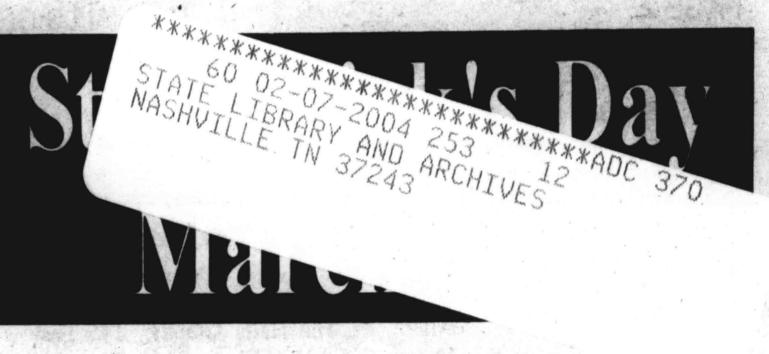
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\$3.5 Million Secured For Anderson-Tully Purchase

An additional \$3.5 million has been secured in Forest Legacy funding to cover the cost of 12,000 acres of bottomland forest in Lauderdale County, the final step in a cooperative deal between the Nature Conservancy and the State of Tennessee.

The Nature Conservancy purchased the land from Anderson-Tully Company for \$15 million and has leased it to the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency for the last 45 years and is considered to be one of West Tennessee's most popular hunting areas as well as national habitat for neo-tropical songbirds and other nongame species.

The conservancy secured a loan to purchase properties until federal funding was appropriated.

Tennessee's Congressional delegation of U.S. Rep. John Tanner, 8th District, and U.S. Senator Reception Planned Bill Frist and former For Commissioner Senator Fred Thompson, as well as Mississippi U. S. Senator Thad Cochran, reception at 10:30 a.m. Fri., had already secured \$4.5 million of Forest Legacy federal funds for 2002.

Rep. Tanner made the House request for the additional funding in the 2003 funding cycle and staff members of Frist and Thompson made a joint request to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

More than 7,000 people use the property every year, according to Gary Myers, executive director of TWRA.

estry will use 2,000 acres of the property as a demonstration forest for management practices, pre-

scribed burning and longterm management. The the tracts and has held the remaining acreage is under TWRA management as the John Tully Wildlife Management Area.

Bank of Ripley will hold a March 14th in the lobby of the bank, 134 N. Jefferson, for Ken Givens, newly-appointed Commissioner of the Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture. For further information contact the bank, 635-1230.

AG CONFERENCE

The monthly Ag Market Network Conference meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. Thurs., March 13th at the Lauderdale County Agricultural Extension Service Office, 217 N. Main St., Ripley, with Pat Westhoff, of the Food Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), as guest speaker. Pat and the The Division of For- FAPRI team will discuss the market outlook for cotton, grain, and soybeans. For up to date marketing information, plan to attend this informative session.

Hammond Crowned Miss Halls



RACHEL HAMMOND, center, was crowned Miss Halls Saturday night during the Halls Community Club's pageant. Her court included Sarah Beth Warren, Miss Congeniality; Erin Crihfield, alternate maid; Brooke Barnes, second maid; and Amanda Stewart, first maid.

Jury: Prisoner Slew Cell-Mate

A Circuit Court jury in Ripley has found Christopher David Hodge guilty of second degree murder, in strangling cell-mate Ricky Ardd, in the West. Tenn. High Security Prison at Fort Pillow.

Judge Joe H. Walker III will sentence Hodge later this month.

Wallace Handed 46-Yr. Sentence

Brandon Wallace, 32, of Dyersburg, convicted by a er charges, in invading the home of Jerome Eisom, at 1918 Hyde Rd., east of Ripley, July 1, 2002, has been sentenced by Judge Joe. H. Walker to 46 years in prison.

FFA Goodwill Tour



Circuit Court jury of at- WILL BIRD, second from left, tempted murder, among oth- middle row, Tennessee FFA president, son of Allen and attended a Legislative break-Janice Bird, of Halls, along fast in Nashville, and met with several other state FFA with Governor Phil Bredesen officers, traveled across Ten- after touring the State Capitol. nessee during National FFA visiting schools, businesses row.

and government leaders.

On Thurs., Feb. 20th, they

Also pictured is Ken Giv-Week, Feb. 15th through Feb. ens, Commissioner of Agri-21st, promoting FFA while culture, third from left, middle preservation event's purpose is

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Public Speaking Winners







KATE HARRIS, second from are 5th and 6th grade winleft, upper photo, 8th grader, ners, Clarissa Stark and and Charli Henry, third from Tamara Boyd, both from Mrs. left, 7th grader, both from McCanless's 4-H club at Halls Lauderdale Middle School, Elementary School. JC Dewere 7th and 8th grade divi- pree, left, and Linda Andersion winners in the County 4- son, right, Bank of Ripley rep-H Public Speaking Contest resentative, are pictured with

Others pictured, from left, In lower photo, are JC Dupree, 4-H agent, Deaton, center, 4th grade and Beauton Matthews, right, winner, from Mrs. Gunnell's Bank of Ripley Representa- 4-H club at HES, is pictured with Beauton Matthews, left, In middle photo, from left, and Jane Connell, right, 4Birthdays

March 6 - Paul Pilcher, Rusty Sanders, Joe Maxey, Joann Crain, Betty McBroom, Layne, Paul Harvey B. Johnston, Wayne Bringle.

March 7 - Amanda Hutcherson, Pug Conner, Misty Oswald Anthony, Ashley Turner, Al Jennings, Gennie V. Dewalt, Chad Meyer, Danielle McBroom, Charlene Roberts, Gaylon Hardy, Caleb McKee, Danetia Jordan Fincher, Mattie D. Taylor, Nona Pilkington, Shawn Rose.

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

H/FCS Agent with the University of Tennessee Ag Extension Service.

Other 4th grade contest ants were Brittany Cook, Ed-Greaves, Chelsea Gwaltney, Kayla Ashley Jones, Dakota Kiestler Emily Candace Stenson and Krista Hardy. Ashley Jones, of Mrs Ungerecht's 4-H club at RES was runner-up.

Kaley Burr, Mickey Cherry, William Lane, Jamie Lewis, Matt Newman, Anna Osoria, Leslie Patrick, Derek Rodenhouser, Corey Wright and Christopher Cessac. Matt Newman, of Mrs. McDearman's 4-H Club at HES, was runner-up.

Other 6th grade students competing were Erik Charles, Brittany Crowder, Shaun Gra-Grantland, Kayla Jordan, Kristen Obie Nathan Smith. Natalie Grantland, of Mrs. McCanless's 4-H Club at HES, was

Representing Lauderdale County at the district contest Mar. 8th, at Freed-Hardeman University, will be division winners, Kate Harris, Charlie Henry, Clarissa Stark, Tamara Boyd and Brenna Deaton.

Contests were held at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley, with The Bank of Ripley sponsoring the event.

Young, Luke Hemby, Jerald Bridges, Melinda Pilcher, Barbara Sue Ezekiel, Glenn Lazure, Kathy Cherry, Tammye Terry.

March 10 - Zackery Flatt, Perry Garrett, Jr. Rita Glenn, Rita Gillon, Polly Adkisson, Troy Sinquefield, Kim Vanden Hurt, Conner Stanley, Louise Ward, Randy Ronnie Moore. Harris, Jacob Newman, Phyllis

March 11 - Joe Tidwell, Larry Reynolds, Zane Bernard, Carol Douglas, Russ Poston, Grayson Morris.

March 12 - Natalie Schneider, Dalton Fowler, Stacy Fullen, Paul Childress, Roger Mills, Frankie Spray, Lorene Pennington, Susanne Hurt Troutt, Jamie Young, Alicia Gooch, Sue Hamby, Sue Adker-

Applaud State Sales Tax Deduction Bill

U.S. Senators Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander have nounced their support for legislation that would allow Tennesseans to deduct the state sales tax they pay from their federal tax returns.

"Ensuring fairness in our tax system is the primary reason we're introducing this legislation," said Frist. "Tennesseans should not be unfairly penalized at tax time simply because Tennessee does not have a state income tax on wages. This bill

Anniversaries

March 6 - Mr. and Mrs.

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

March 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley.

March 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders.

Marriages

Feb. 14 - Kenny Wade Pridmore, 22, to April Lynn Lescure, 21, by Mark Hodge.

James Dale Goodwin, Jr., 34, to Amanda Carol Haley, 32, by Paul Duncan.

Feb. 22 - Jeffrey Scott Ruark, 33, to Pamela Rae Fowler, 35, by David Faulkner.

Feb. 25 - Johnny Lee Kerby, 58, to Patricia Laraine Walker, 48, by Carol L. Walker.

would fix that inequity in the tax code so that all taxpayers are treated equally."

Both Frist and Alexander are co-sponsors of the bill.

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Elihu Rigsby

Elihu Rigsby, 90, of Parsons, the father of Diann Holmes, of Henning, died Monday of last week in Decatur County Hospital.

Rites were Thursday of last Woodmen of America. week in Parsons Mortuary, with burial in Bible Hill Cemetery.

A veteran of World War II. he was the widower of Opal

Carrington Hays. Survivors include one step-son, of Gates; brothers, Thomas, of Jack Hays, of Paris; a brother, L.D., Ripley, and William, of Halls; and a sister, Claudine O'Donniley, of Memphis; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

T. Pennington

Timothy Pennington, 49, of Diana, Tex., son of Dugan and Shirley Eason Pennington, of Rockwall, Tex., formerly of Ripley, died Feb. 10th.

Services were at 2 p.m. Feb. 13th at Rest Haven Funeral Home, Rockwall Chapel, with burial in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

An Army veteran and a Methodist, he was the owner of Penn Hydraulics.

Other survivors include two sons, Chris and Zach Pennington; two brothers, Mike and Pat Pennington; a sister, Penny Glasscock; and a grandson.

Mrs. Haley

Fannie Bell Haley, 48, of Henning, employed by A. O. Smith in Ripley, died Thursday of last week in her home

Rites were Sunday in St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Brownsville, where she had been a missionary, stewardess, Sunday School teacher, and usher, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves daughters, Kenya War II, he leaves his wife, Carol Haley, of 4250 Chicken George R. Tippitt; daughters, Sharon Jo Trail, Henning, and Morgan Tippitt, of Henning, Cathleen Haley, of Brownsville; her fa- Tippitt, of Bellflower, Calif., ther, Tommy Moore, and sis- and Sandra Lee Tippitt, of Poters, Laura Moore and Glenda cola, Okla.; a sister, Joy Haley, of Brownsville; and two Hodges, of California; and three grandchildren.

Estel Booker

Estel Booker, 80, of 227 Love, Halls, retired school Memphis, was buried Tuesbus mechanic for Lauderdale day in Poplar Grove Ceme-County schools, died Wed- tery at Henning, after 1 p.m. nesday of last week in Bap- rites in Longcrest Baptist tist Hospital in Memphis.

Funeral Home, with burial in Edith Cemetery.

was a member of the Modern

He was the widower of Virginia Ditto Booker.

He leaves sons, John, of Gates, and Bobby, of Cadet, Mo.; a daughter, June Barnes, sisters, Darthy Valdez, Kathleen Ditto, and May Camper, of Ripley; three grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a greatgreat-grandchild.

Harvey King

Harvey King, 100, glass worker, died Thursday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Marietta, and Shelly Roberts, of Church in Henning, with burial Smyrna, Ga.; a sister, Beverly Irish, in New Hope Cemetery at of Hollister, Calif.; four grandchil-Cherry, Thompson's Mortuary, dren; and a great-grandchild. of Ripley, in charge.

He was the widower of Annie Bell Oneal King.

He leaves daughters, Camay Lake and Mary Neal, of Henning; a brother, Kelly, of Dayton, Ohio; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

Clyde Tippitt

Clyde Hunter Tippitt, 78, of 455 Old Fulton Rd., Henning, retired cement mason, died Wednesday of last week in his home.

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

A Navy veteran of World grandchildren.

Mrs. Cooper

Evelyn L. Cooper, 82, of Church, where she was a Rites were Friday in Halls member, with Forest Hill Funeral Home South in charge.

She died Friday in Methodist A former deputy sheriff, he Healthcare South in Memphis.

Widow of Joe B. Cooper, she leaves sons, David, of Memphis, and Gary, of Tulsa, Okla. two grandsons; and three greatgranddaughters.

Harold Thomas

Harold A. Thomas, 69, of Ripley, a retired estimating supervisor for AT&T, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital in

Rites were Tuesday in Ripley Church of Christ, where he was a member, with burial in Cheatham Hill Cemetery in Marietta, Ga., Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Betty; Rites were held Sunday in daughters, Amanda Ramsdell, of

J. T. Evans

John Thomas Evans, 87, retired farmer, of 5150 Hwy. 87, west of Henning, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Tuesday in Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

Branch Baptist Church and of a the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He leaves his wife, Claudine step-daughters, Charlotte Sam- two great-great-grandchildren. ple and Suzanne Arwood Hamby, of Henning, and Jonny Nix, of Covington; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Conley

Carrie Odell Conley, 85, of Ripley, widow of Joe Alvin Conley, Jr., died Friday and 24 grandchildren.



Church Happenings

Halls First United Methodist Church, 110 Gate 6 Rd., will hold revival services beginning at 7 p.m. nightly Sun., March 9th through Wed., March 12th, with Jackie Fincher, of Frog Jump, as guest evangelist A gospel singing, featuring the Fincher family, will begin at 4:30 p.m. Sunday followed by a spaghetti supper, hosted by the United Methodist Men's group. Special music will be presented nightly. Tuesday is youth night, with all the youth of the county invited to attend. For further information, call the church office, 836-9332. The public is invited.

