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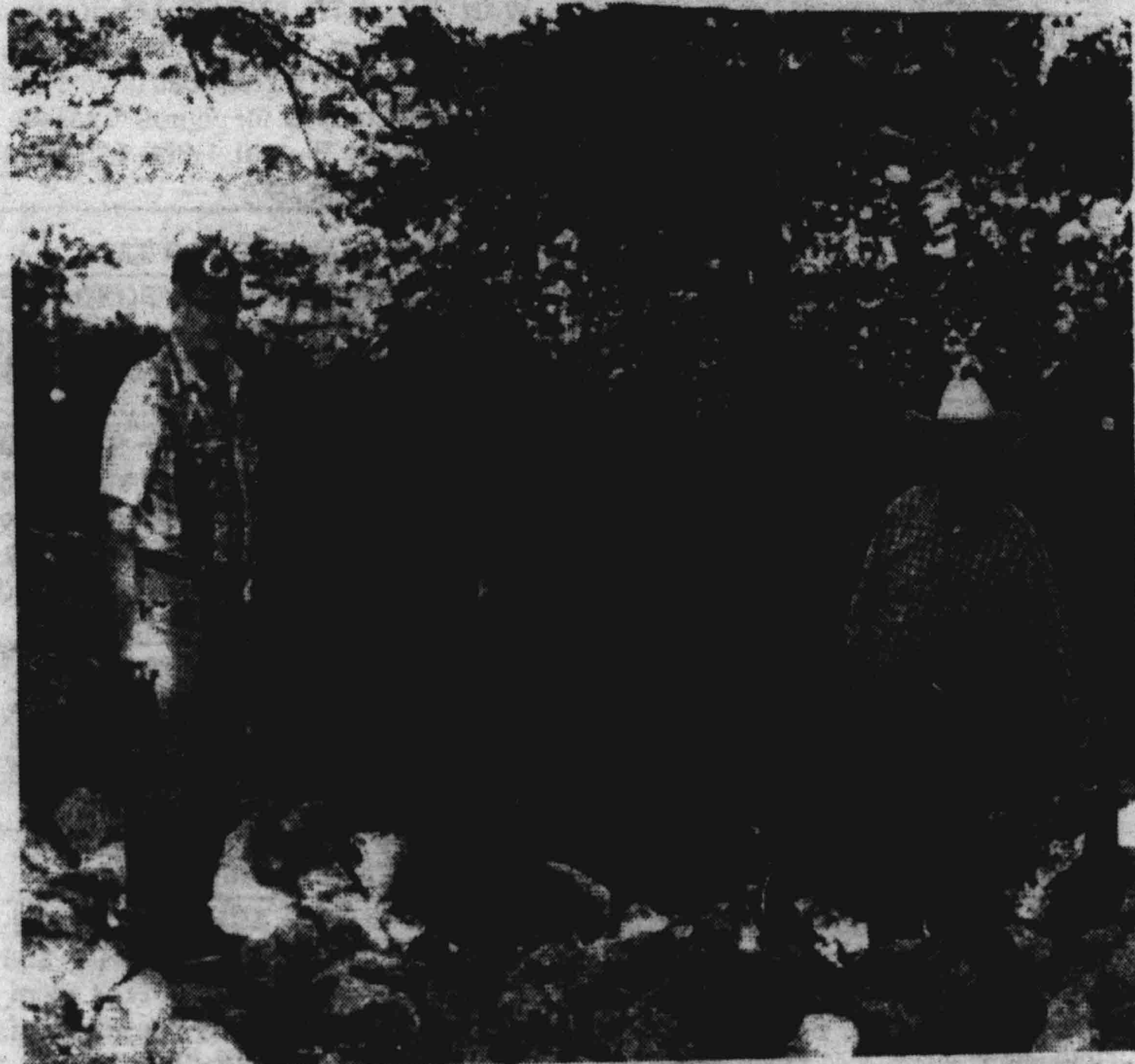
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Drivers Hurt In Head-On Collision



TWO DRIVERS were transported to the hospital, one by ambulance to Ripley and the other by helicopter to Memphis, after a head-on collision on Asbury Rd. at approximately 10 a.m. Tuesday. Ripley Police, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, and members of the Ambulance Authority responded. Tennessee Highway Patrol Officer Max, who worked the accident, was unavailable at press time for further information.

Examining Structures



CHARLES BURKS, left, landowner in the Dry Hill community, and **Arthur Bentley**, right, conservation technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, examine a conservation practice installed. Burks installed two rock drop grade stabilization structures, utilizing rock riprap to safely conduct

water down the slopes, thus eliminating gully erosion problems present on his farm.

Over the past few years, he has also converted his highly erodible cropland fields to pasture and hayland, working with the Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture conservation program to establish fields to

Library Friends Hold Book Sale

Do So FCE Club and Friends of the Lauderdale County Library will hold its monthly used book sale from 9 until 11 a.m. Sat., Sept. 6th in the green building, located behind the library, 120 Lafayette.

FSA-669A DEADLINE

Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, is the last day to return the FSA-669A nomination form for the Lauderdale County FSA committee election, local administrative area No. 2.

For further information, contact the FSA office at 301 Lake Drive in Ripley, or call 731-635-7686.

permanent grass and legumes.

For further information concerning conservation programs available to landowners, call the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service at 301 Lake Drive in Ripley, or call 731-635-7686, ext. 3.

Department Investigates Break In And Burglary

Officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department are investigating an early Sunday morning break in and burglary at the home of Don and Jane Connell in the Whitefield community. According to Investigator Terry Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Connell, after returning from church, found the back door kicked in and a briefcase missing from the home. The incident is still under investigation.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, 635-1311.

Receives Certificate



ALECIA C. WEST, second from left, Lauderdale County Healthy Hearts grant director, received her certificate of program completion from **Alfred T. Mays**, vice-president of corporate contributions and community relations, Johnson & Johnson; **Dr. Roderick King**, field director, Boston Regional Division, Health Resources and Services Administration; and **Victor C. Tabbush**, faculty director, Anderson School at UCLA.

Bank Of Ripley Fall Scholarship

The Bank of Ripley, a community Partner in Education, is offering a Fall scholarship to the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley. Applicants must be a resident of Lauderdale County, have a high school or GED

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Applications are available at any Bank of Ripley location and at the Tennessee Technology Center-Ripley.

For further information, call 635-1230 or 635-3368.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 15, 2003.

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Local graduates awarded degrees from Dyersburg State Community College include Lakenia Shana Halliburton, of Gates; and Aletha Inez Ingram (*magna cum laude*), Amanda Beth Hutcherson, Felicia Babette Burns (*cum laude*) and Lisa Amy Davenport (*magna cum laude*).

Dyersburg State recognizes graduates, who have sustained a grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 - 3.49, as

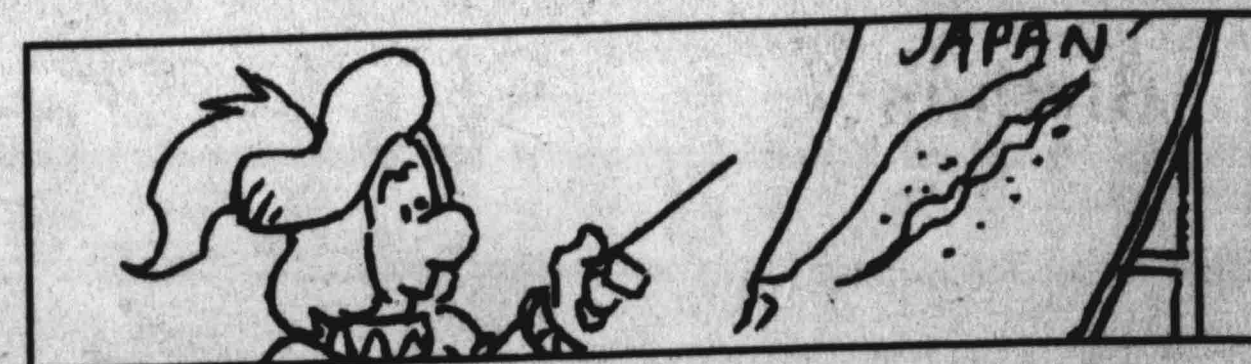
ANNUAL MINI GRANTS

The Bank of Ripley, a Partner in Education, is offering the 8th Annual Educational MINI grants, up to \$300, for teachers in Lauderdale County.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 10, 2003.

For further information, visit www.bankofripley.com (Community Center), or call 731-635-1230.

cum laude; those with a GPA of 3.5 - 3.74, as *magna cum laude*; and those with a GPA of 3.75 or higher, as *summa cum laude*.



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Birthdays

Sept. 4 - Rena Wheatley, Faye Walden, Tim Carmack, Judy Terry, Rita Hartman, Kevin Pridmore, Robert Alexander Harris, Crystal Rose, Woody Kirkpatrick, James Hatch, Peggy Sanders.

Sept. 5 - Hayden Ford, Mirian Jones, Scott Smith, Brad Alley, Dr. A. R. Walker, Bill Harmon, Mike Coley, Melissa Summar, Dale Taylor, Helen Harrell, John Cross, Mark Calender, Tony Vickery, Tonya Hurt, Kennedy Crihfield.

Sept. 6 - Gail White, Bernice Crain, Amy Winn, Ginger Feltus, Nancy Anderson, Alice Faye Carmack, Glenda Wright, Evelyn Hood, Bradley Poyner, Daniel Kiestler, Jay Austin.

Sept. 7 - Thomas Pillow, David Snell, Janice McCloud, Brooke Braden, Steve Cherry, Nancy Ward, Debbie Nolen, Megan Jordan, Harrison Stanley, Dustin Herron, Kevin Prescott, Martha McCoy, Leslie Kennedy.

Sept. 8 - Sam Henderson, Erin Elizabeth Crihfield, Norma Ward, Marlys Hargett, Oliver Arwood, Rachel Poston, Kevin Underwood, Hunter Harper, Sabrina LeMar, Clara Cooper, Steven Blake Evans, Susan Larson.

Sept. 9 - Jessica Gremard, Bill Henden, Sara Herder, Pam Henson, Dustin DeSpain, Beth Haynes, Bobby Doyle Ward, Jr., Dustin Waddell Belton, Janet Cates, Jenni D. Terry, Wanda Hill, Raven Kirkpatrick, Dean Barlow, Steve Hoggard, Charles Hammond, Diann Woods.

Sept. 10 - Earl Colvin, Laurine Warren, Dr. Bill Tucker, Amy Elder, Mark Anthony Patterson, Shelia Jenkins, Dan Maclin, Bubba Cates, Trisha Watson, Brandon Jackson, Greg Carter, Shirley Henderson.

She's Three



KASSIDY HURT, daughter of Charles and Tammy Hurt, of Halls, celebrated her third birthday, Aug. 30th with a Spiderman cake with family and friends.

Anniversaries

Sept. 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Finney.

Sept. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wyrick.

Sept. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frick, Mr. and Mrs. James Pipkin.

