebrook

Herman "Joe" Middlebrook, 56, of Memphis, father of Paul Middlebrook, of Henning, died Thursday of last week in Methodist Healthcare North, Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church near Mason, with burial in Hopewell Cemetery, Mason Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Katie; a son, Rickey Anderson, and a sister, Helen Middlebrook, of Mason; other sons, Aaron Middlebrook and Anthony Maclin, one daughter, Shelia Middlebrook, one step-son, Marcus Middlebrook, and step-daughters, Dominique and Patria Middlebrook, all of Memphis; sisters, Clara Adams, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mary Dabbs, of Toledo, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Clyde Ward, Sr.

Clyde Harry Ward, Sr., 73, of Tavares, Fla., truck driver, died December 23rd at his home.

Services were at noon January 4th at St. Mark Baptist Church, in Gates, with burial in New Cemetery, in Maury City, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include four sons, Danny Ward, of Ripley, Clyde Harry Ward, Jr., of Mullin, S.C., Donald Morton, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Harlan Ward, of Leesburg, Fla.; nine daughters, Farris Manns, of Ripley, Carolyn Jean Smith, of Champaign, Ill., Opelean Calloway, Patricia Jelks and Yvonne Ward, all of Decatur, Ill., Marie Jennings, of Omaha, Neb., and Lynette Ward, Rokeisha Ward and Monet Ward, of Tavares; four brothers, Booker J. Nance, Sr. and Marcellous Nance, of Gates, Paul Ward, of Alamo, and J. Lewis Nance, of Dallas Fort Worth, Tex.; and four sisters, Leara Jean Kirk and Carol Cates, of Gates, Louise Nance, of Cincinnati, and Charlene Morgan, of Stone Mountain, Ga.

Home, with burial in Bellevernon Cemetery.

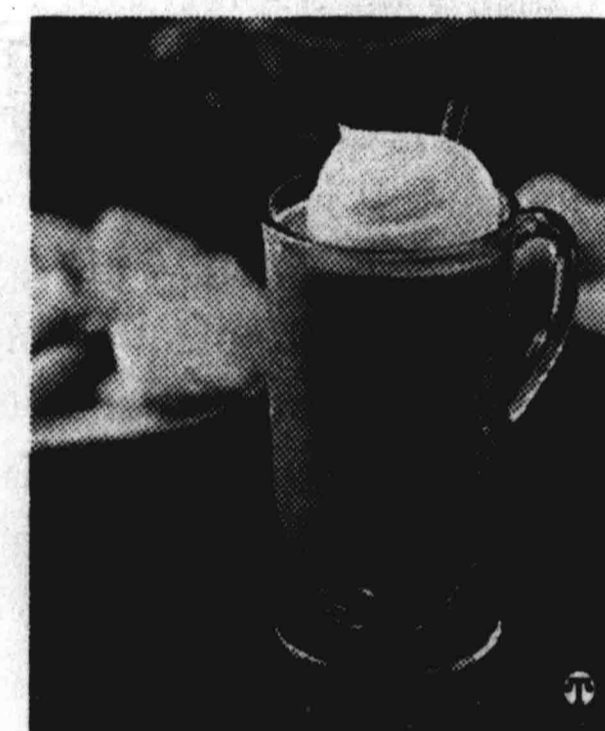
Survivors include his mother, Allie Littles, and a brother, Lloyd E. Littles, of Friendship, and three other sisters, Jane Curtis, of Dyersburg, Mildred Hicks, of Arlington, Tex., and Christine Newman, of Chicago, Ill.

Roosevelt King

Roosevelt King, 96, of Chicago, Ill., laborer, uncle of Frank Currie, Lillie B. Chaney and Johnnie Mae Currie, of Ripley, died January 2nd at his residence.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Leaks and Son Funeral Home in Chicago, with burial in Restvale Cemetery in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife, Martha King; and three sisters, Dellie Brown and Hettie Brown, of Brownsville, and Odessa Currie, of Decatur, Ill.



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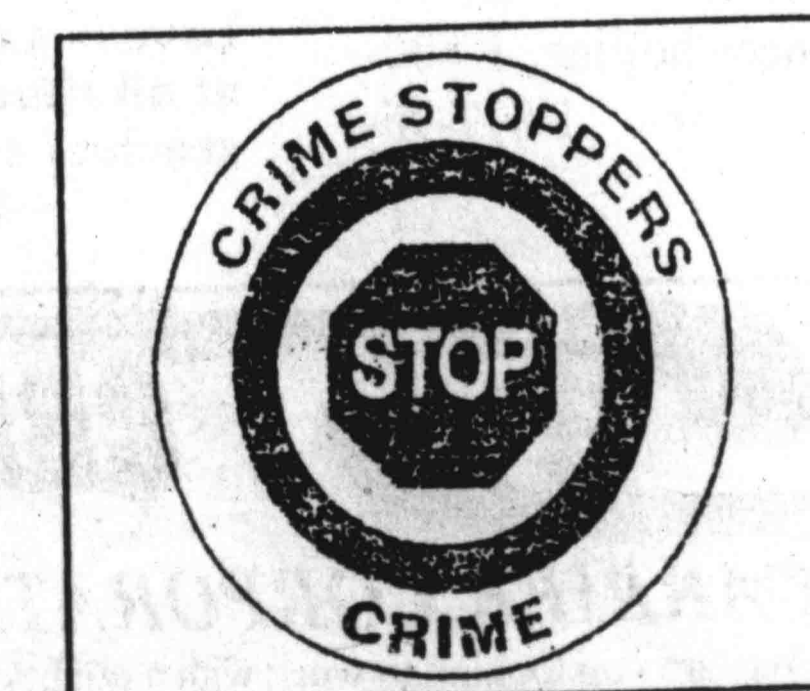
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Kills First Deer



JOHNNY FLAUGHTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flaughter II, of Franklin, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Patton, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. John Flaughter, Sr., of Franklin, killed his first deer, a 4 point buck, Nov. 2nd in Franklin during the Juvenile Hunt.

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.
—Thomas Jefferson

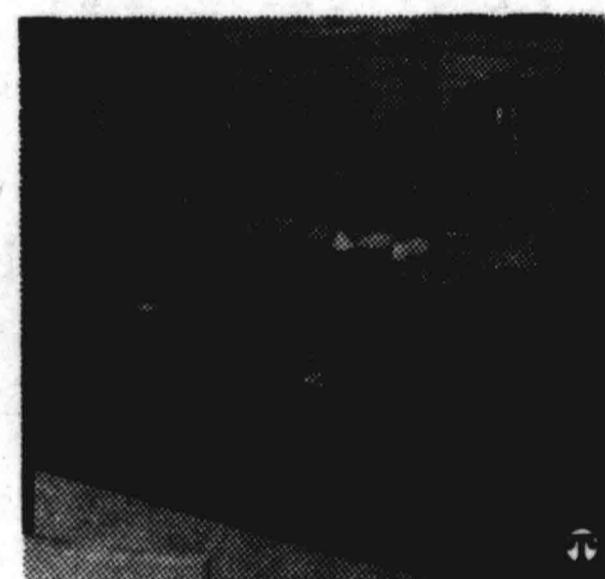
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- Sanitize cutting boards often in a solution of one teaspoon chlorine bleach to one quart of water.
- After cutting raw meats, wash the knife and

Land Transfers

Dec. 27 - Ann S. Barron to Kevin Henderson, Dist. 3, lot.

Layton Allen Scott to Carolyn E. Mitchell, Dist. 2, 5.00 acres.

Gwendolyn L. Morrow, trustee, Mary E. Bradford, trustee, Jean L. Flagg-Newton, trustee, and Lucille Alma Flagg 2000 Irrevocable Trust to Jean L. Flagg-Newton and Mary E. Bradford, Dist. 3, 1.036 acres.

Gwendolyn L. Morrow, trustee, Mary E. Bradford, trustee, Jean L. Flagg-Newton, trustee, and Lucille Alma Flagg 2000 Irrevocable Trust to Mary E. Bradford and Jean L. Flagg-Newton, Dist. 3, 68.284 acres.

Gwendolyn L. Morrow, trustee, Mary E. Bradford, trustee, Jean L. Flagg-Newton, trustee, and Lucille Alma Flagg 2000 Irrevocable Trust to Mary E. Bradford and Jean L. Flagg-Newton, Dist. 3, 8.15 acres.

Gwendolyn L. Morrow, trustee, Mary E. Bradford, trustee, Jean L. Flagg-Newton, trustee, and Lucille Alma Flagg 2000 Irrevocable Trust to Mary E. Bradford and Gwendolyn L. Morrow, Dist. 3, 30 acres.

Dec. 30 - Holly Hunter and Brian Pounders to Dustin C. Herron, Dist. 2, lot.

Mary E. Talley to Sidney B. Talley, Jr. and Vicki W. Talley, Dist. 2, 2.482 acres.