New Beginning Ministries, 215 High Ave., Dyersburg will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a pre-anniversary celebration at 3:30 p.m. Sun., March 9th with Superintendent L. C. Hayslett and Spiller Hill Church of God In Christ, of Ripley, as special

Elder Alonza Green and Fountain of Life Church of God In Christ, of Halls, will be special guests at 3:30 p.m. Sun., March 16th as members honor Kenneth D. Taylor, pastor, and his wife, Shelia Taylor, during the pre-anniversary celebration. The public

Archer's Chapel Methodist Church, in the Frog Jump Community, will hold a gospel singing for Curtis Lents, Lauderdale County Highway Department employee injured in a Trackhoe accident Jan. 30th, at 7 p.m. Sat., March 8th featuring the Finchers, Followers of Faith, Watchmen, and others. Proceeds will help cover medical and living expenses. The public is invited.

Mrs. Jordan

Waurine Sayle Jordan, 88, of Halls, widow of Paul Jordan, died Saturday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

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

He was a member of Olive Custom-Craft in Halls, she was ing 10 or more passengers, to be Church in Halls.

She leaves daughters, Peggy Howell Evans; step-sons, Willie Pilcher, of Halls, and Betty Stall-Vandergriff, of Ripley, and cup, of Friendship; four grandchil-Skipper Stobing, of Brighton; dren; 12 great-grandchildren; and

in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

She leaves sons, Charlie, Edward, Joe, Jr., and Reginald; and daughters, Ernestine C. Henderson and Katherine Spicer, all of Ripley;

Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

CHILD CARE RULES

Several issues regarding childcare transportation rules are being reassessed, according to Virginia T. Lodge, commissioner, of the State of Tennessee Department of Human Services.

Rules being reassessed include childcare vehicles, carrymember of First Baptist inspected annually by the Dept. of Safety (effective 1-1-04); vehicles conforming to federal motor vehicle safety standards, governing "large" or "small' school buses, as defined in federal regulations (effective 1-1-05); both lap and shoulder belt restraints for children weighing over 80 pounds and taller than Rites were Tuesday in Ca- 4'9" (effective currently); and naan Baptist Church, Henning, drug screening for child care with burial there, Thompson's vehicle drivers (effective 3-1-

> For further information on reassessment of childcare transportation rules, call Virginia Lodge, 615-313-4700.

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What Would Noah Have Done With Today's Government

In 1998, I wrote the following article during a time when I was in the process of building a new home and having my share of problems with government rules and codes. I am continually being asked for copies of this column, so I just thought I would send it out one more time for everyone to enjoy. There has not been much change in the past five years with government regulation and it may require me to do it again in another five years. Hope you enjoy it.

If you ever want to take the pulse of today's happenings in the world, try reading church bulletins.

Most are written very down-to-earth in style and really have a lot of good information we all need to read. I recently was given one that told the story of what would happen if Noah was building the Ark today. It was written as a funny story, but the sad thing is a lot of the facts mentioned could have really happened. Entitled "The Great Flood of 1998," it was dedicated to a group of church elders and a building committee who must have been having some of the same problems Noah would have it he were building an Ark under our government regulations.

It seems the Lord spoke to Noah and said, "I'm going

to make it rain until the whole wouldn't let me catch any earth is covered with water owls. So, I have no owls. and all the evil people are formed a union and went on destroyed. But, I want to save a few good people, and two of every kind of living things on earth. Build ME an Ark."

Like a flash of lightning He delivered the specifications for an Ark to Noah. "Okay," said Noah, trembling and fumbling with the blueprints.

"Remember, when starts to rain," said the Lord, "the Ark is to be completed or learn how to swim for a very

After awhile the skies began to cloud up and the dismissed, EPA notified me rain began to fall. The Lord that I couldn't complete the saw that Noah was sitting in Ark without filing an environhis front yard weeping. There mental impact statement on was no Ark! "Noah," said the your proposed flood. They Lord, "where is my Ark?"

A lightning bolt crashed that they had no jurisdiction into the ground next to Noah. "Lord, please forgive me!" begged Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems."

Noah began to explain why the Ark had not been built, "First, I had to get a building permit for the Ark construction project, and your plans didn't meet the codes. So, I had to redraw the plans. Then I got into a big fight over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system.

My neighbors objected, claiming I was violating zoning by the Ark being in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city's planning commission. Then I had a big problem getting wood for the Ark because there was a ban on cutting trees to save the spotted owls. I had to convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that I needed the wood to save the owls because of the flood that would be coming, but they

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I sent them the globe.

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The Federal government has classified the Ark as a I yacht thereby making it sub- already has."

the proposed new flood plain.

ject to an exorbitant luxury tax. I really don't think I can finish your Ark for at least Engineers wanted a map of another five years."

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, a I'm also running short on rainbow arched across the funds since the IRS seized all sky, Noah looked up and of my assets, claiming I'm smiled asking hopefully, trying to avoid paying taxes "Does this mean you're not going to destroy the earth?"

God sadly answered, "No won't. The Government

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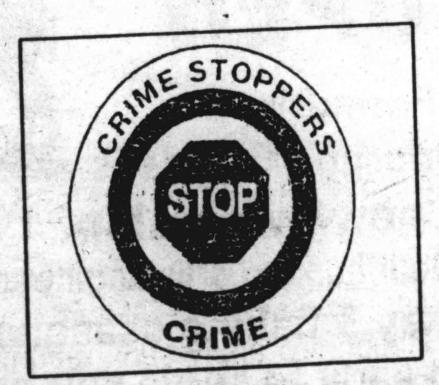
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Wednesday, March 12th

Spaghetti Deli Sandwich Coleslaw Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits Jello w/ fruit Roll Choice of Milk

Thursday, March 13th

Roasted Turkey Chicken Nuggets Whipped Potatoes **Steamed Carrots** Peaches Pear Halves Choice of Milk

Friday, March 14th

Tacos w/ trimmings Hot Dog Corn Nibblets Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese Cup Apple **Sunkist Orange Sections** Cookie Choice of Milk

Divorces

Joshua Paul Bizzle vs. Angela Margaret Champagne Biz-

Cynthia Clydell Lacy Wilson vs. Albert Wilson, Jr. Willie Mae Carter Graham vs. Ruben Graham.

> Man comes to believe in the end the lies he tells about himself to himself. -George Bernard

She's 90



GLADYS MOORE, of Curve, born Feb. 20th, celebrated her 90th birthday Feb. 22nd with a party in her home. Sixty-two family and friends were served ice cream, cake, and beverages.

Pay Increase For **Teachers Slated**

Governor Phil Bredesen has announced a two-part program to address teacher pay issues in Tennessee, including a commitment to fund an initial \$26.7 million package to get things started as part of next year's budget.

The first wave of funding will bring all school systems in Tennessee to an average teacher salary of \$37,000. Approximately 75 school systems and 17,000 teachers will be positively affected.

The plan also includes a "hold harmless" provision that will prevent one school system from being financially impacted by efforts to address pay disparity in another.

Bredeson also signed an executive order creating a teacher pay task force, whose mandate is to bring a multi-year teacher pay program back to him by Nov. 3rd.

"The issue of teacher pay is a real problem in Tennessee. Most everyone agrees we don't pay our teachers enough. But before we can tackle that issue, we first have to level the playing field and address disparities between large and small school districts," Bredesen said. "I'm hopeful that this approach will, over time, address both issues."

Land Transfers

Feb. 21 - First Citizens National Bank to Tommy Sneed and Dawn Sneed, Dist. 2, 2

Jack D. Williams and Maggie Sue Williams to Carol Lea Walker, trustee, and The Carol Lea Walker Living Trust, Dist. 2, lot.

Feb. 24 - Candy Pipkin to Jeff Mills and Amy Mills, Dist. 3, 5.413 acres.

Feb. 26 - BancorpSouth to Gaston Garrett and Duston Garrett, Dist. 3, tract, and Dist.

Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere to Don Taliaferro, Dist. 2, lot.

Feb. 27 - Ibrahim Naber to Earnest L. Broadnax, Dist. 6,

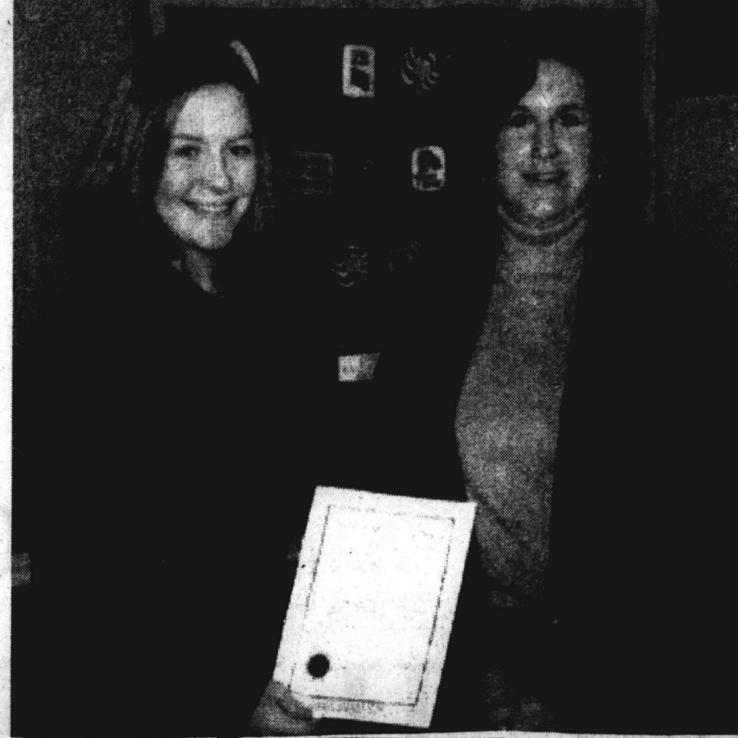
Raymond C. Jones to Leo Jones, Dist. 12, lot.

Neil Dyer and Mary Martha Dyer to Steven E. McAlister, Dist. 12, lot.

Hanks to Frank Reed, Dist. 1.277 acres.

Cathy L. Cox to Faye Stiles, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Student of the Month



JENNIFER BROGLIN, left, Halls High School senior, daughter of Jerry and Marilyn Broglin, was welcomed as the Lauderdale County Exchange Club Student of the Month during the Feb. 20th meeting at Bozo's Restaurant in Ripley. Jennifer is president of the senior class, a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society, and has served on the Youth Advisory Board for the Exchange Club/Tina Turner Family Center. She is active in her church, having participated in mission trips Pamela Northam and Pamela to Mexico and Mongolia. She plans to attend Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, where she will major in Spanish for a future career in business or education.

> Robert Hughes and Sandra and Tracy S. Morris, Dist. 11, Hughes to Charles F. Morris, Jr. 56.5 acres.

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Commissioners Meet Scroggs



KEN SCROGGS, center, field representative, for Bill Frist, United States Senator, Tennessee, was introduced to commissioners by County Executive Rozelle Criner, left, at the regular monthly meeting.

Scroggs, located in Memphis, and responsible for twelve counties, introduced himself, and told commissioners and elected officials that he is available to help or answer any questions on behalf of Senator Frist. Dennis Sadler, County Commissioner, Dist. 8, is at right.

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Education Foundation

Commissioners passed GASB-34 resolution, for Accounting mandated Standards Board), by law for all U.S. counties, to give fixed assets accounting on county financial state-

Authority was given to Criner to accept grants of (Community De-Block Grant) \$59,076 (Rural Developmen Assoc.), and \$109,434 (Delta Regional Authority), in addition to \$200,000 state money; and to issue a capital outlay note of \$300,000 to Forked Deer Electric Co-op, and to expend these funds.

School Superintendent Phillip Jackson was given approval of \$700,000 for instalderdale Middle School, an additional \$100,000 to begin the initial stages of roof repair for Halls High School Halls Elementary School and Ripley Elementary School.

lackson mentioned that all county schools have been ac-Commerce, 123 S. Jefferson St., credited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

is Mon., Apr. 21st. Everyone was urged to attend the reception for Ken Givens, new Commissioner of contact Lisa Hankins at the Agriculture, at 10:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 635-Mar. 14th, in the Bank of Ri-

Selected



ANNETTE FISHER, Lauder dale County Economic and Community Development executive director, was named to the Industrial Asset Man-Association last

As an associate member Fisher will represent Lauderdale County and the LCECD board before an organization of the nation's top industrial and manufacturing corporate real estate executives.

The next IAMC Professional Forum will be held April 6th through the 9th in a graduating senior from both Palm Harbor, Fla. and feature an array of professional development programs tion president, said she and the designed exclusively for corporate real estate and ecoboard of directors are pleased to nomic development execu year in a row, in addition to of-

Williams Chapel To Celebrate 90th Any student is eligible, though emphasis will be placed on those who have been in-

Williams Chapel Baptist Church in the Poplar Grove Community, near Halls, will celebrate the church's 90th anniversary Sun., March 16th. The church was organized March 16, 1913 by the late Rev. R. J. Williams. The grandson of the late Bro. Williams, Bro. Melvin Williams, will deliver the message Sunday morning and Mrs. Williams will sing the special music during the services.

The public is invited.

Interpreting Songs



JANE WILEY, right, of Halls, provided the interpretation of the song, Arise My Love, for the March 9th morning service at Bethesda United Methodist Church, located on Highway 88, west of Halls. She will interpret this song during the Easter celebration at various church locations. Jeannie Vickery, left, of Halls, has provided many inspirational songs that Mrs. Wiley has interpreted in sign language.

Health Fair Set For March 21st

habilitation Center, 118 Halliburton St., will have a health fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fri., Mar. clude gum, cookies, mints, hard 21st, in the main dining room.

hand and door prizes will be block, lip balm, lotion, deodordrawn every hour.

