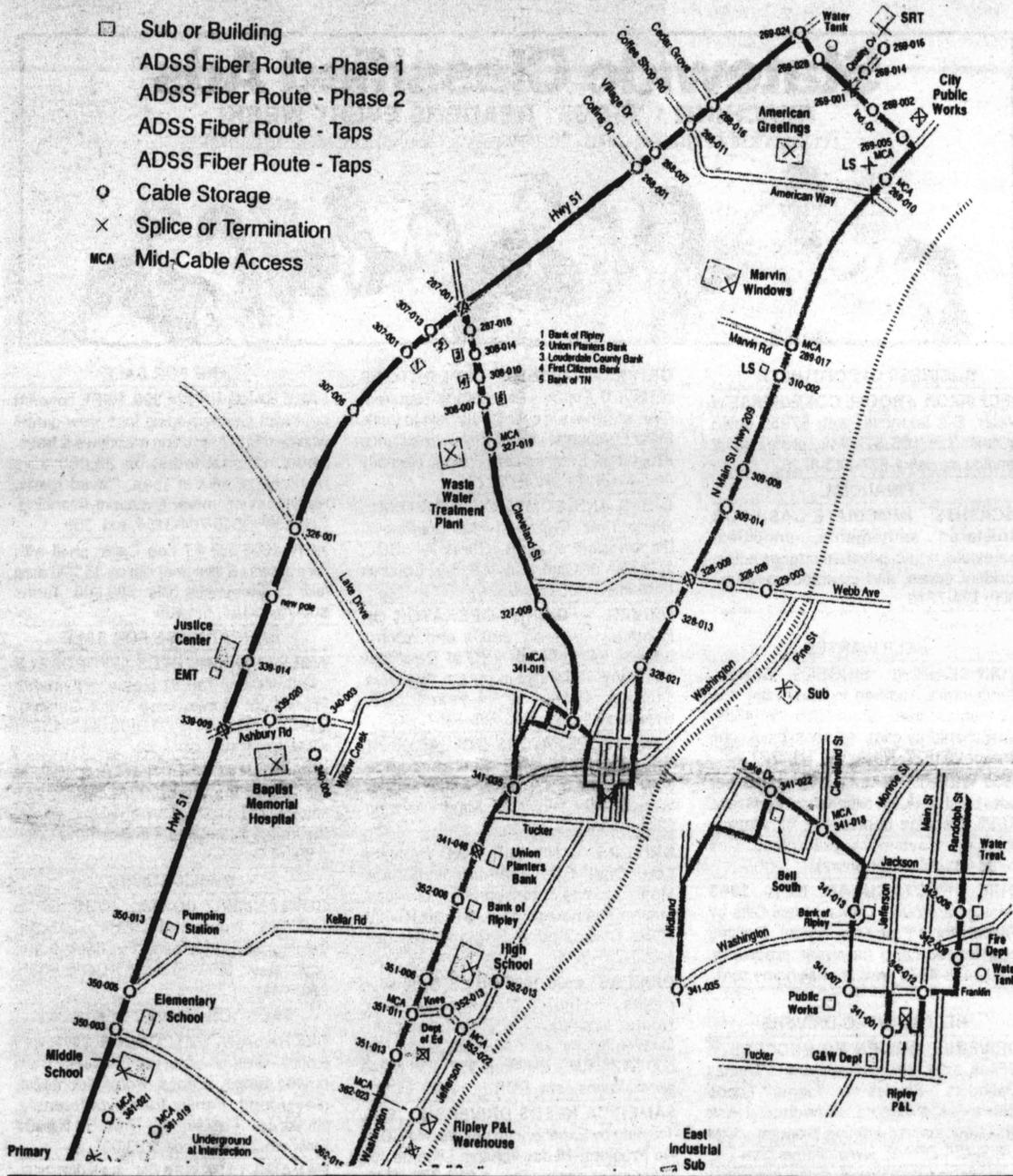

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RPL Will Run Fiber To Halls

Ripley Power & Light Co. will extend a fiber optic line to Halls to tap into the fiber loop which will circle Ripley, Mike Allmand, president and chief executive officer, told Ripley Rotarians Tuesday.

Denise Frey and Al Bonnyman, of Fiber Planners, explained the benefits:

On mostly the same poles which now support copper wire, fiber optic wires will be strung, with 100 fibers each.

The copper wires carry on or off electricity, slowly.

The fibers transmit brief flashes of light, as in a Morse code. Two fibers, which can handle 6,000 telephone conversations, could link all city agencies -- utilities, police, firemen, tax data, on one computer, all data immediately available to 911 or to any other authority,

Revenue from the excess 98 fibers is expected to pay for the system, designed for up to 40 years of service.

Though BellSouth has fiber installed along U.S. 51, and MCI on the railroad track through the county, they have never made any local service connections.

Allmand said only a "fire from left, Cheshier Criehtfield, chaplain; Matthew Moore, sentinel; Jacob McNeill, community development vice-president; Katie Privett, president; Seth Steelman, treasurer; Jessica Benjamin, reporter; and Whitney Kee, recording secretary. Barry McWilliams, not pictured, was inducted into the Halls FFA Hall of Fame.

sale" of fiber optic equipment made the venture feasible for RPL.

But he noted that RPL and Ripley Gas & Water had already cut costs with a fiber optic connection; that Tennessee Electroplating, with plants in both the North and South Industrial Parks, had been considering a more expensive and less reliable microwave system; and that a fiber optic system would be a significant incentive to attract new industries.

Meanwhile, other uses:

Banks with branches, in Ripley and/or Halls, all up to the minute on one computer.

Schools could use centralized accounting and use one teacher per video classroom.

For attorneys and physicians, faster and more secure access to records.

RETIRED TEACHERS

The Lauderdale County Retired Teachers will meet at 2 p.m., Wed., May 7th, at Ripley Elementary School.

Sue McLemore, fitness director, of the TKS Center, will be the speaker.

All retired teachers of Lauderdale County are invited.

Halls FFA Banquet



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL Future Farmers of America held its annual Chapter Awards Banquet March 31st. Will Bird was the guest speaker. Bird, a 2001 graduate of HHS, serves as the Tennessee FFA State President. Newly elected officers for 2003-2004 include, in front, from left, Kari Escue, corre-

2003 Relay For Life Survivors Luncheon

The 2003 Lauderdale County Relay for Life Survivor's Luncheon is at noon, Tues., May 6th, at the Ripley First United Methodist Church activities center.

To make reservations, call June Hatch, 635-3271, Annie Laura Jennings, 635-2171, or Sarah Nielsen, 901-729-3582.

sponding secretary; Kristina Edwards, membership education vice-president; Amanda Hunt, chapter development vice-president; and Amanda Clark, historian; and in rear,

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School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, May 5th

- Hamburger
- Pizza
- Tater Tots
- Fresh Vegetable Cup w/ dip
- Apple
- Fruit - School's Choice
- Rice Krispie Treat
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday, May 6th

- Pork Roast w/ gravy
- Entrée-School's Choice
- Whipped Potatoes
- English Peas
- Applesauce
- Fruit Mix
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Wednesday, May 7th

- Chicken Nuggets
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- Macaroni & Cheese
- Steamed Broccoli
- Pear Halves
- Peaches

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Thursday, May 8th

- Spaghetti
- Fish Fillet
- Green Beans
- Corn Nibbles
- Pineapple-Tidbits

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Friday, May 9th

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Golden Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES EDENS, of Halls, will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun., May 4th in the Halls First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Hostesses will be their daughters, Jenny Clark and Nancy Carson, of Halls, and Lynn York, of Charlotte. The family requests no gift please, only your presence. Mr. and Mrs. Edens, married May 8, 1953, have five grandchildren.

Anniversaries

- May 1 - Mr. and Mrs. David Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Goff.
- May 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes.
- May 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Coy Summar.
- May 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith.
- May 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spoon, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Feist.
- May 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cooper.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Newman, of Woodville, a 9 lb. 2 oz. son, William Andrew Newman, born at 9:03 a.m. April 13th in Jackson-Madison General Hospital in Jackson. He has two brothers, Matthew, 10, and Jacob, 7. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Newman, of Curve, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tillman, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Melton Jackson, of Gates.

Birthdays

May 1 - Sonny Vaughn, Willie Stowers, Mark Ryan Patterson, Mary Beth Caldwell, Steven A. Koonce, Dr. Roy E. Crowder, Jr., Frank Sanders, Roger Pease, John Terry, Moneka Temple, Linda Geary, David Blakely, Anna Dailey, Cheryl Vaughan, Madeline Kennedy.

May 2 - Sarah Beth Craig, Billie Jane Gray, Amy Vaden, Auzie Harrell, Joanne Scott, Shira Parish, Jamie Summar, Shakandra Whitelow, Leon Pattat.

May 3 - Max Hutcherson, Bill West, Charlie Cherry, Louise Best, Barbara Anderson, Stacy Warren, Chris Burrough, Garret Steelman, Jesse James, Zachary Vaughan, Florine Pierce, Steven Hensley.

May 4 - Harley Patterson, Grant Caldwell, Tina Shands, Marshall Jennings, Paul Reynolds, James Pipkin, Alexia Frazier, Jean Burns, Curt Rhoads, Tommy Chipman, Lita McBroom, Judy Moore Crowder, Hayden Hargett, Kiana Gibbons, Heston Sanders.

May 5 - Aaron Dannelley, Steve Vandergriff, Kelli Haislip, Mary Porter, Kathy Ballard, Tyler Newman, Joni Emerson, Rachel Roberts, Virgie Tarpley, Brandi Young Northcott, Josh Sills, Odessa Gay, Tatam Carmack, Zavier Harvey, Cole McAdams, Cassie Burnham, Jenny Wren Nunn, Barrett McClerkin, Xaiver Harvey.

May 6 - Barbara Anthony, Roger Treadway, Beccah Mitchell, Jimmy Kiestler, Kayla Heath, Burl Carson, Gara Strong, Regina Stanley Castella, Scott Crowder, Vickie Jones, Brenda Ables, Nathan Vickery, Mary Sue Cooper, Synthia Gibson, Shayandra Henderson, Jonathan Swims, Aaron Clark.

May 7 - Walt Hunt, Morgan Ungerecht, Billy Maclin, Chase Tillman, Kerri Carmack, Roger Tillman, Mary Elizabeth Williams, Matthew Reviere, Carla Ross, Lana Nichols, Paul Jordan, Susan Simpson, Leslie Voss, Emily Terry Taylor, Logan Reynolds, Lindsey Jackson.

Church Dedicates Tree



MEMBERS of the Rodgers family, including John "Butch" Rodgers, center, attended Easter Sunday services at Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. After services, church and family members gathered for benediction and planted a dogwood tree, which was used in the sanctuary during the season of Lent. Each Sunday, various members of the congregation placed symbols on the tree as they shared their faith. The Rodgers family dedicated the tree, planted on the church grounds, in memory of Karene Rodgers.

Marriages

- LaShay Watkins, 20, by Raymond C. Barnes, Sr.
- April 25 - Dustin Clay Heron, 23, to Heather Sherri Rokitka, 27, by Thomas Eugene Sanders.
- April 26 - Ronnie Lynn Hatley, Jr., 19, to Jessica Lynn Henson, 18, by Larry Keltner.
- Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out. -James Bryant Conant
- April 3 - Billy Joe Currie, 35, to Lisa Michelle Meade, 27, by Rev. Willie L. McCadney.
- April 18 - Albert Dale Harris, 26, to Kristen Nichole Kirby, 20, by Jimmy L. Ennis, Sr.
- April 19 - Willie James Webster, Jr., 43, to Carol Jean Currie, 47, by John R. McBride.
- April 21 - William Thomas Genesey, II, 21, to Crystal

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Obituaries

Mrs. McCorkle

Louise McCorkle, 84, wife of Morris McCorkle, of 509 N. Wilson, Halls, died Monday of last week in Dyersburg.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Halls, with burial there, Hudson Funeral Home in charge.

Her survivors include three sisters, Maggie E. Washington, of Halls, Henrietta Campbell, of Toledo, Ohio, and Lera Pierce, of Chicago, Ill.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

J. C. Spray

J. C. Spray, 91, of 1057 Patton Lane, Ripley, farmer, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

He leaves his wife, Maggie Sue Smith Spray; sons, Jim, of Ripley, and Hugh, of Munford; daughters, Annie Sue Beasley and Nona Broglin, of Ripley, Mary Beasley and Virginia Wilkerson, of Dyersburg, and Cheryl Dickhaus, of Bonne Terre, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Charles Cutlip

Charles Cutlip, 57, of Ripley, former county commissioner, died at his residence Tuesday.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, where he was a member, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

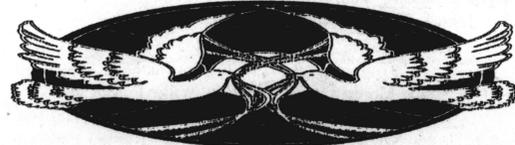
He was a teacher supervisor at West Tennessee State Penitentiary, former general manager of Charles Griggs Building Materials, and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Tonya Watson and Marcy Ray, and one sister, Mary Mayham, all of Ripley; one brother, Jim Cutlip, of Milan; and five grandchildren.

Providing Inspiration



MRS. CAROLYN STANLEY, right, of Ripley, and Mrs. Jane Wiley, left, of Halls, provided videotapes of inspirational songs for WDYR-TV 33 in Dyersburg. They have agreed to the distribution of the tapes worldwide. Mrs. Stanley has met members of the television audience that have enjoyed viewing the songs.



Church Happenings

Dyersburg Christian Center, 824, Finley St, is now located in its new location, on the corner of Rucker and Finley Streets in Dyersburg. Wesley J. Arije, pastor, invites the public to services at 8 a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call 731-286-9138.

New Beginning FWC Church of God will hold its spring camp meeting at 7 p.m. nightly April 30th through May 2nd with Bro. Mitchell Wilson speaking April 30th and Bro. Jim Shelton, delivering the message May 1st and 2nd. Mark Fisher, pastor, invites the public. For further information, call 635-4440.

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

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, 1255 Dry Hill Rd. East, will hold its revival services at 7 p.m. nightly May 5th through May 7th with Bro. Joe Mercer as guest evangelist. William Nichols, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

Stroke Awareness Month Observance

Life Line Screening, the leading mobile health screening company in the nation, is educating the public about the deadly effects of a stroke during the month of May, which has been designated as Stroke Awareness Month.

Stroke is one of the most preventable illnesses overall, yet most people cannot name a warning sign or a symptom.

Known also as a "brain attack," it can lead to debilitating brain damage, depending on the severity of the stroke, and where it happens in the brain.

The most common type of stroke occurs, due to a build-up of a plaque-like substance in the carotid arteries. Through prevention, the presence of plaque can be detected and treated, prior to a stroke occurring.

Life Line Screening offers free educational workshops throughout communities, where they screen and help people better understand and recognize the risk factors, symptoms and warning signs that can occur with these treatable diseases.

Screenings, that are fast, painless and offered at low cost, involve the use of ultrasound technology, which scans for blocked arteries, aortic aneurysms and plaque buildup, in addition to a bone density screening to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

For further information on screenings, to schedule an appointment, or to locate a site, call 1-800-449-2249.

April 21 - Billy G. Chapman, trustee, and Billy G. Chapman Living Trust to Darrell W. Chapman, Sharon Chapman, Shannon Chapman, and Becky Chapman, Dist. 3, 3 tracts.

Larry Gaylon Hardy and Maxine Burrough Hardy to John Hardy, Dist. 17, lot.

Geza Barek and Bridget Barek to Jason Chrestman, Dist. 14/6, 191 acres.

David Gene Stanley to Jerry A. Shelton and Gail S. Shelton, Dist. 6, 39.26 acres.

April 22 - David Bessermin to Heather Langley, Dist. 7, lot.

Larry Diggs and Shirley Diggs to Michael David Bryan and Deborah Denise Bryan, Dist. 6, 1.00 acres.

Bank of Ripley to Johnny A. Robinson, Dist. 17, lot.

James Wayne Floyd, Steve Floyd, Randy Floyd, and Rhonda (Lang) Menees to James S. Wiseman and Margarett Wiseman, Dist. 5, 33.20 acres.

Steve Floyd, James Wayne Floyd, Randy Floyd, Rhonda (Lang) Menees, Stephen L. Floyd, trustee, and Betty Floyd Countess, trustee, to James S. Wiseman and Margarett Wiseman, Dist. 5, 33.20 acres.

April 24 - Willie James Tate, Hattie M. Williams, and Lillie B. Akin to Sarah Whitlow, Dist. 3, lot.

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Chamber Commerce Awards



GARNER FUNERAL HOME, in upper left photo, represented by Tom Garner, second from left, and Katherine Garner, second from right, was awarded the Small Business Award from Lisa Hankins, left, chamber executive director, and Bill Sweat, right, chamber president, at the annual Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday of last week at Rolling Hills Country Club. Garner Funeral Home has been in the Garner family since 1946. They moved into their new location on Lake Drive in March. The 14,500 sq. ft. new building features two staterooms, a lounge, a showroom, and a chapel, which will seat 225. Komatsu, in middle left photo, represented by Jerry Lovell, center, was awarded the Large Business of the Year. Komatsu has been involved with the chamber for many years and stays involved in numerous activities in the community throughout the year. The company purchased the former Maremont building in May 1991 and the surrounding 50 acres from Arvin Industries. They added a 150,000 square

foot outside storage area to the renovated building. The new Master Parts Distribution Center opened in June 1991 and held its grand opening December 5, 1991. Their annual payroll is \$11 million and employ 317. Kelly Stanley, left, in lower photo, was awarded the Citizen of the Year. Employed with Baptist Market Services, she has developed and organized many community projects for the youth, both to benefit the hospital and the well being of the youth. Paul Avery, center, and Annie Laura Jennings, right, were awarded Honorary Members of the Year Awards.

The winners of the centerpiece award were C & A Company, of Halls, first place; Bank of Ripley, second place; and Bank of Halls, third place. 2002-2003 board members and ambassadors were recognized and plaques of appreciation were given to

retiring board members, Mark Drumwright, Judy Tyree, Mary Jo Stanley, Tim Sumrow, and Bill Sweat, retiring president.

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emerson attended a birthday party for Freddie Emerson in Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jimmie Sue Burks was a Sunday before last supper guest of Mrs. Patsy Wright in Halls.