Bankers Trust Company to Willie A. Whitelaw and Sherline Whitelaw, Dist. 2, lot.

Mike Douglas to Oliver Jarrett and Teresa Jarrett, Dist. 2, lot.

Dec. 31 - Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas to Dwight D. Smith and Virginia Napper Smith, Dist. 2, lot.

Tammy Ray to Billy M. Harmon, Willie Mae Harmon, William M. Harmon III, Brenda Lynn Harmon, and Harmon Enterprises, Dist. 2, lot.

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'MS' VOLUNTEERS

The Mid-South Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is seeking volunteers during its annual 2003 MS Walk Brochure Distribution Kick-off Day, Sat., Jan. 18th.

Volunteers are needed in Memphis, Jackson and surrounding areas, Jan. 18th through 25th, for brochure distribution.

For further information about the MS Walk, or to volunteer, call Karen Stricklen, development coordinator, at the MS Mid-South Chapter, 901-755-4900.

CANCER AWARENESS

January is designated as National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

Dr. Fredia Wadley, Commissioner of the Tennessee Dept. of Health, urges all Tennessee women to ask their health care provider for an annual exam, including a cervical cancer screening test.

The Pap test, one of the lab tests done during an annual exam, makes cervical cancer one of the most easily diagnosed and treated cancers.

"By having this simple test done on a regular basis, a woman can reduce her risk of developing cervical cancer; if she is diagnosed early, it is one of the few cancers that can be easily cured," stated Dr. Wadley.

Free screening services are available through the Tennessee Dept. of Health to women who are uninsured, low-income and meet eligibility requirements.

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Free Session For Cancer Patients

The American Cancer Society and Dyersburg Regional Medical Center will offer a free "Look Good Feel Better" (LGFB) session 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mon., Jan. 20th, at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Dyersburg in the activity center.

LGFB, a free American Cancer Society group program, helps women regain a sense of self-confidence and control over their lives when undergoing cancer treatment and its side effects, such as hair loss and changes in complexion.

The program is a joint effort of the American Cancer Society, Dyersburg Regional Medical Center, Cosmetics Toiletry Fragrance Association and National Cosmetology Association.

Paula Dycus will talk about nail and skin care, and Joyce Murphy will teach women to enhance their appearance using make-up techniques and to disguise hair loss using wigs, turbans, scarves and various accessories.

Each woman learns to perform her own makeover, using complimentary cosmetics and skin care products donated to the ACS by the cosmetics industry (CTFA). Each participant receives a free makeup kit to use during the session and later at home.

To sign up for the upcoming session, call 287-2488.

The American Cancer Society is available to the public at all times of the day or night, by calling 1-800-ACS-2345, or looking on the internet, www.Cancer.org.

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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Strengthening Families Through Education

By Jane H. Connell
CFCS Extension Agent III

FCE CLUBS START NEW YEAR

The FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION (FCE) program is one part of the Extension Family and Consumer Science program conducted by The University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service. The mission of the FCE Clubs is to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development and community service.

All programs sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service are open to all eligible persons on a non-discriminatory basis.

FCE members stay "on the cutting edge" being kept up-to-date on the latest related to health and wellness, family economics, environmental issues, consumer scams, plus much more. In addition, FCE members are community oriented, always trying to make a difference in the lives of those around them.

There are presently five active clubs which meet monthly with educational programs presented: Bexar - Betty Ray, president; Curve Woodville - Carolyn Simpson, president; Do So - Rosa Garrett, president; Town & Country - Rose Snead, president; and Variety - Emelia Escue, president.

Bexar serves the Central, Edith and Dry Hill areas; Do So and Town and Country both serve the Ripley area, with many members spread throughout the county. These two clubs meet at night. Variety serves the Durhamville Orysa/Henning area.

If you are interested in joining an existing club, or maybe starting a new club, contact Jane H. Connell, Extension Agent, at 635-9551. Membership is open to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or veteran status.

Plans are in the works to organize a new FCE Club in the Halls area. Wendi Henry, director of the Halls Senior Center, is working with us to get a club started at the Halls Senior Center. Henry reports their center is now reaching a wide range of "early" retirees, who are interested in getting more involved in the community. Contact Connell at the Extension Office or Henry at the Halls Senior Center (836-5444), if interested.

January is also the month to start or renew FCE Mailbox membership. This membership is for those unable to attend regular meetings, but still want to stay up-to-date with educational programs and workshops. Dues are \$3 per year. Interested persons should contact Connell at 635-9551.

Why not stay on the "cutting edge" and become a part of a FCE Club in your community? You can make a difference!

School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, January 13th

- Chicken Fillet Sandwich
- Pizza
- Oven Fries
- Fresh Vegetable Sticks
- Pear Halves
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Cookie
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday, January 14th

Chili Dog

- Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Broccoli Bites
- Corn on the Cob
- Pear Halves
- Fruit Mix
- Choice of Milk

Wednesday, January 15th

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Entrée-School's Choice
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Peaches
- Fruit w/ Jello
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Attending Convention



MEMBERS of the Variety, Do-So, Town & Country, and Curve-Woodville Family and Community Education Clubs attending the Tennessee Association of Family and Community Education Convention Nov. 18th - 20th at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg included Verna and Roy Thompson, Joyce Wakefield, Mae Dunaway, Dean Davis, Carolyn Simpson, Elaine Jones, Susie Hughey, Dorothy Holcomb, Earline Gay, and Mary Harrison.

Martin during the Dec. 15th commencement.

Graduates included Charity Lynette Boone Shirkey and Frederick Bernard Bates, of Halls; and Autumn Denise Burnette Brown, Randolph Scott Buford, Justin Chadwick Jones and Rachel Marie Scofield, all of Ripley.

Former Commissioner of Agriculture, for the State of Tennessee, and country humorist, L. H. "Cotton" Ivy, delivered the commencement address, and UT Martin Chancellor, Nick Dunagan, presided and conferred degrees during the ceremony.

Thursday, January 16th

- Beef Cutlet w/ gravy
- Fish Fillet
- Green Peas
- Steamed Carrots
- Applesauce
- Fruit Cocktail
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Friday, January 17th

- Tacos w/ trimmings

RECEIVE DEGREES

Six Lauderdale County students received degrees from the University of Tennessee at

- Chicken Fajita w/ trimmings
- Corn Nibbles
- Apple
- Banana
- Chocolate Chip Cookie
- Choice of Milk

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Leadership Class Grads



GRADUATES of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Lauderdale class, including, in front, from left, Lisa Myrick, Union Planters Bank; Demetra Carmack, Ripley Parks & Recreation; Alecia West, Health Hearts Program; Melody Caldwell, Hamilton-Ryker; Gayle Maxwell, Marvin Windows and Doors; and Katherine Meadows, Bank of Ripley; and, in rear, from left, Martha Crites, CPA; Greg Hartsfield, Komatsu; Todd Henderson, Gates Banking & Trust; Greg Orman, Marvin Windows & Doors; Phillip Jackson, Lauderdale County Board of Education; Ann Coughlan-Roote, Helen R. Tucker Adult Developmental Center; and Paul Betz, Baptist Hospital-Lauderdale, held graduation ceremonies Dec. 17th at the Rolling Hills County Club.

Leadership Lauderdale is in its 6th year and offers participants the opportunity to better understand Lauderdale County and the many challenges it faces as it moves into the future. Class members participated in eight different sessions, which focused on various areas of Lauderdale County. They learned

about our local government and how it works, agriculture, education, healthcare and social services available to residents, economic development, retail business, tourism, and teambuilding skills.

The chamber sponsors adult and youth leadership classes each year.

Meeting Slated For Former Employees

Former members of Tupperware are invited to a meeting at 2 p.m. Sat., Jan. 25th in the new Ripley City Courtroom to discuss the Tupperware family re-union. For more information call Doris Stocklin at 635-0080.

DEAN'S LIST

Six students from Lauderdale County made the Dean's List at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville for the fall term 2002.

Students include Jordan Carihfield, Addison Hansford, Angela Pugh and Lyndsey Thebeau, magna cum laude; and John Noblin and Kendra Parham, cum laude.

Stolen Vehicles Discovered On Haywood County Farm

Dan Walker, of Ripley, of Walker Brothers Farms, discovered three stolen trucks Monday of last week in his shop building on Mooreau Rice Road near the Lauderdale/Haywood County line. According to an article in the Brownsville States Graphic, Haywood County Sheriff's Department was called after Walker alerted the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department. A 1990 Chevrolet Silverado, stolen from Tipton County, and two 1994 Chevrolet 3500's with dual wheels, property of the Bollweevil Eradication Program, were missing motors, transmissions, and radiators and the 1990 Silverado was also missing the tires, rims, radio, and the whole front cap.