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Proceeds from the patriotic For further information on ribbons will be donated to Relay

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Application closing dates are during that era. (Mar. 15th) sweet sorghum and Disease was widespread watermelons; (Mar. 31st) canwhen the Continental Army was taloupes, cucumbers, eggplant, encamped at Valley Forge in kale, dry and fresh peas, banana, 1777-1778. Caring for the sick hot pimento and sweet bell pepand wounded was a critical is- pers, yellow/summer, winter sue. Many troops contracted and zucchini squash and baby dysentery, typhoid and pneu- lima, butter, snap-1st and half monia. Smallpox was a distinct runner beans; (Apr. 28th) okra; problem, as was typhoid fever. and (Apr. 30th) fresh pumpkins. inoculated against smallpox, but ance include those produced for many still died from the disease. food, livestock feed, fiber,

Lack of food and wet clothing mushrooms, floriculture, honey, contributed to their illnesses. maple sap, aquaculture (in-The book, Valley Forge, by Ja- cluding ornamental son Cooper, attributes the fol- Christmas tree crops, ginseng, lowing words to George Wash- ornamental nursery and ington in late December 1777, turfgrass sod. "we have . . . no less than 2,873

In submitting an application . unfit for duty because for coverage, producers must they are barefooted and other- pay applicable service fees, and wise naked." Approximately provide a certification of prior 3,000 soldiers died during their crop years production for the winter sojourn at Valley Forge. particular crop, coverage is be-Their unmarked graves still re- ing applied for.

main at Valley Forge 225 years For further information, call the USDA Service Center, 301 General Washington's wife, Lake Dr., Ripley, 731-635-Martha, arrived at Valley Forge 7686, or stop by. on February 10, 1778, during ___

the Continental Army's en- Frances Hargett, Luis Wong, campment. One of the tasks she Miranda Hopkins, James Littles. undertook was to visit the hos- March 14 - Caroline Mills

pitalized soldiers. Her appear- Michal Pool, MaCaleb Neal ances cheered the invalid men. Tammy Pipkin, Saul Nelson Martha Washington was not Kanisha Whitelow, Dr. Bobby the only wife to follow her hus- Webb, Jonathan Strantz, Tamband to Valley Forge. Soldier's my Carmack, Bryan McGarwives provided important as- rity, Leslie Jackson, Brooklyn sistance there, as they nursed Terry, Graeme Parsons.

March 15 - Juanita Haynes, the sick and sewed and washed the men's clothes. For all their Amanda Buchignani, Dr. Ranefforts, the women received dall Cummings, Steven Summer, Annie B. Jones, Leslie The Fort Prudhomme Chap- Crook, Bob Harrell, Leah Rae Ward, Colton Olds, Debbie about the hardships suffered by Hendrix, Robert Fisher, Ronnie troops who fought to secure Crutchfield, Kenneth Laumer.

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Birthdays

March 16 - Shirley Carmack, John Eskridge, Lori Morris, Lynn Gould, Jeff Nelson, Robbie Platzke, Wayne Hilliard Tiffany Kent.

March 17 - Kayla Craig, Sherry Scallions, Dot Pattat, March 13 - Don Gaines, Dan Brabec, Danny Booker, Cummings, Debbie Virginia Williams, Krysta Adams, Clair Ham-

mond, Missy Hammond, Minnie Gooch, Hannah Evans.

March 18 - Jennifer Buntin, Carolyn Land, Jean Cannon, Bruce Davis, Pat Wiggins, Mark Cunningham, Nathan Tolene, Angie Bernard, Rodney Blakley, Margaret Jane Best, Kristy Crihfield.

March 19 - Matthew Walker, Mary Ellen Williams, Latamara Jones, O'Neil Cannon, Ruby Duvall, Mike Lewis, Justin Klutts, Shelby Morris.

EQUITY FOR VETS

U.S. Rep. John Tanner again, a co-sponsor of the Retired Pay Restoration which would allow veterans to receive full retirement benefits and disability payments at the

Current law denies full retirement benefits to some tary retirees, who also receive disability compensation.

"We cannot continue to turn our backs on the men and women who have lifelong disabilities because of their will ingness to risk their lives for our country," Tanner said. "The men and women who have served in the Armed Forces should not be denied the full benefits owed them."

Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional District and serves on the House Ways and Means Committee.



Marie Lake

Marie Lake, 83, widow of Sylvester Lake, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in El Canann Baptist Church, Henning, ner Funeral Home in charge. where she had been the Usher Board's president, with burial in United Methodist Women, the its cemetery, Barlow Funeral

Ripley, Lynn, of Henning, and the Memphis Doll Club. Lucion, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; daughters, Cressie Lake, of Henning, and Lillian Scott, of three daughters, Susan Wieber, Fresno, Tex.; a sister, Annie B. of Ripley, Jane E. Smith, of Watkins, of Buffalo, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

Eugene Watkins

Eugene Watkins, 79, of 179 Scott Drive, Ripley, formerly employed by the Fort Pillow State Prison, died March 2nd in the Memphis Veterans Medical Center.

Rites were Saturday in Hospital. Morning Star Baptist Church, with burial in Canfield Cemetery, in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Widower of Josephine Watkins, he leaves daughters, Peggy Malone and Sandra Polk, of Ripley; a son, Shelton, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; a step-son, David Garrison, of Rockford, III.; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. S. G. Baker

Willie Mae Parker Baker, 82, of Henry, mother of William D. Baker, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Regional Hospital, Jackson.

Rites were held Friday in McEvoy Funeral Home in Paris, with burial in the cemetery of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Methodist Healthcare South. Henry County, where she was a

Widow of Samuel G. Baker, she leaves another son, Samuel, and a daughter, Sarah L. Boaz, the Korean War. of Henry; and a sister, Nellie Dotson, of Jackson.

Ethelyn Austin Dorris, 83, retired teacher, of 1051 Austin Rd, Ripley, died Friday in Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Fla.

Services were Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church at Arp, where she was a member, with burial there, Gar-

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Home, of Covington, in charge. Revolution, the Lauderdale She leaves sons, Clifton, of County Historical Society, and

> Survivors include her husband, Wilbern Allen Dorris, Gainesville, Fla., and Judi Phagan, of Apollo Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Cloys Ferrell

Cloys Ferrell, 82, of Halls, retired farmer and former Brown Derby worker, died Wednesday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County

Rites were Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a Methodist.

Widower of Opal M. Green Ferrell, he leaves daughters, Jettie Marie Stanbrough and Martha Jo Murray, of Halls, and Linda Murray, of Fair Grove, Mo.; a brother, Billy, of Alamo; two sisters, Irene Lewellyne and Jettie Allen, of Humboldt; five grandchildren; and four great-

Rufus A. Hall

Rufus Arwood Hall, 72, of Memphis, retired mechanic for Bluff City Buick, died Thursday of last week in

Rites were Friday in Edith Cemetery, Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He was an Army veteran of

Widower of Charlotte Meadows Hall. he leaves daughters,

Mrs. Dorris, 83, Mrs. King Dies Retired Teacher As Auto Burns

Obion County officers summoned about 3 p.m. March 1st to an incinerated car in a ditch on Burton Road, west of Hornbeak, found in it a body, later identified, by King, 58, of Paris, mother of Rodney Truett, of Henning.

Sheriff Jerry Vastbinder says she died of smoke inhalation after apparently backing into the ditch.

Rites were Thursday of last week in White-Mahon Funeral Home in Troy, with burial in Antioch Cemetery at Hornbeak.

Survivors include another son, Pepper Truett, and her mother, Lillian Dean, of Union City; her father, Virgil Kinsey, of Chicago, Ill.: a brother, Buddy Dean, of Hornbeak; two sisters, Linda Forrester, of Union City, and Louise Freeman, of Troy; and three grandchildren.

Jimmie Williams or 635-4039.

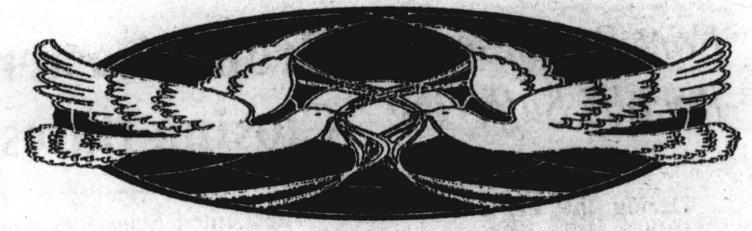
Jimmie Ed Williams, 47, of Henning, farmer, died March 8th, at Baptist Hospital Lauder-

Services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at El Canaan Baptist Church, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, in Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Williams, and a daughter, Stephaine McCright, of Dyersburg; nine brothers, Elvis and Robert Williams, of Henning, Charles Williams, of Ripley, Henry Lee and Carthell Williams, of Marion, Ind., Jerry and Tommy Williams, of South Bend, Ind., Kenny Williams, of Sturdevant, Wisc., and George Williams, of Madison, Wisc.; four sisters, Gloria Bennett, Betty Williams and Minnie Brown, of Henning, and Bertha Williams, of Brownsville; and

dren; and four great-grandchildren.

three grandchildren. Kelly Smith, Lisa Hayes, and Pam Burgess, of Horn Lake, Miss., and Susan Shackelford and Rhonda Sarg, of Southaven, Miss.; a brother, A. F. Hall, of Olive Branch, Miss.; sisters, Margaret Dodd, Big Sandy, and Ann Crume, of Kansas City, Mo.; 12 grandchil-



Church Happenings

Halls Lighthouse Church, Fenton St., will hold a gospel sing-DNA, as that of Treva Hope ing featuring the Kinslows, of Scottsville, Ky, at 2 p.m. Sun., March 16th. Bro. Roger Kinslow will be the guest speaker during the morning service. John Watson, pastor, invites the public.

> Gates Church of God Holiness, Hwy. 51 N., will hold a gospel singing at 6:30 p.m. Sun., March 16th featuring an ensemble group of students on spring tour from a Kansas City college and Bible school. No admission, a love offering will be taken. The

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, 1309 Walnut Grove Rd., will hold revival services beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., March 16th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through Wed., March 19th, with Paul Moore, as guest evangelist. Sunday evening services will begin at 5 p.m. Roger Criner, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 635-3935.

Open Door Baptist Church in the Edith community will host a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., March 15th featuring the Mistonaires. The public is invited. For more information, call 635-4967

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

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

Russell Williams Mrs. A. H. Crisp

Russell Williams, 72, Dyersburg, owner and operator of Williams Furniture and Appliances in the Four Points Community, died Saturday, a

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

He was a member of Palestine United Methodist Church served during the Korean con-

Polly Ownby Williams; one grandchildren. son, Doug Williams, of Dyersburg; three brothers, Pete Williams, of Friendship, Bob Williams, of Tiptonville, and Laramore Williams, of Memphis; great-grandchildren.

American Cancer Society.

Frances Louise Burgess

Crisp, 79, of Somerville, sister of Velma Gray, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Healthcare North in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Peebles Fayette County Funeral Home in Somerville, with burial in the Walls Cemetery at Braden.

Survivors include her husand Dyersburg Masonic Lodge band, Albert H. Crisp; a son, #34. A U.S. Naval veteran, he Albert, Jr., of Braden; other sisters, Rubye McCulley, of Gallaway, and Ann Fritz, of Survivors include his wife, Tallahassee, Fla.; and four

CORRECTION

Estel Booker is survived by three grandchildren; and four five grandchildren not three as was published in his obituary Memorials may be sent to the last week. We apologize for inaccurate information.

on short fiction, is set for Sat. Non-Degree Online Courses UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering nondegree courses on the internet, contained in virtual classrooms accessible any time of day or

Courses start monthly and run for six weeks. Classes consists of 12 lessons, each with quizzes, assignments, tutorials, live instructor support and an online discussion area.

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WRITER'S WORKSHOP

A Tennessee Writer's Alliance (TWA) workshop, to focus

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 145 Hannings Lane, located at the southeast corner of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The workshop, "Voice in Fiction Writing," will help participants write fiction with more precision and authenticity

Phyllis Gobbell, winner of the 2002 Tennessee Writers Alliance (TWA), is the featured presenter, and has been an instructor of creative writing at Nashville State Technical Community College since 1995.

The registration fee, including lunch, is \$25 for TWA members, \$30 for members, and \$15 for students.

The deadline for registration is Thurs., Mar. 20th. Interested parties should call for space availability after that date

For further information, or to receive registration material call Bill Ahlschwede, workshop coordinator, 731-587-7300, or email billahls@utm.edu.

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Mar. 29th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Training Events For Personnel Set

Local emergency services personnel will participate in a continuing education course administered by Air-Evac 7 Lifeteam from Jackson-Madison County General Hospital at 2 p.m. Sat., March 29th at Ripley City Park. All local emergency medical services, law enforcement, and fire department personnel are invited to attend.

The course is designed to demonstrate the proper techniques to set up a landing zone for emergency medical scene flights and safety around the flight scene area. An Air Evac membership program will be presented for all in attendance.

Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, along with local law enforcement and fire department personnel, will prepley High School at 9 a.m. Thurs., April 3rd.

The Ripley High School TWA, a state-wide network prom will be held April 5th. During prom week, it is the goal in writing, sponsor writing of local emergency officials to present all the facts to the students in Lauderdale County about drinking and driving. Re-

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JANE WILEY, left, of Halls, and Billie and James Paris, Jr., of the Edith Community, attended the Special Needs Department 'Joy Class' Sweetheart Banquet at Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova as special guests. Mrs. Wiley and Mr. and Mrs. Paris provided inspirational selections in song and interpretation in sign language. Mr. Paris read a selection of scripture from the sent a mock DUI crash for the Bible and joined Mrs. Wiley in introduction of the songs. Mrs. junior and senior classes at Ri- Wiley and Mrs. Paris were presented bouquets of roses, accented with greenery and baby's breath, before leaving the

OSHA SAFETY COURSE

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering an online course in OSHA safety search shows that young drivers are more often involved in alcohol-related crashes than any other comparable age group. During prom/graduation weekends in 2000, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data revealed that there were 215 traffic fatalities fice. in the United States during the first week of April, 137 which were alcohol related.