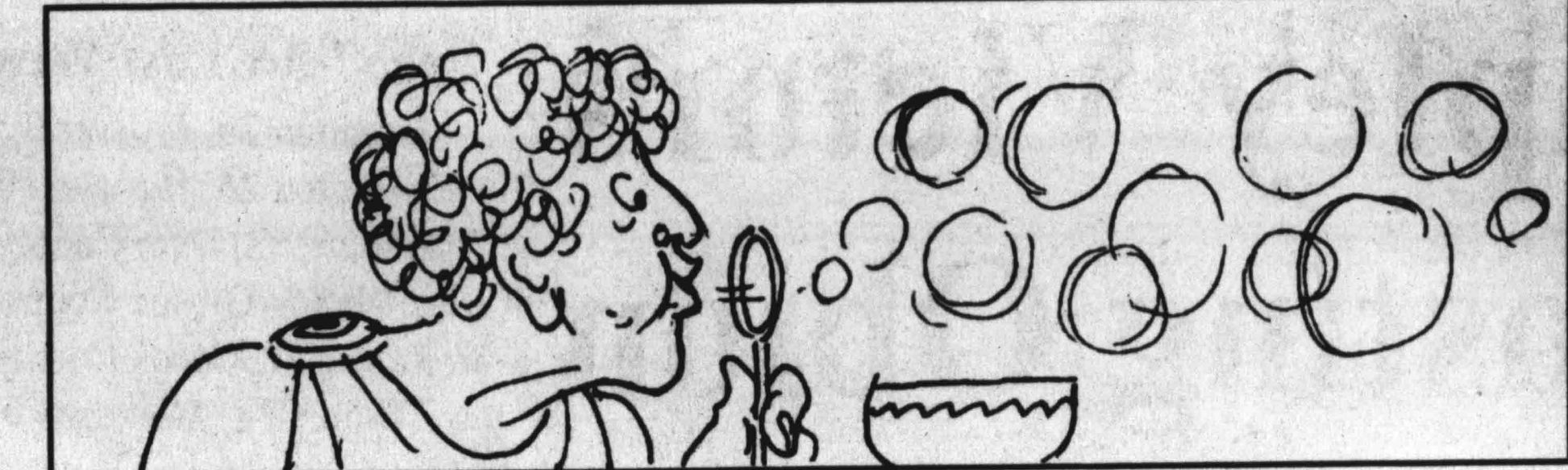
Sept. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keel, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gear, Jr.

Sept. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deaton, Mr. and Mrs. George Gruget, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Jones.

Sept. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cherry.

Sept. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Little.

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Ripley Victors Hosting Obion

Ripley High School's Tigers, winners last week from Memphis Manassas, 36-0, with senior Brian Flagg (6-2, 225) scoring three touchdowns, launch Region 7-3A play this Friday, hosting Obion Central's Rebels.

The Rebs, 8-3 last fall (4-1 in 7-3A), lost in the first round of the play-offs for the second consecutive year (as in four earlier appearances),

They had lost to Covington (undefeated in the region for the sixth consecutive year) only 21-13, after having led late in the contest.

They pass. And pass and pass. Senior quarterback Wes Moore (5-10, 170), all-region, has thrown for more

than 2,000 yards in each of the two previous seasons.

Reb coach Darren Bowling (78-37), imported from Louisiana to succeed Chris Hill, dresses 60+ players, but about half of them are freshmen also playing their own schedule and B-games.

Not to intimidate foes, he says, "they've worked hard, too, and they deserve to be a part of what we're doing."

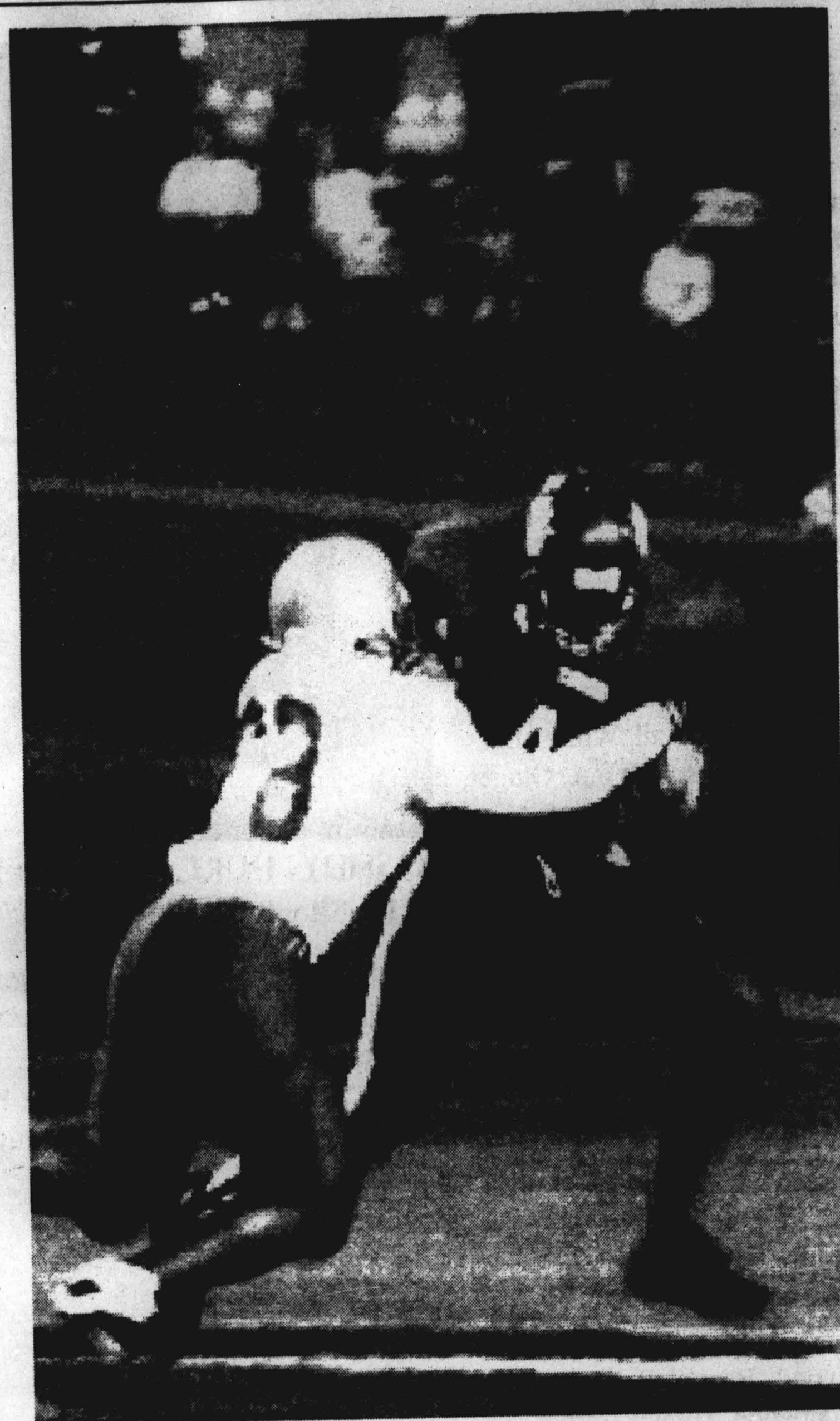
"We've got some good seniors they can learn from."

Reg. 7-3A Last Week
 Brighton 26, Frayser 0
 Covington 26, Haywood 9
 Dyersburg 38, Dyer County 0
 Dresden 36, Gibson County 7
 McKenzie 22, Obion County 0
 Ripley 36, Manassas 0

Reg. 7-3A Standings

Ties Broken By Point Spread, Then Alphab.	All Games W L	Reg. W L
Covington.....	1 1	0 0
Ripley	1 0	0 0
Brighton.....	1 0	0 0
Obion County ..	0 1	0 0
Gibson County	0 1	0 0
Dyer County.....	0 1	0 0

Ripley High Schedule
 Ripley 36, Manassas 0
 Sept. 5 Obion Central
 Sept. 12 Haywood County
 Sept. 19 At Dyer County
 Sept. 26 Memphis Treadwell
 Oct. 3 Covington
 Oct. 10 At Dyersburg
 Oct. 17 Brighton
 Oct. 24 At Munford
 Oct. 31 At Gibson County
 [Points 36, Foes 0]
Italics = Non-Region



Bruceton In Halls As 8-A Play Starts

Halls High School's Tigers, blitzed last week at Southern Baptist Educational Center in Southaven, Miss., 48-6, this Friday host Hollow-Rock/Bruceton's Tigers in the first round of Reg. 8-A play.

The Trojans stunned Halls in Southaven when quarterback Hunter Maynard hit Joey Stevenson for a 60-yard touchdown pass.

Maynard later scored from the eight and from the one. Grant Center, Sam Ginn, Jonathan Walker, and Matt Wilson added Trojan scores.

Bruceton Crushed 46-7
 Bruceton, 10-3 last fall after a loss, 21-7, to University School of Jackson in the quarter-finals of the play-offs, lost 20 of 22 starters, including Class A "Mr. Foot-

ball" and Ole Miss signee Patrick Willis.

Patrick's brother, Orery, a 5-11, 165 lb. junior tail-back, has 15 stitches in his mouth from Bruceton's loss last week to Huntingdon, 46-7.

The Mustangs held Bruceton to 35 yards on 36 first-half plays and led 33-0 at the half. With 2:03 left, Josh Erwin intercepted for four yards to avoid a shut-out.

Bruceton's loss logs coach Rod Sturdivant at 205-63.



Halls High School Band 2003

Region 8-A Last Week
 Huntingdon 46, Bruceton 7
 Greenfield, Open
 Rosemark 31, Gleason 0
 S.B.E.C. 48, Halls 6
 Lake County, Open
 So. Fulton 23, Ballard, Ky. 0
 Trinity Christ. 28, W. Carroll 15

Region 8-A Standings

Ties Broken By Total Pt. Spread	All Games W L	Reg. W L
South Fulton	2 0	0 0
West Carroll	0 1	0 0
Greenfield	0 1	0 0
Lake County.....	0 1	0 0
H-R/Bruceton ...	0 1	0 0
Halls	0 1	0 0
Gleason	0 2	0 0

Halls High Schedule
 S.B.E.C. 48, Halls 6
 Sept. 5, Hollow Rock/Bruceton
 Sept. 12 .. At Jackson Christian
 Sept. 19 .. Greenfield
 Sept. 26 Fayette Academy
 Oct. 3 At Stewart County
 Oct. 10 Gleason
 Oct. 17 At South Fulton
 Oct. 24 Lake County
 Oct. 31 At West Carroll
 [Halls Points, 6; Foes, 48]
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Obituaries

Dema Follis

Dema Follis, 62, of Dyersburg, mother of The Rev. Greg Jordan, of 346 Wade Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Friday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

She had retired as a certified nurse's assistant at Wesley Nursing Center in Dyersburg.

She was a member of Elon Baptist Church west of Halls.

She was the widow of Glen Follis. Survivors include brothers, Johnny and Thomas Gamble, of Dyersburg, and Butch Gamble, of Memphis; sisters, Brenda Cannon, Jewel Buchanan, Minnie Stanbrough, and Peggy Scarce, of Dyersburg, and Faye Davis, of Michigan; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Skelton

Mary Ann Skelton, 56, wife of Eddie Wayne Skelton, of Gates, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo, with burial in Center Cemetery at Gadsden.