Investigators are following leads with the assistance of the Tennessee Highway Patrol State Criminal Investigator David White, and Crockett, Lauderdale, and Tipton County authorities.

Signs Proclamation



ROZELLE CRINER, Lauderdale County Executive, signs a proclamation proclaiming the week of January 19-25, 2003, as School Board Appreciation Week in Tennessee.

Witnessing the signing are, from left, Superintendent Phillip Jackson, and school board members, Don Ray,

chairman, Maxine Gay, Sarah Harrell, Debbie Mays, Eva Drain and Trey Hurt. Not pictured are Garry Sellers, vice chair, and Glardes Thomas.

SUPPORT GROUP

Martha's Cupboard of Ripley First United Methodist

Church will host a dinner to honor the Hope Cancer Support Group members and prospective members at 6 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 23rd at the church. Call 635-2171 or 635-9741, after 4:30 p.m. to make reservations. The dinner is open to all cancer patients, their spouse, or a friend.

School Lunches
Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, January 20th

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 21st

Chicken Nuggets
Beef Cutlet w/ gravy
Macaroni & Cheese
Broccoli Bites

Peaches
Mixed Fruit
Roll

Choice of Milk

Wednesday, January 22nd

Baked Sliced Ham
Steak Fingers
Blackeye Peas
Fried Okra

Pear Halves
Fruit w/ Jello
Roll

Choice of Milk

Thursday, January 23rd

Spaghetti
Deli Sandwich
Green Beans
Mixed Vegetables

Applesauce
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll

Choice of Milk

Friday, January 24th

Hamburger
Pepperoni Pizza
French Fries
Garden Salad

Orange Sections
Grapes
Cookie

Choice of Milk

IRS.GOV WEB SITE

Taxpayers will be provided with more options than ever with expanded online assistance at IRS.gov when filing tax returns.

Taxpayers can check on the status of their refund by visiting the "Where's My Refund" section on IRS.gov.

More than 60% of all taxpayers will be able to prepare and electronically file tax returns for free on the internet, through the IRS Free File program beginning in mid-January.

The web site is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The 2002 instructions for Form 1040 contain a partial

Land Transfers

Jan. 6 - William M. Strain and Dorothy Strain to Sammy Pankey, Dist. 6, 42.10 acres.

Donna S. Cotton and Brian Cotton to Tina Reeves, Dist. 12, lot.

Jan. 9 - Dorothy D. Thompson to Frank Thompson and Donna Thompson, Dist. 1, 3 tracts.

Methodist Healthcare-Dyersburg Hospital to Dyersburg Hospital Corporation, lot.

George Ella Davis to Stanley H. Davis, Jr., Dist. 2, 1.9100 acres.

Leigh Anne Allred and Tommy E. Allred to Geza Berek and Bridget Berek, Dist. 6, 37.69 acres.

Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Lynn Kiestler and Jeannie Kiestler, Dist. 2, 3 tracts.

listing of publications that can be viewed on-line or ordered by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.

The American Customer Satisfaction Index Survey of electronic filers found a satisfaction score of 78 out of 100.

Last year 47 million tax returns were filed through IRS e-file, of which 1.27 million were from Tennessee. Refunds may be received within 10 days when combined with direct deposit, while paper-filed returns can take up to six weeks.

New toll-free telephone numbers to expand customer services to individuals and businesses include 1-800-829-4933 for small businesses, corporations, partnerships and trusts; 1-800-829-1040 for individuals who want to speak to a customer service representative, or arrange a visit to a Taxpayer assistance Center; 1-800-829-4477 to hear prerecorded tax information; and 1-800-829-3676 for individuals, businesses and tax professionals who want to order forms, instructions and publications.

"The IRS.gov web site already is one of the busiest in the world. We urge taxpayers to give it a try this year. They will find it helpful and easy to use," said Dan Boone, IRS spokesman. "We're trying to provide taxpayers with as many options as possible to get help when they need it."

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

America's Children
Are Growing Up Quite
Different Than I Did

The other night as I sat at one of our area's high school boy's basketball games, something caused me to think back to the days of former U.S. Senator Bob Dole and then First Lady Hillary Clinton, who is now a senator, concerning who is responsible for raising our country's children. I know that may be a time many of you wish to forget, but my thought processes seem to run in the past rather than the future many times. What caused me to have those thoughts was from being continually hit in the back of the head by someone's children running in and out during the entire ball game.

I have children and they are not perfect. Close, but not perfect. But for some reason, today's children are being raised differently compared to when I was growing up and when my children were seven and eight years old.

When we were out in public, my parents expected me to act as if we were having the preacher over for lunch. They used to tell me to remember who I am and who's family name I use. It used to be that the actions of a child were directly related to the family name that they carried. I passed on this same teaching to my children and hope they pass it on to theirs.

However, I wonder if they will survive in today's world with the current self-centered attitude of everyone for themselves. It just seems to me there just isn't any respect for others and very little respect for your elders. Not saying that I am elderly, but I do expect some respect from someone who is at least 45 years younger than I am.

That night at the ball game I was hit, punched in the back, had my coat stomped, and missed several important plays as I let those children out numerous times. I'm not an "old fogey", but twenty times out of your seat during one quarter is a little

too much. I didn't even hear an excuse me a single time. In fact, I bet I had more bruises the next morning than the ball players who played.

The next day at my office, I ran across an article written a few years back by a friend of mine. At the time the article was written, David Kelly worked for the American Farm Bureau, but has since moved on to other employment. In that article written by David back in the mid-nineties, I found answered a lot of my concerns and answered why I was reared the way I was and why I have taught my children the same things.

The answer is that I was "country" raised. Today, we are seeing less "country raising" and the results at times are not all that reassuring. I know everyone can not be "country raised," but maybe they can be "country taught."

Read David's article and judge for yourself. Remember, this was written during the 1996 elections:

Kissing babies used to be a must for any politician hitting the campaign trail. Now that we are immersed full-scale in this year's election, it's apparent that politicians are taking their baby-kissing antics a step further. Take a look on the campaign trail, and you are bound to see a bevy of kids conveniently situated near the candidates.

Tugging on the emotional strings of voters is behind all this kid hugging. The responsibility of raising America's children has suddenly become the cornerstone of today's political debate. The Republicans addressed it in San Diego. And the Democrats certainly took up the cause at their gathering in Chicago. Norman Rockwell-like images of President Clinton surrounding himself with freckled-faced children filled television screens during the

president's whistle-stop train ride to Chicago to accept his renomination.

So, where does the responsibility of raising a child rest? First Lady Hillary Clinton, proclaiming that the "family is part of a larger community", believes it takes a village to raise a child. She made that clear in her address at the Democratic National Convention. Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, says it takes a loving, supportive family - not a village - to turn today's youth into law-abiding, productive adults.

Lost in all the rhetoric and photo-ops are the real solutions to raising a responsible child. For decades, rural America has been an example of proper child rearing. If you want to meet a productive, responsible child, take a drive in the country early in the morning and watch a teenager completing his morning chores before heading off to catch the school bus.

Visit a county fair and observe a farmer's daughter present her prized heifer in a 4-H demonstration. Or spend a day in a farm family's home and notice how the teenagers of the household balance their homework with daily farm chores.

For generations, parents in rural America, have not depended on government for guidance in raising their children. Responsibility comes with the territory of America's farms. If parents in urban areas are looking for ways to turn their children into responsible adults, perhaps they should resist looking toward elected officials for direction, and discover methods of making their children more productive.

Adopting some of their rural counterparts' tried-and-true solutions would be an excellent start.