Mrs. Thelma Criner entered Baptist Hospital East in Memphis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Newman, Jr. in Ripley Sunday afternoon.



The real name of the painting known as the *Mona Lisa* is *La Gioconda*. It is the portrait of a middle-class Florentine woman.

EXTRA

Want to write locals for the Halls and Gates area? For information call 635-1771.

Council Members Inducted



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL student council held its induction ceremony April 9th for its new officers, from left, Jennifer Buntin and Whitney Kee, chaplains; Jessica Benjamin, reporter; Sarah Beth Warren, treasurer; Ashley Atkins, secretary; Brooke Barnes, vice-president; and Katie Privett, president.

Kim Neill Alternate Upward Bound Team

Kim Neill, of Halls, foster daughter of The Rev. Abe and Clara Sillinin, was an alternate team member of the Upward Bound Team, from Dyersburg State Community College, who won the title of Southeast United States Scholars' Bowl champions, Apr. 12th, at Atlanta, Ga., in a five-hour competition against six other states.

Scoring an average of 280 points to the opponents' average of 130, the team answered questions pertaining to current events, geography, literature, grammar, science, mathematics, spelling, medicine, history and word derivations.

Rosemary Tillman, English instructor, at Dyer County High

School has instructed a special Scholars' Bowl summer session for several years, and DSCC counselor, Marilyn Armstrong, meets with students at their respective schools on a weekly basis to discuss college options, review scholastic performance and practice Scholars' Bowl material.

Fifty students from four high schools, which include Dyer County, Lake County, Peabody, in Trenton, and Halls, are current Upward Bound participants, whose enrollment is limited to first-generation college students who show some financial need and college aptitude.

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Signs With DCSS



ANDREW DUDAS, 18, center, Halls High School senior, son of Ronnie and Pam Davis, right, of Halls, signed to play baseball with Dyersburg State Community College Monday. Coach Robert White, second from right, of DSCC, and Mike Blackwood, HHS coach, right, are pictured with Dudas and his parents.

Ribbon Cutting Set For Project L.E.A.D.

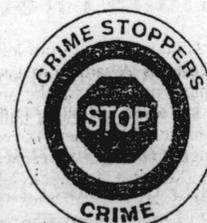
The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting at 3:30 p.m. Thurs., May 1st for Project L.E.A.D., (Let Each Achieve

Daily), at Ripley Elementary School, 100 Highway 19 East. Project L.E.A.D. is funded by a grant to provide an after school program that meets the academic, health, and enrichment needs of students. The purpose is to provide additional help with homework, reading and math skills along with enrichment opportunities, in an atmosphere that is safe, caring, and nurturing.

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, in front, from left, Heather Cowan, Halls High School, and Kellie Neal, Ripley High School, and, in rear, from left, Kevin Ward, HHS; Mary Jo Carihfield, chaperone; and Beau Beard, RHS, attended the Tennessee School Board Association's Student Congress on Policies in Education, held each year in Nashville. The event brings high school students from across Tennessee together to discuss and give opinions on current education issues.

Teachers Of The Year Honored



CRAIG FITZHUGH, left, in rear, Bank of Ripley President, and Lauderdale County Superintendent of Schools Phillip Jackson, third from left, in rear, along with Bank of Ripley staff honored the seven outstanding Teachers of the Year for 2003, in front, from left, Lynn Maners, Vicky Elder, Linda Maxwell, and Janet Baker, and, in rear, Kay Baker, Cindy Parham, and Susan Campbell. Each honoree received a certificate of appreciation from Superintendent Jackson and State Representative Craig Fitzhugh and a crystal apple and flowers from the bank. Other guests included spouses of the teachers and their principals.

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Global Finals Bound



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL Con-nectDid Team placed first at the state level Apr. 12th, at David Lipscomb University in Nashville, and is bound for Destination Imagination (DI) Global Finals the end of May in Knoxville, on the campus of the University of Tennessee, who will be hosting teams from all over the United States and the world.

DSCC Graduation Location Changed

Due to storm damage Sunday night in Dyersburg and on the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium at Dyersburg State Community College, commencement exercises will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dyer County High School, 1000 West Main St., Newbern.

Rehearsal will be held at Dyer County High School at 3 p.m. Fri., May 9th.

Directions to the high school: take U.S. Highway 51 North, follow the bypass to St. John Extended (TN-211) and turn left at the traffic light. Continue on TN-211 for approximately four miles. The high school is on the left, after entering the city limits of Newbern.

GED GRADUATION

The Lauderdale County Optional School's GED graduation is at 10 a.m., Thurs., May 15th, in Ripley High School's Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater, 254 Jefferson St.

Residents Aid In Storm Clean-up

The storm, which passed through the county Sunday and Monday nights, blew trees down across county roads and spared the county any serious or major damage, according to Myron Kissell, Lauderdale County Emergency Management Director, and Roland Henderson, Lauderdale County Highway Department Commissioner. Employees spent most of Monday and Tuesday clearing roads and checking for any damage. A tornado was reported in the Unionville and Double Bridges area, near the Dyer County line, Monday night, leaving minor damage. Crew members from the Ripley utilities, private contractors, and Forked Deer Electric crews assisted Dyersburg and Dyer County crews as they restored power to homes in the storm damaged area in Dyer County.

Many local industries including, PolyOne, Quebecor World, Huish, and ERMCO, were damaged by wind, rain, and gas leaks, according to an

Honored For Service



PHYLIS BARLOW, right, assistant principal at Halls Elementary School, was honored Fri., April 25th for her years of promoting the importance of community service at HES. At the 13th Young Author's Day event, which Barlow coordinates, she was presented a book by Marlo Thomas, *The Right Words At The Right Time*. The book is a collection of personal stories from more than 100 men and women who tell of a crucial turning point their lives brought about when the right words provided guidance at just the right time. Proceeds from the sale of the book benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She also received a certificate from St. Jude for her years of spearheading the St. Jude Math-a-thon at the school. Mrs. Janet Baker, left, first grade teacher, presented the award.

article in the Dyersburg State Gazette. Dyersburg Electric System's general manager, Jimmy Williams, said crews had made great progress Monday in restoring power to large sections of the city. PolyOne, in the path of the tornado, had several of its transformers blown away. The steel poles along Mall Blvd. "looked like they had been karate-chopped," according to Williams. Many trees, houses, trailer homes, and power lines suffered extensive damage in the storm's wake.

The sportsplex at Dyersburg High School was totaled and the roof of the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium was damaged, causing the Dyersburg State Community College to move its graduation rehearsal and commencement exercises to Dyer

BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Ripley, Mon., May 19th, at the Tennessee Technology Center, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To be eligible to donate, a volunteer blood donor must feel well that day, be 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs., not donated whole blood in the past 56 days, and not received a notification from Red Cross Blood Services requesting that you not give.

County High School in Newbern.

At press time, Dyersburg officials stated the city had suffered an estimated \$9 million in damages. No fatalities were reported.

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RELAY FOR LIFE 2003 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MAY 9th - MAY 10th

5 p.m. Survivor Registration
Welcome - Keith Klutts
Prayer - Jim Alford
National Anthem - Ripley High School
Men's Choir
Scholarship Presentation to Van Thompson - Jim Alford
6 p.m. Survivor Walk - June Hatch
Honorary co-chairs - Angie Koonce, Lynn Maners, and Dwan Klutts,
Reading of survivor names - Fred Strantz, Jim Alford, Don Paris
Prayer - Van Thompson
Susan Bragg - "What A Wonderful Day"
Darren Dedmon - "God Bless The USA"
6:45 p.m. Various Entertainment
7 p.m. Presentation of
Komatsu Beauty Pageant Winners
8 p.m. Tommy Currie & Continual Praise Ensemble
9 p.m. Showdown Band
9:45 p.m. Announcement of winners (campsite, flag, T-Shirt, meat, & dessert)
Luminaries
Reading of names - Lyle Larson, David Elkins, and Janice Craig
Various/The Music House Band
10 p.m. Talent Contest
11:15 p.m. Wild Hearts
11:30 p.m. Womanless Beauty Review
12:30 a.m. Jay Young and the Hot Wires
1:15 a.m. PJ Contest
1:30 a.m. Various Entertainment
Karaoke

Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Jimmy Meachem had shoulder surgery in Germantown Methodist Hospital in Memphis Tuesday of last week and returned home Thursday of last week.

week.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson accompanied Mrs. J. D. McNeill to Memphis Tuesday of last week for a check-up with her doctor. She also accompanied her husband, Mr. Emerson, to Veterans Hospital, in Memphis, Thursday of last week for a check-up.

Mrs. J. D. McNeill attended a birthday party for her granddaughter, Jaimee, in Ripley Park Sunday afternoon.

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

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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Strawberry Picking Time in Tennessee Has Arrived

One of my favorite times of the year has finally arrived! Of course we all enjoy spring and the renewal of warm weather, but the true occurrence of this annual season that sets my appetite in motion is the ripening of big red Tennessee strawberries. All across the state, strawberry patches are being invaded by folks just like me, ready to fill their baskets with the sweet berries that will soon grace their family kitchen tables.

Just the other day I was in a strawberry patch in Bedford County and ate my fill of the sweetest berries you will find anywhere. There is something about eating a strawberry right off the plant as you pick along filling your basket. Of course I don't recommend you eat your fill of berries in someone's "pick-your-own" field, but I had permission from Nancy Edwards who is one of the owners of Valley Home Farm located just outside of Wartace, Tennessee.

If the Valley Home Farm's fields is any indica-

tion of this year's crop of strawberries, prepare to pick to your heart's desire because the crop was excellent on the day I was there.

I understand producers are reporting an earlier-than-usual yield this season even with the late cold snaps we had a few weeks back. I was in the Valley Home field on May 1 and ripe berries were plentiful. Even with my appetite being satisfied as I strolled through the patch, there were still plenty of berries for others.

While at Valley Home during their annual "Strawberry Showoff" recipe contest, which they conduct each year involving area Family and Consumer Education Clubs (FCE) in Bedford County, I met Laura Fortune, marketing specialist for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Market Development division. Laura was on hand to assist in the recipe contest which was a real showcase of methods to use strawberries in some very creative ways. I saw strawberry lemonade, strawberry desserts of all kinds, breads, main dishes, salads and even had a chance to see strawberries that had been deep-fried.

Laura was also on-hand to help promote Tennessee

pick enough to last all year long."

I saw a lot of recipes that day at Valley Home, but my own favorite that I have enjoyed from the days of being a boy picking strawberries in our home patch is hard to beat. It is using mama's homemade hot buttermilk biscuits with real butter and dipped in a bowl of strawberries covered with fresh cream skimmed from the milk from our Jersey cows. That was a combination that is difficult to repeat this day and time, but the strawberries are still the same.

A list of the state's strawberry producers is available through the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. Laura says the best way to access the information is with

a visit to Market Development's Web site at www.picktnproducts.org. In addition to picking possibilities, Web site visitors will find several recipes featuring strawberries and other Tennessee produced and processed products.

Those without Internet access may call TDA Market Development at 615-837-5160 to find a local strawberry field near their home. However, the biscuits and cream are up to the caller to provide.

If you would like to learn more about Valley Home Farm as well, they can also be found on the web at www.cafes.net/valleyhome.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Johnson

Shirley Bullock Johnson, 57, of Detroit, Mich., Ripley native and sister-in-law of Katie W. (Mrs. Will) Bullock, of 237 Dandridge St., Ripley, died Monday of last week in St. John Community Hospital in Detroit.

Rites were Saturday in Swanson Funeral Home in Detroit, with burial in Restvale Cemetery there, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She had been a factory worker.

Survivors include her husband, Earnest Johnson, sons, Byron and Roderick Bullock, and a brother, Elvoy Bullock, all of Detroit; and two grandchildren.

Marye Stover

Marye Helen Stover, 71, mother of Lindsey Stover, of Henning, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were Saturday in Johnson Funeral Home in Newbern, with burial in Elbridge Cemetery at Obion.

Survivors include another son, Sam, of Newbern; daughters, Barbara Kent, of Friendship, Denise Akers and Gail Newhouse, of Dyersburg, and Marsha Newhouse, of Pineville, La.; a sister, Joy Barker, of Union City; 20 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mangialardi

Jessie Mangialardi, 79, retired grocer, the father of Shelia Walton, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in his home at Byhalia, Miss.

Rites and burial were Monday, in Memphis.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was Catholic.

He was the widower of Maxine R. Mangialardi. Survivors include a son, another daughter, two brothers, five sisters, three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Annie Burnett

Annie V. Holcomb-Burnett, 82, homemaker, of Milwaukee, Wis., formerly of Henning, died Monday at St. Mary Hospice in Milwaukee.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at New Hope C.M.E. Church, in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, in Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

The widow of Earl Walker Burnett, she leaves three sons, Noah Lynk and Allen Steve Lynk, of Madison, Wis., and Donald Brian Lynk, of Milwaukee; six daughters, Connie Lynk, of Henning, and Rudene Robinson, Annie Woodard, Maxine Gambrell, Justine Buchanan and Genevieve Lynk, all of Milwaukee; six step-sons, Randy Burnett and Karndy Burnett, of Ripley, Danny Burnett, of Millington, James L. Burnett, of Aurora, Ill., and Billy Burnett and Earl Burnett, of Milwaukee; six step-daughters, Rosie Burnett, of Brownsville, Beatrice Cox, of Chicago, Ill., and Alice Burnett, Willie J. King, Mary Burnett and Hattie Marshall, all of Milwaukee; one brother, David Holcomb, of Ripley; two sisters, Vernia Gingery, of Ripley, and Laura McCutchen, of Henning; 39 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

William DeSpain

William "Bill" Wayne DeSpain, 76, of Newbern, retired brick mason, brother of Gladys Rose, of Halls, died May 2nd.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home, in Newbern, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, in Newbern.

He was a member of Doris Chapel Church of Christ.

Other survivors include seven sons, John DeSpain and Ricky DeSpain, of Finley, Bill DeSpain, Jr. and Jimmy DeSpain, of Dyersburg, Joe DeSpain, of Regan, Don DeSpain, of Yorkville, and Keith DeSpain, of Round Rock, Tex.; two daughters, Linda Anderson and Janice Wallace, both of Newbern; 20 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Sammy Robbins

Sammy Earl Robbins, 56, of Brighton, brother of Debra Williams, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Methodist Healthcare Germantown.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery east of Ripley.

He was a member of Harvest Central Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Hughes Robbins; sons, Dustin Robbins and Joseph Cox, of Brighton, and James Robbins, of Gilt Edge; daughters, Amanda and Samantha Robbins, of Brighton; brothers, Barry, Jerry, and Steven, of Brighton, and Kenneth, of Hawesville, Ky.; another sister, Vonda Easter, of St. Louis, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

Mary Lowery

Mary Lowery, 92, of Halls, homemaker, mother of Rose Mary Jones, of Halls, died Monday, at Covington Care Center in Covington.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Thursday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Browning Cemetery, in Oxford, Miss.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Brownsville.

Other survivors include one son, Robert L. Kelch, of Loudon; one other daughter, Sylvia Ann McCage, of Zolfo Springs, Fla.; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

TOURED AREA

U.S. Rep. John Tanner said he was deeply saddened to learn of the disaster situation in West Tennessee caused by storms that devastated portions late Sunday.

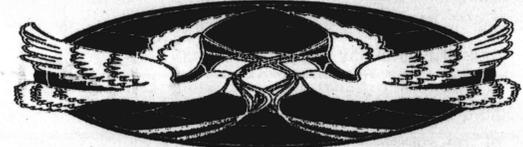
"I have discussed the situation with Mayor Farmer, Mayor Gist, the governor and state officials and am following the developments very closely," said Tanner. "Our office will be working closely with local and state officials to ensure that all assistance will be made available as soon as possible."

Congressman Tanner, Gov. Bredesen and Sen. Lamar Alexander toured the area Tuesday.

National Prayer Day



LAUDERDALE COUNTY CITIZENS gathered on the courthouse lawn Thursday of last week for the National Day of Prayer held nation-wide. Police Officers for Christ led the group in song and several business and professional persons read Bible verses and led in prayer.



Church Happenings

New Beginning FWC Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold homecoming services at 10 a.m. Sun., May 11th with The Rev. A. J. Crawford as guest speaker. A pot luck luncheon will be served, with fun and games afterwards. Mark Fisher, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 635-4440.

Dyersburg Christian Center, 824 Finley St. is now in its new location, on the corner of Rucker and Finley Streets in Dyersburg. Wesley J. Arije, pastor, invites the public to services at 8 a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call 731-286-9138.

St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning will continue its prayer and support ministry for the families that have loved ones in the war. The ministry will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday. Anyone with loved ones serving is invited.

New Life Fellowship, 100 Lakeview Dr., will hold revival services Sun., May 11th thru Wed., May 14th. Services will be held at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mother's Day, and at 7 p.m. nightly Monday through Wednesday. The Rev. Harold Blackwood invites the public. For further information, call 635-0352.

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

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May 9 - Claire Mills, Chris Poyner, Jerry Shelton, David Jones, Leigh Ann Smalley, Annie Laura Jennings, Stella Gray, Sophia Lorane Bonds, Alex Stanley, Major Williams, Hunter Ungerecht, Chase Wood.

May 10 - Gifford Walker, Elizabeth Noblin, James Tolene, Crystal Walker, Johnny Burlison.

May 11 - Traci Ing, Darlene Burchett, Melissa Meadows, Rodney Hemby, Jr., Fern Hardin, Hollis Luton Belton, Patsy Hogue, Traci Bates, Elizabeth

Moore, Donnie Armstrong, Janie Sweat, Shane Michael Sonderman, Van Cihfield, Brian Parsons, Allen Hargett.

May 12 - Shannon Griggs Vowell, Billie B. Kitts, Gordon Rice Taylor, Steve Martin, Susan Tolene, Ann Colvin, Beverly Wakefield, Kayla Morris, Matt McWherter, Linda Williams, A. J. Buchignani, Donna Ewer.

May 13 - Richard Webb, Jennifer Dudney, Jerry Buckner, Danny Burnham, Michael Galoway, Tammy Carroll, Emilee Moore, Amy White, Matt Harper, Carla Prater.