For more information on ei- 7082. ther of the programs, contact Eric Newman, 635-3242, or Ripley Police Officer Micah Miller, 635-1515, for the DUI

training, that meets all mandatory federal and state require-

Classes begin the first Monday of every month, and students may take the course individually, and at their own pace.

The registration fee is \$195,

with pre-registration required. Passing participants will receive a certificate of completion. UT Martin approves this program for Continuing Education Units (CEUs), and a permanent record will be kept on file in the academic records of-

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MR. AND MRS. EMERY ROGERS, of Ripley, will celebrate their 64th anniversary March 13th. Emery and Pearl were married in 1939 at the Lauderdale County Courthouse. They have three children, Minnie Alioto, of Chicago, Ill.; David Rogers, of Halls; and Ronnie Rogers, of Nebraska; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Land Transfers son, Dist. 2, 4.315 acres.

Feb. 28 - Charles E. Rogers L. Hughes, Dist. 17, lot. and Teresa L. Rogers to Janet Johnson, Charles E. Rogers, Jr. Charles Steve Cherry, Sr. and and Mary Nicole Rogers, Dist. Jerry Buckner to Jackie Leggett, 10, 2 acres and Dist. 10, tract.

Dexter L. Coleman to Rodney K. Fitzpatrick and Tammy Linda F. Haas, Dist. 2, lot. J. Fitzpatrick, Dist. 2, 2 acres.

and Fronia Jean Claybrooks to Harmon, Billy M. Harmon, Alvin L. Claybrooks, trustee, Willie Mae Harmon, and Fronia Jean Claybrooks, trustee, Harmon Enterprises, Dist. 2, and Alvin L. and Fronia Jean tract. Claybrooks Revocable Living Trust, Dist. 17, 1.0 acres.

Dusty Deloach and Lesa Deloach, Dist. 8, 3 acres.

Wilson and William B. Simp- acres.

Brenda Gail Dancy Carter to Jerry Bryant Hughes and Cathy

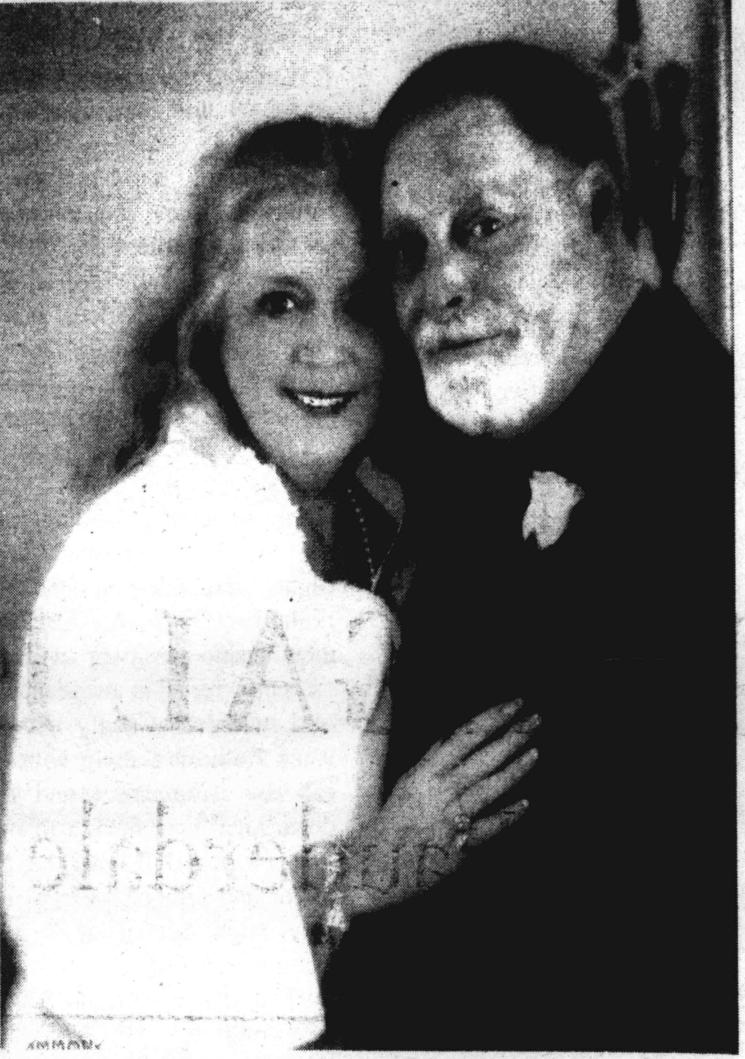
March 4 - Thomas Davis, Dist. 3, 2.78 acres.

March 5 - Mairene Beard to

Ora Lee Ford to William M. March 3 - Alvin Claybrooks Harmon, III, Brenda Lynn

March 6 - Gus L. Hargett, Self-Help Course will begin at Sr. and Betty Hargett to David- 1:30 p.m. on April 15th, 17th, Gloria Christine Hendrix to son Taylor Trust, Dist. 6, lot.

22nd, 24th, 29th, and May 1st. Chris D. Follis and Ronda R. The time was omitted from the Follis to Paul D. Jones, Jr. and article in last week's issue. We Bobbie Hunter to Barbara J. Angela C. Jones, Dist. 7, 1.0 apologize for inaccurate infor-



MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY LEE KERBY were married at 10 a.m. Feb. 25th at the home of the bride's mother, Daisy Walker, in Ripley.

The bride, the former Patricia Laraine Walker, wore an ivory suit and carried yellow roses.

A two-tiered cake, nuts, mints, punch, and the groom's chocolate cake, featuring a piano, were served to guests at the reception.

The couple is residing in Ripley.

Lessie Sue Roper, Dorothy

Jean Lee, Gloria Easterling,

Victoria Cherry, Lillian Ann

McGaughy, and Robert Bonds,

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Newman, Dist. 2, lot.

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

March 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckner.

March 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dew.

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

March 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Sanders.

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

Marriages

Feb. 24 - James Willie Harris, 31, to Frances Burnett Norfork, 44, by Vern Daugherty.

Feb. 28 - Larry Douglas Cox, 53, to Michelle Renee Drumwright, 37, by Louis Min-

March 3 - Marco Akeem Shannon, 19, to Clarissa Marie Dennis, 18, by Willie L. McCadney.

March 7 - Jason Bryant Dukes, 28, to Kimberly Ann McCaslin, 35, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

Jerry Lynn Ennis, 30, to Karan Alicia Ennis, 34, by Thomas E. Sanders.

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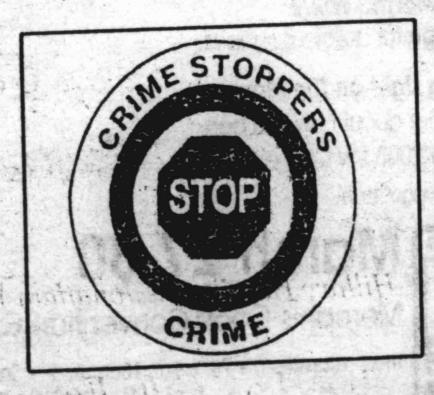
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Farmer Of The Year





BILLY HARMON, center, of variety of soil and water con-Harmon Enterprises, in upper servation practices on the photo, was named the 2002 land to eliminate gully ero- ner guest of the Floyd Emer-Lauderdale County Soil Con- sion. In accepting the award, servation District Farmer of Harmon expressed his apprethe Year at their annual ban- ciation to his family, stating

George Meadows, left, SCD secretary-treasurer, presented their help, especially his fathe award and spoke on Mr. ther, Bill Harmon, right.

Harmon's efforts to preserve the land. He owns and oper- in lower photo, received the ates approximately 1,500 Lauderdale County Soil Conacres of land in Lauderdale County, grows approximately 930 acres of soybeans, 215 acres of grain sorghum, 156 acres of corn, and 70 acres of wheat. He has approximately 100 acres of highly erodible land that has been established to permanent grass to reduce soil erosion. Fifty-three acres are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and several of his farms in the Environmental Quality Incen-

quet Thursday of last week, he could not have accomplished any of this without

> Kathryn Crowder, center, servation District Achievement Award.

Vernon McBride, III, lest SCD chairman, and William chairman, presented the Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emeraward for her contributions to son, Mrs. Juanita Stanley and soil and water conservation Mrs. Bobby Jean Emerson atprograms. She has enrolled tended a singing in Archer's approximately 90 of her 356 Chapel Methodist Church in acres of land in the Conserva- Crockett County Saturday night. | SOUTHERN Bring this Ad and Save \$1 off Adult Admission tion Reserve Program in an effort to control soil erosion, enhance wildlife habitat, and in Gates Saturday night. tives Program to construct a improve water quality.

Fishing Tourney For St. Jude Set

The 31st Annual St. Jude Bass Classic is scheduled for May 25th at Sardis Reservior near Sardis, Miss. One of the oldest and largest charity fishing events in the United States, they raised \$133,000 last year. Over the years, the event has raised over \$1 million for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Deadline for early entry is midnight March 31st, after that the entry fee is more. Prizes will be awarded to the top fifty teams based on the total weight of a five fish limit. The grand prize, selected by a random drawing from the participants resent at the weigh-in, is a 519VX Ranger boat on a deluxe Ranger Trail trailer, powered by a 200 XR6 Mercury outboard. A 2003 Lincoln Navigator will be given away with proceeds to benefit the hospital.

Organizers speculate that the lake, which has remained high, should result in improved fishing conditions.

For more information, contact Dennis Morlok, 662-781-

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, o Maury City, was a Sunday dinsons. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson visited their son, Roger Emerson, in Alamo Sunday after-

Mr. and Mrs. John Dickerson, of Mercer, visited Winston Carmack Sunday and they lunched at Reelfoot Lake.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill visited Mrs. Opal Hendren Oakwood Community Living Center in Dyersburg Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams visited the Robert Drumwrights

CONFERENCE

The Annual Community and Concern Conference on Do-3:15 p.m., Fri., Mar. 21st, in the Carl Perkins Civic Center, 234 Institute Street, Jackson.

The event is sponsored by the Jackson Madison County Task Force Against Domestic

The cost is \$15, which includes lunch and materials.

For further information and/or to register, please call WRAP (Wo/Men's Resource and Rape Assistance Program), at 731-668-0411.

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School Lunches **Lauderdale County Schools**

mestic Violence is 8 a.m. to Mon., March 17-Fri., March 21 3:15 p.m., Fri., Mar. 21st, in the NO SCHOOL Spring Break

Divorces

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Deborah Burch Huffman vs. Frank M. Huffman.

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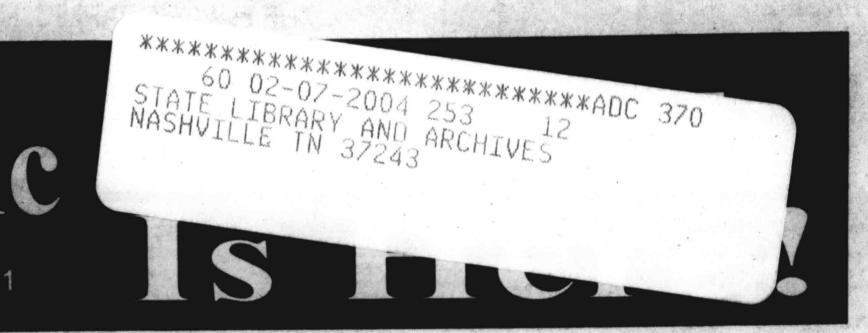
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Halls Destination Imagination Competitors



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL Destination Imagination students, in upper left photo, from left, Colin Clendenin, Elliott Martin, Stephen Taylor, Caitlyn Hurt, and Allorie Smith, and kneeling, Robin Escue, members of the ConnecDld team, competed March 8th in the regional competition held in Henderson on the campus of Freed-Hardemen University. Robin's structure, in upper right, weighed only 47 grams and was tested after the competition, to the breaking point of withstanding 685 pounds.

The goal of DI is to make problem solving a part of student's every day lives. They compete in different type problems and different age levels. Five teams from Lauderdale County advanced to the state level, which will be held April 12th at David Lipscomb University in Nashville.

Other Halls DI team members include, in lower left photo, in front, Jennifer Buntin and Zak Kelly, and, in rear, Zach Camp, Bailey Hutcherson, Brooke Barnes, Sarah Beth Warren, and Brook Hogue.



County Democrats Are Reorganizing

Lauderdale County will hold county convention, for the purpose of reorganization, at p.m., Thurs., Apr. 10th, in the Fraternal Order of Police Building, 196 Viar Ave., in Ri-

A chairperson, vice chairperson(s), secretary, treasurer and executive committee members will be elected for Lauderdale County.

All Democratic residents who are eligible voters of Lauderdale County are urged to attend this meeting.

contact Shea Harris, 731-836-

COMPLETES TRAINING

seaman, son of Debbie Scott, of University of Hawaii. Dyersburg, and Steve Roberson. The Democratic Party of of Gates, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

gram, he completed a variety of members to give them a room study and practical in-portant because I help my struction on naval customs, first country accomplish a misaid, fire fighting, water safety sion, and take care of soland survival, and shipboard and diers," said Booker. aircraft safety. Emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone of boot camp,

"battle stations," was designed tributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance,

Navy Diver



SHANE BOOKER, son Teresa Booker and grandson of Christine Booker, of Halls, stationed in Hawaii, is a deep-sea diver with the Army He was featured in an article Dyersburg News Wednesday of last week. A 1996 graduate of Halls High School, he is one of 150 full time divers.