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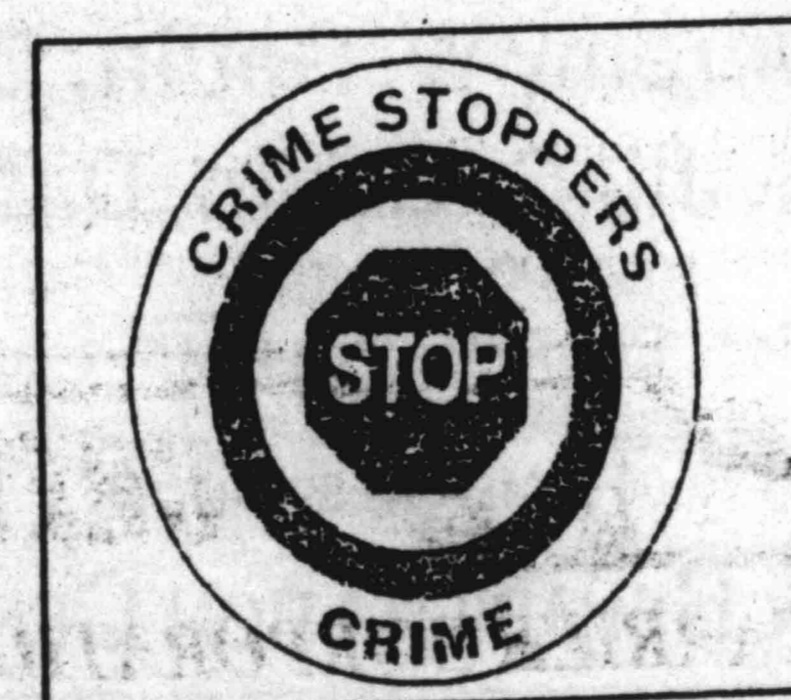
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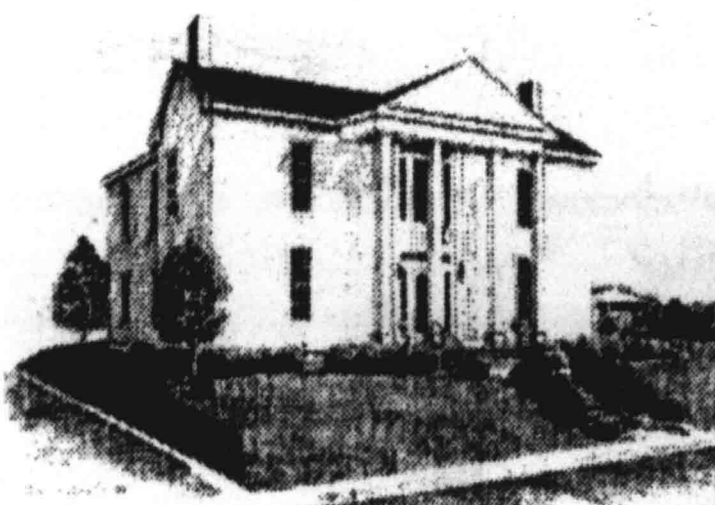
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Chamber Happenings

By Lisa Hankins, Exec. Dir.

February 11, 2003 will be designated as Job Shadowing Day in Lauderdale County, and we need your help! The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce and Board of Education are busy working to coordinate this program.

Job Shadowing allows high school Juniors to get a firsthand look at what it takes to succeed in the workplace. Students will "shadow" a workplace mentor as they go through a normal day on the job.

Students apply to participate and choose their top three choices for a career. They must have a 2.5 GPA and be in good academic standing.

Lisa Hankins, chamber director, said they will match as many students as they can with local employees. We usually get a wide variety of professions and careers that the students are interested in. Some are harder to place than others.

This experience provides an up-close look at how the skills each student learns in school are put into action in the real world. If this experience helps a student to understand the importance and relevance of their education, then it has helped.

This experience is also designed to show students firsthand the range of knowledge, skills and teamwork that the workplace demands.

The benefits of participation for area employers include: (1) establishing a closer working relationship with local schools and educators, (2) introducing students to a business and the careers available in that line of work, (3) having the opportunity to communicate to students how important learning to read, write, speak, listen, calculate and think well when it comes to workplace success, (4) being

Posters On Exhibit



POSTERS, designed by Lauderdale County 4-H students, will be on display at the Bank of Ripley lobby, 134 N. Jefferson until Feb. 1st. Five posters were selected, by a group from the Lauderdale County Arts Council, to represent the county in the 4-H district competition. Bank of Ripley employees, Chad Henderson, Shonnette Dewalt, and Hollie Morgan, are pictured with the posters.

FREE TREES

The National Arbor Day Foundation will give ten free flowering trees to each person who joins the foundation during the month of January.

The free trees, which include two each of flowering dogwoods, crabapples, Goldenrain, Washington Hawthorns and American Redbuds, are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1st and

seen as an active and caring part of the community, (5) generating positive publicity and public relations, and (6) helping students make better-informed educational and career choices.

A few hours may be all it takes to open a window into the work world for our youth. We all have dreams and maybe this experience will help some of these students realize theirs can come true with the proper education and preparedness.

Anyone interested in becoming a workplace host can contact the Chamber of Commerce at 635-9541.

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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE
Strengthening Families Through Education

By Jane H. Connell
CFCS Extension Agent III

HOME BUYER EDUCATION SEMINARS

Homebuyer's Education seminar, meeting the Tennessee Housing Development Agency standards, will now be offered in this county by Extension Agent, Jane H. Connell, Family and Consumer Science Agent with The University of Tennessee. Connell attended four days of intensive training, provided by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (NCR), "Realizing the American Dream," in early November. Yes, the *American Dream* can be possible for families with total family income as low as \$25,000 - \$30,000. The key is knowing what to do and how to do it.

The eight-hour class will be offered every two months on the 3rd Monday, starting in February: February 17, April 21, June 16, August 18, October 20 and December 15. Fee for the class will be \$15. Participants must register at least one week prior to the date of class.

The 8-hour seminar is a requirement for anyone seeking a THDA home mortgage loan. However, anyone even considering purchasing a home would benefit greatly from the seminar.

Segments of the class will include:

- * Are You Ready to Buy a Home?
- * Budgeting and Credit
- * Shopping for a Home
- * Getting a Mortgage Loan
- * Keeping Your Home and Managing Your Finances.

Lending agencies, as well as Real Estate Agencies, should make note of these training sessions and encourage customers who may be considering home ownership to participate. These seminars can make your job easier by getting your customers "mortgage ready" and prevent your deals from falling apart.

Statistics show that families who go through the program have a reduced foreclosure rate and make good customers who are much more knowledgeable.

For more information, or to pre-register for the program, contact Connell at (731) 635-9551, or email jconnell2@utk.edu.

What our contempts doth often hurl from us, we wish it ours again.

—William Shakespeare, *Antony and Cleopatra*

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RPL Plans Fiber Optic Network Girdling City

Ripley Power And Light is adding to its poles a fiber-optic network looping around Ripley, from Tennessee Electroplating, in the South Industrial Park, north to the Tennessee Technology Center and S-R of Tennessee on old Hwy. 51.

Not funded from utility fees, the net-work will offer industries, banks, schools, and other users real-time accounting and video service.

NORRIS APPOINTED

State Senator Mark Norris, who represents Lauderdale, Dyer, Tipton and Shelby Counties, was appointed by Lt. Gov. John Wilder to serve on the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee.

In addition to agricultural issues, the committee handles insurance, banking, corporations, communications and consumer affairs among other issues affecting the economy.

"This is an important assignment for me, and it is important for the West Tennessee counties I represent," said Norris, as the 103rd General Assembly convened in Nashville.

Norris said he was anxious to introduce legislation boosting economic development and jobs in West Tennessee. "Lauderdale County has been hit hard recently. Too many plants have been closed. During the 103rd Session, I hope to establish an office that can serve as a clearinghouse for new economic opportunities in rural and suburban communities like Ripley and Halls," said Norris.

New technologies present great opportunities for strategically situated counties like Lauderdale, but we need a streamlined procedure for identifying and funding them. He is pursuing an alternative fuels plant for West Tennessee.

Driver Suffers Fatal Heart Attack Sunday

Gates Police Department responded to a call at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, concerning an automobile, which had struck a building, owned by Ocie Trosper, Jr., on the corner of 2nd Street and Wardlow. When officers arrived, they found the exterior of the building slightly damaged and the driver, William "Gary" Bausal, 87, of Halls, slumped in the floor of the vehicle. He was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, where he was pronounced dead. According to Gates Police Officer Jeff Crowder, the driver suffered a fatal heart attack before his car struck the building.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, with burial in Trinity Cemetery in Ripley, Thompson's Funeral Home in charge.