May 14 - June Bailey, Tom Garner, William Wray, Alisha Midkiff, Amy Newman, Ann Smith, Cleve Crook, Tim Castellow, Kathryn Cepparulo, Tracy Kee Childress, Pam Jackson, Kristy King, Gina Tinker.

Nankipoo School Mates Luncheon

Ona Voss, of Central, had a buffet luncheon for classmates and friends of Nankipoo High School, Apr. 16th, in her home.

Those attending were Robert Meeks, of Senatobia, Miss., Laura Frances Domm, of Battle Creek, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harrell, of Memphis, Omega Bumpas and friend, Lois, of Collierville, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Koonce and grandson, of Covington, and Loraine Pennington and daughter, Pat, Gladys Tillman and Tina Carmack, all of Nankipoo.

Also attending were Kate Rochelle, Margaret Chisholm, Hellen Gean and Beatrice Fowler, all of Ripley.

Anniversaries

May 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edens.

May 9 - Mr. and Mrs. David Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Terry.

May 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hilliard.

May 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride, III, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Belton.

May 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes.

May 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Booker.

May 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nichols.



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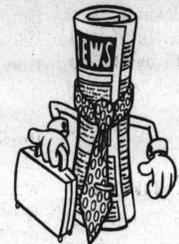
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June Vows Planned



JENNIFER NICOLE ADAMS, daughter of Cathy Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Adams, of Covington, will marry Richard Glenn Lazure, III, son of Richard Glenn Lazure, Jr., of Halls, and the late Dlorah England Kemper, at 7 p.m. June 7th in Covington First United Methodist Church, family and friends invited. A reception will be held in the Covington Country Club.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glass, Sr., of Covington, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Adams.

A graduate of the University of Memphis with a degree in education, she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority, the Golden Key National Honor Society, and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She is employed by the Tipton County Board of Education as a fifth grade teacher at Crestview Middle School.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. Ann Lazure and the late Richard Glenn Lazure, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryan England and the late Jeanene England, of Dickson.

A graduate of the University of Memphis with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting and a master's degree in finance, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and the Golden Key National Honor Society.

He is employed by Wright Medical Technology as a tax accountant.

Graduate



DEMETRA CHONTEL REED, daughter of Queen E. Reed, of Halls, and the late Clarence C. Reed, Sr., will graduate at 3 p.m. May 11th, from the University of Memphis with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice and criminology and a minor in sociology. She will graduate with a 3.2 grade point average. The ceremony will be held at the Pyramid. A 1995 graduate of Halls High School, she was named to the National Dean's List and was a member of the residence hall association while in college. She will intern in Washington, D.C. after graduation.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express how much we appreciate everything that has been done for us since Terry's accident. We truly want everyone to know that their prayers, visits, phone calls, and food got us through this difficult time. Thanks to all of our family, friends and Terry's "buddies", we truly love you! Thanks to A. O. Smith and Halls Elementary School employees. Most of all we thank the Lord for saving our Lents' men. Trees are not going to get us down! As Momma Gail would say, "Go God, go!"

Terry, Kim, Joshua, & Jeremy Lents
Adv.P.



New York was the first state to require the licensing of motor vehicles. The law was adopted in 1901.

May Nuptials Near



STACY MICHELLE COX, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cox, of Memphis, will marry Brandon Scott Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hughes, of Halls, at 7 p.m. May 30th at Woodland Hills in Cordova.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Lee Cox and the late Edgar Cox, Sr. and Mrs. Margaret Edwards and the late George Edwards, Sr., all of Memphis.

A 2000 graduate of Bartlett High School, she is attending Memphis State, where she is seeking a teaching degree. She is employed at Sam's.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Goodman, all of Halls.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, he is employed by Circuit City in Jackson, where he is the manager of the Road Shop.

The couple will reside in Fayette County.

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June Vows Planned



SARA NICOLE HERDER, daughter of Ed and Sandra Herder, of Ripley, will marry William Brandon Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Timothy Wells, of Ripley, at 7 p.m. June 14th in Halls First United Methodist Church, with formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Audrey Dale Clark, of Ripley, and Mrs. Charles Herder and the late Mr. Herder, of Dyersburg, and the great-granddaughter of George E. Crabb and the late Mrs. Audrey Joan Crabb, of Ripley.

A 2002 graduate, with honors, from Halls High School, the bride was a member of the National Honor Society, marching band, concert band, Close-Up, and was named Union University Rising High School Senior. She won a creative writing contest sponsored by Union University. She is attending Dyersburg State Community College.

She is employed by the Bank of Ripley.

The groom-elect is the grandson of JoAnn Casey and the late William Wells, of Munford, and Carmen Hardy and the late E. R. Hardy, Jr., of Ripley.

A 2002 graduate of Ripley High School, he was a member of the football team, band, VICA, Spanish Club, track team, and advanced drafting.

He is employed by Marvin Windows.

The couple will reside in Ripley.

June Nuptials Slated



HILLARY HAMILTON, daughter of Carla Hamilton, of Halls, will marry Jonathan Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wheeler and the late Patsy Wheeler, of Alamo, at 3 p.m. June 7th in Halls First United Methodist Church, with all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Halls High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor of science degree in education. While attending college, she was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and holds the office of points mistress in the Halls Community Club. She is employed by the Obion County School System.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Crockett County High School and a 2000 graduate of Lambuth University with a bachelor's degree in music. While in college, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, jazz band, concert band, concert choir, chamber singers, and the Lambuth Singers. He is a member of the masons in Alamo and the choir director of the Alamo First Methodist Church. He is employed by the West Carroll Special School district.

After a honeymoon in Gatlinburg, the couple will reside in Alamo.

ASTHMA AWARENESS

The Lauderdale County Health Department is joining the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in an effort to raise public awareness of risks faced everyday by 15 million Americans living with asthma, and to participate in Asthma Awareness Month and World Asthma Day, May 6th.

In the United States alone, 4.8 million children suffer from asthma, which accounts for one third of all pediatric emergency room visits. Asthma is the fourth most common reason for pediatric physician office visits, and is one of the leading causes of school absenteeism.

In 2000, 26,007 Tennesseans, ages 0 to 18, were discharged from both inpatient and outpatient visits for asthma.

Currently, there are no preventive measures or cure for asthma; however, children and adolescents, who have asthma, can still lead quality, productive lives if they control their asthma by taking medication and avoiding contact with environmental "triggers" for asthma.

Environmental triggers include cockroaches, dust mites, furry pets, mold, tobacco smoke and certain chemicals.

Secondhand tobacco smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke, irritates chronically inflamed bronchial passages of asthmatics, in addition to containing more than 4,000 substances, including over 40 that are linked to cancer.

For further information on EPA's Asthma Program and World Asthma Day, log on to www.epa.gov/asthma.

Marriages

April 26 - Raheem Anthony Bhatti, 21, to Heather Renee Newlin, 19, by Rev. Dan Holland.

May 1 - Curtis Ray Bell, 21, to Elizabeth Catherine Counterman, 18, by Thomas E. Sanders.

May 2 - Clay Alan Newman, 38, to Martha Jean Jackson, 46, by Thomas E. Sanders.

Ripley Graphics Prints New Line

Ripley Graphics, a division of American Greetings, associates have begun printing a new line of greeting cards designed to bring comfort to loved ones in the military. The need for people to reach out and support their loved ones is strong especially during times of war. American Greetings created a new line of patriotic-themed cards called, "Home Sweet America" as well as a new set of electronic greetings. The Ripley plant is the only printing facility corporate wide.

The idea was discussed last October when tensions began to escalate in the Middle East. The new line features 28 designs with an overall patriotic theme. Card messages range from a forlorn, "Me here. You there. No Fair." (picturing two stick figures positioned on opposite ends of a globe), to messages that use a touch of humorous bravado to deal with the dangers of war, like the one that exclaims, "Kick Saddam's butt and get yours back here!"

The line also includes birthday and anniversary cards, and blank cards with patriotic motifs so family and friends can inscribe their own personal messages inside.

Electronic sites, american-greetings.com, bluemountain.com, eGreetings.com, and beatgreet.com, offer free email greetings that can be sent to family members serving in the military.

Chris Riddle, art director for the project, stated that historically American Greetings has been at the forefront in helping families and friends stay in touch during times of war. "The Company is the leading supplier of cards to the armed services and has also offered greeting cards for families to send to loved ones serving the military service since World War I," he said. During the Persian Gulf in 1991, American Greetings offered two special lines, "Greetings from the Gulf," for military personnel to send home and "America Misses You," to express support to family members stationed overseas.

School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, May 12th

- Chicken Fillet Sandwich
- Pizza
- French Fries
- Carrot Sticks
- Fruit Mix
- Pear Halves
- Cookie
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday, May 13th

- Beef Cutlet w/ gravy
- Southern Fried Chicken
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Applesauce
- Peaches
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Wednesday, May 14th

- Menu
- SCHOOL'S CHOICE

Thursday, May 15th

- Chili Pie
- Corndog
- Broccoli & Cheese
- Corn Nibbles
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Jell-O w/ fruit
- Choice of Milk

Friday, May 16th

- Deli Sandwich
- BBQ Sandwich
- Baked Beans
- Garden Salad w/ dressing
- Banana or grapes
- Oatmeal Cookie
- Choice of Milk

Land Transfers

April 25 - Lanny Roberts and Carolyn J. Roberts to Leland Roberts and Amy Roberts, Dist. 2, 1.0 acres.

David F. Lemons to Shirley Craig Lemons, Dist. 2, 9 tracts.

David F. Lemons and Shirley Craig Lemons to Celina Craig Colvin and David Lynn Lemons, Dist. 2, lot.

David F. Lemons and Shirley Craig Lemons to David Lynn Lemons, David F. Lemons, Christopher Lemons, Jessica Lemons, Erica Lassa, and Nathan Colvin, Dist. 2, 9 tracts.

Gene Sadler and Dotsy O. Sadler to Stephanie Terry and

Graduate



JERRELL MALONE, son of Aaron and Ernestine Malone, of Gates, graduated from Lane College in Jackson Sun., Apr. 27th, with a bachelor of science degree in business.

Malone, a 1998 graduate of Halls High School, has been CEO of a local band, P.L.P., since 1994.

Future plans include attending a graduate school for a master's degree in operational management.

Roger Terry, Dist. 12, 0.5 acres.

April 28 - Bruce W. Stevens to Jerry Buckner and Donna Buckner, Dist. 2, 0.34 acres.

Carol Ann Clark Austin, Connie Sue Clark Chuzie, and Judith Elaine Clark to Carol Ann Clark Austin, Dist. 11, 39.513 acres.

April 29 - Bobby Owen Thurmond, Jr. to Larry Talmage Pegg, trustee, Betty Williams Pegg, trustee, and Larry T. and Betty W. Pegg Revocable Living Trust, lot.

Tom Greaves and Cynthia M. Greaves to Alan Lewis and Pam Lewis, Dist. 2, lot.

Robert M. Cherry to Lynn Barnett, Dist. 12, lot.

Robert M. Cherry to Eddie Barnett, Dist. 12, lot.

Jonas Rodgers, administrator, and Edgar Eison Estate to B & B Partners, LLC., Dist. 12, lot.

B & B Partners, LLC to Robert M. Cherry, Dist. 12, lot.

S. N. Anthony, Jr., William Maxwell, and John B. Anthony to Fisher Enterprises, LLC., Dist. 6, lot.

April 30 - Marian Gwendolyn Walker Rooks, Juanita Walker Steelman, Stanley Walker Carnell to Martha J. Davis, Dist. 12, lot.

Lanette Cates Hilliard, Danny Edward Cates, Judy

Students Recognized Honors Convocation

Dyersburg State Community College held its annual Honors Convocation Sun., Apr. 17th, in which students and community leaders were honored for academic excellence and service to the college.

Lauderdale County students receiving recognition include,

Cates Newman, and Katherine Wiggins to Jennifer Goforth, Dist. 16, 0.8698 acres.

Charles Griggs, trustee, and Charles Griggs Revocable Living Trust to Jason Simmons, Dist. 2, 0.467 acres.

May 1 - Mary E. Talley to Johnnie T. Hudson and Marline Hudson, Dist. 2, lot.

Tom Sinis and Susan Sinis to Pete Maragos and Amy Maragos, Dist. 2, 2.70 acres.

Tom Sinis and Susan Sinis to Pete Maragos and Amy Maragos, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Leo L. Lamer, Jr. and Glenda G. Lamer to Wanda S. Clark, Dist. 2, 0.845 acres.

Tom Greaves, Cynthia M. Greaves, Steve Cherry, Cynthia B. Cherry to Tonie W. Smith and Jon A. Smith, Dist. 2, lot.

Aletha B. Ingram, Phi Theta Kappa All Tennessee Academic Team; Lisa Davenport and Aletha Ingram, Phi Theta Kappa; Latasha Wright, Lachesha Horton and Catessa Moses, Minority Association of Successful Students, and Multicultural Affairs/Incentive scholars; Lisa Davenport and Melinda Olds, student ambassadors; Lynn Depriest, communications and information technology; Kathryn Anderson, outstanding anatomy and physiology student; and Jimmy Barham, outstanding speech student.

Dean's List students include Jennifer Marie Carroll, Division of Nursing & Allied Health; and Kathryn Anderson, Jonathan Mooney, Kimberly Britthouer, Jimmy Carroll, Jr., William Carroll and Lisa Davenport, Arts/Sciences and Business/Technology Division.

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, 2002-2003, include Kathryn Anderson, Kimberly Britthouer, Jimmy Carroll, Lisa Davenport, Cassandra Demoss, Scotty Simpson, Holly Sweat and Jennifer Ziemanin.

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May 16th

Commission Gives \$5,000 For 2003 Tomato Festival

County Commissioners approved \$5,000 to help promote the 20th Annual Lauderdale County Tomato Festival, set for July 10th, 11th and 12th, at the regular monthly meeting Monday. The decision passed 17 to 5. Nays were Henry Buckner, Roy Cook, Jr., Mike Martin, Don Moore and Eugene Pugh.

Two resolutions were approved, each in memory of former commissioners, Thomas E. Jones and Charles F. Cutlip,

Other business included election of Vonda Emerson to the school board, to replace Jerry Sellers, who resigned; appointment of Marvin Land to board of zoning appeals for five years; rezoning of a corridor of property on Hwy. 87 from Old Fulton Rd. to the Mississippi River, from Forestry-Agriculture-Residential, to Rural Commercial; updating county OSHA Plan; and approval of quarterly financial report.

Philip Jackson, school superintendent, told commissioners that part of the high school gym roof was torn off last Thurs. of last week during the storm and it rained on the gym floor. During the school board meeting, the question was raised about tearing down the old gym and not repairing it, and relocating the new gym on that property. Architects are doing a cost analysis.

USDA COMMODITIES

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by DHS and USDA, will distribute USDA commodities between the hours of 8 until 10 a.m. Wed., May 21st at the Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson St.; Rice Park, Watkins St.; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St.; and Palmer-Turner Community Center, 655 Church St., Henning. Proof of income must be presented, if you do not have a new card. Persons with cards will be served first. Bring someone to carry the bag to your car.

Rotary Clubs Receive Awards



LISA HANKINS, left, of the Ripley Rotary Club, and Roger Charest, right, of the Halls/Gates Rotary Club, attended the Rotary District Conference in Clarksville weekend before last. Both clubs belong to District 6760, comprised of 65 clubs and 3,734 members.

Ripley received two conference awards including the District Conference Attendance Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement. The award is calculated by determining the percentage of membership of the clubs attending the conference and adding certain bonus points for the number of miles from the club's city to the conference city. The other award was the Outstanding Achievement Award/Medium Club for outstanding performance, based on the overall performance of a club in one avenue of service for a year. The club received its award for its work on literacy.

Halls received the Community Service Award for small clubs for outstanding performance in their community.

Dr. Linda Rudolph, center, Rotary District Governor, is pictured with Mrs. Hankins and Mr. Charest.

Tomato As "State Fruit" Bill Passed

The tomato was designated as the official state fruit in a bill, sponsored by Senator Micheal Williams, R-Maynardville, passed by unanimous consent of the Senate Monday of last week. The bill overturns an 1893 U.S. Supreme Court case law, NIX v HEDDEN, 149 U.S.

304 (1893) which declared the tomato to be a vegetable for trade tariff law and for the purposes of the imposition of taxes. The House of Representatives passed the bill 96-1, March 31st. It was sent to Governor Phil Bredesen for his signature May 8th.

The bill recognizes the significance of the tomato to the economy of the state by declaring in law: The delicious tomato, *Lycopersicon lycopersicum*, is designated as the official state fruit.

Ripley and Rutledge, in Grainger County, have both proclaimed its tomatoes are the best. Senator Williams stated he was partial to Rutledge tomatoes, he represents Dist. 4, that includes Grainger County.

The choice between Ripley and Rutledge, was left to the "tomatadors", as both have tomato wars during their tomato festivals.

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Schools Seek Special Education Teachers

(NAPS)—In the last ten years America's school systems have seen their enrollment of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds increase dramatically.

Many schools are re-thinking how to best teach children with such varying backgrounds—especially children that require special education programs.

There is a shortage of teachers, diagnosticians, school administrators, therapy providers, and support workers who are qualified to work with special education children from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

To address this shortage, the National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education has launched a campaign to attract a diverse, non-traditional pool of applicants to special education. These people include mid-career adults, retiring military personnel and paraeducators currently working in the classroom.

"Needs are most acute in rural, remote, and urban districts," said Dr. Deborah Smith, a professor at Vanderbilt University. "Across geographic settings, however, there are striking needs for special educators and related services personnel who are qualified to work with culturally and linguistically

diverse students. There is also a high need for male practitioners."

For more information on special education training programs that offer financial aid opportunities for individuals with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, contact the National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education at 1-800-641-7824 or visit www.special-ed-careers.net.