Army divers clear the way for American wartime supply ships to enter into a strange port. He can dive and open the port or ships get stuck and the combat or humanitarian work comes to a dangerous

He begins his day early, by training for three to four hours, before breakfast. He has continued his study in the Justin C. Roberson, Navy biochemistry program at the

Some of his duties include underwater demolition, cutting obstacles with underwater chainsaws, and returning bodies of missing Gls from During the eight-week pro- their watery grave, for family training, which included class- proper burial. "This job is im-

CAPTAINS' MEETING

The team captains' meeting for this year's Relay for Life, May 9th and 10th at the Ripley City Park, will be at 5 p.m. March 24th at the Tennessee Technology Center in through practical application of Ripley. Anyone interested in having basic navy skills, and core val- a team is invited. For more inforues of honor, courage and mation, call Keith Kluttz, Angie Koonce, or Paul Avery.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2003-2004

The Lauderdale County Board of Education approved the following school calendar during its regular monthly meeting, March 13th. Following are the dates scheduled for students and teachers. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be split between two days, Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Graduation for Ripley and Halls seniors is tentatively set for May 20th and 21st, respec-

•	Aug 1	Inconica
	Aug. 1	Inservice
	Aug. 4	Registration
	Aug. 5-7	Inservice
	Aug. 8-29	Student Days
	Sept. 1	Labor Day Holiday
	Sept. 2 -30	Student Days
	Oct. 1-10	Student Days
	Oct. 13-17	Fall Break
	Oct. 20-23	Student Days
	Oct. 23-24	Parent-Teacher Conference
	Oct. 27-31	Student Days
	Nov. 3-25	Student Days
	Nov. 26-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
	Dec. 1-19	Student Days
	Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break
	Jan. 5	Inservice
	Jan. 6-16	Student Days
	Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day Holida
	Jan. 20-30	Student Days
	Feb. 2-13	Student Days
	Feb. 16	President's Day Holiday
	Feb. 17-27	Student Days
	March 1-12	Student Days
	March 15-19	Spring Break
	March 22-25	Student Days
	March 25-26	Parent/Teacher Conference
	March 29-31	Student Days
	Apr. 1-8	Student Days
	April 9	Good Friday Holiday
	April 12-30	Student Days
	May 3-26	Student Days
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Central Locals

By Mrs. W. C. Weaver

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Duvall and Wesley Duvall visited Mrs. Helen Gean in Ripley Friday

Mrs. Emma Jo Allgood and

Jeff Northcott were in South Carolina last week to help Mrs. Jeffrey Northcott and move there. Jeffery will join them in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Elam and daughter, Kelsi, of Memphis, visited Mrs. Marie Tipps and family Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Weaver were in Memphis Tuesday and Wednesday of last week on business.

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HOLLY ELAINE SWEAT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Sweat, of Ripley, will marry Roy Wayne Harkness, II, son of The Rev. and Mrs. Roy Harkness, Sr., of Ripley, at 4 p.m. May 24th in the home of the bride's parents with formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sweat, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kelley, of Halls.

A 1997 graduate of Ripley High School, she is attending Dyersburg State Community College and plans to graduate in May with a degree in nursing. The groom-elect is the grandson of George Hark-

ness and Mrs. Betty Bledsoe, both of Dexter, Mo., and Mrs. Margaret C. McWherter, of Ripley, and the late William F. McWherter.

A 1999 graduate of Dyersburg State Community College with a degree in business and industrial management, he is employed with the United States Postal Service in Ripley.

The couple will reside at 913 Dry Hill Rd. W., in

The opportunity is often lost by deliberating. -Publius Syrus

Never anything can be amiss when simpleness and duty tender it. -William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's

Marriages

March 8 - William Stephen McKinnie, 23, to Brandy Nicole Reed, 26, by James O. Alford.

March 11 - Minter Ray Westfall, 47, to Mary Ellen Riffle, 60, by Thomas Eugene

Birthdays

March 20 - Mary Ella Thurmond, Gailon E. Smith. Ray Langley, Natalie Chalk, Marley Fisher, Hazel Dickens, Brooke Maners, Bettye Sanders, Jordan Ogden, Sarah C. Buckner, Jonny Carmack, Darrell Schuh, James Judkins.

March 21 - Sue Drumwright, Stephanie Mooney, Delene Craig, Jennifer Scofield, Amanda Harrison, Ron Goforth, Bobby Hart, James A. Davis, Richard Deaton, Sue Williams.

March 22 - Reg Carmack, Cindy Smith, Craig Fitzhugh, Melissa Wood, Jackie Poston, Joe Simpson, Jonathan Matthews, Allison Pilant.

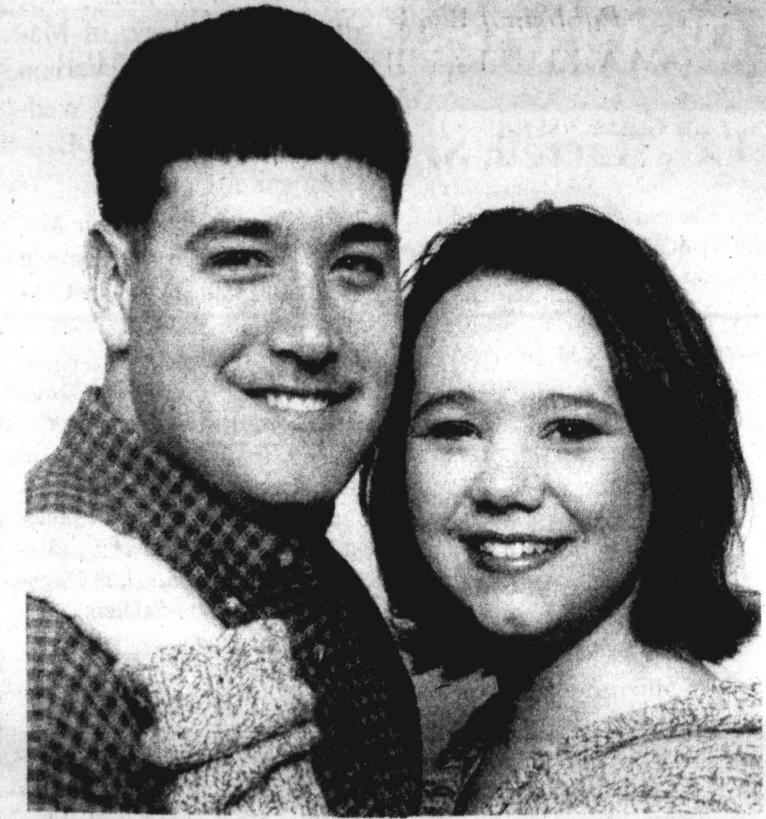
March 23 - Abby Buckner, Kris Light, Charlotte Cove, Sonny Higdon, Sharon Koelle, Emilee Wright, Rita Cates Rosemary Jones, Lynwood Hathcock, Brantley English, Hillary Forsythe.

Choat, Frances Harrell, Lashae family and friends invited. Currie, Judy Hargett, Lisa Morris, Mickey Ward.

Cindy Goodman, Cynthia Glenn Carmack, Patsy Blakely, Natalie Smith, Melissa Hicks, Kipper King, Tracy Miller.

March 26 - Dan Walker, Blake Arender, Lisa Hamil, Jeff Crihfield, Lisa Holcomb, Kevin Wright, Nancy Carson, Ruth Martin, Bailey Pipkin, Dan Walker, Amy Vaughan.

April Vows Nearing



KIMBERLY VAUGHN, daughter of Mike Vaughn and Tammy Vaughn, of Halls, will marry Vance March 24 - Kellie Tutor Brewster, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Haislip, Brian Parker, Mary Sr., of Halls, April 12th in Ripley First Assembly of Ann Still, David Edwards, Nick God Church, music will begin at 4 p.m., with all

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of The Rev. and Mrs. Hollis Adams, of Friendship, and Mr. and March 25 - Debbie White, Mrs. Shorty Vaughn, of South Fulton.

A 2001 graduate of Halls High School, she is employed by PCA International in Ripley as a pho-

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Brewster and the late Oneal and Maxine Booker, of Ripley

A 2001 graduate of Halls High School, he is employed by SR of Tennessee.

The couple will reside in Halls.

Anniversaries

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

March 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith.

March 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moore.

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

March 24 - Mr. and Mrs Rodney Blakley, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Crutchfield.

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

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

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T.C. Harrell, Sr.

Thomas C. Harrell, Sr., 74, of Lowell, Ind., son of Mazie Harrell and brother of Joyce Dunaway, both of Nankipoo, died Feb. 25th at St. Anthony Medical Center, Crown Point,

A memorial service was held at 5 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 27th at the Cedar Lake American Legion Post 261, Burdan Funeral Home, Cedar Lake, Ind., in charge.

Other survivors include his wife of 56 years, Margaret; four sons, Gary and Terry Harrell of Cedar Lake, Thomas C. Harrell, Jr., of Lowell, and Jim Harrell, of Shelby, Ind.; a daughter, Patsy L. Bender, of Cedar Lake; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. J. A. Via

Rites Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home mourned Lurline Vann Via, 83, of Arlington, widow of James Adrian Via, with burial in Lebanon Cemetery in Crockett County.

She died Saturday in the Methodist Healthcare/University Hospital in Memphis.

She was a member of Frayser Presbyterian Church

She leaves a son, Don, a daughter, Ouida, and a sister, Wilma Yeager, of Arlington; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hardy

Linda Lee Hardy, 55, state corrections officer, wife of Carlos H. Hardy, of 84 Cody Lane, Henning, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Garner Funeral Home.

She leaves a daughter, Dawn and Sheltonia Bonds, of Ripley; Ward, of Halls, and step-chil- brothers, Arthur, of Ripley, and dren, Wayne Hardy and Tonyia Larry, Robert, Rozelle, and Roy Coudret, of Ripley; a son, Tony Lee Graves, of Decatur, Ill.; Cobb, of Kingsland, Ga.; ano- sisters, Cheryl Taylor and Dether daughter, Julie McGuire, of lois Peat, of Ripley, Louise Ha-California; sisters, Karen Wil- ley, of Dyersburg, and Billie fong and Tina Stitt, of St. Louis; Graves and Rebecca Wilson, of and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Paul Elzey

Shirley Ray Elzey, 61, wife of Paul Elzey, of Ma-Taylor, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Saturday in Ma- in St. Louis, Mo. ley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include daughters, Carolyn Jean Young, of Middleton, and Kay Rainwater, of Ventura, Ca- leaves other daughters, Mary Johnlif.; five sisters, Betty Sharp, of son and Lizzie Whitley, of Browns-Stanton, Carolyn Taylor, of Munford, Louise Rushing, of Millington, Margaret Cooper, of Covington, and Peggy Norwood, of Brighton; and seven grandchildren.

Barbara Nail

Barbara Nail, 57, mother Gene and Terry Thurmond, of Ripley, and sister Reggie Kirkpatrick, o Ripley, James Colvin, o Halls, and Virginia Holcomb, of Henning, died Tuesday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

She was a member of Perry Chapel Baptist Church.

She leaves six grandchildren.

J. M. Graves

James Morris Graves, 70, retired construction worker for the county's Highway Dept., died Tuesday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, south of Ripley, with burial at Spring Hill Baptist Church, east of Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Decatur; and 11 grandchildren.

The widower of Marie King Graves, he leaves sons, James the Korean War. T. Graves and Richard Bonds, and daughters, Chandra Cage, at Dyersburg High School. Karen Shaw, Sandra Turner,

gins, he leaves other sons, Matthew, of Finley, and Stephen, of Denton, Tex.; brothers, Danny Higgins, of Dyersburg, Sonny Higgins, of Caruthersville, Bobby Higgins, of Hot Springs, Ark., and Jimmy Pitts, of Florida; a sister, Mary Lou Rice, of Kennett, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Daniel C. Willis Mrs. Houston

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Janice; his mother, Alline Barker

Willis, and his daughter, Amy Phil-

lips, of Dyersburg; brothers, Roger,

of Dyersburg, Tee, of Newbern

Ronnic, of Jackson, and Carl, of

Nashville; sisters, Cheryl and Ruth

Walker and Geraldine Proud, of

Newbern, Wanda Jacobs, of Louis-

ville, Ky., Bobbie Cantoni, of Lake

Ralph Anderson

Ralph E. Anderson, 54, of

Nashville, formerly of Ripley,

father of Brandon Anderson and

son of Booker T. Anderson

both of Ripley, died Tuesday, at

Barderux Hospital in Nashville.

Saturday at Holly Grove Baptis

Church, with burial in Canfield

Cemetery, Thompson's Mortu-

brothers, Booker T. Anderson

Jr., David Anderson and Timo-

thy Anderson, all of Nashville,

Cleophus Anderson, of Mil

waukee, Wisc., and Maloyo

Anderson, of Texas; three sis-

ters, Shirley Anderson, of

Spivey, of Virginia; and two

Other survivors include five

ary in charge.

grandchildren.

Services are set for 11 a.m.

Baptist Church.

Effie B. Houston, 92, of Brownsville, mother of Tex of Dyersburg, father of Alan son, and sister of Vernon Houston and Nancy Lewis, Willis, of Henning, died of Henning, and sister of Tuesday of last week in Bap-Jennie Plummer, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week

> Rites were Monday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

Widow of George Houston, she ville, Frankie, Louise, and Mariah Houston and Gennice Young, of St. Louis, and Effie Houston, of Indiana; a brother, John Plummer, of Detroit, Mich.; 32 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Keltner

Catherine Decker Keltner, Station, Ind., and Reba Macedo, of 88, of Ripley, widow of Margate, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; George Russell Keltner, died and two great-grandchildren. Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Southerland Family Funeral Home in Panama City, Fla., had charge of funeral arrangements,

A veteran of World War II. she was a member of the Amer ican Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and St. Dominic Catholic Church.

She leaves a brother, Thomas, of Lynn Haven, Fla., and a niece who attended her, Almeda Keltner Bailey, of Ripley.

Jerry Higgins

Jerry Higgins, 63, of Finley, father of David Higgins, of Henning, died Wednesday last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Saturday in Ma- Nashville, Alomia Anderson, of ple Cemetery at Caruthersville, Milwaukee, Wisc., and Georgia Mo., Johnson Funeral Home, of Newbern, in charge.