Survivors include sons, Jimmy Guinn, of Ripley, and Carlos Guinn, of Maury City; brothers, Donnie Burgess, of St. Louis, Mo., and Billy Riggs, of Michigan; sisters, Betty Caldwell, of Gibson, Jan Smith, of Jackson, and Kathy Kalvich, of Trenton; and seven grandchildren.

Christine Escue

Christine Escue, 79, wife of Melvin E. Escue, of Henning, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Concord Cemetery.

She was a member of Durhamville Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Joe, of Bartlett, and Larry, of Carthage, Miss.; a daughter, Shirley Weir, of Covington; a half-brother, Delbert Newman, of Ripley; a half-sister, Gladys Crow, of Wichita, Kans.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Eva L. Wilson

Eva L. Wilson, 69, wife of Woodrow Wilson, of 255 Dr. Parks Rd., Gates, died Saturday in her home.

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

She had worked as a janitor in the county school system.

Survivors include one son, Danny, and daughters, Kathy Manley and Sheila Wilson, of Gates; sisters, Elizabeth Sanders, of Ripley, Lena Whittemore, of Millington, and Viola Campbell, of Bolivar; a half-brother, Floyd Creasy, of Providence; one grandchild; and three great-grandchildren.

F. V. Emerson

Freddie Van Emerson, 78, of Dyer, brother of Floyd and Johnny Emerson, of Gates, and of Norma Summar, of Ripley, died Aug. 19th in Humboldt Hospital.

Rites were Aug. 22nd in Roberts and Karnes Funeral Home in Rutherford, with burial in Yorkville Cemetery.

He had retired as a trucking industry dock worker.

Survivors include his wife, Marlene; a son, Dennis, of Dyer; two daughters, Amy Long, of Dyer, and Janetta Wilson, of Napa Valley, Calif.; another brother, Sam B. Emerson, of South Carolina; other sisters, Elva Marcum, of Memphis, and Louise Raffino, of Dallas, Tex.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Joanne Holcomb

Joanne P. Holcomb, 59, of Henning, a teacher, died Tuesday of last week in Methodist Healthcare University Hospital in Memphis.

Memorial services were Saturday in Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves a son, David E. Palmer, of Henning; a daughter, Renée Marie Palmer, of Atlanta, Ga.; her mother, Mary Tyus Holcomb, of Northlake, Ill.; brothers, Noah L. Holcomb, Jr., of Gary, Ind., and Robert E. Holcomb, of Miami Beach, Fla.; a sister, Betty V. Holcomb, of Chicago, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the Colon Cancer Assn. would be appropriate.

Sam F. Johnston, Henning Mayor

Sam F. Johnston, 96, former Henning mayor, County Court (now County Commission) magistrate, and state legislator, died Friday in Covington Care Center.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, burial in Hargrove Springs Cemetery.

He had retired, in the rank of captain, from the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Widower of Frances Hargrove Johnston, he leaves a brother, Thompson, of Halls; daughters, Morie Cardosi, of Memphis, and Betty Lou Castellaw, of Franklin; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Alma Hughes

Alma Christine Hughes, 74, sister of Gus Hughes, of 2058 Pennington Road, Gates, died Saturday in Crockett County Nursing Home in Alamo.

Rites were Tuesday in Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo, with burial in Robertson Cemetery.

She leaves another brother, Andrew, of Medina; and a sister, Lora Dell Teeter, of Southaven, Miss.

LaVerne Crews

LaVerne Jones Crews, 88, of Dyersburg, mother of Mary Meeks, of Halls, died Aug. 23rd in Dyersburg Manor Nursing Home.

Rites were Aug. 25th in Curry Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Retired from Dyersburg Fabrics, she was a member of Dyersburg First Assembly of God.

Survivors include a son, James L. Crews, of Dyersburg; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Kaela Littles

Kaela Marie Littles, daughter of John and Amanda Littles, of Ripley, was still-born Aug. 22nd in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Aug. 24th in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a brother, John Littles, Jr., and grandpar-

Mrs. Ormsby

Virginia Sue Ormsby, 79, of Memphis, former Riplian retired from the Postal Service, died Aug. 23rd in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Aug. 25th in Grace Cemetery at Central, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Wilkes, of Memphis; a brother, Claude E. Mitchell, Jr., of 3774 Edith-Nankipoo Road; and one grandchild.

Hattie Fields

Hattie Webster Fields, 70, of Ripley, homemaker, died Tuesday, at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at New Bethel Baptist Church, in Henning, with burial in West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, in Memphis, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

The widow of Joseph Fields, Sr., she leaves two brothers, Willie Lee Rogers, of Henning, and Earnest Rogers, of Decatur, Ill.; one sister, Emma Hudson, of Ripley; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Survivors include sons, Billy Wayne Littles and Darel Lynn and Loretta June Simpson, all of Ripley.



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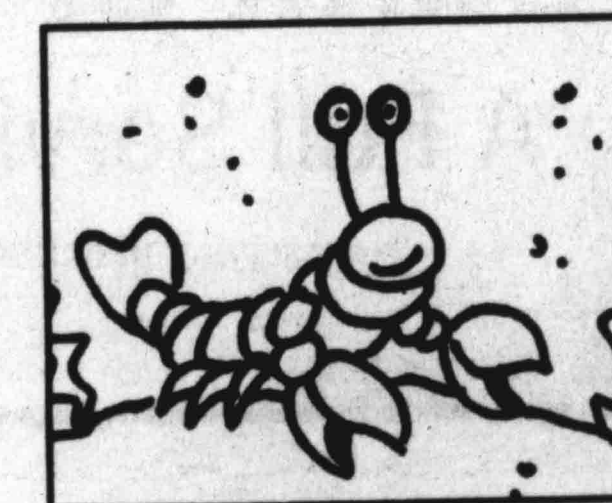
C. Montgomery

Charles Ernest Montgomery, 68, of Oceanside, Calif., formerly of Henning, son of former Henning mayor, Fred Montgomery, Jr., and Mary Ernestine Montgomery, of Henning, died Sunday, at San Diego Hospice in San Diego, Calif.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at New Hope C.M.E. Church in Henning, with burial in Montgomery Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He was a retired Lt. Commander of the U.S. Navy and a business manager at Curtis School in Los Angeles, Calif.

Other survivors include his wife, Kay Frances Montgomery, of Oceanside; five sons, Kevin Montgomery and Mark Montgomery, of Nashville, Michael Montgomery, of Escondido, Calif., Craig Montgomery, of Carlsbad, Calif., and Brian Montgomery, of Oceanside; three brothers, Marvin Montgomery, of Henning, Derik Montgomery, of Ripley, and Larry Montgomery, of Oceanside; three sisters, Ella Holloway and Shelia Dillard, of Henning, and Jerdine Jones, of Cleveland, Ohio; and five grandchildren.



One in 5,000 north Atlantic lobsters is born bright blue.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls will hold its regular monthly Planning Commission meeting at 5 p.m. Sept. 15th at Halls City Hall.

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School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Sept. 8th

Pizza
Corn dog
French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Apple
Fruit Cup
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice of Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 9th

Chicken Nuggets
Beef Outlet w/ Gravy
Green Peas
Mixed vegetables
Jello w/ fruit
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice of Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 10th

Oven Roasted ham
Steak Fingers
Macaroni & Cheese
Broccoli Bites
Pear Halves
Applesauce
Roll
Choice of Milk

Thursday, Sept. 11th

BBQ Chicken
Fish Fillet
Baked Beans
Green Beans
Peaches
Fruit Mix
Roll
Choice of Milk

Friday, Sept. 12th

Tacos w/ salsa
Deli Sandwich
Lettuce, Tomato, & Cheese Cup
Corn Nibbles
Pineapple Tidbits
Grapes
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Choice of Milk

Divorces

Mark Hubbard Jones vs. Kimberly Dawn Lewis Jones.
Leigh Ann Haynes McNeill vs. Jeffery Daniel McNeill.
Kristina Marie Hutcherson vs. Jackson Hutcherson.
Joseph Patrick Adkerson vs. Melissa Nell Henson Adkerson.
James Charles Davis vs. Alice Faye Taylor Davis.

Marriages

Aug. 22 - Van Allen Yants, Jr., 19, to Angela Kaye Kirby, 18, by Nick Wright.

Aug. 23 - James Edward Gibson, 66, to Bette Paschal Stalneck, 74, by Adrian Rogers.

Larry James Adams, Jr., 23, to Dakena Nicole Eison, 21, by Dennis D. Chaney, Sr.

Gary Douglas Kirby, 53, to Mary Magdalene Ray, 50, by Casey Burnett.

Aug. 29 - Jackie Keith Jackson, 27, to Amanda Lynn Gibson, 23, by Janice C. Craig.

Aug. 30 - Chinua Eugene Walker, 23, to Richea Dewyone Crew, 24, by Tommie L. House.

DEAN'S LIST

Local students, Debra D. Cook, of Halls, and Rachel Taylor Criner, of Ripley, were included on the Dean's List for the 2003 Spring semester at Dyersburg State Community College.

A student must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level courses during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester, to be included on the Dean's List.

Land Transfers

Aug. 22 - A. O. Smith Corporation and Smith A. O. Corporation to Ripley Power and Light, 3.250 acres.

Joe Wright to Mary Beach, Dist. 12, lot.

David Rogers, Kathy Rogers, and Kathy Ray to Burgin E. Smith and Barbara Bernice Smith, Dist. 16, 47.44 acres.

Aug. 25 - Bart C. Durham III to Mike Douglas, Dist. 2, lot.

AmSouth Bank to Charles S. Cherry, Sr., Dist. 2, lot.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Michael Shane Nelson and Emily Diane Nelson, Dist. 8, 1 acre.

Carol Rose Tippitt to

Church Happenings

A workshop in Christian mission will be held at St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning at 4 p.m. Sept. 8th with Ellena Gooch and Linda Marcell as ministers. William Jarrett, pastor, invites all mission groups or any interested person.

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.

Sharon Jo Tippitt, Dist. 4, lot.

Aug. 26 - Linda B. Tucker to Andy Griggs, Dist. 7, 28.0971 acres.

Aug. 27 - Peggy Sanders to Patsy Langley, lot.

Terry Richards and Beth Richards to Leslie E. Tucker and Jennifer Tucker, Dist. 2, lot.

Bitsy Ballard to Kimberly D. Blackstock and Timothy J. Blackstock, Dist. 12, 3 lots.

W. D. Drake to Robert F. Hendrix and Rebecca W. Hendrix, Dist. 1, 85 acres.

W. D. Drake to Robert F. Hendrix and Rebecca W. Hendrix, Dist. 1, 50.70 acres.

Norman Hendren to Dorothy Douglas, Dist. 2, lot.

Bill Crain and Frances Crain to David Rogers and Theresa Rogers, Dist. 2, lot.



Americans have \$10.5 billion in loose change hidden in coin jars, dresser drawers, and wedged between sofa cushions. (Source: Colimater Inc.)