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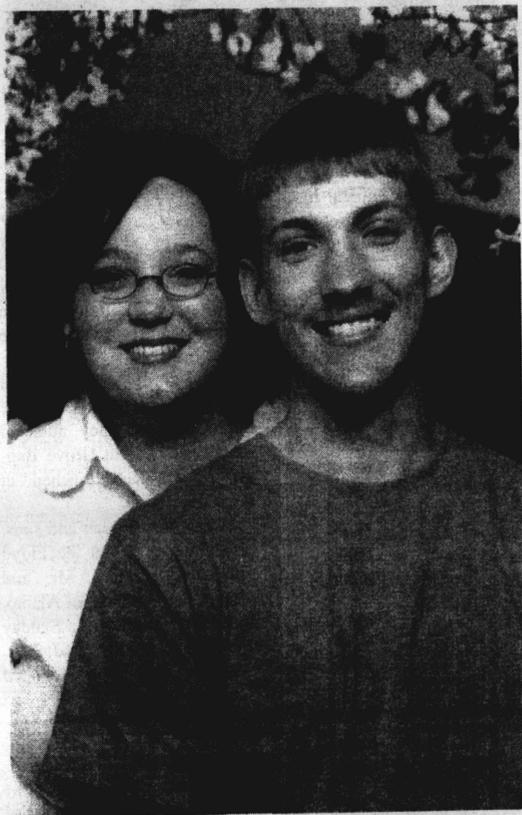
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Saturday Vows Near



KRISTIN VAUGHN, daughter of Mike Vaughn and Tammy Vaughn, of Halls, will marry Michael K. Ward, son of Mickey Ward, of Halls, and Sheree Ward, of Dyersburg, May 17th, music to begin at 6 p.m., outside the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Newman, in Halls, all family and friends invited.

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

A 2000 graduate of Halls High School, she is employed by PCA International in South Fulton.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Sewell Ward, Joy Ward, and Jackie Hayes, all of Halls, and the late Marvin Back, of South Dakota.

He is employed by Jimmy Dean Foods of Newbern.

The couple will reside in Halls.

Land Transfers

May 2 - Steve G. Webb and Kimberly J. Webb to John W. Ballard, Dist. 11, tract.

Michael C. Ballard to Larry Anderson and Christine Anderson, Dist. 3, 5.00 acres.

Ricky L. Nelson and Renee G. Nelson to Carl W. Leo and Cheryl G. Leo, Dist. 10, 2.70 acres.

William M. Harmon, HI and

Brenda L. Harmon to Thomas Harris and Shelia Harris, Dist. 3, 7.74 acres.

Randy Newman and Shelia Newman to Robert Shelly and Susan Shelly, Dist. 6, lot.

May 5 - Bonnie C. Wallin to Gregory J. Tillman, Dist. 10, lot.

May 6 - Edith A. Harris to Denise Johnson, Dist. 2, lot.

BankTennessee to Timothy R. Carter and Rosemary Carter, Dist. 2, lot.

Anniversaries

May 15 - Dr. and Mrs. John English, Mr. and Mrs. David Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baynes.

May 16 - Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Howard.

May 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burks.

May 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Malone.

May 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Bengy Cherry.

ALZHEIMER'S CALL

The Alzheimer's Association and Homewood Residence of Brookmont Terrace has scheduled a free, one-hour telephone conference on Alzheimer's disease and care-giving tips at 7 p.m., Tues., May 20th.

Interested parties should dial 1-800-789-6311 and tell the operator to connect you to the one-hour Alzheimer's conference.

For further information about this call and other free services, call the Alzheimer's Association, 901-565-0011.

FAMILY FUN DAY

The "Family Fun Day" for the Lauderdale County Head Start/Early Head Start program will be held at 4:30 p.m. Fri., May 16th at the Ripley City Park. The event was rescheduled from May 5th due to the weather.

May 7 - Billy G. Chapman, trustee and Billy G. Chapman Living Trust to Billie Michelle Simpson and Christy Michelle Simpson, Dist. 3, 2 lots.

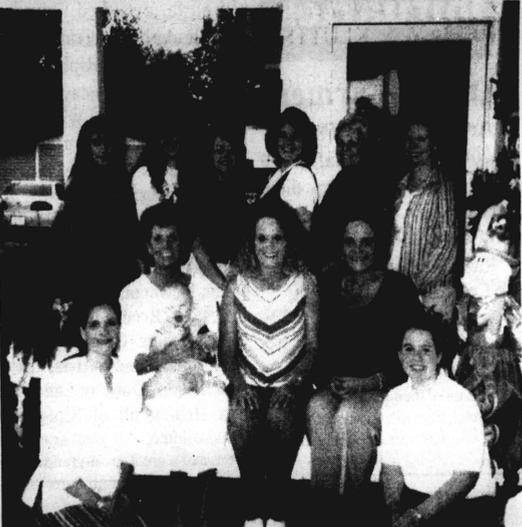
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Bride-Elect Honored



BRIDGETT TIMS, center front, of Alamo, bride-elect of Martin Frye, of Jackson, was honored with a bridal bow making party by her family April 19th at the home of her sister, Brenda Prescott, seated, third from left, in Maury City. Family members attending were, in front, from left, Mrs. Georgia Ann Taylor, Brenda Carter, mother of the bride, of Gates, holding grandson, Jacob Chase Tims, and Elizabeth Padford, of Humboldt, and in rear, Mrs. Stephanie Coley, of Ripley, Renee King, of Camden, Mrs. Angela Padford, of Humboldt, Cynthia Smith, of Missouri, Diane Stacey, of Frog Jump, and Mrs. Betty Burks, of Gates. Guests were served several different appetizer trays and finger food. The couple will be married June 21st in an outdoor ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Warren in Gates. She is also the daughter of Steve Carter, of Olive Branch, Miss.



The rock group Fine Young Cannibals took its name from the title of the 1960 film All the Fine Young Cannibals.

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Obituaries

Arthur Farmer

Arthur Herbert Farmer, 81, of Alamo, step-father of Jerry Rice, of Halls, died May 2nd in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were May 4th in Alamo Cemetery.

A World War II veteran, he had retired from the Missouri Litho Printing Co.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Selph Farmer; three brothers; a sister; and 10 other step-children.

L. T. Pipkin

Lawrence Talmadge Pipkin, 60, son of Larue Pipkin, of Ripley, and brother of Thomas Richard Pipkin, of 528 Locust, Halls, died Monday of last week in his home in Pahrump, Nevada.

Rites were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Asbury Cemetery.

A Marine veteran, he had been a medical purchasing agent.

Survivors include his wife, Johanna Hoffman Pipkin; a son, Lee Talmadge Pipkin, of Pahrump; a daughter, Tina Twyman, of Taft, Calif.; a sister, Patricia Warmath, of Horn Lake, Miss.; and three grandchildren.

Allen Williams

Burial Friday in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp followed rites in Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel for Allen Sanford Williams, 71, of Memphis, an Army veteran of the Korean War retired from W. L. Roberts, Inc.

He had died Tuesday.

He leaves his wife of 46 years, Margaret Archer Williams; sons, Kenny, of Memphis, and Nathan Ray Williams, of Olive Branch, Miss.; a daughter, Jennifer Hume, of Memphis; brothers, J. D., Jed, and Bobby Williams, of Ripley, and Bill Williams, of Aiken, S.C.; sisters, Faye Northcott and Peggy Culver, of Ripley, and Brenda Hudson, of Glen, Miss.; and two grandchildren.

Robert O. Jones

Robert Odean Jones, 76, retired farmer, died Saturday in Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

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

He leaves his wife, Martha Howell Jones; sons, Robert, Jr., and Jerry Dale Jones, of Ripley, and Paul Junior Jones, of Southaven, Miss.; daughters, Helen Newman, of Jackson, and Ernestine Reed, of St. Louis, Mo.; brothers, George and Herbert Jones, and sisters, Betty Hutcherson, Dorothy Lane, and Eva Helton, all of Ripley; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

'L. C.' Chaney

Luther "L. C." Chaney, 72, of Ripley, retired highway worker, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, west of Henning, with burial there, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Mary E. Chaney; sons, Willie, of Ripley, and Anthony, of Memphis; a daughter, Mary L. Harris, of Ripley; sisters, Phebie Reed, of Ripley, and Ophelia Clifton, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and nine grandchildren.

Mary Wesby

Mary Lizer Wesby, 68, sister of Billy Vasser, Carolyn Currie, and Gail Bates, of Henning, died Tuesday of last week in the Methodist Healthcare - University Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were at 11 a.m. Saturday in New Hope Baptist Church in Henning, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She had been a trim saw operator for Prest Lumber Co. in Memphis.

She was a member of the St. James CME Church.

Survivors include other brothers, George and Joseph Vasser and Melvin Brown, of Chicago, Ill., and two other sisters, Rosie Vasser, of Memphis, and Annie Mack, of Chicago.

Mrs. Brundige

Patricia Brundige, 60, of Dresden, sister of Sammy Webb, of Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Union City.

Rites were Friday in Southside Church of Christ, where she was a member, with burial in Sunset Cemetery, Bowlin Funeral Home in charge.

She had served as recorder for the City of Dresden.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Brundige; daughters, Misty Garrett, of Maury City, and Teena Smith, of Latham; her mother, Irene Watts Webb, of Dresden; other brothers, Buddie Webb, of Camden, and Steve Webb, of Cayce, Ky.; and three grandchildren.

Carla D. Hall

Carla Denise Hall, 42, of Ripley, homemaker, died May 5th at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her father, Clovis Hall, and a brother, Kenneth Scott Hall, both of Humboldt; another brother, Michael Hall, of Ripley; a sister, Lisa Doolittle, of Halls; and her grandmother, Frances Maxwell, of Henning.

Joe H. Jackson

Joe Henry Jackson, 82, of Ripley, Lauderdale County Highway Department employee, died May 10th, at St. Francis Hospital, in Memphis.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, in Henning, with burial in Bluff Cemetery, in Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Mae Jackson, a son, Willie H. Jackson, and a daughter, Sylvester Genesey, all of Ripley; two other sons, Lynn Barbee, of Covington, and Jonathan Jackson, of Chicago, Ill.; six other daughters, Margaret Bradford and Pearl Mae Alston, both of Henning, Carrie Dunn, of St. Louis, Mo., Joyce Stowe, of Chicago, Earlean Haley, of Charleston, S.C., and Earstine Moore, of Beloit, Wisc.; 35 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Phillip Brooks Concord Locals

Phillip Brooks, 81, of Detroit, Mich., laborer, formerly of Ripley and Brownsville, died May 5th.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, in Detroit, with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery, in Detroit, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Leora Nolen Brooks, and a son, Van Lustee Brooks, both of Detroit; a sister, Frankie Smith, of Ripley; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

James W. Carr

James William "Bill" Carr, 79, of Columbus, Miss., husband of Dorothy Dunn Carr, formerly of Halls, died Sunday at Baptist Hospital Golden Triangle, in Columbus.

Memorial services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Columbus First Baptist Church, Memorial Funeral Home, of Columbus, in charge.

He was a member of the Columbus First Baptist Church and Builders Bible class, a retired manager of the Purchasing and Production Control Dept. at American Bosch, and general manager of Industrial Specialty.

He was a member and past president of the Columbus Rotary Club, the Columbus Country Club and the Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce, and a member of

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Mike McNeill visited her mother, Mrs. Nell Caldwell, in Ripley Sunday afternoon.

Jerry Carmack, of Jackson, visited his father, Winston Carmack, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vaughn, of Bolivar, Brandy Simpson and Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, and Wendy Simpson, of Lightfoot, were Sunday dinner guests of the Pharis Escues.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Kimble, of Memphis, visited Mrs. Jimmie Burks Sunday. They attended services in Walnut Grove Baptist Church and lunched at Bozo's in Ripley.

Mrs. Barry Jordan and sons, of Memphis, visited the Floyd Emersons Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Emerson, of Alamo, and Jimmy Burks were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Paige, of Ripley, visited Sunday afternoon.

the Masons, Shriners and County Election Commission.

Other survivors include two daughters, Jamie Inmon and Kay Arnett, both of Starkville, Miss.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to UMC Children's Cancer Fund, % Dr. Jeanette Pullen, 2500 N. State St., Jackson, Miss. 39216, or the American Cancer Society Lowndes County Unit, P.O. Box 303, Columbus, Miss. 39703.

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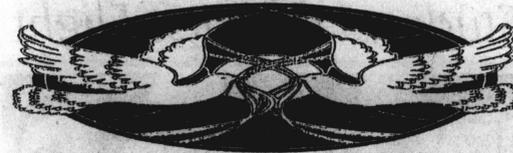
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The Sugar Creek Retirement Center Singing Convention will hold a special benefit concert at 7 p.m. Fri., May 16th at the Springhill Baptist Church, Hwy. 78, Dyersburg, for Bridget Ogden and family, of RoEllen, to help with out of pocket medical expenses due to Bridget's surgery this summer in St. Louis. The surgery will involve breaking her legs and resetting them to hopefully help her walk normally. Featured guests include 4 His Glory, Living Faith, Bro. Jim Branscum, and Bro. Tim Byars. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-663-3931.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church will hold homecoming services at 10 a.m. Sun., May 18th with a pot-luck luncheon at noon, with featured group, T-N-T, The New Testament singers, performing at 1 p.m. Roger Criner, pastor, invites the public.

Bethesda United Methodist Church, in Halls, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. May 18th through 21st with The Rev. Robert Craig as guest speaker. Special music and singing program will be presented during the revival along with a special children's program, including the Melville Puppet Ministry, May 21st. Refreshments will be served following the service. For more information, call Odessa Searce, 836-9233, or Joyce Manuel, 836-9222.

The New Sensational Heavenly Voices, of Ripley, will hold its 7th year pre-anniversary celebration at 6:30 p.m. May 17th at Peaceful Chapel Baptist Church, 1221 Fairground St., Brownsville, with many gospel groups performing. The public is invited.

The 7th year anniversary celebration will be held at 2:30 p.m. May 18th at Truth and Faith Baptist Church, 170 Oak Hill Subdivision, Ripley, with many gospel groups performing. The Rev. C. J. Peat, pastor, invites the public.

New Beginning FWC Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold its mission service at 6 p.m. Sun., May 18th with Bro. Mike Johnson, as guest speaker. Dyersburg Assembly of God Church will be the guest church. The public is invited. For more information, call 635-4440.

Henning First Assembly of God Church, 620 Graves Ave., will hold revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Sun., May 18th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly Mon., May 19th through Wed., May 21st with Brian Taylor, as guest evangelist. Steve Marlin, pastor, invites the public. For more information, call 731-738-5242.

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.

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

It's Just Stuff

The other day I heard a story about a plane that was caught recently in some of the storms that has plagued Tennessee this month. It seems the airliner was involved big-time in a thunderstorm that had the passengers really frightened and concerned for their lives.

A young lady sitting by a preacher who was quietly reading his Bible, had reached the point of total panic and was looking for any help she could get to make the storm stop. She turned to the preacher and asked him, "Preacher. You're a man of God, can't you get Him to make the storm stop?"

The preacher closed his Bible, folded his reading glasses and answered the young lady in as calming and reassuring voice as he could and said, "Madam, I know your concern, but you must understand that I'm in sales, not management."

Over the last several days I'm sure the preacher's sales may have increased due to the unsettling weather that has crossed Tennessee with deadly destruction. Storms seemed to have lined up like a train with hundreds of boxcars coming one after another from the west to the east. If your property was spared you are one of the lucky ones because very few of the state's citizens escaped nature's wrath without some kind of storm rattling their windows.

As I watched the news coverage of the devastation in Jackson, Tennessee early one morning, I was impressed with the comments of one young lady who had just seen her home totally destroyed. A news reporter asked the lady what she was going to do since she had lost everything she and her husband had worked for and owned.

Somewhat in shock but still able to manage a smile she answered his question by saying, "It's just stuff." She slowly walked from the camera and then stopped and continued to say, "We can get more stuff, but we have our lives and each other. I'm the most blessed person in the world today because I was given another chance for tomorrow as well as the rest of my family. Other people around here are not that fortunate. It was just stuff."

After hearing her comments I took a look around me and immediately understood what she was talking about. I have a lot of stuff just like she said and when it comes down to giving up stuff compared to losing human life, I would give up the stuff any day.

It is amazing the kind of contests we as humans can get into. I'm not talking about contests like sports or card games, but the kind of contests that we seek to out do our fellow man in accumulating possessions or who has the most bragging rights. For years it has been the contest of keeping up with the Joneses and trying to see who can win with the largest house or most debt.

We get caught up in getting more and more stuff.

Today, we try to see who can get the largest SUV and the smallest cell phone. We have to have weekly yard sales to get rid of our almost used stuff so we can have more room for even more stuff.

I have an attic full of stuff along with a garage that doesn't have room for my car because it is also full of much more stuff. This weekend I will probably go out and buy some more stuff that will be added to the stuff I already have.

It is amazing that it takes a major catastrophe to get our attention about what is really important on this earth we share with others. Our stuff will come and go, but family, friends and others are what this life is all about.

Maybe we all should get into sales like the preacher and let management take care of the rest. Because just like the lady said, it is just stuff.

Newborn



BRYSON CONNOR MCKEE, 6 lb. 5 oz. son of Richie McKee and Angela Laws, of Ripley, was born April 20th at Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Grandparents are Teresa Kirby, of Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. William Laws, III, of Halls, and John McKee, of Fulton.

Special Report

from
State Representative

CRAIG FITZHUGH

Weekly Newsletter from Capitol Hill in Nashville

May 13, 2003

Contact: Matt Kroplin, Press Secretary, (615) 741-6620

House Passes Lottery Implementation Bill

On Wednesday, May 07, 2003, the Tennessee House of Representatives passed the Lottery Implementation Bill (HB1/SB1) by a vote of 66-30. The bill requires a fiscally sound approach to the implementation of the lottery by obligating only funds actually received. Key components of the legislation, as amended, are:

- > Establishes the TN Education Lottery Corporation;
- > Establishes the Board of Directors which
 - o Outlines duties and power to hire CEO and
 - o Is Comprised of: 1 member appointed by House Speaker, 1 member appointed by Senate Speaker, and 5 members appointed by the Governor;
- > Mandates at least 35% of proceeds to be used by state (except for first two organizational years) for educational purposes;
- > Establishes a reserve account for surplus monies;
- > Establishes an 18 member legislative select committee to monitor the lottery programs;
- > Outlines guidelines for ticket sales;
- > Prohibits monies from the general fund to be used by or for Lottery Corporation;
- > Creates a 9 member advisory council for minority business participation;
- > Establishes a Procurement Panel to oversee the procurement process; and,
- > Establishes key ethics components to prohibit conflicts of interest.