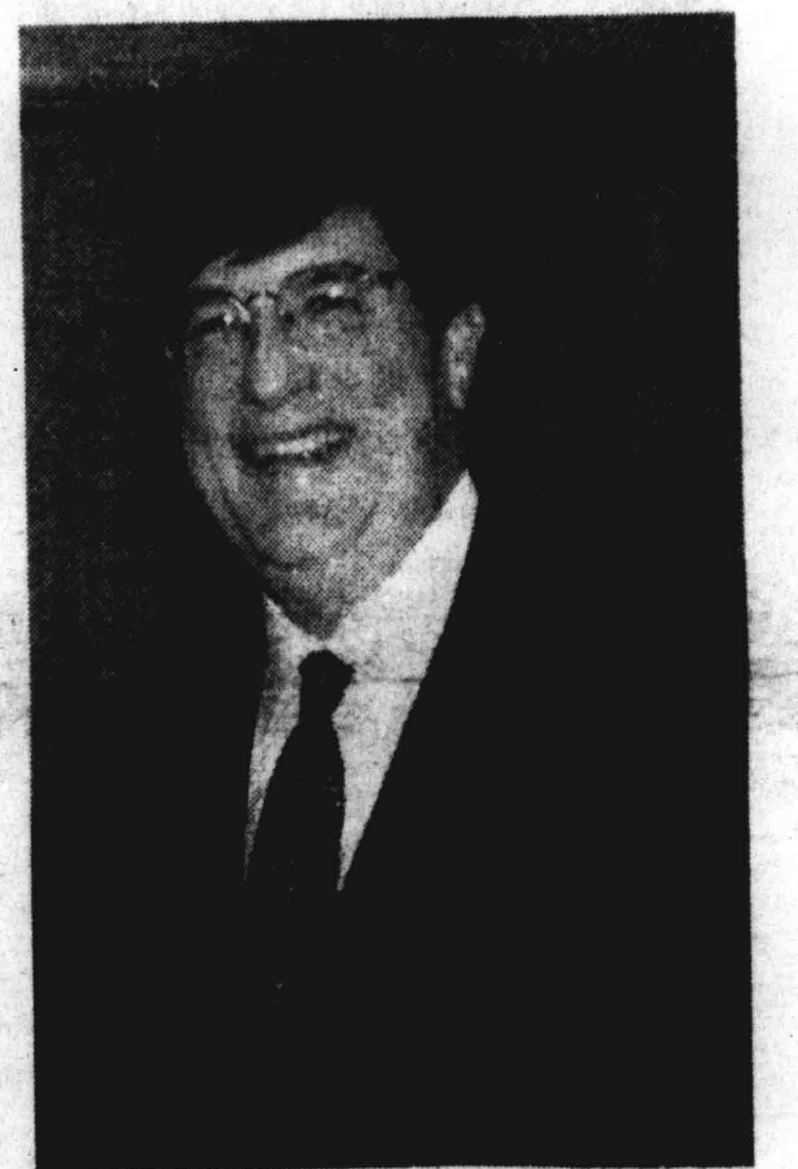
Survivors include his wife, Henrietta; three sons, Herman "Sonny" Smith and Charles Smith, of Ripley, and William Bausal, of Chicago, Ill.; and five daughters, Mary Bausal, Patricia Taylor, and Kathy Dawson, all of Ripley, Barbara Junior, of California, and Dorothy Moss, of Detroit, Mich.

DEAN'S LIST

Full time students named, to the Dean's List at Jackson State Community College, who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0, include Randa Rena Burks, Mindy Leigh Meeks and Tania Lynn Wyrick, all of Halls; and Christy Ann Bucey, of Ripley.

Lisa Michelle Hopkins, of Halls, was named to the honor roll, maintaining a 3.0 to 3.49 grade point average.

Appointed



REP. CRAIG FITZHUGH will serve as vice-chairman of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, as well as on the Commerce Committee, announced Speaker Jimmy Naifeh.

"I am honored to have been asked to serve as an officer on the Finance Committee," Fitzhugh said. "It is a privilege to serve the people of the 82nd legislative district and the entire state of Tennessee in this capacity. I appreciate the faith Speaker Naifeh has entrusted in me by appointing me as a committee officer."

Fitzhugh will play an integral role in the annual budget, and each piece of legislation that carries a fiscal impact must pass through his hands.

"Rep. Fitzhugh will be an excellent addition to the leadership of the Finance Committee," Speaker Naifeh said. "He has continually proven his ability and willingness to serve the citizens of this state."

Spelling Bee Winners



DEONDRA CARTER, left, second grade student at Ripley Primary School, won the RPS Spelling Bee Tuesday. She is a student of Mrs. Teresa White.

Second grade students, Marlee Barnes, center, won second place, and Cortez Carter, right, was named alternate. Marlee is in Mrs. Debbie Brewster's room and Cortez in Mrs. April York's.

The students will represent RPS Thursday at the Lauderdale County Spelling Bee in Halls Elementary School.

Obituaries

M. D. Stutts

Mickey Darrell Stutts, 60, tool and die supervisor for Anderson-Hickey Co. in Halls, died Monday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Halls Funeral Home, with burial at Palestine United Methodist Church, where he was a member.

He leaves a son, Stephen, and a daughter, Sherell Stutts, of Friendship; three brothers, Teddy, of 431 Mitchell Lane, Halls, Gaylon, of Jackson, and Donald, of Arlington, Tex.; three sisters, Dixie Eison, of Bruceville, Glenda Lunsford, of Friendship, and Linda Woods, of Dyersburg; and a grandchild.

Mrs. Finley

Opal Estell Finley, 84, of Jackson, sister of Edna Meadows, of Ripley, died Sunday in Jackson Regional Hospital.

Rites were at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Aldersgate United Methodist Church, with burial in Hollywood Cemetery, Smith & Sons Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula Coleman, a brother, David Sanderson, and other sisters, Betty Hubbell, Laverne Sipes, and Lorraine Green, of Jackson; another daughter, Norma Riddick, of Nashville; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Eddie Smith

Eddie Smith, 83, of 878 Henning-Bethlehem Road, a farmer, died Tuesday of last week in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church south of Ripley, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life near Covington, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Lucy M. Smith; daughters, Bertha Mae Felton, of Detroit, Mich., and Emma Jane Lashey, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; a sister, Harriet Barbee, of Henning; 30 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mathias

Myrtle M. Mathias, 81, retired merchant who for many years reported Durhamville-Orysa news in *The Lauderdale County Enterprise*, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in St. Paul United Methodist Church at Durhamville, where she was a member, with burial in Brownsville Memorial Gardens, Brownsville Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a son, R. H. "Pat" Mathias, of Ripley, a daughter, Virginia Mathias, of Germantown; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Horace Kemper

Horace R. Kemper, 63, of Dyersburg, brother of John Kemper, of Halls, died Saturday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, burial in Eureka Cemetery at Forked Deer.

An Army veteran of World War II, he had been a farmer and had operated a restaurant.

Mr. Castlebury

David Lynn Castlebury, Jr., 39, of Ripley, an accountant, died Wednesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He leaves his mother, Barbara Castlebury, a brother, Kenneth, and a sister, Vicki Castlebury, all of Chattanooga.

Mr. Lovelace

Herbert H. Lovelace, 73, of Burbank, Ill., formerly of Ripley, died Friday at his home.

Services were at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in Lawn Funeral Home in Burbank, Ill., and Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Fabian Church, with burial in Resurrection Cemetery in Illinois.

An Army Veteran, he leaves his wife, Florence; two sons, Michael and Ronald; two daughters, Carol Wentz, and Laura Ciezadlo, all of Illinois; three sisters; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Simpson

Jewell Dean "Judy" Simpson, 81, of Heber Springs, Ark., sister of Raybon Chambers, of 320 Carmen, Halls, and Noveline Rodgers, of Dyersburg, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Ark.

Rites were Sunday in Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, with entombment in its mausoleum.

A graduate of Dyersburg High School, she had retired after 35 years of service at the Naval Support Activity Mid-South.

Edna M. Willis

Edna M. Willis, 62, of Tiptonville, mother of Shena Willis Herron, of Ripley, died Monday, at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Tiptonville Chapel of Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in New Haven Cemetery in Ridgely.

She was very active in Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

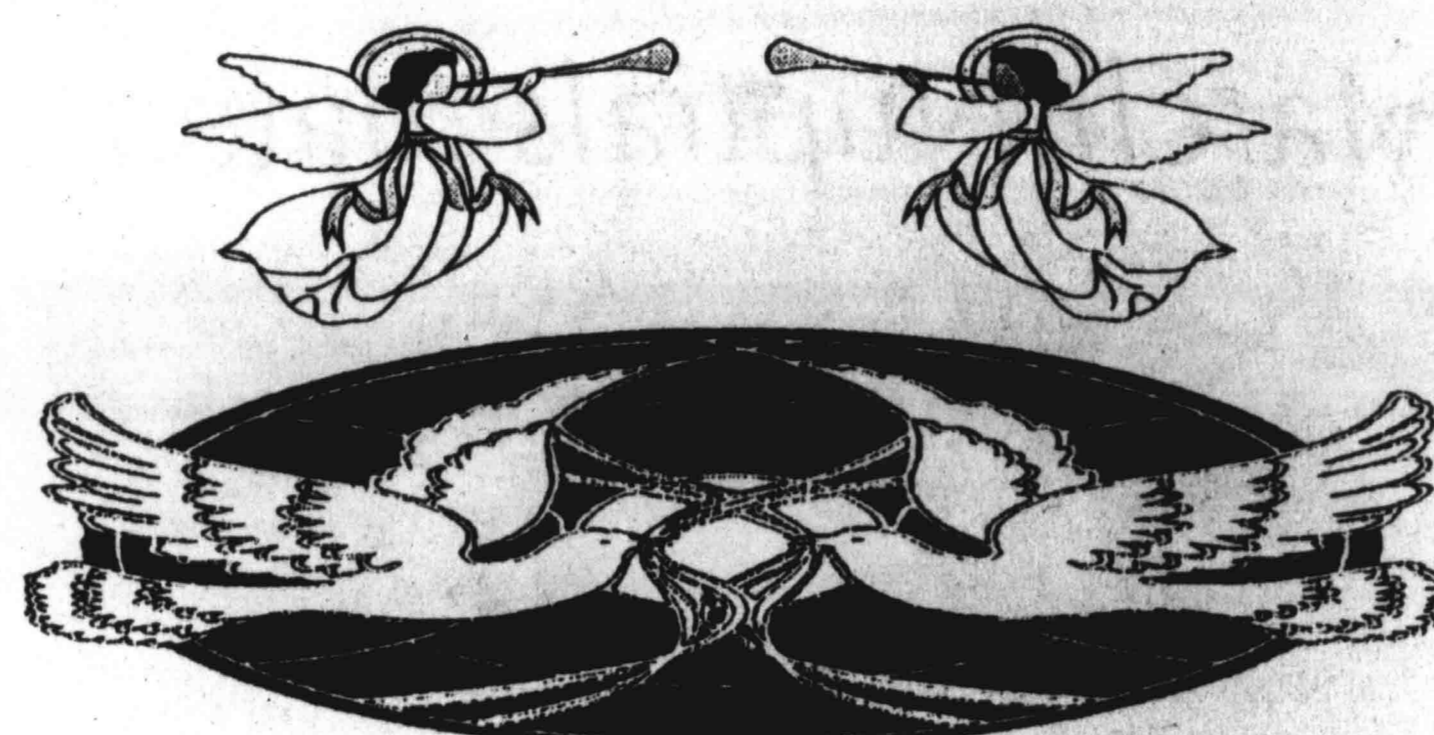
Other survivors include her husband, Johnny Willis; one son, Mike Willis, of Murray, Ky.; four brothers, Charles Dill, of Ridgely, Carl Dill and Clayton Dill, both of Union City, and Cecil Dill, of Jackson; two sisters, Helen Loncar, of Ridgely, and Wanda Hopp, of Elgin, Ill.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Church Happenings