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You may be eligible for training assistance from WIA if you were recently laid off at one of the following companies:

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First Source - Lauderdale County
A. O. Smith - Lauderdale County
Foamex - Gibson County
Goodyear - Obion County
Apex - Tipton County

As an eligible provider for WIA, Dyersburg State offers a variety of training opportunities to prepare you for new employment. Dyersburg State offers certificate programs or preparation for certification in the following areas:

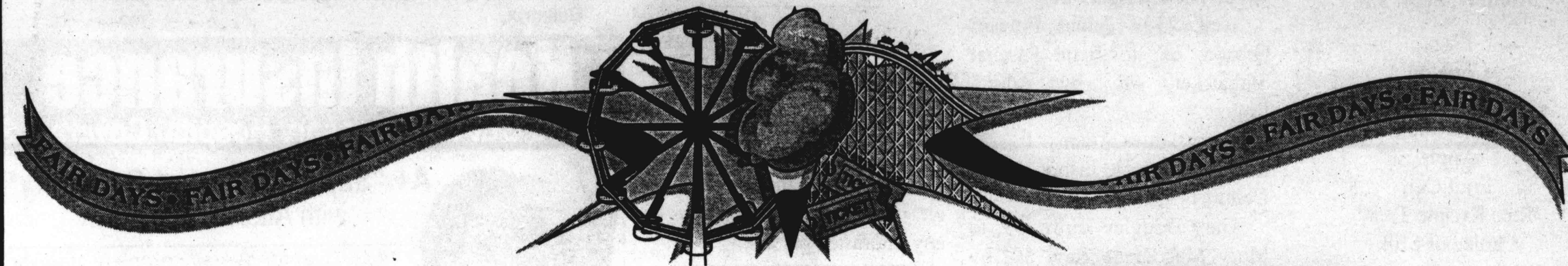
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If you are interested in any of these programs or other training opportunities at Dyersburg State, please contact the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board Administrative Office at 1-866-286-3585 and Dyersburg State Community College Office of Admissions and Records at 1-731-286-3327.

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DYER COUNTY FAIR



**THURSDAY
SEPT. 4**

**FRIDAY
SEPT. 5**

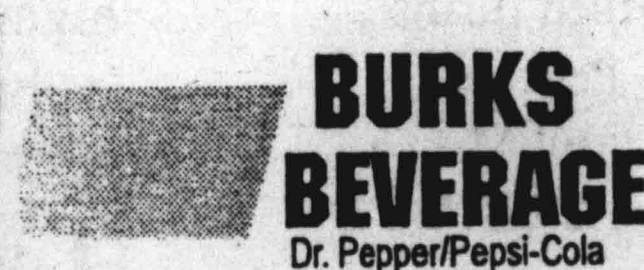
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Senior Citizens Day (Free Admission)	Family Living Center
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Accepting Adult Horticulture Entries	Family Living Center
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Adult and Youth Crop Exhibits	Ag Building
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Adult and Youth Crop Exhibits	Beside WTWRA 4-H Barnyard
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Viewing of Sorghum Making	WTWRA 4-H Barnyard
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of 4-H Barnyard	Commercial Exhibit Hall
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Commercial Exhibits	Midway
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Rides for Senior Citizens	Livestock Arena
1:00 p.m.	Jr. Market Animal Show	Livestock Arena
4:00 p.m.	4-H/FFA Swine/Sheep Judging	Livestock Arena
6:00 p.m. - Closing	Bracelet night \$12.00 (Does not include admission)	Midway
6:00 p.m.	Pie in the Eye Auction	FCNB Amphitheater
6:30 p.m.	Little Miss Dyer Co. Fair (Ages 5-6)	Family Living Center
	Junior Miss Dyer Co. Fair (Ages 7-9)	Family Living Center
7:00 p.m.	Talent Show	FCNB Amphitheater
7:00 p.m.	The Back Porch/Hee Haw Gang	The Back Porch Stage
7:00 p.m.	Jr. Market Animal Sale	Livestock Arena
10:30 p.m.	\$1,000 Drawing	FCNB Amphitheater

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Kids Day	All Gates
	Free Admission/Child-Bracelet Day \$10 Midway	Family Living Center
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Adult and Youth Exhibits	Ag Building
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Adult and Youth Crop Exhibits	WTWRA 4-H Barnyard
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of 4-H Barnyard	Fairgrounds
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	YOUTH DAY ACTIVITIES	Livestock Arena
1:00 p.m.	Tractor Driving Contest - Youth	Commercial Exhibit Hall
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Commercial Exhibits	
5:00 p.m.	Jr. Sheep Show	Livestock Arena
	Wool and Woolies Fashion Revue	
6:00 p.m.	Carnival Re-Opens	Midway
6:30 p.m.	Tiny Miss & Mr. Dyer County Fair (Ages 2)	Family Living Center
	Petite Miss Dyer County Fair (Ages 3-4)	
6:30-8 p.m.	Children's Talent Contest	FCNB Amphitheater
7:00 p.m.	The Back Porch Silk N Saddle	The Back Porch Stage
7:00 p.m.	Demolition Derby	Riding Arena
8:00 p.m.	Steven Whilson	FCNB Amphitheater
10:30 p.m.	\$1,000 Drawing	FCNB Amphitheater
10:30 p.m.	2003 Dyer Co. Fair Truck Giveaway	FCNB Amphitheater

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GRAND FINALE SATURDAY SEPT. 6

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Adult and Youth Exhibits	Family Living Center	12:30 p.m.	Dairy Show (Open & Junior)	Livestock Arena
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of 4-H Barnyard	WTWRA 4-H Barnyard	3:00 p.m.	Pet Show	Livestock
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Commercial Exhibits	Commercial Exhibit Hall	4 p.m.	Cheerleading/Dance Expo	Midway
			4 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Bracelet night \$10.00 (Does not include admission)	FCNB Amphitheater
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Viewing of Adult/Youth Crop Exhibits	Ag Building	8:00 p.m.	Doug Stone (In Concert)	FCNB Amphitheater
12:00	4H/FFA Dairy Judging	Livestock Arena	10:30 p.m.	\$1,000 Drawing	FCNB Amphitheater

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Ambulance Rate Up \$25, To \$200

County Commissioners, meeting Monday, approved a \$25 increase in the basic fee for ambulance service, to \$200, plus \$28 per hour for a nurse, when required.

All-State was awarded insurance for all county property on its bid of \$23,157.

To consolidate previous decisions into one, for convenient reference, Commissioner re-imposed these limits on premises selling beer:

At least 2,000 yards from any church, school, or public meeting place; at least 300 ft. between buildings, if there should be any objection.

Double Transplant For Halls Resident

Barbara Slaughter Tucker, of Halls, entered University of Tennessee Bowld Hospital in Memphis Saturday night for surgery, early Sunday, for double transplant, kidney and pancreas. A diabetic for 20 years, she was scheduled to begin kidney dialysis later in the month. She is recovering in the intensive care unit and is expected to be moved to a room later. She has a daughter, Christie Belton, and a son, Tyler Tucker, both of Halls.

SCHOOL REUNION

A Nankipoo School reunion will be held at 10 a.m. Sat., Sept. 20th at the Nankipoo school building with a pot-luck luncheon at noon. Clean-up day is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thurs., Sept. 18th.

VADEN REUNION

Family and friends of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Mack) Vaden are meeting for a Vaden family reunion Sat., Sept. 20th, at Halls Community Center, in Halls, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A potluck lunch will be served at noon, with pictures, videos and singing in the afternoon.

Call 836-5122 for more information.

Target School List Said Poorly Based

County Supt. of Schools Phillip W. Jackson says federal rules which have listed all Lauderdale County schools, except Halls Elementary and Halls High, as "target schools," are "unfair."

The rules, which have named "target schools" in 122 of 139 school systems in the state, require passing grades in four categories:

- Race/ethnicity.
- Economically disadvantaged, on the free or reduced cost lunch programs.
- Limited English.
- Students with disabilities, including special education students.

Under the federal rules, a special education student in the eighth grade, chronologically, but functioning at a lower grade level, must pass the same grade level tests as other eighth grade students, or the school is "targeted."

"This is obviously unfair," Jackson says.

He says state tests have never recorded a Lauderdale County school as low-performing and that progress has been recorded over the previous two school years.

"We need volunteers in our schools," he says, "We need churches and other organizations to help students with home-work when they can't get the help they need at home."

Steven Whitson Band Highlights Fair



Photo courtesy of Dyersburg State Gazette.

JOE ESKRIDGE, center, in rear, and Bobby Jacobs, left, in front, of Halls, joined members of the Steven Whitson Band as they headlined at the Dyer County Fair Friday. They were featured in an article in the Dyersburg State Gazette. They performed Wednesday of last week at the West Tennessee Soybean Festival in Martin. Eskridge had written songs of his own and was introduced to Steven Whitson by another songwriter, Chad Hogue, of Halls. Whitson joined as co-partner with Eskridge and Hogue's songwriting company. Some of their songs were featured Friday during the performance. Jacobs has played at clubs from the age of 12, "till I got saved six years ago." He now plays contemporary Christian music at Christ the King Church in Dyersburg.

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RECEIVE DEGREES

Two students received degrees from The University of Memphis during the

August 17th commencement ceremonies.

Letitia Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Patrick, of Bartlett, and granddaughter of Eugene Meeks, of Halls, received a bachelor of arts degree in public relations.

Joshua J. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Scott, of Halls, received a bachelor of business administration degree in management information systems, graduating *cum laude*. He is married to Karla Scott.

FREE WILDLIFE SEED

The Four Rivers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation has donated 50 bags of wildlife seed mixture, to be distributed free of charge to landowners in Lauderdale County.

Dwaine Johnston, soil conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, stated that the seed consists of White Clover, Austrian Winter Peas, Oats, Wheat

and Rape, which will seed 1/4 acre.

Landowners, who are interested in obtaining one of

the bags of free mixture, should contact the local service office, at 301 Lake Drive, in Ripley, 731-635-7686, ext. 3.

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Golden Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. ROGER CHAREST, of Halls, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house for family and friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun., Sept. 14th at the Halls Community Center, N. College St., no gifts please. A family dinner, honoring the couple, will be held Fri., Sept. 12th at Abe's Rib Eye Barn in Dyersburg.

The couple married Sept. 19, 1953 at Good Shepherd Church, Linwood, Mass. They have three children, Mrs. Jo-Anne Jones, of Halls, Richard Charest, of Dyersburg, and Mrs. Donna Fontaine, of Wyoming, R. I., three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Relatives from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Georgia, and Florida plan to attend.

Land Transfers

Aug. 29 - Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Barry Bates and June Bates, Dist. 2, 17.285 acres.

Thomas D. Curran and Dorothy Curran to Nicholas Dwayne Harrell, Dist. 14, 2 tracts.

Dayphon Cobb Executrix and Ray H. Cavender Estate to Willie Robbins, Dist. 2, lot.

William M. Harmon III, Brenda Lynn Harmon, Billy M. Harmon, Willie Mae Harmon, and Harmon Enterprises to Joseph Jackson,

Dist. 2, 0.38 acres.

Stella Irene Spray to Mark B. Hayes and Kim Hayes, Dist. 11, lot.

Christine King to Joseph Jones, Dist. 2, lot.