After considering over thirty amendments to the legislation, including holding back attempts to thwart the bill, the House approved the legislation creating the mechanism for a statewide lottery by over a two-to-one margin. The legislation will now be sent to the Senate for further consideration.

A House-Senate Conference Committee will probably be appointed next week to work out the differences between the two versions. If these differences are worked out and the resulting posture is adopted by both Houses, it is likely that lottery tickets will be available for purchase shortly after the New Year, and scholarships will begin the following fall.

As we enter what will likely be the last few weeks of session for the year, the General Assembly will continue to work through the remaining bills as well as focus on the Lottery Education Bill and the annual budget. Each of these issues will likely receive lengthy debate as well as go to a House-Senate Conference Committee. It is my hope that we will be able to conduct the state's business in an efficient and accountable manner and adjourn by the end of May.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-449-8366, ext. 1-2134 or email me at rep.craig.fitzhugh@legislature.state.tn.us

EMERGENCY LOANS

Emergency loans for farmers, ranchers and operators, as a result of disasters caused by severe storms and flooding, Feb. 14, 2003, through Feb. 26,

2003, are available through the Lauderdale County office of the Farm Service Agency, according to John Dodds, Farm Loan manager.

Lauderdale County is eligible for Federal disaster assistance, pursuant to provisions of

Civil War Relived At Society Meeting

Mrs. Jerry Cumberland, who was scheduled as the guest speaker during the January meeting of the Lauderdale County Historical Society meeting but had to cancel due to the flu, will be the guest speaker at 2:30 p.m. May 18th at the Lauderdale County Library, 120 Lafayette St. Mrs. Cumberland will return as Mariam Beck Forrest Luxton, mother of General Nathan B. Forrest. Mrs. Cumberland and her husband, who substituted for her in the persona of Gen. Smith P. Bankhead, are active in Civil War reenacting. She is a retired investment banker.

Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

Applications for assistance will be accepted by FSA through Nov. 20, 2003, for physical and production losses.

Farmers qualifying for emergency loans may borrow up to 100% of their actual production loss, not to exceed a maximum of \$500,000, or the amount actually needed, whichever is less.

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

For further information, contact Greg Mathenia or Jean Smith, at the Farm Service Agency office, 301 Lake Dr., Ripley, 731-635-7686, ext. 111, or in Alamo, 731-696-5538, ext. 102.

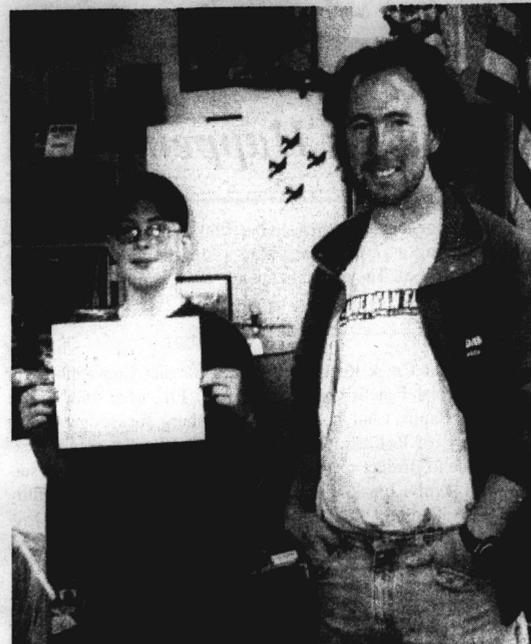
Except during the nine months before he draws his first breath, no man manages his affairs as well as a tree does.

—George Bernard Shaw

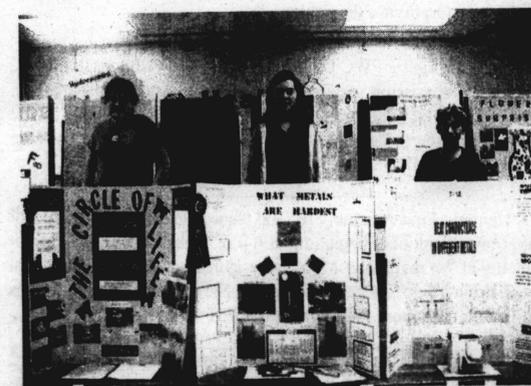


The word "millennium" comes from combining the Latin words for "one thousand" and "year".

Students On First Flight



BEN RAY, left, in upper photo, and Melinda Kaye Meeks, right, in lower photo, Halls Elementary School Essay Winners, attended the Arnold Field Fly-In Sat., April 26th. Their prize was a complementary airplane ride. Pilot Shane Davis, pictured with the students, flew them in his 172 Cessna and presented a "First Flight" certificate to each. Dan Irvin, member of the Arnold Field Airport Commission, coordinated the Fly-In. Approximately 20 airplanes flew in to meet other pilots, look at displays by aviation vendors, and were served a barbecue luncheon.



WINNERS at the Halls Elementary School Science Fair, held May 8th and 9th, include Kelli Reynolds, first place, Katye Cherry, second place, and Logan Reynolds, third place. Over 300 projects were displayed. Andy Campbell, fifth grade teacher, organized the event.

Project L.E.A.D.



STUDENTS, of Ripley Elementary School, upper photo, along with school officials and Chamber of Commerce representatives, had a ribbon cutting May 1st, celebrating the initiation of a 3-year (\$680,000) grant, for Project L.E.A.D. (Let Each Achieve Daily).

Lauderdale County was one of 16 school systems across the State of Tennessee to be awarded funding under the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center program.

In lower photo, Susan Campbell, Halls Junior High math teacher, provides assistance to students enrolled in the hour-long morning program, which begins at 6:45 a.m.

Tommy Durham, 7th from left, was named director of Project L.E.A.D., and manages an early morning program at Halls Junior High and a new after school program for RES.

Both programs, serving up to 100 students, who meet

qualifying guidelines, allow students to receive additional individual assistance from certified teachers in all academic studies, with a strong emphasis in math and reading.

The after school program at RES is from 3:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. for students in grades 3-5. They are provided with work in one or more basic skill areas and help with individual homework assignments. In addition, these students are involved in sports, games, arts and crafts and receive varied enrichment classes from community-based partners. Field trips and a daily snack are included.

Funding for a new 25 computer class has been provided under the grant to support the math and reading programs.

The grant was written through the joint efforts of Dr. Joan Hartman, Mrs. Sue Toles and Dr. Pam Sirmans, with an underlying objective to raise individual scores on Terra Nova testing by 10 to 15 points each year.

Birthdays

May 15 - Deanna Rollins, Peggy C. Webb, Billy Hunter, Marshall Hendren, Noah Nix, Wade Hendren, Mary Elizabeth Hughes.

May 16 - Tabatha Ford, Cindy Greaves, Judy Newman, Vickie Heath, John Olds, Ruby Solomon, Dawn Hemby, Sissy Steelman, Virginia Simmons, Dot Henderson, Christi Meeks, Sharon Belton, Arula Rutherford, Colby Allen, Kathy Sanders.

May 17 - Cindy McDonald, Debbie Coughlan, Kathy Cox, Sidney McKnight, Miranda Anderson, Beth Langley, David Nunn, Robin Porter, Tommy

Wright, Tammy Mountjoy, Eileen Byrd, Mary Nola Meeks, Carole White, Steve Stanley.

May 18 - Norris T. Nix, Bryan Elkins, Tim Etheridge, Leland Ward, Brandi Whielow.

May 19 - Angie Kiestler, Megan Crain, Rosa Dionicio, Sylvia King, Tyler James Talbot, Megan Crain, Stewart Ceparulo, Collins Voss, Christine Escue.

May 20 - Kathy Wade, Blake Tucker, Brandon Lee, Gary Allen, Emily Winters, Debbie Mills, Tina Horvath, Jamie Hutt.

May 21 - Bill Jones, Daniel Martin, Steven McKinnie, Shelia Crowder, Helen Gean, Cyndi Jones, Hayden Watts, Robert Belton, Stan Young, Casey Little.

EXTRA



Want to write locals for the Halls and Gates area? For information call 635-1771.

Scouts Aid Museum



MEMBERS of Girl Scout Troop 167, of Halls, along with guest, Dalton Gene, selected the Veteran's Museum on Arnold Field for a service project last week. Angela Gean, scout leader, helped coordinate as they performed various clerical jobs. Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association President Pat Higdon stated the Museum continually needs volunteers. The girl scouts were helpful because "they were able to complete in two hours tasks that would take an individual days," said Higdon.

Homeland Security Grant For County

The State of Tennessee will receive nearly \$11 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, with the vast majority passed to local jurisdictions, according to Governor Phil Bredesen who made the announcement Thursday of last week.

Lauderdale County is expected to receive \$30,000, while the surrounding counties are expected to receive an average of \$40,000. Most of the money will be divided and passed along to first responders in all 95 counties in Tennessee. According to Governor Bredesen, local officials could expect to begin receiving the money as early as July to spend on a range of needs, including equipment and training exercises.



Paul Miller of Alta Loma, California, grew the largest mustache ever grown in the U.S. It measured eight feet by March 1993.

ART EXHIBITED

Dr. Larry Griffin, Professor of English and Dean of Arts and Sciences at Dyersburg State Community College, has one of his watercolors, West Tennessee Sky Series #4, and one of his gouaches, Orphic Overcoding, accepted in the Arts Alive Juried Show, which is on exhibit at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, in Florence, Ala., until May 30th.

Dr. Griffin has exhibited his art works in juried shows in Penn., Tex., Calif., N.Y., Neb., Ariz., N.C., in addition to Ripley, Covington and Dyersburg.

He has published more than 60 nonfiction articles, three dozen short stories and more than 250 poems in regional, national and international journals and magazines.



The first gas pump was made by Sylvanus F. Bowser of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and delivered to local storekeeper Jake Gumper on September 5, 1885.

Halls Area Plans Summer Festival

The Halls Area Business Association has planned a summer festival Sat., June 21st and 22nd with many businesses participating and fun and games for all ages. Wed., June 18th the Halls/Gates Rotary Club will hold a golf scramble at the Dyersburg Municipal Course, contact Todd Henderson, 836-7741.

Events scheduled for Halls include at the Caboose Museum parking lot, an Arts and Crafts Flea Market, from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m., contact Carolyn McCaslin, 836-0596 and Touch-A-Truck, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; at the Main Street Mini Park, Music in the Park, from 10:45 a.m. till 4 p.m., contact Bobby Jacobs, 836-7611 or Joe Eskridge, 836-9290; all local businesses will hold a sidewalk sale from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sat., June 21st with sales and free drawings for prizes, contact Joe Eskridge, 836-9290; West Tennessee Medical Association Health Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Main Street with Dr. Srivastava and staff conducting health screenings, contact Connie Duvall, 836-7700; Healthy Hearts Home Run Derby from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Carihfield Park, call Alecia West, 635-4996;

H.A.B.A. Car, Truck, & Cycle Show at Carihfield Park from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., judging several classes and several categories of classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles, contact Martha Crites Abbott, 836-5987, or Stan Young, 836-7316; WASL Great American Karaoke Sign Off, Main Street, from 4 to 7 p.m., preliminary competition that leads up to the final contest held at the Dyer County Fair, contact Joe Eskridge; and a Halls Street Dance, from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. with live music on main street to dance the night away, contact Bobby Jacobs, 836-7611. Sunday will feature the West Tennessee Mini Pull from 1 until 4 p.m. in the field south of Halls by Dollar General Store, featuring mini tractors in pull competition, contact Clevy and Joyce Spry, 836-9751.

Wal-Mart Aids School



TODD ROSS, right, Wal-Mart manager, presented a check to Bonnie Sanders, center, and Barry Britt, left, on behalf of Halls High School Project Graduation. The \$1,000 check was part of Wal-Mart's bonus grant program.

Halls To Honor Military Service

The Patriots Chorus, sponsored by the Halls Community Club and the Veteran's Museum, will present a program at 4:30 p.m. Thurs., May 15th at the Mini Park in Halls at Front Street and Main to honor the service of America's Armed Forces. Armed Forces Day is May 17th and all members of the chorus are encouraged to participate. Families who have someone currently in the service are invited to attend, so the service member can be recognized. The public is invited.

Tomato Festival Planning Meeting

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce invites the public to a tomato festival planning meeting at 4 p.m., Wed., May 14th, in the chamber office, 123 S. Jefferson St.

For further information, call the chamber at 635-9541.

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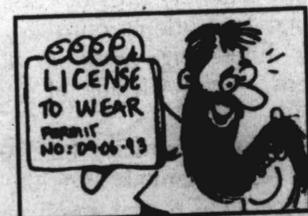
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Brenda Lynn Graves Taylor vs. Roger Taylor.
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Martha Spencer Bennett vs. Roger Dale Bennett.



Beards were once placed under government control in Rumania. Whiskers could be worn only if the owner secured an official permit, and paid the appropriate fee.

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Halls High School Scholarships And Awards Presented



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL TOP TEN FRESHMEN recognized Wednesday of last week include, in front, from left, Sarah Beth Warren, Caitlyn Hurt, Samantha Stiles, Brittnie Chipman, and Zach Webb, and in rear, Sally Jo Turner, Allorie Smith, Rachel Fitzhugh, Zak Kelley, and Colin Clendinning.

HALLS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS were recognized Wednesday of last week. Seniors receiving awards include, in front, from left, Danielle McBroom, Hospital League Volunteers of Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale; Leighanni Harris, Union Planters Valedictorian, Austin Peay State University, Mathematics award, Science award, Social Studies award, and Spanish award; Rachel Hammond, C. N. Armour, Jon M. Moore FFA Memorial Scholarship, Lauderdale County Education Association, Lauderdale County Education Foundation Merit Scholarship, Rhodes, and Agriculture award; Amanda Sanders, Lambuth University; Sarah Callender, David R. and Mildred W. Nunn Memorial Scholarship, Union University, Lipscomb University, and U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete; Jennifer Broglin, Blue Mountain College and Junior Auxiliary Scholarship; Mary Lee Bales, David R. and Mildred W. Nunn Memorial Scholarship, Lauderdale County Education Association, Union University, University of Tennessee at Martin, and English award; Amanda Britt, Arnold Academic, David R. and Mildred W. Nunn Memorial Scholarship, Lauderdale County Education Association, and Union University; Kristina Climer, Lambuth University and Information Technology award; Savannah Ferguson, Dyersburg State Community College - Dick and Martha Donner endowed; in second row, Lauren Solomon, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Keith Young, Bank of Kipley and marketing award; Lesley McGarrity, Dyersburg State Community College - Hugh M. Todd Jr. endowed; Kimberly Neill, Ross W. Dyer Memorial Scholarship, and Maryville College; Eboni Overall, Dyersburg State Community College - First Citizens National Bank; Rebecca Cherry, Dyersburg State Community College - First Citizens National Bank; Lauren Bivens, Carol Ann Douglas Fine Arts Scholarship, Dyersburg State Community College - Ed Lammom Memorial Endowment, Lauderdale County Food Service Scholarship, Charlene Ward Memorial Scholarship, and University of Tennessee at Martin; Kevin Webb, University of Memphis; John Akins, Key Corner Marketing Scholarship; and Ashlin, Tasia Steel; Dominique Patrick, Southwest Tennessee Community College and Athletic award; Matthew Harber, Robert Ward Memorial Scholarship; Andrew Dudas, Dyersburg State Community College - baseball; Krista Newman; Alisha White, University of Mississippi; and in rear, Vincent Dewalt, Arnold Academic, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Athletic Award, and U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete; Amanda Stewart; and Kim Davis, plus not pictured, Tiffinnee Ruijns, Dyersburg State Community College - Komatsu America International; Jason Chambers, art award; and James Stallworth, marketing award.



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL TOP TEN SOPHOMORES recognized Wednesday of last week include, in front, from left, Ashley Adkins, Brooke Barnes, Rachel McCaslin, Bailey Hutcherson, and Jennifer Bunatin, and in rear, Sara Wright, Derrica Simmons, Jessica Benitley, Jessica Matthews, and Erin Shands.



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL TOP TEN JUNIORS recognized Wednesday of last week include, in front, from left, Beth Sadler, Julie Pratt, and Kristina Edwards, and in rear, Kevin Ward, Heather Cowen, Braden Burns, Tyler Moore, and Kevin Kesler, plus, not pictured, Sallye Rae Hartman and Kari Escue.