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, 1255 Dry Hill Rd. East, near Halls, will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Jan. 25th featuring Kindred Spirit. A chili cook-off will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Readers Speak

Editor,

I am in the fifth grade at Hart-Ransom School in Modesto, Calif. I have adopted your state as a class project. This is the sixth year that our school has used this project to learn about our country. I will be doing a report and making a display about Tennessee. In May, my class will have a "state fair".

I will display everything I have learned about your state to the visitors from our school and community.

It would be helpful to me if you would print my letter, asking your readers to help me by sending postcards of your state's attractions, maps, brochures, information about wildlife, industry, neat places to visit, statistics, sports teams, and any other information and items your readers feel would be helpful.

I hope that your readers can help me with my project. I promise to send a thank you to everyone who sends packages. I am excited about learning about your state and hearing from the people who live there!

Thank you from California.

Steven
Mrs. Susan Unruh's Class
Hart-Ransom School
3930 Shoemaker Ave.
Modesto, CA 95358

POSTER CONTEST

"Trees are terrific... from acorn to oak," is the theme for the 2003 Arbor Day poster contest, sponsored by the Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture,

Div. of Forestry and the National Arbor Day Foundation, and co-sponsored by Toyota Motor Corporation.

The contest is open to all Tennessee fifth graders, and is designed to educate children about the importance of planting and caring for trees.

Teachers in public, private and home schools can participate in the contest by selecting a winning poster from their school for the state competition. Only posters that meet guidelines will be eligible. Posters should be sent to Arbor Day Poster Contest, TDA, Div. of Forestry, P.O. Box 40627, Nashville, TN 37204.

Entries must be postmarked by Arbor Day, Mar. 7th, or hand-delivered to the TDA Div. of Forestry office at Ellington Agricultural Center, 440 Hogan Rd., in Nashville, by 4:30 p.m. (CST) on Arbor Day.

Winners will be announced in an awards ceremony Mar. 31st. First, second and third place winners will receive a savings bond. Winning teachers will receive a gift certificate for school supplies.

A tree planting ceremony will be held at the first place winner's school and at the State Capitol. For a list of all prizes, visit www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/arborday/posters.htm.

Last year's winning poster, by Courtney Pierchoski, of Pulaski, and other entries, can be viewed web site www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/arborday/posters.html.

For further information, contact contest coordinator, Kay Fernann, TDA Div. of Forestry in Nashville, 615-837-5437.

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

To Clone Or Not To Clone - That's The Question?

As 2002 went out of existence and 2003 came forward with mixed feelings of excitement and concern, all of us were taken somewhat aback by the announcement of a possible human clone being born. The group making the claim made our surprise even more hard to take, due to their reports of believing that humans were clones brought here from another planet. After watching some of the recent NFL playoff games and seeing what some fans wear to the games, I'm beginning to wonder myself if we have not been invaded by space clones.

With the introduction of Dolly the cloned sheep a few years back, the term "cloning" has become a part of our everyday world in this new century. Whether you are for it or against it, cloning is a new field of research that will be around for sometime. In the industry of agriculture it is a process being studied to improve animal health, livestock production and a way to lower consumer cost. It may also be a source to reduce the use of antibiotics in animal production and to reduce diseases in

food-producing animals.

However, (and I bet it scares you when I use the word "however") I do question the use of cloning in certain areas. For instance, much is being done to clone cats. Just why do we need to clone cats? I thought they were doing a pretty good job themselves of making copies of each other without us getting in on the act. A few years back, I started with just two running around under the back deck. Cloning and mass production was the last thing I wanted to hear reports on as I canvassed the neighborhood giving away kittens.

We have animal support groups out giving away free neutering and spaying with scientists trying to clone even more. There seems to be something wrong with this picture. I just hope we are cloning good mousers so they will at least be something that can be useful.

And, if a regular cat has nine lives, does a cloned cat have eighteen? Does a cloned Tom cat travel twice as far at night? If we are going to clone cats do we really need as many Tom cats?

I know these are strange questions, but they need to be asked. Cat cloning is bad enough, but do we really want human cloning. Folks having twins the old fashion way is enough cloning for me.

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities Dollar Amounts in Thousands

ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,006
Interest-bearing balances	30
Securities:	
Held-to-maturity securities	153
Available-for-sale securities	9,153
Federal funds sold	1,983
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases held for sale	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	20,338
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	237
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance	20,101
Trading Assets	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	1,088
Other real estate owned	201
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets:	
Goodwill	0
Other intangible assets	0
Other assets	1,104
Total assets	34,819

LIABILITIES Dollar Amounts in Thousands

Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	30,551
Noninterest-bearing	3,851
Interest-bearing	26,700
Federal funds purchased	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Trading liabilities	0
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)	1,101
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	149
Total liabilities	31,801
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	0
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	355
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	469
Retained earnings	2,167
Accumulated other comprehensive income	27
Other equity capital components	0
Total equity capital	3,018
Total liabilities, minority interest, and equity capital	34,819

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities.
I, **SHARON ROSE, SVP & CASHIER** (Name, Title)
We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.
of the above named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Director #1 Jerome P. Crithfield
Director #2 Rebecca C. McWilliams
Director #3 Gerald D. Cherry

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COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE

On this 21st day of January, 2003, before me, a Notary Public within and for said State and County, personally appeared Sharon Rose to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did state and affirm that she is the Cashier of The Lauderdale County Bank, the Corporation named in the foregoing instrument and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and said Sharon Rose acknowledges said instrument to be the free act of said Corporation.

My commission expires: 11/16/03
Notary Virginia S. Harris

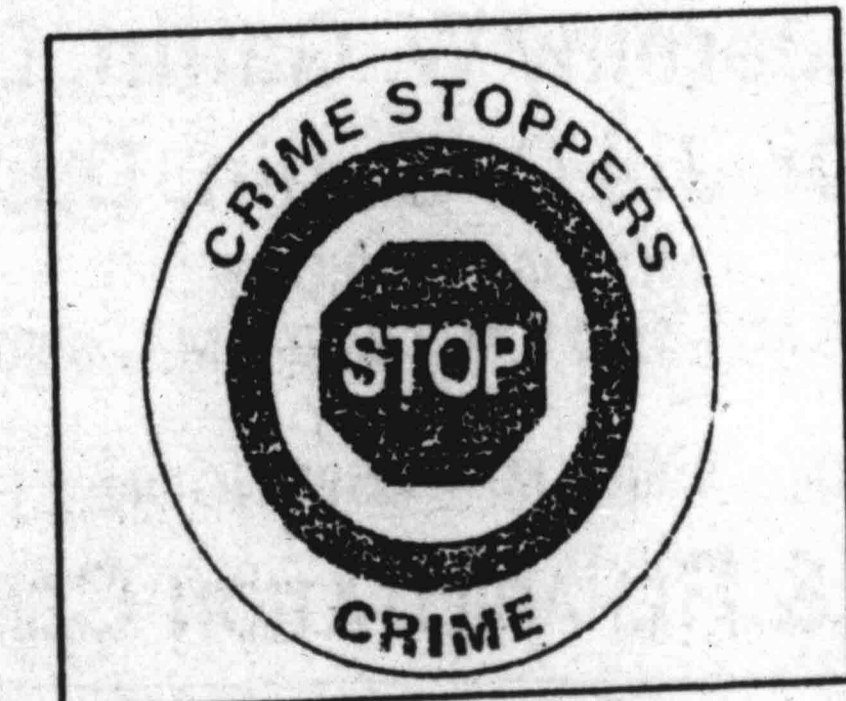
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Monday, January 27th