He was an Army veteran of

He had retired as a custodian

The widower of Joyce Hig-

Paul L. Freeman

Paul L. Freeman, 81, of Daniel Curtis Willis, 71, Germantown, supervising building engineer for White Station High School, born in Halls, died Tuesday at Tennessee State tist Hospital in Memphis. Veteran's Home in Humboldt.

Rites were Thursday of ast Services are set for 1 p.m. week in Johnson Funeral Home Thursday at Memorial Park Chapel, Newberm, with burial in in Memphis, with burial in its mau-

He was a member and deacon An Army veteran of the Koof Colonial Cumberland Presbyterean War, he had retired as an rian Church and president of the Supervising Building Engineering He was a member of Harvest

The widower of Jewell Irene Moore Freeman, he leaves a daughter, Janice Bryant, of Cordova, and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Colonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church or charity of donor's choice.

Church

Woodville Baptist Church will hold its spring revival beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sun., March 23rd and continuing at 7 nightly through March with Pat Kough, pastor delivering the message. Special music will be provided nightly The public is invited.

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Tanner Staff Visits Lauderdale County had concerns, or needed help in Millington, 901-873-5690.

Congressman John Tanner vis- Union City, 731-885-7070, ited Lauderdale County Mon., Jackson, 731-423-4848,

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was serving a Haynes maximum sentence of 11 years from Shelby County for two counts of attempted seconddegree murder, theft of property, aggravated robbery, coercion of witness, and schedule I drugs (cocaine). He entered the Department of Correction system in 1996 and had been housed at the West TN State Penitentiary since November of

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Students Of The Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, attending First Presbyterian Christian School in Dyersburg, named as Students of the Week, include Hannah Langley, 2nd grade, daughter of Danny and Sandra Langley, of Halls; and Nicole Griggs, 6th grade, daughter of Kathy Griggs, and Luke Stanley, 3rd grade, son of Blaine and Suzette Stanley, all of Ripley.

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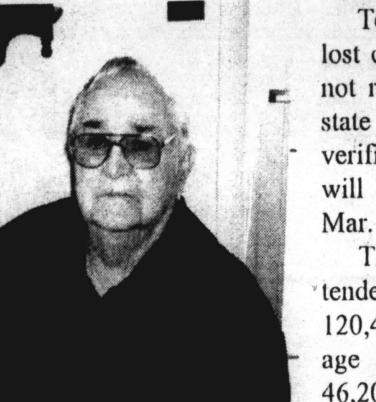
Readers Speak

Dear Editor:

On February 24th, a gray and dreary Monday, an unfortunate incident occurred in which two Lauderdale County School buses were involved in a collision, resulting in several people being taken to Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale for treatment. There was a "ray of sunshine" in that day as a result of the prompt, efficient and professional care exhibited by police and paramedics who responded to the crash site. These laudable traits were magnified by the too-numerous-to-name medical GAILON SMITH, of Halls, professionals at Baptist Memo- will celebrate his 93rd birthrial Hospital Lauderdale, who day March 20th. Born in the saw to the needs and concerns Chestnut Bluff area, he has of the young patients in their care in a prompt, efficient, caring and professional manner, while also handling the influx of phone calls and parents in a concerned, caring manner. It was truly amazing to watch this myriad of medical professionals to purchase several pieces of handle this "crisis" in a calm. systematic manner. These individuals in all hospital departments responded in a cohesive, fluent pattern of teamwork, as a children, he is the oldest of result of their disaster prepared- the three surviving. He claims ness drills, allowing all of the to be the oldest driver in Halls transported individuals to be cared for quickly, professionally and compassionately. The hospital's administrative staff was very focused and prepared for a crisis, and their preparation and guidance on this day were very instrumental in assisting all of the individuals involved with this incident. They were in "full-control" of the situation, and their leadership, coupled with the performance(s) of the staff, were truly exemplary. Another group of individuals who assisted were school personnel from the Ripley schools, Board of Education office, and school nursing staff, who worked diligently to assist the children, parents, and hospital staff in any manner possible. Truly, all of Lauderdale County can be extremely proud of these individuals, their dedication and performance, which showed an abundance of love, care and professionalism.

JOHN SAMMONS Assistant Superintendent Lauderdale County Schools

He's 93



hood where stamps were 2¢, postcards a penny, coal oil 10¢ a gallon, and eggs 5¢ a dozen. His mother gave him a nickel when he carried the eggs to the store, to sell, and with his money, he was able candy. His grandfather occasionally gave him money on the weekend so he could purchase a banana and an Orange Crush soda. One of eight and enjoys being able to go where he wants.

Mr. Smith was diagnosed with Leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy treat ment. He stated he only felt a little bit weaker, but was looking forward to gardening this spring and summer.

He has two daughters and married to a 'youngster' who's 84 years old.

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Several friends have asked me for a copy of my "Tulip Time

ABCs." Last year I presented the ideas to a group of young

homemakers, and perhaps you can utilize these springtime

Air all bed pillows and indoor cushions outdoors for several hours.

Clean and touch up outdoor furniture and slipcover cushions as

Fireplace cleaning is a must. Insert a large plant or add ivy to the

Get those windows washed. See the great outdoors clearly.

Jiggle your schedule so you can enjoy family and friends.

Love your home and be a creative hostess more often.

Opt for sheers on windows and shower curtains.

Consider miniature orchids or a large, pretty bowl of glass balls.

Use white, ivory and pastel candles in many areas of the home.

Ventilate the house regularly with open windows.

"Xercise" your role as a clutter-free homemaker.

Have your family to assist in sorting through closets.

Investigate ways to lesson your housework.

than 25 years.

suggestions this year.

needed.

Buy new doormats - the larger, the better.

Enjoy sprucing up before sultry weather arrives.

Donate unused items to a mission.

Kick back only after sprucing up.

Toss out leggy, unattractive ones.

Think "light, bright and airy."

short rain. Dry with a soft cloth.

Store wintry accessories until next fall.

really like. "Less is Best."

fewer, lighter ones.

ivy at the base.

Charles Neal and Joyce Neal to Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll, Dist. 1, lot.

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Criner and Rachel T. Criner, Dist. 11, lot.

Charles Neal and Joyce Neal to Agape Properties, LLC, Dist. By: Ann Stallings Wilson, of Dalton, Ga., formerly of Halls, sister of Lynne Harris, of Halls, who has shared decorative ideas 1, lot.

> March 10 - Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Paul Stout and Valerie Stout, Dist. 6, 0.31 acres.

Violet Williams to BDMR Leasing Company, LLC, Dist.

Calvin B. Reviere, MD and Lynn D. Reviere to James T Sullivan, Haley L. Sullivan, Michael P. Sullivan, Cynthia Sullivan, Scott A. Sullivan, and Cassandra Sullivan, Dist. 5, 654.453 acres.

Charles Neal and Joyce Neal to Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas, Dist. 1, 3 lots.

William Jarrett and Rose Jarrett to Trustees of St. Mark Baptist Church, Dist. 3, lot.

Dist. 3, lot.

Regina D. Ford to William Minimize your furniture and accessories which you don't use or Turnbow, Jr. and Allison Turnbow, Dist. 7, lot. Note the heavy, dark pillows and draperies and exchange them for

School,

March 11 - Ron W. Scott tist Church, of Halls. and Barbara A. Scott to Lisa K. Paint flower pots chartreuse, yellow and aqua and place at back Blankenship, Dist. 17, lot.

entrance. Very large pots make a statement. Plant a topiary with William E. Hendren, Shellie R. Hendren, and Anne Robeson Quickly create a new centerpiece for dining room and kitchen. to Sharon Kay Freeman, Dist. 9, 150.00 acres.

William E. Hendren, Shellie Remove all dead wood and leaves from indoor plants and repot. R. Hendren, and Anne Robeson to David Harold Hurt, III, Tonya Hurt, Raymond Dale Hurt, Christopher Tabor Hurt, and Hurt & Hurt Rental Co., Dist. 9, 150.00 acres.

Wicker and rattan furniture can be hosed off or set outside in March 12 - Roy Owens to Minnie Lou Owens Morrow, Yard work time has arrived. Aim for an attractive, low- Dist. 1, lot.

Charles Neal and Joyce Neal Dempsie W. Nelson and James S. Nelson, Dist. 1, 2 lots.

March 13 - Clinton Neal to Susan R. Wilson, Dist. 1, lot. Cendant Mobility Financial Corporation to April Lamunion,

John Missildine and Katie Missildine to Ray Missildine, Dist. 14, 2 tracts.

Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Wanda Winbush,

The principal mark of a genius is not perfection, but originality, the opening of new frontiers. -Arthur Koestler

Musical Concert



James H. Turner, Jr. and BILL KELLY, left, of Gates, ship fund for two deserving Patricia M. Turner to Ed Brown, musician and teacher of mu-seniors, one from Halls and Kathy Daws "There is no charge for the Gardner, of Memphis, for-

concert," said Janet Baker, merly of Halls, will perform right, president of the Laudermusical concert at 3 p.m. dale County Education Asso-Sun., Mar. 23rd, at First Bapciation. "We just hope people will come and enjoy the mu-The concert will benefit sic; then find it in their hearts to make a donation.

the Lauderdale County Education Association's scholar-REVIVAL First Baptist Church, Halls

March 30-April 2

Sunday services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday services 7 p.m.

Dr. John Adams, Evangelist Bro. Chris McCallister, Worship Leader

Trent Bullock, Pastor Jason Smith, Minister to Students 20-21

Receives Donation



YVETTE DIXON, left, adult education supervisor, received monetary grant Friday from Wal-Mart assistant manager, Dennis Cupples, right, to assist with the adult education program at Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley.

Readers Speak

Dear Editor:

It is the intent of my letter to try to clarify some of the information which was released to the media last week concerning salary equity, and the plan included in the governor's budget for next year to address the salary equity problem among Tennessee school systems. As you know, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled three times in favor of the small school lawsuit filed by 77 systems, including Lauderdale County, attempting to get salaries for teachers equalized across the state. The information released named those systems, which would receive funds from the \$27 million the governor is including in the 2003-04 budget. The governor set a target of \$37,000 as the average salary he was trying to reach for the small systems for next year. In computing average salary, they are using all "instructional salaries," and not just classroom teachers. This means that they are including career ladder supplements earned by individual teachers, not the system, coaching, band, supervisors, and administrative supplements,

except for the superintendent. They also average in the one or two extra months, which some positions require, rather than averaging just ten-month positions of regular teachers. Using all of the formula mentioned heretofore, they announced that Lauderdale County's average instructional salary is \$37,153. Therefore, Lauderdale County teachers would not receive any the \$27 million next year. The fact is that the average classroom teacher salary for Lauderdale County is \$34,520 The state is quick to publish this as the average salary in the state card for Lauderdale County, but when it comes to latest calculation, they choose to use an inflated average salary. I write this to make sure that our citizens are given accurate and clear information about our teachers' salaries. I do not want anyone to think that our classroom teachers are averaging \$37,000. They have not and are not. I do not want this misrepresentation to confuse our elected officials or our citizenry. We need to continue to seek to improve salaries, not only of teachers, but all county employees as well.

> PHILLIP W. JACKSON Superintendent, Lauderdale County Schools

Tanner Bill Helps Fight Mosquitoes

passed legislation to help counties fighting mosquito-borne ill- across the country last year and nesses, such as the West Nile quickly became a national

matching grant program, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to assist counties in creating or maintaining mosquito control pro-

"West Nile virus broke out health risk," Tanner said. Congressman John Tanner "Through this bill, the federal the Mosquito government will become a more for Safety and active partner in helping coor-

dinate the response in local

The bill now goes to the

Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional District and serves on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Out with it boldly; truth loves open dealing. —William Shakespeare, Henry VIII



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Is mere!

Halls DECA Competes



DECA' STUDENTS at Halls High School, in front, from left, Jessica Stiles and Rachel Hammond, and in rear, Maurice Currie, Matt Haber, John Adkins, Nick Hartsfield, and Joni Ketchum, instructor, competed in the regional DECA competition held at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Matt, Maurice, Jessica, and Rachel advanced to the state competition in Nashville and Nick and John were selected as voting delegates. Jessica and Rachel placed at state and are able to travel to Orlando, Fla. to compete in nationals.

Deadline Set For USDA Program

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Reservation practices on the land. Ripley.

The program has been a very popular program in Lauderdale County and has assisted many landusers in addressing erosion problems present on farms.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service sources Conservation Service encourages landusers to examhas set March 31st as the dead- ine their fields for erosion line for applications for the sec- problems and consider how the ond quarter of the fiscal year 03 EQIP cost-share program can Environmental Quality Incen- assist them in eliminating the tives Program. EQIP provides crosion problems. Applications cost-share assistance to install a can be made at the USDA variety of soil and water con- Service Center, 301 Lake Drive,

Air-Evac Training For Personnel Set

Local emergency services

personnel will participate in a education course administered by Air-Evac Liseteam from Jackson-Mad-2 p.m. Sat., March 29th at pley City Park. All local emergency medical services, law enforcement, and fire department personnel are invited to attend.

The course is designed to demonstrate the proper techniques to set up a landing zone for emergency medical scene Dyersburg State Community performances by Kim Britflights and safety around the College will hold its sophomore thouer, of Henning, and Steven flight scene area. An Air Evac membership program will presented for all in attendance.

For more information, contact Eric Newman, 635-3242.

U.S. Judge Ups Pattat Sentence

In Memphis, Friday, U. S. Dist. Judge Jon McCalla rejected prosecutors' recommendation for a minimum sentence for Clayton Pattat, 39, of 224 Lake Dr., Ripley, who had pled guilty to stealing funds of the Tucker Adult Development Center, formerly at Central, now on Hwy. 51 north of Ripley, with a Tipton County branch.

Writer



KRISTA NEWMAN, student at Halls High School, placed in a creative writing ison County General Hospital at contest March 6th at Union University in the nonfiction division on her essay entitled "The Day the Laughter Died".