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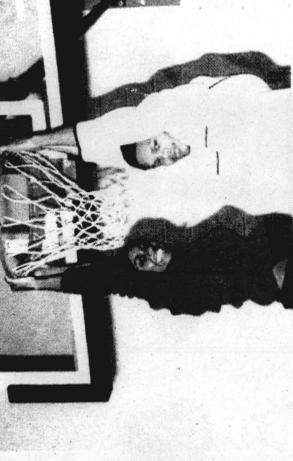
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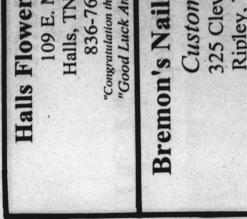
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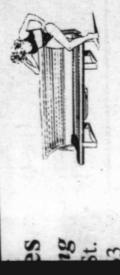


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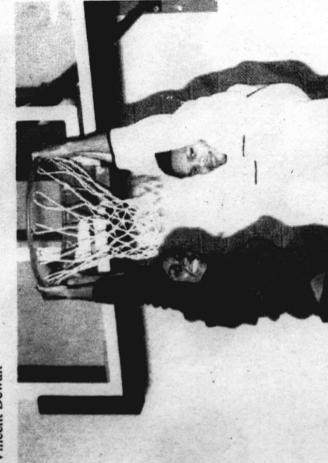
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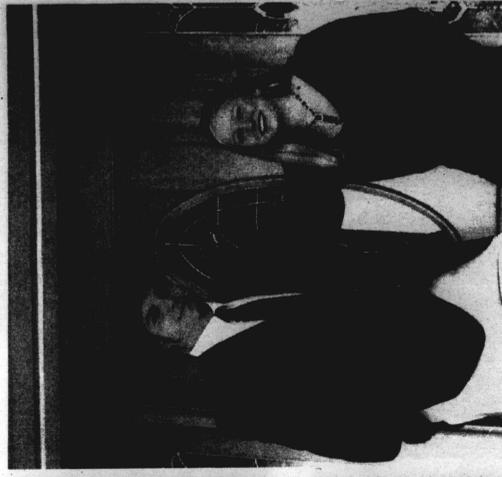
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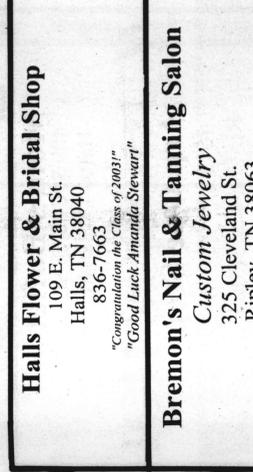
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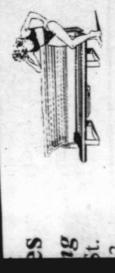


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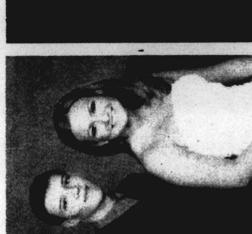


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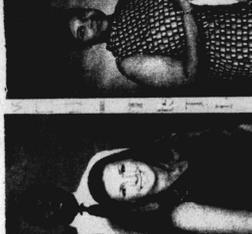
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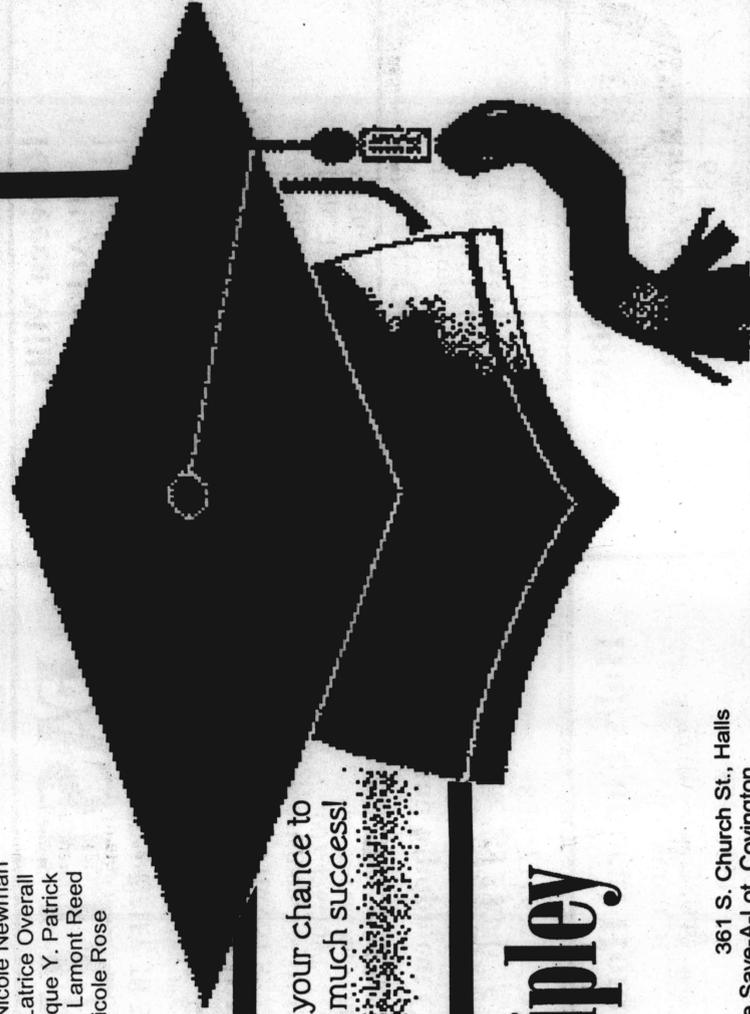
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Chamber Sponsors Litter Pick-Up Day

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce has signed up to be part of the TN Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest grassroots beautification, litter prevention and community improvement program.

Clean-up day for Lauderdale County is set for Sat., May 24th. Individuals and groups should meet at the Justice Complex on Hwy. 51 By-Pass, at 9 a.m. Trash bags, gloves and other supplies will be provided by Ruffies, a national sponsor.

In addition to litter pick-up, owners of old cars and junk vehicles are encouraged to have them removed. The National Kidney Foundation offers free removal for salvage.

Seven sources of litter include household rubbish and commercial refuse improperly contained, loading docks, construction sites, uncovered trucks, motorists/boaters and pedestrians.

Research from Keep America Beautiful, Inc., indicates that people litter where they feel no sense of ownership for the area, where litter has already accumulated, and where they feel others will pick up after them.

The Chamber urges everyone to take pride in their property, neighborhood and community by participating May 24th. For further details, or to sign up individually, or as a group, call the Chamber, 635-9541.

Council Of Arts Calling Artists

The Lauderdale County Council of Arts is hosting an invitational art exhibition during the 20th Annual Tomato Festival, beginning July 10th.

Artists are invited to submit two pieces of artwork, in any

Residents Honored



JAMES CHESHIER, 88, left, and **James Gregory**, 76, right, patients at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, were honored Tuesday through the Tennessee Health Care Association's (THCA) "Who's Who in Tennessee Nursing Homes" for their lifetime achievements and noteworthy community and professional contributions. In rear, **Rhonda Tyus**, left, activity director for the center, and **Mrs. Beaton Matthews**, right, of the Bank of Ripley, are pictured with them.

Mr. Cheshier, a former mayor of Halls, laughs when he recalls how he met his wife, Katherine. A friend of his asked him to walk a certain girl home, which turned out to be his "sweetheart" for life. A basketball player in high school, he left in 9th grade to work in a cotton gin. War times found him employed by a powder plant in Millington, producing war-related materials. After the war, he and Katherine, who is also a patient at the nursing home, moved to Halls, where he worked for Dyer Brothers Lumber Company until retirement.

Mr. Gregory was a victim to the most feared disease during the 1920's, polio. Polio struck fast, there was no cure and it crippled its victims for life. He still suffers from its crippling effects to this day. The disease was not, however, able to drag his spirits down, and he went on to have perfect attendance throughout high school, where he earned the title of "Most Studious". A graduate of Mississippi College, he also taught social science there until he retired in 1963.

medium or subject. The Council of Arts requests that work submitted be original and current within the last two years.

Participation forms and guidelines are available at the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, 731-635-9541, or at

any Bank of Ripley location, 635-1230.

The deadline to enter is June 20th. Artwork may be brought to the Bank of Ripley, 134 N. Jefferson St., on the square.

Attends Convention



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, from left, **Brooke Barnes**, **Jennifer Buntin**, **Bailey Hutcherson**, **Sarah Beth Warren**, and **Jessica Bentley**, attended the Tennessee Association of Student Councils Convention in Knoxville, hosted by West High School. The students participated in group activities, workshops led by student leaders across the state, and heard motivational speakers throughout the convention.

Rotary Program Guest



MAJ. GENERAL GUS L. HARGETT, right, the 74th Adjutant General of the State of Tennessee, was the program guest at the Halls-Gates Rotary Club meeting Monday. He was the guest of Rotarian **Shirley Spiller-Warpool**. Maj. General Hargett was appointed to the state's top military position in 2002 and is responsible for the supervision of the Military Department of Tennessee that includes the Army National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and the Tennessee State Guard. Halls Mayor **Eugene Pugh**, left, presented him the key to the Town of Halls. Rotarians from Ripley, along with **SPC Lane R. Childress**, **SFC James T. Arwood, Jr.**, **SFC Lonny S. Ferrell**, and **MSG Thomas J. Maness**, attended.

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Courtesies For Bride



HILLARY HAMILTON, bride-elect of Jonathan Wheeler, was honored April 19th with a kitchen shower in the home of Patsy Wright at 530 W. Main St., Halls, with Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Mahan, formerly of Halls, as co-hostess. The home was decorated in an Easter motif. Breakfast casserole, fresh fruit, homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee, lemonade, fruit punch, and soft drinks were served to guests, including Carla Hamilton, mother of the bride; Mrs. Bernard Higdon, grandmother of the bride; Mrs. Jerry Wheeler, of Alamo, mother of the groom; and Holly Wheeler, sister of the groom.

Miss Hamilton, in lower photo, was honored April 30th at the Halls First United Methodist Church with a miscellaneous shower and pot-luck dinner in the fellowship hall. The dining room was decorated with blue and white damask table cloths and a large centerpiece of white hydrangeas and roses.

Marriages

May 10 - Randall Max Gilbreath, 45, to Julia Faye Owens, 43, by James Lee Fox, III.

Lewis Oneal Paris, 20, to Tonya Annette Rowland, 18, by Thomas H. Waters.

May 17 - Bobby Lewis Shaw, 38, to Toshall Lashell Shaw, 25, by Robert Holland.

Michael Kelly Ward, 19, to Kristin Michelle Vaughn, 21, by Hollis W. Adams.

May 18 - Clifford Van Witherspoon, 26, to Juanita Marie Crews, 27, by Charlie James Peat.

Graduate



VALERIE JONES, daughter of James and Barbara Jones, of Henning, and granddaughter of Ernestine Trevillian, of Gates, and James G. Jones, of Stanton, received her bachelor of science degree in education Sat., May 10th from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Anniversaries

May 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Doug Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sumrow.

May 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chipman, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Broglin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Cannon.

May 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Taylor.

May 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Matt Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Kent, Mr. and Mrs. James Lumley.

May 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leek, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling McAlister, Mr. and Mrs. Larry White, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Adams.

Work and struggle and never accept an evil that you can change. —Andre Gide

Birthdays

May 22 - Caitlyn Gitchell, Ben Barcroft, Jan Burlison, Dee Ballard, Brad Studard, Geno Hawks, Charles Hurt, Phillip Andrew Wong, Dabnie James, Hannah Elizabeth McKee, Talmadge Crowder, Mark Holder, Candice Frazier, Steve Ray, Elsie Claire Young.

May 23 - Steve Fullen, Nathan Griggs, Jim Alford, Matt Harper, Billy Hines, Ginna Cherry.

May 24 - Eric Ellis, Robert Henry, Cody Tutor, Daisy Stewart.

May 25 - Mike Land, Lauren Cherry, Caroline Walker, David Kesler, Ashley Blakley, Nix Crawford, Bill Sweat, Sara Armstrong, Carrie Glenn, Kristen Mitchell, Anita Chrestman, Steve Smith.

May 26 - Linda Meeks Mitchell, Abe Taylor, Laura Buckner, Sharon Langley, Phillip Hurt, Vickie Pennington, Brenda Monday, Lin Thompson, Jackie Dunavant, Betty McConnell.

May 27 - Tiffany Kirby, Judy Edwards, Kelly Nation, Todd Taylor.

May 28 - James Mitchell, Ronald Blakley, Brittany Jones, Randal Shands.



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Obituaries

James R. Bowie

James Robert Bowie, 74, of Halls, farmer and retired security guard for Appleton Electric in Chicago, Ill., died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Oxford, Miss.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

A Korean War veteran, he leaves a sister, Bernece Davis, of Oxford, Miss.

L. C. Brooks

L. C. Brooks, 89, of Ripley, a former state highway worker, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Sunday in El Canaan Baptist Church near Henning, where he was a deacon and assistant Sunday School superintendent, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He was the widower of Barbara Bonds Brooks.

He leaves daughters, Kathy Brooks, of Ripley, Nedra Hunter, of Southfield, Mich., and Dorothy Gamblin, of Detroit, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

James W. Smith

James Wesley Smith, 83, retired barber, brother of Johnny W. Smith and Ruby (Mrs. Warner) Pace, of Curve, died Thursday of last week in Millington Healthcare Center.

Rites were Sunday in Munford Funeral Home Millington Chapel, with burial in Crigger Cemetery in Munford.

Survivors include his wife, Mary L. Smith; sons, Paul, of Arlington, Larry, of Dickinson, Tex., and Johnny and Robert, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughters, Patricia Ward, of Brighton, Paulette Lambert, of Atoka, and Janie Clark, of Atlanta, Ga.; another sister, Jeanette Burner, of Southaven, Miss.; 18 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Willard Mitchell

Willard S. Mitchell, 81, of Memphis, half-brother of Mabel Johnston, of Ripley, died Sunday in Memphis Veterans Medical Center.

Rites were Wednesday in Family Funeral Care Summer Ave. Chapel in Memphis, with burial in Memory Hill Gardens.

An Army veteran of World War II, with two Bronze Stars and a Philippine Liberation Ribbon, among other medals, he retired from Kimco Auto Parts.

Survivors include a son, Willard O. Mitchell, of Bartlett; a caregiver, Faye Helms, of Memphis; and two grandsons.

Andrew D. Luck

Andrew David Luck, 52, of Savannah, brother of Donnie Kern Luck, of 3425 Porter's Gap Road, Halls, died Sunday in Hardin County General Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday in Shackelford Funeral Home, with burial in Prater's Chapel Cemetery in Hardin County.

Survivors include a son, A. D. II, a daughter, Heather Nicole Pinson, and his mother, Clara Mae Luck, of Savannah; another brother, Arthur Ives Luck, Jr., of Alabama; sisters, Carolyn Jean Reaves, of Savannah, Eunice Marie Brown, of Clifton, Mary Eva Taylor, of Columbia, and Glinda Kern Luck, of Boston, Mass.; and seven grandchildren.

Lloyd B. Noble

Lloyd B. Noble, 67, father of Linda McWilliams, of Halls, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Sunday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

A member of Lloyd and the Nobles band, he had retired as manager of Noble Properties.

An Army veteran, he was a member of First United Methodist Church in Dyersburg, and of the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley R. Noble; his mother, Elvora Noble, of Dyersburg; other daughters, Jan Waller, of Newbern, and Teresa Matthews, of Dyersburg; a sister, Virginia Deakin, of Toledo, Ohio; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Sonja Gail Little

Sonja Gail Little, 53, half-sister of Denise Casey and Legenia Smith, of Ripley, and of Ricky Huey and Ruth Turnbow, of Halls, died Friday, at home, in Dyersburg.

Rites were at 3 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg, Dyersburg Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include another half-sister, Shelia Clendenin, of Dyersburg.

Robert Glass

Robert Glass, Jr., 63, Dyersburg, died May 17th, of heart failure, at Methodist Hospital in Dyersburg.

Services are set for 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Bells Funeral Home, with burial in Garden of Everlasting Life, in Covington.

Survivors include his mother, Willella Carpenter, and step-father, David Chatwood, of Dyersburg.

Lang Brown

Lang "Keyda" Brown, 76, of Ripley, farmer, died May 17th at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, near Ripley, with burial in Garden of Everlasting Life, in Covington, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include one brother, Louis Brown, of Alamo; and two sisters, Myrtle "Sueda" Reed, of Ripley, and Janie Williams, of Dyer.

Jack Johnson

Jack Johnson, 89, of Dyersburg, former construction worker and farmer, died May 17th, of heart failure, at Regional Medical Center, in Dyersburg.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity C.M.E. Church in Gates, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include two brothers, Tom Johnson, of Louisiana, and The Rev. C. L. Johnson, of Saginaw, Mich.; and two nephews, Douglas Pitts, of Ripley, and Frederick Wells, of Dyersburg, whom he reared.

John L. Collins

John L. Collins, 64, of Paris, father of Terry Collins, of Gates, died May 15th, at his home.

Services were at 3 p.m. Saturday in LeDon Chapel at Ridgeway Funeral Home, in Paris, with burial in Jones Chapel Cemetery, in Paris.

He was a member of Jones Chapel Baptist Church, a retired tool maker of Fisher Price, in Murray, Ky., and an employee of Tupperware in Halls for 19 years.

Other survivors include his wife, Joyce Collins, and another son, Chris Collins, both of Paris; his mother, Mary Elizabeth Gray Collins, a brother, Floyd Collins, and a sister, Helen Louise Rickman, all of

Mrs. Harrison

Mary Lucille Harrison, 71, wife of James W. Harrison, of 52 Dr. Lewis Rd., Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

Survivors include one son, Gene, of Lakeland; a daughter, Charlotte Parmer, of Poplarville, Miss.; brothers, Henry and Joe B. Hodge, and sisters, Dora Mae Colvin, Lola Brown, Ollie Jones, and Sadie Scott, all of Ripley; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Savannah; and four grandchildren.



Church Happenings

New Hope CME Church, 350 Mooror St., Henning, will observe its annual women's day services at 11 a.m. Sun., May 25th with Shelia Ingram as guest speaker and at 3 p.m. with Diane Edwards as guest speaker. The Rev. Joe Dowell, pastor, invites the public.

The Grace Bible Baptist Church, 8000 Hwy. 51 N., Halls, will hold its 10th annual "Truth for Youth" rally at 7 p.m. nightly beginning May 21st and continue through May 25th with pizza fellowship for the youth after Friday's service. Afternoon activities will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday with supper at 4:30 p.m. and evening services at 5:30 p.m. Sunday services will begin at 10 a.m. For more information or a ride, call 731-836-5501. The public is invited.

Canaan Baptist Church, Hwy. 87, Henning, will hold appreciation day for its pastor, The Rev. Clarence Bayes, and his wife's eight years of service at 3 p.m. Sun., May 25th with Sam Mickens, of Lake Grove Baptist Church in Memphis, as guest speaker. The public is invited.

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Representing HHS



STUDENTS selected to represent Halls High School at Volunteer Girls State, May 31st through June 7th, at Middle Tennessee State University, in Murfreesboro, are Beth Sadler, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sadler, and Heather Cowan, second from left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cowan.

Kevin Ward, third from left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Matthews, will represent HHS at Boys State, May 25th through May 31st at Tennessee Tech University, in Cookeville.

Boys and girls, who are rising seniors, are provided the opportunity to form and run a mock government by meeting, living and working with other young leaders from across the state.

They spend the week setting up city, county and state

TUTORING PROGRAM

The Vista Volunteer Program will sponsor a tutoring program, centered primarily on reading for grades kindergarten through 6th grade, at Lauderdale Headstart Center, beginning Wed., June 11th.

Interested persons should contact Dorothy Copeland at 635-8234 or 635-4055.