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Diced Peaches
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice of Milk

Tuesday, January 28th

Roasted Turkey w/ gravy
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Pear Halves
Fruit Mix
Roll
Choice of Milk

Wednesday, January 29th

BBQ Chicken
Beef Cutlet w/ gravy
Green Beans
Baked Beans
Peaches
Applesauce
Roll
Choice of Milk

Thursday, January 30th

Chili Pie
Chicken Fillet
Broccoli Bites
Corn on the Cob
Pineapple Tidbits
Fruit w/ Jello
Roll
Choice of Milk

Friday, January 31st

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Vegetable Soup
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Applesauce
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The American Red Cross will award Mid-South 12th grade students, who excel in community service, academics, athletics, visual arts and performing arts, with its YEA! (Youth Excellence and Achievement) Scholarship in April of 2003.

Twelfth graders, who attend school in Lauderdale, City of Memphis, Shelby, Fayette and Tipton Counties in Tennessee, DeSoto and Tunica Counties in Mississippi, and Crittenden County in Arkansas, are eligible to be nominated.

One student in each category will be chosen by a panel of judges to receive the \$500 scholarship.

Students, parents, teachers and friends may nominate an eligible student by submitting an application and the student's transcript, as well as writing an essay in 500 words or less, explaining why the nominee should be chosen.

A letter of recommendation from a professional in the chosen category must also accompany the application and essay.

Applications are available at local high schools, at the Mid-South Chapter American Red Cross, 1400 Central Ave., in midtown, on our website, www.redcross.org/tn/midsouth (click on the YEA! Scholarship icon, located on the home page and print).

Applications must be mailed to the American Red Cross, c/o YEA! Scholarship Committee, 1400 Central Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 14, 2003.

The scholarships will be presented during a ceremony in April.

For further information, or for an application, call Toni Webster, Youth Services Coordinator, (901) 726-1690.

Divorces

Robert Lewis Young vs. Lu-
verry Simmons Young.
Angela Mae Greer Kissell
vs. David Shannon Kissell.
Jeffrey Scott Ruark vs. Stella
Renee Ruark.

SOFTBALL CAMP

The Dyersburg State Lady Eagles softball team will hold its annual softball camp, for players in grades 1-12, Sat., Feb. 15th, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the E.H. Lannom Jr. Gymnasium, on the Dyersburg campus.

Each participant will be instructed in the mental and physical aspects of circuit training, in both hitting and defensive strategies by DSCC's players and coaches.

They will also learn fundamentals, mental concentration, strategies, attitude, situations, conditioning and other skills.

The cost is \$50 per individual, and \$350 for teams (nine or more from a community or a team).

For further information, or to register, call Coach Randy Hulme, 731-286-3274, or email hulme@dsc.edu.

All proceeds will benefit the Lady Eagles softball team.



Mrs. Koonce Hosts Make & Mend Club

The Make and Mend Club met in the home of Catherine Koonce Jan. 9th with eight members present.

A short business meeting was held with president, Dale Collins, presiding.

New officers elected were Dale Collins, president, Evelyn Gould, vice-president, Brenda Osburn, secretary/treasurer, and Yvonne Clay, devotional leader.

The programs, day and hour were set for the coming year.

The treasurer's report was given and dues collected.

After a pot luck lunch was served, valentine crafts and friendship gifts were exchanged.

The remainder of the day was spent in a workshop. Christmas tree ornaments were made from gun shot shell cases and used medicine bottles.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mary Sue Health in February.

An extra workday was set for Feb. 20th to work on a project for the local nursing home.

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—Dave Attell

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Lauderdale County Schools Receive Major State Grant

According to an article in the Jan. 20th issue of the Dyersburg State Gazette, the Tennessee Department of Education awarded a \$230,000 grant to Lauderdale County Schools under the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers program. Two sites in Lauderdale County were funded, unknown is the specific locations.

Previously, applicants sent proposals directly to Washington for national competition, now it's a state responsibility. Applicants were notified of the availability of funds in July and applications were released in August 2002, of which 77 were received by the Oct. 8, 2002 deadline.

The grants, administered through the department's Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities office, go to local school systems and community-based and faith-based organizations to help establish or expand out-of-school activities.

STAFF HONORED

Amy McBroom, activity director, and Casandra Mosby, assistant activity director, were honored Jan. 20th through 24th as Lauderdale Community

Living Center celebrated Activity Professionals Week. They were treated to lunch at Charlene's Tea Room in Halls Jan. 21st and received gift certificates. An employee of the center since August 2002, Amy



and her husband, Mike, reside in Ripley with their two children. An employee since April 2002, Casandra and her husband, Robert, live in Halls with their son.

Center Sponsors Winter Sing-A-Long



PARTICIPANTS of the Halls Community Club sing-a-long, Harry and Martha Wright, Betty Lovelace, Carolyn McCaslin, Sybil Belton, Juanita Broglin, Margaret Jackson, Barbara Silence, Minnie Throgmorton, and J. H. Brown, plus, not pictured, Pat Higdon, coordinator, meet from 2-3:30 p.m. each Tuesday during the winter months. According to Mrs. Higdon, the participants are retired and like to sing or hear the others sing old favorite tunes and hymns from the Baptist and Cokesbury Hymnals. The group has only one rule, "enjoy".



DAVID HARDEE, maintenance supervisor at Lauderdale Community Living Center, was honored with a reception during Maintenance Day Jan. 15th at the center. He was presented with a pair of Ariat work boots. An employee of the center since July 2002, he resides in the Nankipoo community with his wife, Wendy, and their three children.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Lauderdale County Republican Women will meet at 7 p.m., Mon., Feb. 3rd, in the home of Debby Jenkins, 272 Anthony St., in Ripley.

KATIE AND ADAM HULL, of Clarksville, left for Ft. Dix, N.J. to fulfill their duties as members of the 267th Military Police Division of the Tennessee National Guard.

The former Katie Demps, of Halls, is a third generation member of the United States Military.

Her grandfather, Marvin Demps, left, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was captured in Germany, and remained there as a prisoner of war from March 9th until May 8th of 1945.

David Demps, Katie's father, second from left, was in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War era.

Katie attended kindergarten through her freshman year in Halls schools.

FOOD DRIVE

Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 13926 of Ripley, and Camp 15103 of Halls, conducted a food drive to help replenish the shelves for the Crossroads Project.

MWA, a fraternal insurance society, with home office in Rock Island, Ill., helps with projects for communities where its members live.

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-Ovid

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In addition, the Dyersburg campus' Learning Resources Center will host an exhibit from the Alex Haley Museum. Tipton and Gibson County Centers will host Black History poster displays.

Wit has truth in it. Wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words. -Dorothy Parker

DSCC EVENTS

The Dyersburg State Community College Office of Multicultural Affairs will sponsor several events during February in honor of Black History Month.

A Cultural Sharing "Lunch on Counter," with DSCC Baptist Collegiate Ministries, sponsored by Minority Assoc. for Successful Students, will be Feb. 5th and 19th in the Baptist Student Union at noon. The lunch is \$2.

An Incentive Scholarship Banquet is Fri., Feb. 21st, at 7 p.m., in the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium. Tickets are \$15, and all proceeds benefit the Partners in Education scholarship.

A free Soulfood Luncheon is Feb. 25th, at noon, in the Tipton County Center.

A free Gospel Extravaganza is Sun., Mar. 2nd, at 3:30 p.m., in the E. H. Lannom Jr. Gymnasium. Donations will be accepted.

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Perry and Clara have seven grandchildren, Jamie and Justin Delaney, Wendy Goode Bendzes, Keith Jackson, Jennifer Jackson Reynolds, Jennifer Rushing Tucker, and Joe Jackson, and nine great-grandchildren, Dillan Sealand, Jamie Delaney, Jr., Jamaya Delaney, Hailey Jackson, Savana and Megan Reynolds, Jasmine and Brianna Delaney, Madison Rushing, and three more on the way.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls will hold its monthly Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 3rd at Halls City Hall.

Master Gardener Classes To Begin

The Dyer County Extension Service is accepting applications for its Spring 2003 Master Gardeners class, which begins Feb. 11th and ends April 11th.

Classes will be held on Tues. and Thurs., from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the County Complex auditorium.

The course fee is \$45, which includes a horticultural manual, supplies, nametag and refreshments for the entire course.