Sept. 3 - Trey Watson and Tamara D. Abernathy Watson to Thomas E. Layne, Dist. 12, lot.

Joe Lee Thompson and Anna Laura Thompson to Joe Lee Thompson and Brandon D. Dixon, Dist. 17, lot.

Anna Laura Thompson and Beverly F. Dixon to Beverly F. Dixon and Kenneth Dixon, Dist. 17, lot. Jean F. Hutchison, Mi-

chael W. Hutchison, Karen H. Brittan, and Connie H. Harris to Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere, Dist. 2, 0.113 acres, 0.267 acres, and 0.147 acres.

Eugene Mann to Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere, Dist. 2, 0.32 acres.

Fisher Enterprises LLC to Amanda W. Queen, Dist. 6, lot.

Theotis Headd and Earline Headd to Floanne Garrett and Tom Garrett, Dist. 6, lot.

Sept. 4 - Charles R. Thomas and Loretta Thomas to Mack B. Stanley and

Patricia G. Stanley, Dist. 8, lot.

Joe L. Morris, Billie C. Morris, and John B. Anthony to The Lauderdale County Board of Education, Dist. 2, 2 parcels.

William Harold Carver to Barry King, Dist. 14, 2.0458 acres.

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Ripley's Win Brings T'cats

Ripley High School's Tigers, winners last week from Obion Central, 26-7, in the first round of Reg. 7-3A action, host, this Friday, Haywood County's Tomcats.

Hosting Obion's Rebels, Ripley senior Brian Flagg (6-2, 225) drew first blood with a 40-yd. first period TD. Rebel quarterback Wes Moore (5-10, 180) answered with an 8-yd. scoring toss to Tyler Turner (5-10, 170).

Moore had thrown for more than 5,400 yards and 50 touchdowns in the previous two seasons, but the Tiger defense shut him down last week, while the Tiger ground game (241 yards, including another Flagg TD) put the game away.

Haywood, a traditional Ripley foe in the old Big Ten Conference, has moved up into Region 7-4A, 4-0 there last fall, losing to Memphis East in the second round of the state play-offs.

Third-year coach Bart Stowe has back six starters on offense, four on defense.

He uses a multiple pro "1" offense and a multiple "40" defense.

Covington led Haywood's Tomcats 26-9 before Dyersburg's win from Haywood, last, week, 17-14.

Reg. 7-3A Last Week

Covington 40, Brighton 0
Dyer Cnty. 14, Gibson Cnty. 7
Ripley 26, Obion County 7

Reg. 7-3A Standings

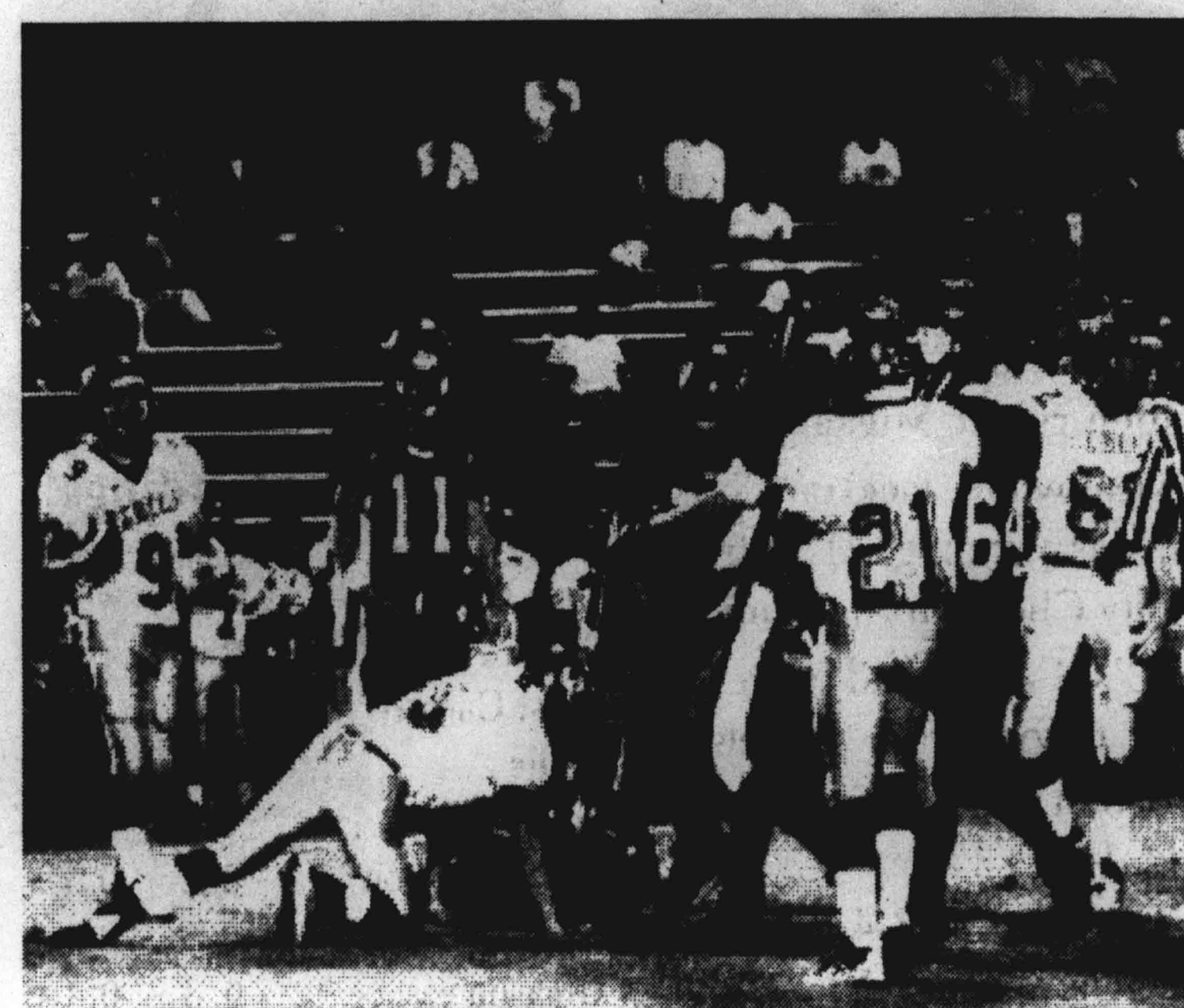
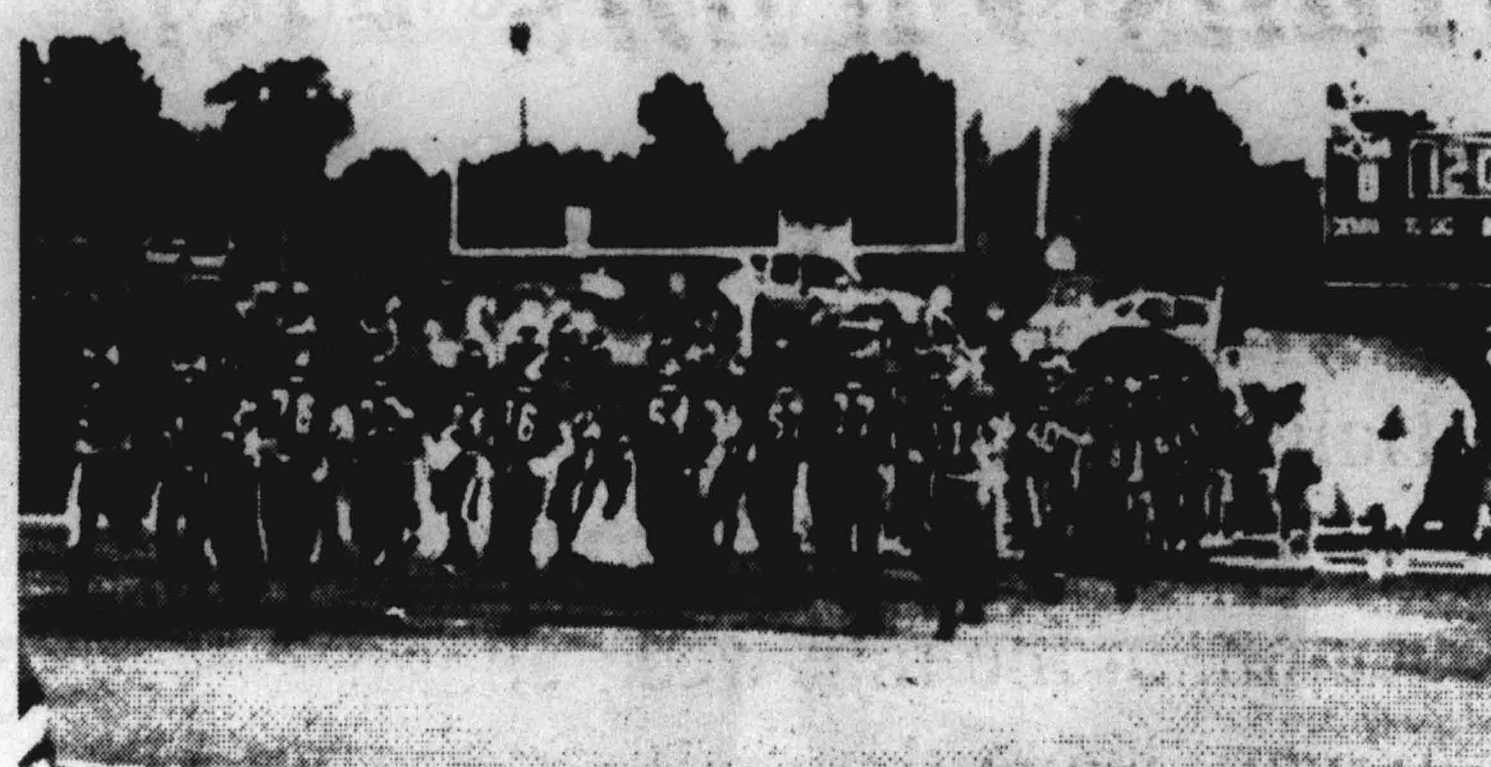
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Covington	2	1	1	0
Dyer County	1	1	1	0
Brighton	1	1	0	1
Gibson County	0	2	0	1
Obion County	0	2	0	1

Reg. 7-3A This Friday

Bolton at Brighton
Millington at Covington
Dyer County at McKenzie
Gibson Cnty. at Crockett Cnty.
Obion at Olive Branch, Miss.
Haywood County at Ripley

Ripley High Schedule

Ripley 36, Manassas 0
Ripley 26, Obion County 7
Sept. 12 Haywood County
Sept. 19 At Dyer County
Sept. 26 Memphis Treadwell
Oct. 3 Covington
Oct. 10 At Dyersburg
Oct. 17 Brighton
Oct. 24 At Munford
Oct. 31 At Gibson County
[Points 62, Foes 7]
Italics = Non-Region



Halls Victors Visit Jackson Christian

Halls High School's Tigers, off a 38-21 win last week from Hollow Rock/Bruceton, in the first week-end of Region 8-A play, leave the region this Friday to visit Jackson Christian School.

Halls senior Chris Dennis (5-10, 165) rushed 146 yards and five touch-downs on 11 carries, taking two passes for 95 yards, to humble the graduation-ridden Mustangs.