Readers Speak

Editor,

The Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority is a county government service operated twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Eleven full-time and 14 part-time employees serve our county diligently throughout the year to provide efficient, top quality emergency medical care to every patient transported. During the week of May 18-24, 2003, the employees of the LCAA will be celebrating National EMS Week. This week is set aside to honor the men and women of emergency medical technology for the services and care they provide daily. Throughout this week, county EMT's and paramedics work to promote awareness of first aid, CPR and basic emergency knowledge to different community organizations, ending the week with an employee banquet recognizing years of service for each member. Many times emergency medical service personnel are called upon during the greatest time of need in a person's life. They receive the call to duty, rush to the scene through unyielding traffic and arrive at the patient's home or accident site. The crew professionally treats and transports the patient to the local emergency room and silently departs after performing life-saving techniques. Next time you see one of our county EMS crews, tell them how much you appreciate the services they perform. That would be the greatest gift they could possibly receive. In addition, we would like to thank all of the local businesses that contributed to our EMS Week. Without community support from patrons and local government leaders, this week would not be possible.

Math-A-Thon Winners



HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Math-A-Thon winners include, Jovita Stark, who raised \$254; Michael Shaw, \$227.50; Cordale Robertson, \$389.90; Hali Conrad, \$200; and Elizabeth Hugueley, \$234.25. Cordale won a CD player and other prizes as the winner with the most money turned in. All participating students received awards and/or prizes. Phillis Barlow was the coordinator. The school has participated in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon for over ten years.

Divorces

- Andrea Denise Currie Haley vs. Lawrence Jordan Haley.
- Denita Littles Elrod vs. Jimmy Joe Elrod.
- William Ottaway Martin vs. Kaffy Jane Bronson Martin.
- Jeremy Wayne Booker vs. Lori Tucker Booker.



The tallest species of dog is the Irish wolfhound, which grows to be about 32 inches high at the shoulders.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 67-5-508, Tennessee Code Annotated, the property assessment records of Lauderdale County will be available for public inspection at the Property Assessor's office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse, during normal business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any person desiring to inspect these records may do so at the appointed time and place.

The Lauderdale County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments on June 2, 2003, and on dates thereafter as set by the Board until July 10, 2003. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization should appear before said Board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appeal your assessment to the County Board of Equalization may result in the assessment becoming final without further right to appeal.

Appointments can be made by calling 731-635-9561.
Don Smith
Lauderdale County Property Assessor



In its pure state, iron is silvery white.

Pet Therapy



ANIMALS, "Shy," the cat, and "Jake," the dog, along with Tracy, left, and Holly, right, of Animal Care Clinic, of Ripley, visit Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center every Wed. at 11 a.m. in the TV/movie room, to provide pet therapy for residents.

In lower photo, Helen Anderson, is holding "Shy."

Births

To Randy and Heather Gitchell, of Ripley, a 5 lb. 15 oz. son, Carson Wade, born April 25th in Baptist Women's Hospital in Memphis. He has an older sister, Kamryn, 6. Carson

Fort Prudhomme Recalls Suffering

During the 225th anniversary of the winter encampment at Valley Forge, the Fort Prudhomme Chapter Daughters of The American Revolution are making countians more aware of conditions and suffering during that era.

Although no battle was ever fought at Valley Forge, a war was won there during the American Revolution. The winter the American troops spent there, 1777-1778, was a war of survival.

The Marquis de Lafayette wrote, "The unfortunate soldiers were in want of everything; they had neither hats nor coats, nor shirts nor shoes. Their feet and their legs froze until they were black, and it was often necessary to amputate them." Despite these sufferings, the Continental Army survived and became more proficient militarily.

General Washington had more than 50 guards to assist him. To insure that the guards were loyal to him, they were chosen from among the male property owning native Virginians.

Even though Washington's army was overwhelmed by hardships, his men sang the praises of their commanding officer. They blamed the Continental Congress for their predicament. Washington was devoted to his troops and shared in the men's privations, living in spartan conditions at the Isaac Poits house in the village.

The Fort Prudhomme Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, recommends the public learn more about the Continental Army during their encampment at Valley Forge.

is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sanders, and Delbert Gitchell, all of Ripley, the great-grandson of Frances Voss, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. James Burnham, of Ripley, and the great-great-grandson of Mrs. Elmer Conrad, of Ripley.

To put your ideas into action is the most difficult thing in the world. —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Poster Winners



WINNERS in the Lauderdale County Economic Development industrial poster contest include, in upper photo, Ripley Elementary School, Jacoby Harris, whose poster featured TEP, second place; Hailee Brown and Heidi Lawson, S-R & Marvin Windows, first place; and Dennis Griggs and Kirstie Hunter, A.O. Smith, third place. In lower photo, Halls Elementary School winners include, Ryan Lumley, S-R, second place; Matthew Newman, Komatsu, first place; and Juan Chavez, Allen Stone Box, third place. First place winners received \$50, second, \$30, and third, \$25.

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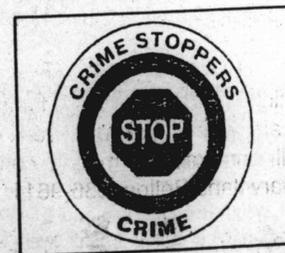
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Tennessee Farm Bureau

It's Just Stuff

The other day I heard a story about a plane that was caught recently in some of the storms that has plagued Tennessee this month. It seems the airliner was involved big-time in a thunderstorm that had the passengers really frightened and concerned for their lives.

A young lady sitting by a preacher who was quietly reading his Bible, had reached the point of total panic and was looking for any help she could get to make the storm stop. She turned to the preacher and asked him, "Preacher. You're a man of God, can't you get Him to make the storm stop?"

The preacher closed his Bible, folded his reading glasses and answered the young lady in as calming and reassuring voice as he could and said, "Madam, I know your concern, but you must understand that I'm in sales, not management."

Over the last several days I'm sure the preacher's sales may have increased due to the unsettling weather that has crossed Tennessee with deadly destruction. Storms seemed to have lined up like a train with hundreds of boxcars coming one after another from the west to the east. If your property was spared you are one of the lucky ones because very few of the state's citizens escaped nature's wrath without some kind of storm rattling their windows.

As I watched the news coverage of the devastation in Jackson, Tennessee early one morning, I was impressed with the comments of one young lady who had just seen her home totally destroyed. A news reporter asked the lady what she was going to do since she had lost everything she and her husband had worked for and owned.

Somewhat in shock but still able to manage a smile she answered his question by saying, "It's just stuff." She slowly walked from the camera and then stopped and continued to say, "We can get more stuff, but we have our lives and each other. I'm the most blessed person in the world today because I was given another chance for tomorrow as well as the rest of my family. Other people around here are not that fortunate. It was just stuff."

After hearing her comments I took a look around me and immediately understood what she was talking about. I have a lot of stuff just like she said and when it comes down to giving up stuff compared to losing human life, I would give up the stuff any day.

It is amazing the kind of contests we as humans can get into. I'm not talking about contests like sports or card games, but the kind of contests that we seek to out do our fellow man in accumulating possessions or who has the most bragging rights. For years it has been the contest of keeping up with the Joneses and trying to see who can win with the largest house or most debt.

We get caught up in getting more and more stuff.

Today, we try to see who can get the largest SUV and the smallest cell phone. We have to have weekly yard sales to get rid of our almost used stuff so we can have more room for even more stuff.

I have an attic full of stuff along with a garage that doesn't have room for my car because it is also full of much more stuff. This weekend I will probably go out and buy some more stuff that will be added to the stuff I already have.

It is amazing that it takes a major catastrophe to get our attention about what is really important on this earth we share with others. Our stuff will come and go, but family, friends and others are what this life is all about.

Maybe we all should get into sales like the preacher and let management take care of the rest. Because just like the lady said, it is just stuff.

Land Transfers

May 12 - Sam Johnston to John Dixon and Jackie Dixon, Dist. 3, lot.

Union Planters Mortgage, Inc. and Union Planters PMAC, Inc. to Learlean C. Williamson, Dist. 2, lot.

May 13 - Clifford Harry Bradford, III to Raymond E. Smith and Shirley Smith, Dist. 14, 2 tracts.

Williams C. Spiller and F. Bethany Spiller to Jerry O. Jackson, Dist. 2, 4,533 acres.

May 14 - Dennis Latham and Beth Latham to Michelle Alston, lot.

May 15 - Gladys Armour Carson Crain and Rebecca Ann Carson McWilliams to Kerry Dean Harrison and Lee Ann Viar Harrison, Dist. 12, 1.5 acres.

Jane E. Hines to Janet Hurt and Ronny Hines, Dist. 12, lot.

Mike Douglas to William Doyal Whitson, Dist. 6, 2 lots.

Announces First Quarter Results To 4 - H Congress

Katie Winchester, president and CEO of First Citizens Bancshares, Inc., announced a net income of \$1.9 million for the period ending Mar. 31, 2003, a 11.83% increase over first quarter 2002.

Earnings per share increased 12.50% to \$.54 from \$.48. Return on average assets was 1.15% for 2003, compared to 1.33% for the same period in 2002.

Cost of funds declined 161 basis points over the past 12 months, a reflection of the current interest rate environment and action taken by the Federal Reserve to stimulate a slowing economy.

Activity in secondary mortgage lending exceeded all previous records, as consumers took advantage of low interest rates by refinancing existing mortgages.

Bancshares currently operates from 17 locations in six West Tennessee counties. Branches under construction in Martin and Arlington are expected to open in early fall.

Bank of Ripley, Bancorp-South in Jackson, which has a branch in Henning, and First Citizens National Bank in Dyersburg, which has a branch in Ripley, joined forces, along with 47 other banks, and the Tennessee 4-H Club Foundation and sponsored the representatives' luncheon held in conjunction with the annual 4-H Congress, April 13th through the 15th at the Downtown Sheraton in Nashville. The 50 banks contributed almost \$3,900 toward the program.

"As longtime 'Friends of 4-H,' the members of the Tennessee Bankers Association applaud the interest these young people demonstrated in the legislative process of our state and their desire to have a positive impact on the future," said Ed C. Loughry, chairman of the TBA and chairman and CEO of Cavalry Banking in Murfreesboro.

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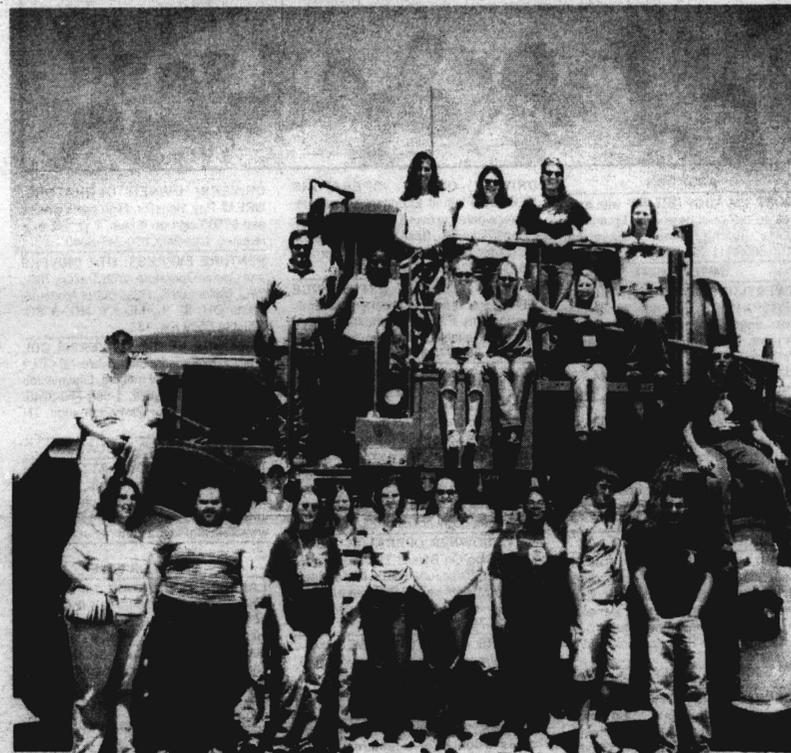
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Youth Leadership



STUDENTS, of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Lauderdale Youth Leadership Class, attended a class session, Agriculture in Lauderdale County, May 22nd, exposing them to the importance of agriculture as a business in the county.

They visited the AgCenter and learned about farm equipment, its expanding technology and the expense related to farming.

After lunch at Commissioner Rob Reviere's farm,

they toured his farming and cattle operation.

They visited Ashport with Scott Fullen, of Fullen Land Management, who explained their farming operation, what crops they grow, and the type of equipment and technology they used. Students are pictured on one of the Fullen tractors.

In Halls, they visited the Co-Op, where Tim Sumrow talked to them about the role a Co-Op plays, in addition to

giving them information on growing cotton and soybeans and other obstacles farmers face.

From there, they traveled to the Hurt Seed Company, toured their operation, and on to Jimmy Sanders, Inc., to learn about its operation and how they work with area farmers.

The session was planned by Rose Fullen and Steve Wilson, board members for Lauderdale Youth Leadership.

wishes to speak about issues relative to these programs.

A local meeting is set for Tues., June 10th, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the CSFP Warehouse, located at 325 S. Mill Ave., in Dyersburg.

For further information, call 1-800-342-5942, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be sent to Margaret F. Major, Ma-

Best Friends Graduate



JORDAN CRIFIELD, right, and Angela Pugh, left, graduated May 10th from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with honors degrees. They started school together in 1986 at Halls Elementary School and have been best friends ever since.

Jordan, the daughter of Jerry and Mary Jo Criffield, graduated magna cum laude in the College of Communications, majoring in broadcasting. While at UT, Jordan served as a UT Ambassador for three years and was an active member in the student government association, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Alpha Epsilon Rho Society, and interned with CBS affiliate, WVLT-Volunteer News. Jordan was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, Order of Omega, Top Ten Homecoming Queen finalist, and served on the senior gift committee. She is seeking employment in the Knoxville area after a short visit with family.

Angela, daughter of Andy and Donna Pugh, graduated summa cum laude in the College of Business, majoring in accounting. She has been involved in the Phi Eta Sigma national Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, and Beta Alpha Psi Accounting fraternity. Angela interned at Merrill Lynch, served on the executive council in the College of Business, and plans to enroll in the MBA graduate program this fall.

PATTAT IN PRISON

Clayton Pattat, 39, of 224 Lake Drive, Ripley, has entered the Federal Correctional Institution in Forrest City, Ark., to begin serving a year and a day "camp" sentence for theft from the Tucker Adult Development Center, in this county.

The prison term is among fines, restitution, and probation requirements imposed by U.S. Judge Jon McCalla March 21st.

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Center To Hold Beauty Pageant

A senior resident beauty pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sat., May 31st at Lauderdale Community Living Center, 215 Lackey Lane, to select a king and queen to represent the facility. The event will be held in the main dining room. The public is invited. For more information, call Yelonda Lynch, activity director, 635-5100.

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Obituaries

Laura Anderson Owned Joe's Pit

Laura Moselle Anderson, 73, of Ripley, former owner of Joe's Pit in Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

She leaves sisters, Juanita Jenkins, of Ripley, and Vivian Provost, of Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Glowner

Pearl L. Glowner, 83, of Caruthersville, Mo., widow of Elmer Glowner and mother of Johnny Jackson and Marvin Moore, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Gideon, Mo., where a daughter, Janice Burnett, resides.

Rites were Friday in Smith Funeral Home in Caruthersville, with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery at Steele, Mo.

Survivors include another daughter, Pauline Goforth, of Caruthersville; a brother, Doss Vaughn, of Henning; a sister, Minnie Jackson, of Ripley; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Heathcott

Irene Lang Heathcott, 89, mother of Forrest Heathcott, Jr., of 3291 Hwy. 19 west of Ripley, died Sunday in Harrisburg, Ark., where a daughter, Margaret Kail, resides.

Rites were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Halls.

Survivors include another son, L. C. Heathcott, of Dyersburg; other daughters, Ruby Quinn, of Memphis, and Betty Chapman, of Horn Lake, Miss.; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Crowder

Maggie B. Crowder, 91, of Ripley, widow of Dan Crowder, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Lauderdale.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

She was a member of Conner Assembly of God.

She leaves five sons, Neil, of Ripley, Bennie, of Millington, Harbert, of Arlington, Jimmy, of Oxford, Miss., and Dan "Buddy" Crowder, of Abbeville, Miss.; daughters, Alice Daniels, Letha Nelson, and Phyllis Meade, of Ripley, and Cathy Navarro, of Tucson, Ariz.; brothers, A. L. Land, of Ripley, and George Land, of Union City; one sister, Helen Jackson, of Ripley; 20 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jennings

Genevieve Latham Carihfield Jennings, 90, widow of William E. Jennings, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Sunday in Macedonia Baptist Church at Edith, where she was a member, with burial in Edith Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She had been a member of Bexar Family and Community Education Club.

She leaves daughters, Ann Carihfield Cagle and Shirley Carihfield Spiller-Warpool, of Ripley; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Neal Love

Mary Neal Love, 71, of Maury City, retired from the Smith-Rout Cleaners in Memphis, died Tuesday of last week in West Tennessee Transitional Care in Jackson.

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

She was a member of Maury City Church of Christ.

She leaves sisters, Carolyn Ann Love, of Maury City, and Christine Hinton, of McKenzie.

Mr. Emerson

Woodrow Emerson, 84, Haywood County farmer who was the brother of Floyd and John C. Emerson, of Gates, and of Norma Summar, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

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

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of First United Methodist Church in Brownsville.

He was the widower of Opal Virginia Emerson. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth and Terry, of Brownsville; other brothers, Freddie, of Dyer, and Sam, of Charleston, S.C.; other sisters, Elva Marcum, of Memphis, and Louise Rafino, of Dallas, Tex.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Phillips

Robert Phillips, 71, of Millington, brother-in-law of Vernerdean Thompson Phillips, of Ripley, died Saturday, of heart failure, at Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday, at Friendship United Methodist Church, in Millington, with burial in the church cemetery.

Other survivors include three brothers, Joseph Phillips, of Millington, Henry Phillips, of Memphis, and Benjamin Phillips, of Osceola, Ark.; and two sisters, Carrie Rush, of Millington, and Francis Gibson, of Memphis.

Carolyn Vickery

Carolyn Ann Vickery, 42, of Halls, former McDonald's employee, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

She was a member of Gates Baptist Church.

She leaves brothers, Charles Edward Vickery and Ricky Carlton Vickery, of Halls, and Hayden Vickery, Jr., of Trenton.

Mrs. Sawyer

Mrs. O. Z. Sawyer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of Halls, homemaker, sister-in-law of James Sawyer, of Gates, died May 21st, at Brooklyn Medical Center.