DSCC RECITAL

The music department The recital will feature voice cital.

McCalla said that among audited thefts of \$79,483.57 he was most disturbed by \$12,503.54, earned at jobs by handicapped residents of the center, whose pay checks Pattat is alleged to have received and deposited to his own account.

He gave Pattat a midrange sentence - 1 year, day in a "Camp", followed by three years of supervised probation, including treatment for drug/alcohol abuse.

McCalla also ordered an assessment of \$100, due immediately; the re-payment of \$5,399.72 in federal funds; and after any state judgment, a fine of \$3,000.

State authorities may still file civil or criminal charges.

Tucker Center insurance has paid \$50,000 for employee theft by Pattat, and the Center is now operating, within budget, under new director Ann Coughlan-Roote.

graduation recital at 7:30 p.m. Whitson, of Trimble, and a Fri., April 4th in the First Citi- trumpet performance by James zens National Bank Auditorium Matthew King, of Brighton. The in the DSCC Student Center. public is invited to the free re-

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history of fire ants, and raise awareness on how to control the

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The grand prize is a \$25,000 grant to be used for education or other area causes. A second OUT, via email gini.arment@awarded, in addition to ten www.gardentech.com.

For further information, or if interested in participating, conprograms, parks and recreation, tact Gini Arment, (866) OVERprize of \$14,000 will be sbcglobal.net, or visit web site He who has come through the fire will not fade in the sun.

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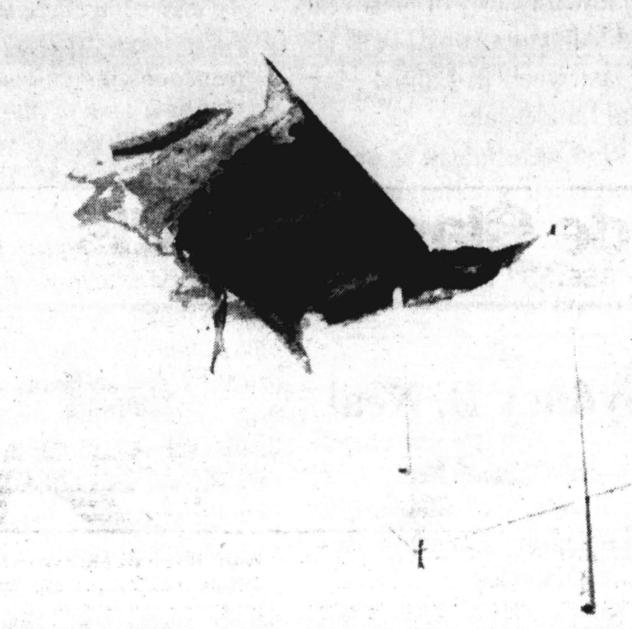
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The rescue squad began in 1968 and was chartered by the state in 1972. The 40 men and women meet once a month

According to Ronnie Moore, Captain Squad Commander, "The squad is dedicated to helping the people of Lauderdale and the surrounding counties should the occasion arise. For the last 35 years, we have answered calls about missing children, plane crashes, hunters, victims lost in the river, and even (believe it or not) a flying saucer. We have been known to make Santa Claus appear for children, who may not otherwise see him. The best thing about these services is there is no charge. The citizens of Lauderdale County have always been ready to help us in our endeavors and we hope we can count on you now. All contributions are tax deductible and any amount would be greatly appreciated." Please send donations to: Lauderdale County Rescue Squad, Captain Ronnie Moore 229 Smithville Rd., Ripley, TN 38063.

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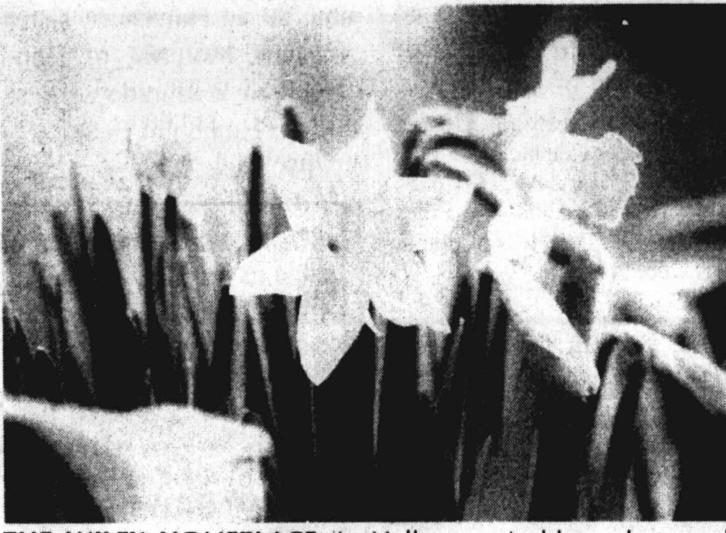
Birthdays

March 27 - Miller Lane, James Hilton Vaughn, Harold Wheatley, Jackie Evans, Reese Gaines, Maurice Gaines, III, Ann Young, Billy Elder, Diane Stallings, Bryan Jarrett, Tina Kay Nolen, Diane Glen Privett, Kelly Katherine Snell, Williams, Shamari Rebecça Gooch, Caulyn Halliburton.

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

March 29 - Shawnee Denay Burris, Paul Merando, Perry Williams, Kay Gruggett, Mal-Murray, Pam Floyd, Brenda Ward, Dixie Drake Ray, Adriene Brooks.

March 30 - Karyn Summar, Land, Kayla Howard, Amy McBroom, Charles Cutlip, Homeplace In Bloom



THE WILEY HOMEPLACE, in Halls, was in bloom last week celebrating spring's arrival. Jane Wiley captured the daffodils in bloom. She stated that she was enjoying the warm weather and the beautiful view of the spring flowers and blossoms

Beth Wright, Rachel Jackson.

Clint McKinnie, Bill Roberson, Cary Porter, Caleb Currie, Han- For War Effort nah Smith, Chris Tucker, Amber Sadler, Noel Sherrod.

April 1 - Carl Hoggard. Jeannie Vickery, Vance Brewster, Emilee Anne Hartman, Alisa Parish, Anetta Boyd Christopher Hardy, Teresa M. Ward, Jeff Weaver, Robin Hughes, Jim Clark, Betty T Henson, Mary Beth Caldwell, Darlene Crowder, James Mills.

April 2 - Haley Turnbow Madeline "Mott" Vaden, Stephen Belton, Shelley Jones, Justin Garrett, Diane Land, Ricky Crihfield, Leon Jackson Dianne Ungerecht, Matthew Casey Walker, Timmy Green

March 31 - Kay Freeman, 500 Units Blood

Liseblood will be providing Doug Ward, Gladys . Crain, 500 units of blood to the Dept. of Defense to help with the war

> A community blood drive is set for Tues., Apr. 8th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 145 S. Main St., in Ripley.

Everyone is urged to give to help get supplies up so help can be given to our military.

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

Marriages

March 15 - James Iven Neal, 17, to Lauren Gail Solomon, 18, by Rocky Gilliam.

March 16 - Wayne Scott England, 23, to Angela Erline Williams, 22, by Danny Harts-

March 18 - Royce Lee Lane, 49, to Linda Kaye Eison, 43, by Dennis D. Chaney, Sr.

March 20 - Michael Bryan Walsh, 40, to Cindy Lynn Barr, 45, by Thomas E. Sanders.

March 21 - Jeffrey Alan Uselton, 39, to Becky Mitchell, 31, by Evelyn Lanham.

Richard Andrew Shands, 44, to Darlene Kerr, 39, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Jason Alvin Vasilko, 23, to Shawna Diane Sorley, 20, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.

Anniversaries

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

March 28 - Mr. and Mrs. March 29 - Mr. and Mrs.

Jimmy H. Jones. March 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Ozell Hargett, Mr. and Mrs.

Ronnie Roberts. March 31 - Mr. and Mrs.

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Mrs. Johnston

Jon Ellen Johnston, 78, wife of T. C. Johnston, of 4211 Porter's Gap Road, Halls, died Friday, at home.

Rites were Monday in Gar- vary Hill Baptist Church. ner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Maplewood.

She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Buddy, of Halls; a sister, Ann Hunt, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; five grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

Mrs. Morrison

Maxine Morrison, 76, of Memphis, sister of James Albert Brogdon III and Rudine Osteen, of Ripley, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Memorial Park Funeral Home, with burial in Bethesda Cemetery at Friendship.

A Cumberland Presbyterian. she also leaves her husband of 57 years, James Morrison; a son, Dr. Steve Morrison, of Hilo, Hawaii; two daughters, Brenda Morrison, of Bolivar, and Beverly Dismukes, Memphis; another sister, Mary Virginia Smith, of Memphis; five grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Gary W. Wright

Gary Wayne Wright, 50, of Halls, construction worker, died Monday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

He leaves sons, Kenny and Kevin, of Halls, and Terry, of Friendship; his parents, Buford and Robbie Wright, of Halls; brothers, Harold and Jimmy, of Halls, David, of Friendship, and ley, and William Anthony Paul, of Dyersburg; sisters, Pau- Smith, of Westland, Mich.; a lette Baggett, of Henning, and Linda Hutcherson, of Maury Ci- Manchester; a sister, Martha ty; his grandmother, Annie Lee Sanford, of Dyersburg, six Borner, of Tampa, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Jennifer Pruitt

Jennifer Renay Jones Pruitt, 24, of Curve, employed by Applebee's in Dyersburg, died Tuesday of last week in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

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

She was a member of Cal-

She leaves daughters, Ashlie Dawn Pruitt and Sara Kaye Pruitt, and her parents, Glynn and Pattie Jones, of Ripley, and her grandparents, Gerald and Mildred Fitzhugh, of Halls.

Roger Daniels

Roger Daniels, 82, of Friendship, formerly of Halls retired state highway employee and farmer, died March 19th, at his residence.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Halls Funeral Home. with burial in South Fork Cemetery near Halls.

He was a WW II Army veteran, a member of the American Legion Post in Halls, and a deacon and Sunday school superintendent of South Fork Baptist

Survivors include his wife. Gertie Mai Hopkins Daniels; daughters, Susan Ann Turner, of Jackson, and Kathy Daniels, of Chesterfield, Mo.; one sister, Janice Todd, of Dyersburg; and three grandchil

Price Smith

Price Smith, 88, of Ripley, retired pipe-fitter, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Medical Center.

Dyersburg Funeral Home ranged rites Sunday in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

He had been a Mason and Shriner in Detroit, Mich.

He leaves his wife, Martha Laverne Poole Smith; sons, Joe and Terry Gene Smith, of Ripdaughter, Joan Dormanen, of grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

Mrs. Blackmon

Betty Ann Piercy Blackmon, 70, of Humboldt, sister of Linda Morphis, of Henning, died Wednesday of last week in Humboldt Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Replogle-Lawrence Funeral Home, of Perotti, of Ohio. Medina, in charge.

Widow of Edward Claxton Blackmon, she leaves sons, Billy and John, of Mt. Zion, and Jimmy, of Camden; daughters, Betty Lou Autry and Mollie Ann Ward, of Humboldt, and Barbara Eunice Fortune, of Somerville; a brother, Dr. Joe Piercey, of Memphis; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hilliard

Mary E. Hilliard, 83, of Memphis, wife of Ray Hilliard, died Saturday in Baptist Sheremy Neal, all of Brownsville; a Hospital in Memphis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She was a member of Berclair Baptist Church in Memphis.

Survivors include daughters Eva Click, of Birmingham, Ala. and Nita Scott, of Heth, Ark., and two grandchildren.

Albert Goforth

Albert Lynn Goforth, 58, of Ripley, husband of Evelyn Goforth, died March 20th at Baptist Hospital Tipton, Covington.

Services were at 3 p.m. Saturday at Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

He was a member of Ripley Church of God.

Other survivors include two sons, Greg Medford and Joey Goforth, two daughters, Janet Hogeland and Paula Roach, three sisters, Agnes Medford, Linda Moore and Patsy Gay, and four brothers, Donald Goforth, Ronnie Goforth, Buford Lynn Goforth and Jimmy Goforth, all of Ripley; two other daughters, Vanessa Beasley, of Henning, and Tina Mayfield, of Maury City; another brother, Jasper Goforth, of Dyersburg; 15 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and a greatgrandchild.

Rosemary Ogle

Rosemary Ogle, 63, of Ripley, formerly of Nashville and Alabama, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Friday in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a daughter, Rosa

Sydney D. Neal

Sydney Diane Neal, 5, of Brownsville, died March 19th, LeBonheur Children's Hospital, in Memphis.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Brownsville Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her mother Jennifer Evans Hall, and stepfather, Brandon Hall, her father, Greg Neal, and step-mother, brother, Tyler Evans, of Whiteville; two sisters, Courtney Neal, of Jack-Brownsville; a step-brother, Dakota Hasler, and step-sister, Alexis Hasler, both of Brownsville; grand-Kawanna Allen, of Whiteville, Mike Allen, of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Robert Neal and Jennie Diane Neal, of Brownsville; great-grandparents, Martha Jean Kelly and Tommy Kelly, of

Waste not fresh tears over old griefs. -Euripides

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To everything there is a sea-

son, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; Ecclesiustes 3:1-4. The family of Jennifer Jones Pruitt wishes to thank everyone for all the kindness shown us at the time of Jenniser's accident, her hospital stay, and her death. Your responses to our needs were deeply appreciated. Thank you for the calls, cards, food, flowers, money, and all the prayers offered on our behalf. We want to thank the staff at the Med for their professional care, The Rev. Virgil Presley for his comforting words, and Halls Funeral Home for its efficient services. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we face difficult days without Jennifer.