Meanwhile, Jackson Christian was winning, 21-0, from Trinity Christian Academy.

JC's Eagles had won the week before from Donelson Christian Academy, of Nashville, 14-0.

The Eagles, 8-4 last fall, under new coach Eric CoHu, moving up from junior high, lost to University School of Jackson, 34-0, in the second round of the state play-offs.

CoHu has 16 starters back and 12 seniors on his squad.

Region 8-A Last Week

Halls 38, H-R/Bruceton 21
South Fulton 28, Gleason 12
Greenfield 44, Fulton City 6
West Carroll 41, Lake Cnty. 14

Region 8-A Standings

Ties Broken By Total Pt. Spread	All Games W	Reg. L	W	Reg. L
South Fulton	3	0	1	0
West Carroll	1	1	1	0
Halls	1	1	1	0
Greenfield	1	1	0	0
H-R/Bruceton	0	2	0	1
Lake County	0	2	0	1
Gleason	0	3	0	1

Reg. 8-A This Friday

Univ. School at H-R/Bruceton
Fulton County at Lake County
Perry County at Gleason
Middleton at Greenfield
Halls at Jackson Christian

Fulton City at South Fulton
West Carroll at Mem. Catholic

Halls High Schedule

S.B.E.C. 48, Halls 6
Halls 38, H-R/Bruceton 21
Sept. 12 .. At Jackson Christian
Sept. 19 Greenfield
Sept. 26 Fayette Academy
Oct. 3 At Stewart County
Oct. 10 Gleason
Oct. 17 At South Fulton
Oct. 24 Lake County
Oct. 31 At West Carroll
[Halls Points, 44; Foes, 69]
Italics = Non-Region

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Sept. 15th

- Stuffed Crust Pizza
- Cheeseburger
- Potato Wedges
- Fresh Vegetable Cup
- Fresh Fruit
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Cookie
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 16th

- MENU
- School's Choice

Wednesday, Sept. 17th

- Southern Fried chicken
- Beef Cutlet w/ Gravy

- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Peaches
- Jello w/ Fruit
- Roll
- Choice of Milk

Thursday, Sept. 18th

- Chicken Breast Fillet
- Pork Roast w/ gravy
- Lima Beans
- Steamed Carrots
- Mixed Fruit

- Pear Halves
- Roll
- Choice of Milk
- Friday, Sept. 19th
- Ham and Cheese Sandwich
- Hot Dog
- Frito Chips
- Corn Nibbles
- Banana
- Applesauce
- Cookie
- Choice of Milk

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Obituaries

Mrs. Fingers

Verla Jean Fingers, 55, of Jackson, daughter of Hattie Tate, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ in Ripley, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves her husband, The Rev. Herman Fingers; brothers, William and Walter Lawrence Tate, of Halls, and Frederick Tate, of Hayti, Mo.; and sisters, Cassandra Tate and Emma Hegenbottom, of Halls, Shirley Wright, of Montgomery, Ala., Shirley Payton, of Gary, Ind., and Mary McKinney, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Betty L. Mawyer

Betty L. Mawyer, 68, of Ripley, died Fri., Aug. 22nd at Methodist Hospital North in Memphis after a long illness.

She had retired from Ripley Graphics.

Graveside services were held in the family cemetery in Charlottesville, Va.

Survivors include three sons, Richard Mawyer and Bruce Mawyer, of Memphis, and Lawrence Mawyer, of Mississippi.

Trey Goodman

Trey Alexander Goodman, 2-year-old son of Michael Lynn and Selena Nichole Brown Goodman, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in his home.

Rites were Monday in First Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include grandparents, Cheryl White, of Ripley, and Bill and Sandra Hollon, of Fayette, Ala., and great-grandparents, George and Doris Brown and J. C. and Joan White, of Ripley.

'Jake' Reed

Homer Floyd "Jake" Reed, 63, of Lenox, retired mechanic, brother of Alfred Reed, of Nankipoo, Charles Reed, of Dry Hill, Donnie Reed and Flodean Crowder, of Arp, Bonnie Webb, of Central, and Edith Meyer, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in his home.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Concord Cemetery near Gates, Dyersburg Funeral Home in charge.

Other survivors include sons, Darrell, Matthew, and Steve, of Lenox, and David and Jocy, of Finley; daughters, Beth Winchester, of Lenox, and Elisa Pace, of Newbern; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Henry Sanders

Henry Sanders, Jr., 80, of 3414 Woodwind, Memphis, brother of Frankie Hayslett, of Ripley, died Aug. 30th, at home.

Rites were Friday in Featherstone Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, where he was a member, with burial in West Tenn. Veterans Cemetery, Ford Funeral Home in charge.

An Army veteran, he had retired from General Motors.

He was the widower of Josephine Sanders. Survivors include his mother, Alice Lemons, of Memphis; a son; five daughters, six brothers; five other sisters; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

R. L. Shropshire

Robert Lee Shropshire, 72, of Lakeland, father of Phyllis Smith, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Memorial Park Funeral Home, with burial in Memorial Park.

Other survivors include his wife of 25 years, Bonnie Shropshire; four sons, Michael Shropshire, of Manchester, N.H., Robert Lovelace, Jr., of Memphis, and Ricky Lovelace and Lee Shropshire, both of Lakeland; another daughter, Lindy Binette, of Manchester; two brothers, Harvey Shropshire, of Collierville, and Perry Shropshire, of Memphis; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Diane Wiggins

Diane Elizabeth Wiggins, two-month-old daughter of Karren Middleton, of Halls, and Walter "Peanut" Wiggins, of Brighton, died Aug. 30th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Mason Funeral Home, with burial in St. Matthew's Cemetery at Stanton.

Survivors include a brother, Walter Wiggins, Jr., and a sister, Tae Wiggins, of Ripley; her grandparents, Joyce Edwards, of Halls, and Waldo and Donnie Wiggins, of Brighton; another brother; and seven other sisters.

Betty Jean Erwin

Betty Jean Erwin, 69, of Newbern, retired seamstress for Todd Uniform in Ripley and for Halltex Mfg. in Halls, died Tuesday of last week, in her home.

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

She was a member of Elon Baptist Church west of Halls.

Widow of Aaron Neal Erwin, she leaves a daughter, Ginger Faye Dozier, of Newbern; sisters, Callie Leggett, of Ripley, Charlene Abernathy, of Halls, and Linnie Gilliland, of Maury City; one brother, Tommy Howard Bobo, of Shannon, Miss.; and two grandchildren.

Hattie Fields

Hattie Webster Fields, 70, of 355 Moore St., Ripley, sister of Emma L. Hutcherson, of 215 Tichenor, Ripley, and of Willie Lee Rogers, of 305 Bates Road., Henning, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in New Bethel Baptist Church, west of Henning, with burial in West Tenn. Veterans Cemetery in Memphis, with Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Widow of Joseph Fields, she leaves sons, Dallas and Edward, of Covington; another brother, Earnest Rodgers, of Decatur, Ill.; six step-daughters; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson

Mary Fern Mason Johnson, 97, of Leawood, Kans., former Riplian, died Tuesday of last week in Brighton Gardens in Prairie Village, Kansas.

Rites were Friday in the cemetery of Trinity United Methodist Church at Nut Bush, where she was a member, with Brownsville Funeral Home in charge.

Widow of Edward Lewis Johnson, she leaves a son, Dr. Roy Mason, of Leawood; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Eleen Duvall

Eleen Duvall, 88, of Ripley, widow of Bob Duvall, died Wednesday of last week in her home.

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

She was a member of Beasley's Chapel Church of God.

She leaves a son, Bobby, of Henning; sisters, Bertha Duvall, of Ripley, and Bonnie Goad, of Searcy, Ark.; a brother, Thomas Tompkins, of Byhalia, Miss.; and one grandchild.

Lillian J. Sarver

Lillian J. Sarver, 85, mother of Dolly A. Tippett, of Gates, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Healthcare South in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Forest Hill Funeral Home South in Memphis, with burial there.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Southaven.

Her survivors include another daughter, Virginia B. Taylor, of Hernando, Miss.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Martha Bartlett

Martha Griffin Bartlett, 90, retired secretary for the Memphis Board of Education, died Monday in St. Francis Nursing Home in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

A member of the Prescott Memorial United Methodist Church, she leaves no close kin.

Mary F. Bitner

Mary Frances Bitner, 87, of Jackson, formerly of Ripley, died Saturday in the West Tennessee Transitional Care Unit.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the West Jackson Baptist Church, with military services and burial in Highland Memorial Gardens, Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home, of Jackson, in charge.

She was born in Ripley to John Thomas and Martha Jane Harwell Jennings, graduating from Nankipoo High School.

She served in WW II in the Army Nurses Corps, from 1942 to 1945 at Camp Forest, England and in France.

She was a registered nurse for 31 years at Jackson Madison County Hospital, and after her retirement in 1984, volunteered weekly at the hospital in pastoral ministry and public relations.

She was a life member of VFW Post 1848 Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the District 6 Nursing Association and active in the Red Cross. She was a member of the West Jackson Baptist Church, the Marge Elam Sunday School, and was active in WMU and Golden Agers.

She leaves one son, Terry Bitner, of Orlando Fla.; one daughter, Martha Babb, of Collierville; and two grandchildren.

L. C. Cannon

L. C. Cannon, 88, of Halls, retired blacksmith and welder, died Monday at Baptist Hospital-Tipton.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include one son, L. C. Cannon, Jr., of Springfield; two daughters, Joyce Avery, of Halls, and Rose Smith, of Jackson; two brothers, Elvis Cannon, of Halls, and R. V. Cannon, of Brownsville; two sisters, Marguerite Meade, of Ripley, and Nell Long, of Arlington; five grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Never give a child a sword.

—Latin proverb

W. McClinton, Jr.

William E. "Jobie" McClinton, Jr., 69, of Ripley, died Saturday at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He was a member of Fulton Baptist Church.

He leaves his step-mother, Melvin Grace McClinton, of Jackson; one brother, Leander McClinton, of Covington; and two sisters, Susie Winchester, of Ripley, and Betty Lou Kiestler, of Halls.

Robert Cohill

Robert Cohill, 78, of Ripley, factory worker, died Sunday at Baptist Hospital-Lauderdale.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church, in the Cherry Community, near Henning, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves three daughters, Heather Bonds, Eola Crew and Deborah Huddleston, and one brother, Leroy Cohill, all of Ripley.