Services are set for 3 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Church, in Gates, with burial in the church cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

The widow of Jerry Sawyer, she leaves three sons, Larry Sawyer and James Odean Sawyer, both of Brooklyn, and Jerry Sawyer, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Pauline Johnson, of Orlando, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Halliburton

Everlena Halliburton, 86, of Dyersburg, nurses aid, formerly of Ripley, died Sunday, of heart failure, at Dyersburg Regional Hospital.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Friday at Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, with burial in Garden of Everlasting Life, in Covington.

Survivors include two sons, Jesse Halliburton and David Halliburton, both of Dyersburg; and 16 grandchildren.

Lois S. Wilson

Lois Smith Wilson, 87, of Greensboro, N.C., formerly of Lauderdale County, died May 23rd at her residence.

Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home, of Greensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

She was born October 29, 1915, in Lauderdale County to William Hiram Smith and Laura Myrtle Smith.

She was a Baptist and past Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one brother, James L. Smith, of North Charleston, S. C.

Divorces

Brenda Carol Tucker vs. Ricky Earl Tucker.

Michael Chad Ballard vs. Martha Ann Lemons Ballard.

Linda Fay McKee vs. John Evans McKee.

FEMA Extends TN Disaster Aid

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has expanded aid to include a total of 65 of Tennessee's 95 counties for disaster aid, as a result of the tornadoes, floods and severe storms that began May 4th.

Individual assistance includes temporary housing and home repair, disaster unemployment assistance, grants for essential needs not met by other programs, and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans to repair or replace damaged property.

Required information needed to register includes current phone number; address at time of disaster and current address; social security number; general list of damages and losses; good directions to damaged property; general financial information; and, if insured, the insurance policy number, or agent and company name.

Residents declaring for individual assistance, who suffered storm losses, should register with FEMA, by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., seven days a week.

The TDD number for those with speech or hearing impairment is 1-800-462-7585.

DSCC REGISTRATION

Dyersburg State Community College will hold registration for the 2003 summer semester Wed., May 28, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at DSCC campus in Dyersburg.

Students enrolling in first or second session, or full-term classes, should report to the Elder administration bldg. First session and full term classes begin Fri., May 30th.

A complete list of classes offered during the summer semester is available on the DSCC Academics page web site, www.dsc.edu.

For further information, including late registration dates, call 731-286-3330, or email enroll@dsc.edu.

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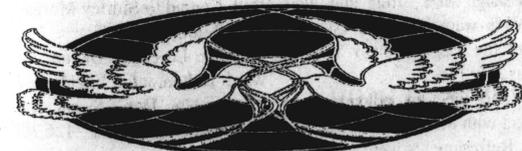
HONOREES, of the DAR Good Citizens Awards, were recognized, along with their mothers and guidance counselors, at the Key Corner Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution annual spring luncheon May 19th, at Charlene's Just Divine Tea Room.

Mrs. Sam Woodbury, of Dyersburg, Chapter Regent, welcomed all members and guests.

Mrs. Roger Harris, of Halls, Good Citizen's Awards chairman, introduced the honorees.

They are, from left, Janalyn Austin, of Dyer County High School, in Newbern, Linda Claire Gultery, of Dyersburg High School, and Natasha Bunner, of Tiptonville, representing Lake County High School. Not pictured is Mary Katherine Ramsey, of Crockett County High School, in Alamo.

Co-hostesses for the luncheon were Mrs. Neil Dyer, of Halls, Mrs. William Adcock, Jr., of Newbern, Mrs. Marion Buchannon, of Dyersburg, and Mrs. William Parks, of Trimble.



Church Happenings

Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, in the Flippin Community, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly May 28th through the 30th with Leon King, of Brownsville, as guest speaker. Claxton Reese, pastor, invites the public.

Holly Grove Baptist Church, 155 College Street, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly May 28th through 30th with Dr. Ellena Gooch as guest evangelist. Childcare will be available each night. The Rev. Dr. W. L. Reid, pastor, invites the public.

Vacation Bible School will be held for ages 4 through adult from 8 a.m. until noon June 9th through 13th. Free transportation and lunch will be available. The theme is "God's Treasure Chest". A special kickoff celebration will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Sun., June 8th at the church. For more information or for transportation, call Angela Flowers, 635-0721, or Bernetta Ellis, 635-6068. The public is invited.

St. Mark M. B. Church will hold its annual usher's day program at 2:30 p.m. June 8th with The Rev. W. A. Williamson, of Bells Chapel M. B. Church in Bells, as guest speaker. The Rev. Booker Joe Nance, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Top Teacher



MRS. ROSIE JOHNSON, of Gates, was selected as the 2003 Teacher of the Year at New Beginnings Preschool Thursday of last week. An employee for approximately a year, she and her husband, James, have two children, and three grandchildren.

Increase Of \$2.70 Electric Customers

Southwest Tennessee Electric, during their Apr. 29th board meeting, approved a \$2.70 increase in customer charge for residential customers, effective on all meter readings, on or after July 1, 2003.

"This addition to the customer charge is necessary due to an increase in operating expenses and capital investments," says Jack Fox, president of Southwest. "Our last increase was in Oct. of 1997. Since that time, we have continued to experience growth in both small commercial and residential accounts. The cooperative has been able to absorb these costs by experiencing an increase in electricity sales," said Fox.

The growth has necessitated constructing three new substations and performing three substation reconstruction projects. The company has also converted miles of single-phase line to three-phase line. Additionally, Southwest has averaged changing about 730 poles each year through normal plant maintenance.

The residential bill consists of four components, namely the customer charge and/or minimum bill, a charge for the first

800 kilowatt-hours used, a charge for kilowatt-hours used over 800, and any special charges, such as outdoor lighting or special billing.

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—David Lloyd George

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The Need For Income Protection Insurance

(NAPS)—If you're ever unable to work due to injury or illness, you can still protect yourself and your family with disability income protection insurance.

"It's important coverage, but many consumers either don't realize they don't have it or think they don't need it," says Matt Gilligan, Vice President, Disability Product Management, UnumProvident Corporation. UnumProvident is the leading provider of protection insurance.

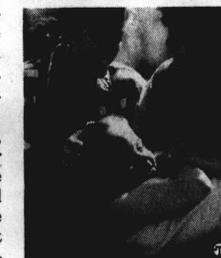
Most disabilities are temporary in nature, and so it is more important than ever to have the financial "safety net" provided by income protection insurance while focusing on recovery. And today's policies go beyond financial benefits to include clinical and vocational support to assist individuals in returning to work and productivity.

Five Reasons I Don't Need Disability Income Insurance

1. *It won't happen to me.* Some 30 percent of those 35 to 65 suffer a disability for at least 90 days. During your career, you are three-and-a-half times more likely to need disability coverage as life insurance. Forty-eight percent of home foreclosures are due to disability, only three percent from death.

2. *My employee benefits cover disability.* Health insurance would cover the medical costs, but what about your salary? A recent survey found 64 percent thought major medical plans provide disability benefits. Nearly a third thought disability insurance was the same as workers' compensation insurance. For those with employer-provided disability insurance, the typical policy generally covers 60 percent of an individual's income and the benefit is taxable.

3. *I have enough savings*



One reason for disability income insurance: Neither major medical nor workers' comp provides income protection benefits for injuries or illnesses that occur off the job.

and investments. Savings can be depleted quickly during a disability. Don't forget there are stiff penalties for withdrawing retirement investments. Most people have savings to cover less than six months of expenses.

4. *I have Social Security.* The benefit for a 30-year-old single individual making \$60,000 is \$1,600 a month. The benefit for a 50-year-old married individual making \$100,000 is \$2,700 a month. There often are long waits before benefits begin.

5. *We can live comfortably on my spouse's income.* A disability could mean additional expenses. One spouse's disability can greatly reduce the other's earning power, and living on one, reduced income can be tough when you're used to living on two.

"As with any insurance, it's best to be prepared. Many employers now offer a base level disability income protection insurance," Gilligan advises. "But if your employer does not offer it, or if the coverage doesn't adequately protect your income, think about an individual policy. Talk to your employer about a supplemental policy or call your insurance agent," he adds.

Anniversaries

May 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Warner Pace.
May 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Conner.
May 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ward, Mr. and Mrs. David Mueller.
June 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Langley, Jr.
June 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brown, Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Harmon, III.
June 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Thurmond.
June 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Meeks, Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Paige.

Marriages

May 11 - George Ray Anderson, 34, to Rebecca Rae Mitchell, 18, by Travis Wilbanks.
May 17 - Chad Adrain Gamble, 25, to Whitney Nicole Wofford, 22, by David K. Elkins.
Johnnie Frank Tyus, 74, to Verneadean Thompson, 64, by Willie L. Pounds.
May 23 - Percy Lee Somerville, 40, to Angela Annette Lee, 35, by Ross Williams.
Charles Thomas Parker, Jr., 30, to Lori Beth Emerson, 26, by Louis Hudson, III.
May 24 - Willie Lee Tomlin, 43, to Deborah Lashell Taylor, 40, by William H. Jarrett.

Birthdays

May 29 - Rhonda Wood, Ronnie Blakely, Benjamin Elkins, Mills Webster, Nan Danley, Ricky McWilliams, Myra Frazier, Kathy Sanders, Roy Bonds, Carol Dean, Sam Henderson Culver.
May 30 - DeNohal Alley, Margaret Fullen, Ron Peebles, Shirley Robison, Blake Fitz-

hugh, Emery Gillion, Alisha White, Inez Douglas, Don Prescott, Karen Hines, Molly Warwick, Xavion Currie, Linda Climer.

May 31 - Tyler Thurmond, Dana McLemore, Elizabeth Burks, Alex Pipkin, Rose Rhodes, Brandon Williams, Bruce Ward, Doris Henderson, Kristen Beasley, Sandy J. Ward, Phil Morris, Danielle Oswald, Diane Lane.

June 1 - Kelly Paris, Tabitha Brown, Mary McAlister, Deborah Sorrell, Alma Grooms, John Wade, Kelly Schroterger, Jennifer Lewis Hinton, Trent Alton Terry, June Reece, Joe Barnes, III.

June 2 - Donald Young, Elroy Meyer, Gloria Norvell, Judy Kelly, Leigh Douglas, Robert Cherry, Brandon Wakefield, Beth Anne Simpson, Roy Prince, Paul Betz, Morgan Andrew Trosper.

June 3 - Floyd Crain, Clayton White, Betty J. Rhoads, Paige Hendren, Vicky Smith, Dr. John English, Jo Ann Elder, Alice Ward, Debbie Fitzhugh Smith, Shane Belton, Hannah Hutcherson, Phillip Goodman, Mariah Carmack.

June 4 - Bryan Hyde, Ricky Tucker, John E. Braden, Pat Scheiblein, Lillian Sylvester, Renee Stanley, Wilma Patrick, Eric Mumford.



The first crossword puzzle appeared in the New York World newspaper Dec. 21, 1913, triggering a worldwide crossword puzzle craze.

TENNESSEE VETERANS

U.S. Rep. John Tanner and the House of Representatives have passed four new bills to help Tennessee veterans.

Legislation passed includes Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003 (H.R. 1683), which adjusts annual cost-of-living allowance for veterans with service-connected disabilities, and compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; H.R. 1911, which finds ways to help the Dept. of Defense and Dept. of Veterans Affairs to share resources and enhance service to Pentagon and military veterans; Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act, which makes permanent the authority for qualifying members of Selected Reserve to have access to home loans; and Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003, making it a crime for anyone convicted of defacing any monument on federal property commemorating the service of any person in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"Our nation is indebted to its military veterans, and we must continue to thank them for their service," Tanner said. "I remain dedicated to honoring the men and women who have risked so much to protect this country and help make it great."

Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, and has served in the U.S. Navy at the rank of Lieutenant, then served 26 years in the Tennessee National Guard, retiring in 2000 as a Colonel.

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Betty Ray Hosted Land Transfers Bexar FCE Club

Betty Ray was hostess for the May meeting of the Bexar FCE Club, which met in the fellowship hall at Macedonia Baptist Church, at Edith.

Extention agent, Jane Connell, introduced special guests, Deb Sorrell and Janet Savely, who presented the program, "Pamper Yourself."

Nine members enjoyed a relaxation spa. Ideas were presented for learning relaxation techniques, exercise tips, as well as other ways of pampering for a relaxed, stress-free and sound body.

After the program, Mrs. Ray, president, called the meeting to order. Martha Reed, devotional leader, read Psalms 62:8 as the scripture text for the topic, "relaxation."

Ona Voss, secretary, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report, read the minutes, which were approved, and called the roll. Each member answered with a favorite thing to do for relaxation.

During a brief business meeting, members were reminded of the county council meeting, Mon., June 2nd, that CVU's were due June 1st, and that the FCE Tomato Tasting was July 11th.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Voss in June. Refreshments were served.

May 16 - Joyce G. Ballard and Gina Ballard to Betty Hutcherson, Elaina Lane, and Danny Lane, Dist. 3, lot. Bobby Ward to Corey Kissell, Dist. 16, 4.9117 acres.

May 19 - Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere to Susan P. Newman, Dist. 2, 47/160 acres.

Bessie McCoy, Rebecca Mullikin, Wendel McCoy, Samuel McCoy, Kenneth McCoy, Patsy Heathcott, and Larry W. McCoy to Larry W. McCoy and Alice McCoy, Dist. 2, 44.25 acres.

May 20 - Marcus Keeley to Tekelia C. Smith, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Robert Spencer and Joyce Spencer to Mike Douglas and Leigh P. Douglas, Dist. 2, lot.

Jesse L. Spencer to Ricky Bridgewater and Becky Bridgewater, Dist. 2, 11.78 acres.

May 21 - S. N. Anthony, Jr., William Maxwell, and John B. Anthony to R. Keith Davidson and Melissa A. Davidson, Dist. 6, 5.968 acres.

May 22 - Odis Scoggins to Mary R. Bennett, Naomi S. Ray, and Beauton S. Matthews, Dist. 3, lot.

Raymond Dale Conrad and Beth Conrad to Shirley Morgan, Dist. 2, lot.

Anne Levesque Dalton, Edward Dalton, and Elizabeth J. Cooper to Don Sweat and Elaine Sweat, Dist. 5, 126.208 acres.

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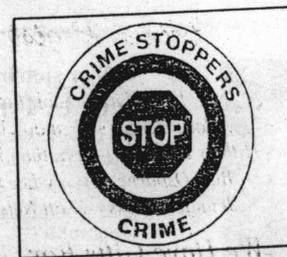
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Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Don't Put That In Your Mouth - You Don't Know Where It Has Been

During a recent visit to the local grocery store, I heard a young mother give her toddler some advice that I had not heard since my children were small. It was the same advice that mothers have been using since Eve had to deal with Cain and Abel and is just as important today as it has been through the ages.

As with all toddlers, anything that they may find that is not tied down will sooner or later end up in their mouths. This little guy that I was watching was no different and as he prepared to put a discarded grape in his mouth his mother immediately gave that age old advice, "Don't put that in your mouth, you don't know where it has been."

Those words spoken by a true mother echoed in my ears and brought back the memories of my own mother telling me the same thing many years ago. Just like the rest of you who heard those words of advice as you grew up, (as well as the threat that went along with it and all of you know what I mean) they still are a part of our conscience as adults.

However, I wonder if we really do question everything we put in our mouths as our mothers taught us. Do you ever wonder just exactly where the food you are eating was produced or where it

came from?

Would you really like to know what country the contents of that can of Brussels sprouts you just fed your family had its origin from? Or, would you rather just take it for granted that everything we eat comes from the good old U.S. of A.

With our country now on high alert from threats of bioterrorism, consumers like yourself are becoming more concerned about what they put in their mouths, just as their mothers have told them. A recent national survey does confirm that U.S. consumers do want to see the country of origin listed on fresh fruits and vegetables, and that they are willing to pay more for produce grown in the United States.

Under the 2002 Farm Act, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture must create guidelines for mandatory point-of-origin labeling no later than September 30, 2004. Until then, compliance is voluntary and based on guidelines issued by the Secretary in 2002.

A new survey was designed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and conducted by Mid-Florida Marketing and Research, Inc. Telephone interviews were conducted days, evenings and weekends, and collected the shopping habits of 2,500 consumers in eight major cities: New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Tampa, Birmingham, Charlotte, and Cincinnati.

Terence McElroy from FDACS reported on the recent survey that country of origin information is an important factor in consumer's buying decisions, and that they have more confidence in the quality of domestic produce. They also believe that food produced in the United States is safer than food imported from other countries.

McElroy gave the following survey information to prove his point:

- If the country of origin was clearly identified on fruits and vegetables, 37 percent of consumers said they would be willing to pay between 10 and 20 percent more for the same produce.

- More than two-thirds of consumers at least sometimes notice the country where fresh produce is grown. One-third notices the product's country of origin "always" or "often."

- 56 percent of consumers think that produce grown in the United States is safer than imported produce.

- 41 percent rate U.S.-grown produce as being of higher quality than imported produce.

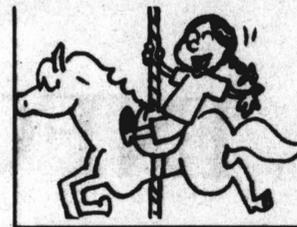
- If price and appearance were equal, 61 percent of consumers would select U.S.-grown produce.

- 62 percent would purchase U.S. produce if it had a logo or label identifying its country of origin.

There were other results listed in the survey and if you would like to see the highlights and graphs of that data you can see it at www.florida-agriculture.com.

agriculture.com.

Good advice like what your mama gave you is always important to remember and it looks like the American consumers are telling policymakers that they are wanting more of their food coming from the U.S.A. For sure, they want to know what country it actually came from.



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—Theodore Roosevelt

Concord Locals

By Louise Fennel

The Harvey Gitchells, of Houston, Tex., are visiting Mrs. Gitchell's sister, Mrs. Jimmie Burks.

The Junior Beards, of Roelen, visited the J. D. McNeills Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. J. D. McNeill and Mrs. Juanita Stanley attended the Tupperware reunion at the National Guard Armory in Ripley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams were luncheon guests Wednesday of last week of the Gerald Fitzhughs at Nankipoo.

Eli and Caleb Jordan, of Memphis, spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Floyd Emersons.

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, and Lee Williams and daughter, Tori, of Hernado, Miss., were Sunday supper guests of the Pharis Escues.

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