> Ashlie and Sara, daughters Glenn & Pattie Jones, Mildred & Gerald Fitzhugh grandparents

> > -Henry Adams

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Church Happenings Light House Family Church, 328 South Washington, will hold a 24 hour prayer vigil beginning at 6 a.m. Fri., March 28th and concluding at 6 a.m. Sat., March 29th with ministry of the word at selected times. Call 731-635-8770 for the prayer request line. Mack and Evelyn Henry, pastors, invite the public. Disciples for Christ Baptist Church, located in the Woodville community, will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., March 29th featuring the Watchmen. Bro. Danny Hutcherson, pastor, invites the public

> St. Mark M. B. Church will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly Wed., March 26th through Fri., March 28th with The Rev. Melvin Buford, as guest evangelist. He is a recording artist and pastor of Mt. Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Hickory Valley. The Rev. Booker Joe Nance, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

> A benefit program will be held at 6 p.m. Sun., March 30th at Morning Star Baptist Church, 222 Scott Dr., for James Pitts, a dialysis patient with other medical problems. For further information or to make a donation, call Frank Currie, 635-4599, or Shirley Fulton, 635-8211. The public is invited.

> A prayer vigil for peace will be held from 5:30 until 6:30 Monday, March 31st through Thursday, April 3rd and at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 4th at Immanuel Episcopal Church in Ripley. Scripture will be read, simple songs, and prayer, both silent and spoken, will be offered. The public is invited.

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

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

Make-Up Days Set For County Schools

Phillip Jackson, Lauderdale County School Superintendent, received permission from Lana Scivers, Commissioner of Education, to change the school calendar and extend the time to take the TCAP state tests, making up for lost days due to

Thurs., March 27th will p.m. A parent-teacher confer- these dates. ence will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. at the respective schools. All parents are urged to attend and meet with the teacher or teachers of their child.

Fri., March 28th will be a regular school day for students making up one day for inclement weather. The other day will be made up Saturday, May 24th, when students will pick up report cards only. The commissioner waived the remaining days missed thus far.

TCAP tests will be given April 14th through the 17th with make-up test given April 21st and 22nd. Federal requirements state that 95% of students in a school must be tested. It is iman abbreviated day for students, portant for students to attend with buses running at 12:30 school and take the tests on

> How beautiful it is to do nothing, then rest afterward. -Spanish proverb

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 31st

Max Quesdillia Cheesburger Tater Tots Corn Nibblets Banana

Sunkist Orange Sections Cookie Choice of Milk

Tuesday, April 1st

Beefaroni Toasted Cheese Sandwich Lima Beans Green Beans Fruit Mix Applesauce Roll Choice of Milk

Wednesday, April 2nd

Baked Ham Fish Fillet Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Bites Jello w/ fruit Peaches Choice of Milk

Thursday, April 3rd

Pork Roast w/ gravy Beef Cutlet w/ gravy Whipped Potatoes English Peas Pear Halves Pincapple Tidbits Choice of Milk

Friday, April 4th

Hot Dog Deli Sandwich Vegetable Soup Fresh Vegetable Cup Sunkist Orange Wedges Chocolate Chip Cookie Choice of Milk



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Signing Songs of Hope



JANE WILEY, of I-lalls, left, was asked by Phyllis Robinson, center, executive/floor director, for Tri-State Christian TV in Dyersburg, to interpret inspiration songs in sign language. Janet Hayes, right, master control operator, helped Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Wiley produce the videotape. The songs will be included in the series of teachings, now being conducted by Dr. Buck Morton, internationally renowned pastor and author. The first of the series and the songs were aired locally, March 7th. The release form was signed by Mrs. Wiley to allow the television station to distribute the interpretation o in sign language worldwide. "This is a time, when the world needs to hear words of hope and faith. The hearing impaired need to see these inspiration songs of hope interpreted in their language," said Mrs. Wiley.

REVIVAL

First Baptist Church, Halls

March 30-April 2

Sunday services 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday services 7 p.m.

Dr. John Adams, Evangelist Bro. Chris McCallister, Worship Leader

Trent Bullock, Pastor Jason Smith, Minister to Students 20-21

Never take anything for -Benjamin Disraeli

Pesticide Waste **Collection Days**

Jerry Parker, Extension Director, urges farmers to dispose of unwanted pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and defoliants, etc., from 8 a.m. noon, Sat., Mar. 29th, at the Lindamood Gin Co., 116 Phoenix St., Tiptonville, or Sat., Apr. 5th, at the Tennessee Gin Co., 800 Tennessee Ave., Covington, (which ever site is most

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

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

Disposal does not include explosives, petroleum, paints, medical wastes, radioactive

materials and no empty pesticide containers, seeds, surfactant or fertilizers.

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

> > I am part of all I have -Alfred Lord Tennyson

Outside a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside a dog it's too dark to read. -Groucho Marx

If you wish to be at rest, -Brother Giles of

Never practice two vices -Tallulah Bankhead

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Home & Garden

By: Ann Stallings Wilson, of Dalton, Ga., formerly of Halls. SCREENED PORCH MAKES AN EXTRA ROOM

If you are fortunate to have a screened-in porch, you are to be envied. It is a special feature of any home, although its use is not vear-around. The most useful time probably is from April through October, and one thing that makes it special is that it's bug-free.

Screened porches come in all shapes and sizes, as do inside rooms. They have been the extra space in homes for a century. A porch with a great view - lovely garden, mountains or a lake or stream - can be especially relaxing. It is an actual room and can be decorated as attractively as the inside rooms. Consider a color scheme, which blends with the adjoining indoor room for a pleasing effect.

The ultimate porch is large enough for several people to use, and it has a padded sofa, several chairs and side tables. An eating area, ceiling fan, tile, brick or wooden floor, outdoor or easy-dry rugs, lamps, phone, fountain and television will add to its popularity. An electric fireplace would be ideal for nippy mornings or evenings while enjoying a favorite beverage or book. Don't forget wall decorations and a mirror.

Of course, all these amenities depend upon the actual amount of screen, the location of the porch and the owner's personal taste.

If small children are present, the wall below the screen needs be at least two feet tall.

Furniture should be covered in indoor-outdoor fabric, and lamps and TV need to be near the inside wall in case of a sudden

Tab-top draperies of outdoor or sheer fabric or matchstick shades, which roll up will offer privacy or protection from sun. Tie draperies back to the corners when not needed.

The most popular furniture selections for screened porches are rattan, wicker or metal. These materials can be cleaned and hosed

If possible, a step outside to a deck or cookout area would be very convenient and desirable.

When it's time to winterize the porch, clean and store cushions, lamps, etc., but the suggested furniture can stay. In April, wash and hose off floors and furniture. Of course, the floor has a slant for water runoff, and ready the room for months of enjoyment. To complete the indoor-outdoor look, add palms, ferns and colorful plants to this useful area of your home.



Halls Businessman 66th Strawberry To LCECD Board Festival May 3-10

Joe Eskridge, of Halls, was appointed to the board of directors for the Lauderdale County Economic and Community Development Board bringing the number of board members to 37 with five representatives from Halls.

Other board members from Halls include Mayor Eugene Warren Nunn, Jerry Crihfield, and Mike Harris

Reared in Halls, Eskridge was a 1987 graduate of Halls High School. He received bachelor of science degree in accounting from Lambuth University in 1991 and served as director of housing at Lambuth from 1991 until 1994. After working for Brothers' Restorations in Nashville and Overstrect-Hughes in Carthage, he returned to Halls, where he is a partner in Eskridge Brothers Enterprises, Inc., operating Key Corner Exxon and Bologna

In accepting the position Eskridge stated, "I believe that Lauderdale County has reached the crossroads that will determine whether our children and grandchildren will be forced to seek opportunities in other counties or states, or if they will

The 66th Annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival is May 3rd through 10th, in Hum-

The Humboldt Chamber of Commerce has applications for the Junior parade, Grand floats parade and the Jr. territorial and territorial beauty revues; booth spaces for the First Annual Arts and Crasts Fair, to be held at Main Street School; and tickets for the Christian Concert, featuring "Point of Grace."

For further information on the festival, call the Humbold Chamber of Commerce, 731

be able to be educated and employed here at home...the evolution of Lauderdale County into a county that partners agriculture, industry, and education rected by organizations such as LCECD and by the strengths and weaknesses of its members. appreciate the opportunity to represent the county on this

Mike Allmand, board chair man, and Annette Fisher, executive director, expressed their appreciation to Eskridge and look forward to working with

Vaccination Plan Set To Begin Soon

Officials with the Lauderdale County Health Department will begin training local residents who have volunteered to respond in the event of a smallpox outbreak. "Volunteers are still being recruited, but it is important to begin training so the local response team will be prepared," said Danny Perry, director of the county health de-

The training for volunteers will be divided into three locations from 6 to 8 p.m. April 3rd at Ripley Elementary School, April 7th at Brighton High School, and April 8th at Haywood County High School.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to assist with the smallpox vaccination clinics can volunteer by contacting the local health department, go online at www.state.tn.us/health, or attend one of the meetings.

CANCER MEETING

The Hope Cancer Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 27th, in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church in Ripley.

For further information, call

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Glass, Willie

Pittman, John Rhodes, Jr., Larry Shands, Luther Sherman, Arthur Stapleton, Greg Tatum, Donnie Thompson, Harry Upchurch, William Vestal, Lisa

Youth Strive For Bells To Ring In Smoke-Free State 'Remembrance'

Danny Perry, local health administrator, is urging everyone to join with the young people of Tennessee, along with thousands of elementary, middle and high school students across the country, in the National Kick Butts Day Initiative Apr. 2nd, to help protect kids from tobacco use and secondhand smoke.

Youth are involved in a variety of activities to help prevent others from initiating tobacco encouraging quitting among those already using tobacco products and striving to help make Tennessee smokefree.

According to the 2000 Tennessee Youth Tobacco Survey, 23.2 percent of middle school students and 41.3 percent of high school students smoked at least once in the 30 days before they took the survey.

Also, 11.6 percent of Tennessee middle school students and 12.7 percent of high school students reported using smokeless tobacco.

With every puff on a cigarette, one breathes in more than 4,000 different chemicals, including ammonia (a poisonous gas), cyanide (a deadly ingredient in rat poison), acetone (a poisonous solvent), formaldehyde (used to preserve dead

Churches across Tennessee are encouraged to ring their bells this Mother's Day as part of the statewide Bells for Remembrance campaign, aimed at

frogs), toluene (a poisonous industrial solvent), polonium-210 (a highly radioactive element) and carbon monoxide (a poisonous gas).

Exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke causes serious health effects in children, including bronchitis, pneumonia, ear infections, worsened asthma and even linked to sudden death syndrome.

"Because children have unique vulnerabilities, they absorb greater concentrations of smoke than adults do from the same exposure," said Perry. "One of the ways parents and caregivers can protect them is by taking the initiative of having a smoke-free home."

A parent or caregiver can make a commitment and step outside the home to smoke.

Smokers are urged to protect their family from secondhand tobacco smoke and use Kick Butts Day, Apr. 2nd, to start a new smoke-free home policy.

For further information contact the Tobacco Use Prevention Program, 741-0384 or 741-0284, or visit website, www.kickbuttsday.org.

Births

To Charles and Tammy Hurt, of Halls, a 7 lb. 2 oz. daughter, Taylor Brooke Hurt, born March 19th at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. She is the sister of Kassidy Hurt, 2-1/2, of Halls, Allison Hurt, 8, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Jessica Hudson, 11, of Dyersburg, and the granddaughter of Phillip and Janet Hurt, of Halls, Larry and Pat Coker, of Dyersburg, and Larry Kelley, of Finley.

increasing public awareness about breast cancer and good breast health.

"Each year, more 200,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer and most of these cases are curable if detected early enough," said Roberta Esmond, Tennessee's Bells for Remembrance coordinator."

"Mother's Day is a good time for all of us to remind our mothers, grandmothers, daughters and all women in our lives just how important screening is for the early detection of breast cancer," said Esmond.

Event participants are provided Bells for Remembrance Event Planning packets, free-ofcharge, containing educational materials, celebration suggestions, fact sheets and church bulletin inserts.

The event is sponsored by **QSource Center for Healthcare** Quality, an independent, notfor-profit, healthcare quality improvement organization; located in Memphis. Since 1999, more than 200 churches across the state have participated in the event, traditionally held during Mother's Day weekend.

For further information, contact Esmond, at 1-800-528-2655, ext. 2664, or - email tnpro.resmond@sdps.org. The deadline for requesting information is Apr. 30th.

Halls Snack Attack



CHRISTENE S. ANDERSON, Lauderdale County Extension Agent, right, in upper photo, assisted with the I-lalls Elementary School Snack Attack program March 14th for second grade students. The objective was to eat healthy snacks, which were provided to students. Assisting were Mrs. Phillis Barlow and Mrs. Abby Danehower, Natalie Bentley, Tina Bouch, Melissa Roberson, Shelly Murphy, and Beth James, from HES, Mrs. Lisa Burns and Billie Kissell, of the Health Department, and Catherine Jones, program assistant with the Tennessee State University Extension program.

Charles Lindbergh's Grandson To Speak

Jackson Christian School invites the public to Spring Synergy at 7 p.m., Tues., Apr. 29th, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

This year's theme, "A Tribute to Heroes," features Erik Lindbergh, grandson of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, who is a commercial pilot and certified flight instructor.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of his grandfather's Spirit of St. Louis transatlantic flight, Erik recreated the 1927 milestone.

During the event, JCS will also honor a hero of their own, Lisa Kee, who has dedicated 31 years to educating children. She has taught 8th-12th grade English for 23 years. ...

For sponsorship, or ticket information, call Pain Ragan, 731-668-8055.

Selected



JACOB MCNEILL, son of Mike and Celia McNeill, of Gates, was selected to the office of treasurer for the West Tennessee Regional Future Farmers of America Organization. A junior at Halls High School, he holds the office of Sentinel in the local FFA Chapter and is the grandson of J. D. and Betty McNeill, of Gates, and Nelle Caldwell, of Ripley. Regional interviews were held March 22nd at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

> Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character.

> > -James Russell Lowell

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