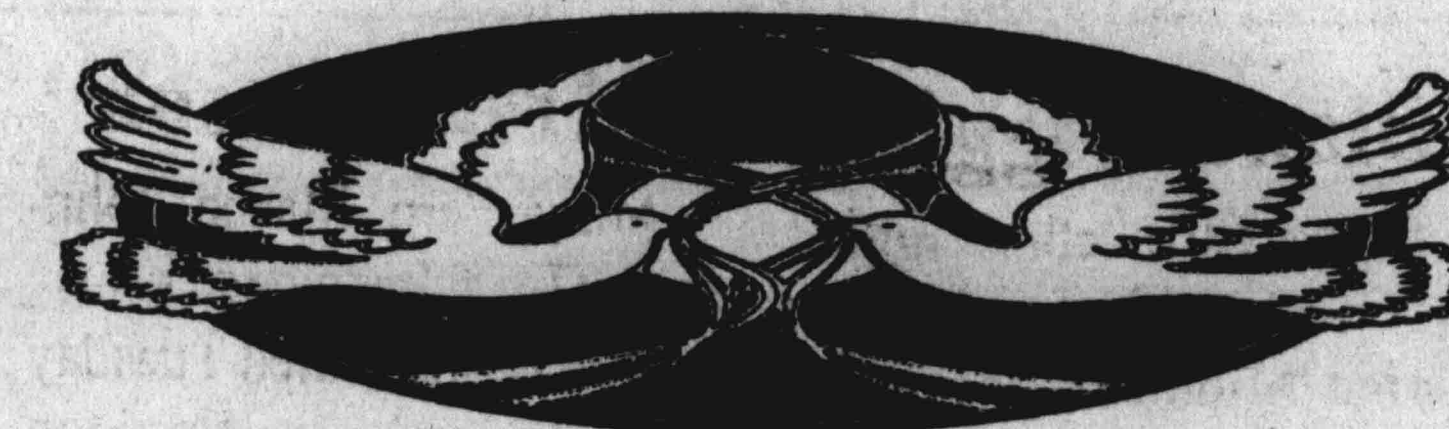
Concord Locals

By Louise Fennel

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee and granddaughter, Tori, of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis and children, of Nesbit, Miss., Andy Dunn, of Raleigh, Anthony Vaughn, of Boliver, and Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and daughter, Wendy, of Lightfoot, were Saturday before last dinner guests of the Pharis Escues.

Jimmie Sue Burks had eye surgery August 21st in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Mrs. Aileen Byrd, of Memphis, spent weekend before last with her father, Winston Carmack. Mr. and



Church Happenings

Enon Baptist Church, 5427 Curve Nankipoo Rd., Halls, will hold its homecoming services Sun., Sept. 21st beginning at 10 a.m. with Sunday School and worship service at 11 a.m. with The Rev. J. B. Haynes as guest speaker. During the worship service, a note burning for the retirement of the debt on the new fellowship hall will be held. Lunch will be served at noon and gospel singing afterwards with the Reed Family. The Rev. Jim Loines, pastor, invites the public.

Fountain of Life Church of God In Christ, 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its 17th annual pastor appreciation day at 3 p.m. Sept. 14th with Bishop Shaw and the New Hope Pentecostal Power Church of Jesus Christ, of Dyersburg and the Ripley district as special guests. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Gates Baptist Church will hold homecoming services Sept. 28th with Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship services at 11 a.m., and a luncheon afterwards. Bro. Roy Stinson will be the guest speaker. A gospel singing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 27th featuring T.N.T. and the Reed Family. The public is invited.

The Halls First United Methodist Church will hold its annual Methodist Market from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Oct. 4th. The market will feature several gift shops loaded with home canned goodies, fresh baked pies, cakes, breads, candy, ready-to-cook casseroles, Netherland bulbs, mums, and garden accessories. Items for the silent auction include college collectibles, a guided deer hunt, quilt rack, framed prints, holiday arrangements, and much more. A luncheon, \$6 per plate, will feature grilled chicken halves, savory green beans, fresh corn on the cob, oriental salad, rolls, assorted cobbles, and drinks. A special children's plate will be available. Proceeds will benefit a Jackson area church damaged during the tornado and the new activity building. The public is invited.

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

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

Mrs. John Dickerson, of Mercer, visited Mr. Carmack Saturday afternoon.

The Floyd Emersons were Saturday before last supper guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Jansen in Halls. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Emerson, of Alamo, were dinner guests of the Emersons Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, of Cordova, and Ernest Jackson, of Ripley, were dinner guests Monday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wil-

liams.

Constitution Day Local Celebration

The public is invited to attend a Constitution Day celebration at 4 p.m., Wed., Sept. 17th, in Ripley City Hall.

The Fort Prudhomme Chapter Daughters of The American Revolution have organized a program, in remembrance of the 216th anniversary of the signing of the U. S. Constitution.

The keynote speaker is The Honorable Mark Norris, State Senator, District 32.

The program will also include the Ripley High School Jr. ROTC and Halls High School brass ensemble.

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—William Shakespeare, Henry VI, Part 3

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He's One Celebrating Anniversary



HADEN N. GOFORTH, son of Rosemary and Nicholas Goforth, of Halls, celebrated his first birthday Sept. 3rd with a Winnie The Pooh party in his home. Special guests were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Mount, and his two brothers, Tate and Charlie Kellum.

DEAN'S LIST

Students named to the summer semester Dean's List at UT Martin include Cassie R. Burnham, of Ripley, and Linda C. Hogue, of Halls, with highest honors (3.8 through 4.0 grade point average); and Frances E. Dew, of Ripley, with honors (3.2 through 3.49 grade point average).

To be eligible for dean's list recognition, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average, based on a 4.0 scale.

Marriages

Aug. 27 - Marvin Odell Terry, Jr., 38, to Carolyn Ann Criswell, 37, by Joe Clendenin.

Aug. 30 - Dwight Eliot Peet, 39, to Thelma Burnet Holloway, 44, by Ollie J. Allen.

Sept. 6 - Justin David Ferlitto, 32, to Laura Dolores Buckner, 25, by Rev. Rocky Gilliland.



MR. AND MRS. JOE PURSELL, of Ripley, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a five-day vacation to the Bahamas. They were married Aug. 24th. Joe and Penny enjoyed snorkeling, parasailing, and a sunset cruise.

Schools Upgrading Internet Capability

The Lauderdale County schools, in partnership with technology provider, Education Networks of America (ENA), have upgraded classroom internet access by adding SNAP and netTrekker.

"These classroom technology upgrades improve the students and teachers access to critical educational information and opportunities, delivering it faster and more reliably," said David Pierce, president of ENA.

The SNAP system effectively doubles the school's internet capacity and allows students to access information in just over 12 seconds, compared to a previous 12 minute time frame in some cases.

The netTrekker technol-

ogy, a search engine geared toward what is taught in the classroom, is tied to Tennessee state standards and contains over 180,000 web-sites that are categorized by grade level and topic.

A team of 400 educators and librarians select, evaluate and review internet resources for academic integrity and age appropriateness, before deciding what is included in netTrekker.

Teachers have access to more than 20,000 lesson plans, including a timeline that indexes era, events, achievements in the arts, discoveries and famous people throughout history.

Parents and students are able to access the system at home with a password, and utilize the same exact system used in the classroom.

In addition to the upgrades, ENA provides a fil-

Lambuth Begins Independent 529

Lambuth University in Jackson, has launched Independent 529, a plan designed to help make private college more accessible and affordable for families.

"We see this new plan as part of our ongoing effort to

ter service to all schools, which allows students to access the internet without risk of being confronted with offensive, inappropriate and possibly illegal material.

"While no solution is perfect, ENA's filtering technology is the best in the country, allowing a full range of positive educational access without risk of negative content slipping through," said Pierce.

Upgrades are paid for through a combination of state, local and federal funds.

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In addition, ENA also provides essential communications infrastructure, that is the foundation, linking government officials, educators and students to critical information and to each other.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamborn, of Crawfordsville, Ind., a daughter, Caroline Grace Lamborn, born Aug. 1st in St. Clare Medical Center. Mrs. Lamborn is the former Amy Bentley. Grandparents are Carolyn and Kenneth Bentley, of Halls, and Elinor and Robert Lamborn, of Lafayette, Ga.

make quality higher education accessible to more families," said Ellis Arnold, Lambuth University president. "Independent 529 allows families to lock in tomorrow's tuition at less than today's price."

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Ripley Parks Cheerleading Classes



RIPLEY PARKS AND RECREATION CHEERLEADING participants include, in upper left photo, 3-4, & 5 year olds, Monday, Cassidy Arwood, Drakan Blackstock, Alex Crutchfield, Sara Ann Davidson, Angel Dyson, Madison Griggs, McKenzie Heath, Taylor Heron, Lauren Kissell, Sarah Kissell, Cade Moore, Kayla Morris, Taylor Newman, Abigail Pennington, and Kaitlyn Williams.

In lower left photo, 3, 4, and 5 year olds, Tuesday, Elizabeth Burks, Lucy Despain, Destiny Deloach, Katie Diggs, Lizzie Diggs, Rebekah Ennis, Emily Fisher, Julia Kent, Amber McCaslin, Jayde Mooney, Olivia Patrick, Abigail Pennington, Emma Simpson, Alyssa Spencer, Bailey York, and Erin Young.

In upper right photo, 6 and 7 year olds, Gabrielle Arwood, Ashton Ayers, Jacy Blankenship, Hailee Conrad, Kolby Herron, Eric Hofstee, Nolen Mooney, Bethany McCaslin, Anna McKenzie, Amanda McKenzie, Stephanie Morris, Candace Pilcher, Hannah Pilcher, Karlee Pittman, Megan Stewart, and Ashton Tatum.

In lower right photo, 8 year olds, Jacy Blankenship, Cammie Boothe, Callie Conrad, Lauren Childress, Hailee Conrad, Alison Griggs, Nicole Griggs, Kristian Meadows, Stephanie Morris, Jessica Shoemaker, and Haley Turnbow.

Instructors for the classes are Luis Aguirre, his wife, Aurora, and daughters, Topaz and Hannah, Vicky Lankford, April Lankford, and Kalli Glenn.

Cheer-tumbling classes are being held at 5 p.m. Wednesday for those on school cheer squads or those interested in trying out for next year's school squad. Call the park office for more information.

Halls Library Seeks Books

Halls Public Library is seeking donations of any extra books taking up space in your home. The library will hold a book fair Oct. 4th and donations are needed. Drop off any books at the Halls Library, 110 N. Church St., by Oct. 1st.

AWARDED GRANT

Vernon McBride, III, chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, announced that the LCSCD has been awarded a conservation grant to purchase a no-till drill for Lauderdale County farmers to use.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture awarded the grant.

The drill is equipped to seed grasses and legumes in pasture and hay fields, seed winter cover crops in row crop fields, as well as seed native warm season grasses for filter strips and conservation reserve program lands.

The new Great Plains no-till drill is being housed at the USDA Service Center, at 301 Lake Drive in Ripley, and is now available for rent.

For information about renting the new no-till drill, call the LCSCD, 731-635-7686, ext. 3.

view of Champions. The National Anthem will begin at 5 p.m. with the first band set to perform at 5:15 p.m. Awards will be presented at 9 p.m. after Ripley performs in exhibition. Bands from Dyersburg, Obion County, Cordova, Collierville, and Bolton High Schools are also scheduled to attend.

Halls To Compete In Ripley Preview

Halls High School Band, who placed third in their class at the University of Tennessee at Martin Marching Competition Saturday, is scheduled to compete in the Ripley 9th annual invitational competition at Tiny Knee Stadium Sat., Sept. 20th. The event is hosted by the Ripley High School Band and the Band Booster organization. With 11 other bands scheduled to appear, the event's name was changed to the Ripley Pre-

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Wedding Vows Pledged



MR. AND MRS. HERBERT RANDAL BROWN were married Aug. 16th in the newly renovated sanctuary of Ripley First Baptist Church with The Rev. David Elkins and The Rev. Lyle Larson officiating the ceremony in a garden of Boston ferns with immediate family present.