University of Tennessee specialists, agents, county directors and experience master gardeners will teach the course.

Training includes basic plants science, entomology, plant pathology, vegetable gardening, fruits and berries, annuals, woody ornamentals, common landscape plants, small engines, wildlife management, managing pests in and around the home and urban forestry and tree identification.

For further information, or to sign up, call 731-826-7821.

EMERGENCY LOANS

John Dodds, of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, announced that emergency loans for farmers, ranchers and operators are available through the Lauderdale County Office of the Farm Service Agency.

Lauderdale County, as a result of severe storms, tornadoes and flooding occurring from Nov. 9th through Nov. 12th, is eligible for Federal disaster assistance.

Applications for assistance will be accepted by FSA through July 14, 2003 for physical and production losses.

FSA Emergency Loans cover losses from designated disasters and are made to qualified farmers who cannot obtain necessary credit from other lenders in the local area.

For further information, contact Greg Mathenia or Jean Smith at the Farm Service Agency, 301 Lake Drive, in Ripley.

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—John Wooden

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By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. James Simpson and daughter, Wendy, of Lightfoot, were supper guests Saturday before last of the Pharis Escues.

Mrs. Barry Jordan and son, Isaac, of Memphis, spent Friday night before last, and Thursday night of last week, with her parents, the Floyd Emersons. Freddie Emerson and son, Dennis, of Dyer, visited Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Sunday afternoon before last, and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, of Maury City, was a Sunday supper guest.

Mrs. Jimmy Howard and Mrs. Amy Boyer, of Memphis, and Mrs. John Dickinson, of Mercer, visited Winston Carmack Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzhugh, of Nankipoo, Mr and Mrs. Wesley Climer, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Heath, of Alamo, were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams.

First Presbyterian Christian School in Dyersburg, which has students from Lauderdale County, received a gift of \$500,000 from an anonymous source, a couple "dedicated to the principles of Christian education", according to an article in the Jan. 20th issue of the Dyersburg State Gazette.

With the donation and the \$54,000 raised during the 2002 fund-raiser, the school plans to fund a new educational complex, including tennis courts, a fine arts building, gymnasium, baseball and soccer fields, and a future high school building, and to improve the quality of education. School officials plan to form a committee and begin meeting in February, to develop a five-year plan to implement the changes.

Anniversaries

Jan. 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wiley.

Feb. 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCaslin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Caldwell.

Feb. 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Gaines.

Feb. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Willard Norvell, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Green.

Marriages

Jan. 18 - James Earl Ingram, 45, to Shelia Lavelle Franklin, 46, by David Franklin.

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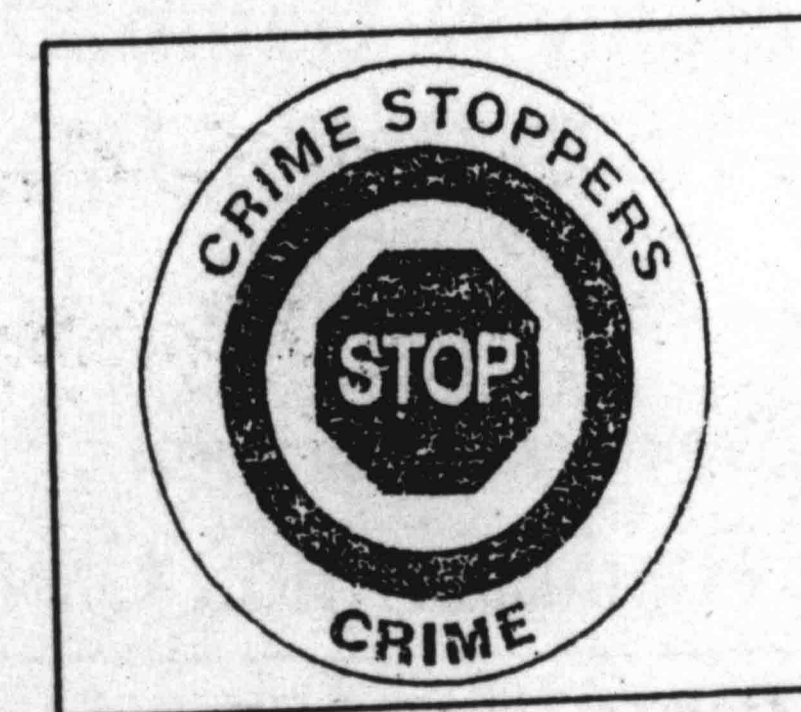
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Jan. 31 - Chuck Vincent, Taylor Barbee Rice, III.

Feb. 1 - Donna Blakley, Hillary Bailey, Amanda Conrad, Judy Mills, Laura Thompson, Lisa Oates.

Feb. 2 - Natalie Carpenter, Matt Berkley, Patsy Stephens, Kaylyn Charles, Jimmy Patterson, Martha Miller, Brian Brodgon, Trent Liggeons II, Shirley G. Bryant, William Hopkins.

Feb. 3 - Susan White, Ivan Criner, Paul Douglas Spoon, Jr., Beau Simpson, James Hemby, Mary Ellen Ractliffe, Rev. Lyle Larson.

Feb. 4 - Jennifer Maclin, Jerry Crichfield, Rob Henry, Tommy White, Terry White, Tina White, Lee Cannon, Madison Webb, Drew Hearnberger, Billy Ables, Charlotte Bryant, Quenton Reed, Nellie Ward Harrison, Clyde Garrett, Mark Dillard, Sr.

Feb. 5 - Ned Poynter, J. F. (Jay) Chipman, Marley Sigman, Dabney Maxwell, Prichard Norman, Jean Criner, Alice McCoy, Danny Simpson, Shea Lea Harris, Johnny Williams, Ronnie Moore, Angela Kent, Jane Coulston, Orville Van Duesen, Elizabeth W. Holde-man, Rob Wilder.

Ripley Healthcare Happenings

By Rhonda Tyus, Act. Dir.

Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center would like all visitors to use the front door when entering the facility, and to sign in on the visitor's log.

The front door will be locked from 10 p.m. unto 7 a.m. Anyone visiting after hours should ring the doorbell for assistance.

The Center will have its yearly King and Queen of Hearts contest Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day. The public is invited to attend.

Land Transfers

Jan. 17 - Royal LePage Relocation Services International, Inc. to Donald Dyson and Shirley Dyson, Dist. 7, 5.00 acres.

Thomas Simmons, Jr. to Virginia P. Simmons, Dist. 12, tract.

Billy G. Chapman, trustee, and Billy G. Chapman Living Trust to Victor Lee Kees, II, Dist. 3, 5.276 acres.

Jan. 21 - Associated Financial Services of America, Inc. to Tim Carter, lot.

Darrell W. Schuh and Cynthia H. Schuh to Cendant Mobility Financial Corporation, lot.

T. L. Carihfield and Geneva P. Carihfield to Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Board of Trustees, Dist. 14, 0.10 acres.

Norma Jane Burks Skoglund, Norma Jane B. Skoglund, and Roy W. Skoglund to Norman Bradley Burks, Dist. 12, parcel.

Bank of Ripley to Dwight Ellis, Dist. 6, lot.

James B. Sanders to Carroll Walker and Gordon Walker, Dist. 4, 0.62 acres.

Jan. 22 - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Ronnie Fisher, Dist. 17, 0.33 acres.

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Jan. 23 - John W. Roberts and Norma H. Roberts to United States of America and United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Dist. 9, 36 acres.

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Bredesen Pushing Federal Assistance

Governor Phil Bredesen has joined state Agriculture Commissioner, Ken Givens, in calling for federal assistance for farmers in Lauderdale County and 28 other drought counties that did not receive assistance

Inez K. Glenn and Annie Laura Jennings; Annie Buford Carter by Dot Thompson; Robert Eskridge by Dan and Carol Walker; Dorris Holdeman by Dan and Carol Walker; Clellan Cherry by George and Judy Tyree; and Jackson Armour by Jimmy and Angie Koonce; and in honor, Sheriff Louis Craig by the Mafia.

last year through the federal Livestock Compensation Program.

Bredesen has asked members of Tennessee's congressional delegation to support current efforts to extend the Livestock Compensation Program through the federal appropriations bill now under consideration by Congress.

"The extreme weather conditions experienced over the past couple of years has created difficult economic hardships for many of our farming families, particularly livestock producers," said Bredesen. "I want to make certain that all livestock producers who suffered production losses have access to much needed federal assistance."

"Drought assistance for our

livestock producers in these 29 counties is especially critical right now in light of the snowy and frigid weather we're already experiencing this winter," said Mr. Givens. "Some producers are already having to use up stores of hay and increase feeding due to the deep freeze."

"We are hopeful that there will be a congressional resolution of this situation that has unfairly left out many livestock farmers that would have otherwise qualified for assistance," said Givens.

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—Anna Pavlova

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