The bride, the former Natalie Rae Chalk, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chalk, Sr. and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Scott White, Sr., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Montelle Chalk, all of Ripley.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Brown, of Halls, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brown, of Fowlkes, and Mrs. Glen Dora Clevenger and the late Louis Clevenger, of Halls.

Given by her parents, the bride wore an ivory sheath with spaghetti straps and a soft vee neckline. The full-length straight gown was enhanced with a chapel length illusion train. The gown was beaded with pearls and crystals on lace. She wore a pearled lace elbow length veil with scattered stones. Her bouquet was attached to her mother's white Bible and featured cascading Tineke roses and ivy with seed pearls, matching her only jewelry, a strand of her grandmother's pearls.

Dawn Chalk, the sister-in-law of the bride, was her only

Anniversaries

Sept. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Mountjoy, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Weaver.

Sept. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Charest, Mr. and Mrs. Art Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Shane Mathis.

Sept. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arender.

Sept. 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Carmack.

Sept. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Drumwright, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Ivey.

Sept. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Weaver.

Sept. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Scott White, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Carihfield, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bonds, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Feltus, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vaden, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alley.

October Vows Slated



a corsage of bridal roses and ivy and a touch of pearls.

During the lighting of the unity candle, *The Lord's Prayer* was performed by Bro. Elkins.

The reception was held in the Family Life Center. The round tables were adorned with white lace floor length cloths and accented with crystal pedestal vases filled with pastel colored roses floating on a bed of ivy. The buffet tables with numerous hors d'oeuvres encircled a massive urn filled with a floral bouquet of gladioli, cremons, fugi mums, solidaster bells of Ireland, alstromeris Lillies, liatris, roses, Oriental lillies, stock, larkspur, wax flower, monte casino, solidago, sprengeri fern, sword fern, and ivy. A fruit punch beverage was served from a silver punch bowl.

The bride's cake was centered on a lace covered table with six satellites circling the four layered cake, suspended by columns. Cascades of bridal roses adorned with pearl strings topped each cake. The groom's cake was a two layered cake of chocolate with his college fraternity emblem decorating it.

Following a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, the couple is residing in Halls.

LAURA JEAN MUELLER, daughter of George and Linda Mueller, of Banks, Ore., will marry Andrew Lynn Crowson, son of Gary Crowson, of Halls, and Sharon Gooch, of Southaven, Miss., at 3 p.m. Sat., Oct. 4th in Christ the King Church in Dyersburg.

The bride-elect is a 1993 honors graduate of Banks High School in Oregon. She attended a year of basic studies at Oregon State University before moving overseas to southern Wales to attend Bible College.

She is employed by Ultimate Fitness in Dyersburg.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Halls High School. He completed basic studies at Dyersburg State Community College and attended the University of Tennessee at Martin studying business marketing.

He is employed by United Parcel Service in Dyersburg.

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Tomcat Tamers Visit Choctaws

Ripley High School's Tigers, unbeaten after last week's win from 4A's Haywood County, 34-14, hit the road this Friday, for the first time this season, for a Reg. 7-3A tilt with the Dyer County Choctaws.

The Chocs were 2-8 last fall, 1-4 in 7-3A.

New coach Adam Renshaw has only a few starters back (lacking full-back Russ Pope, injured at Boys' State), and 12 seniors.

The Chocs have lost to Dyersburg, 38-0, won from Gibson County, 14-7, and lost to McKenzie, 35-7.

Renshaw uses an "I" formation and a 4-4 defense.

Reg. 7-3A Last Week

Bolton 14, Brighton 6
Covington 26, Millington 6
McKenzie 35, Dyer County 7
Crockett Co. 65, Gibson Co. 0
Obion 47, Olive Branch 30
Ripley 34, Haywood Cnty. 14

Reg. 7-3A Standings

Ties Broken By Point Spread, Then Alfab.	All Games W L	Reg. W L
Ripley	3 0	1 0
Covington	3 1	1 0
Dyer County	1 2	1 0
Obion County	1 2	0 1
Brighton	1 2	0 1
Gibson County	0 3	0 1

Reg. 7-3A This Friday

Brighton at Gibson County
Covington at Obion County
Ripley at Dyer County

Ripley High Schedule

Ripley 36, Manassas 0
Ripley 26, Obion County 7
Ripley 34, Haywood Cnty. 14
Sept. 19 At Dyer County
Sept. 26 Memphis Treadwell
Oct. 3 Covington
Oct. 10 At Dyersburg
Oct. 17 Brighton
Oct. 24 At Munford
Oct. 31 At Gibson County

[Points 96, Foes 21]

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Yellow Jackets Visiting Halls

Halls High School's Tigers, 1-2 off a 50-8 loss last week to Jackson Christian, this Friday host Greenfield's Yellow Jackets in the Tigers' second Region 7-A contest.

JCS's Eagles sputtered at the start, fumbling on their first play, giving the Tigers the ball on the JCS 34.

On third and short, Halls senior Chris Dennis (5-10, 165) was pulled down by D. J. Beasley for a 6-yard loss, forcing a Tiger punt blocked by Eagle senior Jonathan Rowan (6-0, 180).

The Eagles fumbled again at the Tiger four, but after that, the Eagles poured it on.

Senior back Adam Darby (6-2, 200) rushed four scores. Mike Crane added two to put JCS ahead at the half, 29-8.

Jackets Thin & Young

Greenfield, 7-4 last season (4-2 in 8-A), lost to Fayette

Academy, 46-6, in the first round of the state play-offs.

Coach Hal Blackman (43-37) has back, among five seniors, two 3-year starters - TB/LB Thomas Galey (6-0, 165) and OT/DE Jim Tucker (6-3, 230).

Greenfield has lost to Perry County, 26-0, won from Fulton City, 44-6, and won from Middleton, 24-6.

Hosting Middleton, Jacket junior Justin Lyles (5-11, 220) rushed for 101 yards and two TDs on 11 carries.

Jacket senior Ben Davis (5-10, 160) rushed for 92 yards on 10 carries.

Region 8-A Last Week

USJ 34, H-R/Bruceston 6
Perry County 39, Gleason 13
Greenfield 24, Middleton 6
Jackson Christian 50, Halls 8
Fulton Cnty. 7, Lake Cnty. 6
South Fulton 55, Fulton City 6
Carroll 41, Mem. Catholic 14

Region 8-A Standings

Ties Broken By Reg. All Games	Reg. Total Point Spread	W L	W L
South Fulton	4 0	1 0	
West Carroll	2 1	1 0	
Halls	1 2	1 0	
Greenfield	2 1	0 0	
H-R/Bruceston	0 3	0 1	
Lake County	0 3	0 1	
Gleason	0 4	0 1	

Reg. 8-A This Friday

H-R/Bruceston at So. Fulton
Gleason at West Carroll
Greenfield at Halls
Lake Cnty. at Fulton City

Halls High Schedule

S.B.E.C. 48, Halls 6
Halls 38, H-R/Bruceston 21
Jackson Christian 50, Halls 8
Sept. 19 Greenfield
Sept. 26 Fayette Academy
Oct. 3 At Stewart County
Oct. 10 Gleason
Oct. 17 At South Fulton
Oct. 24 Lake County
Oct. 31 At West Carroll
[Halls Points, 52; Foes, 119]
Italics = Non-Region

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Sept. 22nd

Pizza
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Tater Tots
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Peaches
Dessert-School's Choice
Choice of Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd

Baked Ham
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Whipped Potatoes
Broccoli Bites
Pear Halves
Applesauce
Roll
Choice of Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 24th

Spaghetti
Beef Cutlet w/ Gravy

Green Beans
Blackeye Peas
Jello w/ Fruit
Mixed Fruit
Roll
Choice of Milk

Thursday, Sept. 25th

Chili Pie
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
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Mixed Vegetables
Pineapple Tidbits
Peaches
Choice of Milk

Friday, Sept. 26th

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Obituaries

Gearld Hankins

Gearld Wayne Hankins, 40, of Trenton, brother of Joe Hankins, of Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in Old Gibson Cemetery, Shelton Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Tina Marie Hankins, of Trezevant; daughters, Nicole and Paige Hankins, of Guntersville, Ala.; other brothers, John, of Brownsville, and Robert, of Denham Springs, La.; and sisters, Crystal Mea and Emily Bailey, of Brownsville, Evelyn Doss, of Jackson, and Shelia Powell, of Gobles, Mich.

Richard Hall

Richard Parnell Hall, 38, of Houston, Tex., a member of Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ in Ripley, died Sept. 7th in Ben Taub General Hospital in Houston.

Rites were Saturday in St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Covington, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life north of Covington, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He had been a chef for Days Inn in Houston.

He leaves his parents, Herman and Annie Hall, of Covington; a son, Brett Fergus, of Memphis; three brothers, and four sisters.

John B. Kirby

John B. Kirby, Jr., 83, of Henning, retired from employment by the State of Tennessee, died Sunday in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

He was the widower of Margaret Marie Kirby.

He leaves a daughter, Ann Camper, of 907 Old Fulton Rd., Henning; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Barker

Vera Mamie Barker, 75, of Friendship, mother of Ann Barker, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Pond Creek United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Friendship Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Harold R. Barker; sons, Tom, of Friendship, and Danny, of Lexington; another daughter, Kay Barker, and a brother, Billy Martindale, of Friendship; a sister, Carolyn Rudd, of College Station, Tex.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Harland

Dorothy Harland, 47, of Covington, mother of Keisha Harland, of Ripley, died Tuesday at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for noon Thursday at Covington Church of God, with burial in Plummer Grove Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Other survivors include one son, Johnny Johnson, of Jackson; another daughter, Michelle Curnley and one sister, Lee Dora Mosley, both of Chicago, Ill.; and seven grandchildren.

Charles Bivens, Jr.

Charles Eason Bivens, Jr., 46, of Defeated, son of Pauline Prescott Bivens, of Halls, died Saturday, at his residence.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Carthage Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes, with full military honors and burial in Defeated Creek Memorial Gardens.

Other survivors include his wife, Christina Bivens and one daughter, Kelly Bivens, both of Defeated; two other daughters, Elizabeth Davis, of Science Hill, Ky., and Annie Bivens, of Philadelphia, Penn.; two sisters, Connie Casey and Judy Ward; and one grandchild.

R. E. Hostetler

Roger Ellis Hostetler, 43, son of Bernie and Rose Marie Hostetler, of Ripley, died Sunday in Millington.

Rites were Tuesday in St. Paul Cemetery at Durhamville, Garner Funeral Home in charge. He was a contractor.

Charles Mueller

Charles Samuel Mueller, 82, of Dyersburg, died Tuesday, at Dyersburg Regional Hospital.

Services are set for 11 a.m., Thursday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

He was a WWII Army veteran, and a member of the Palestine United Methodist Church and American Legion Post in Ripley.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Rodgers Mueller; two daughters, Holly Elam, of Franklin, and Cheryl Denison, of Fordyce, Ark.; one half-brother, Charles E. Mueller, of Fort Pierce, Fla.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

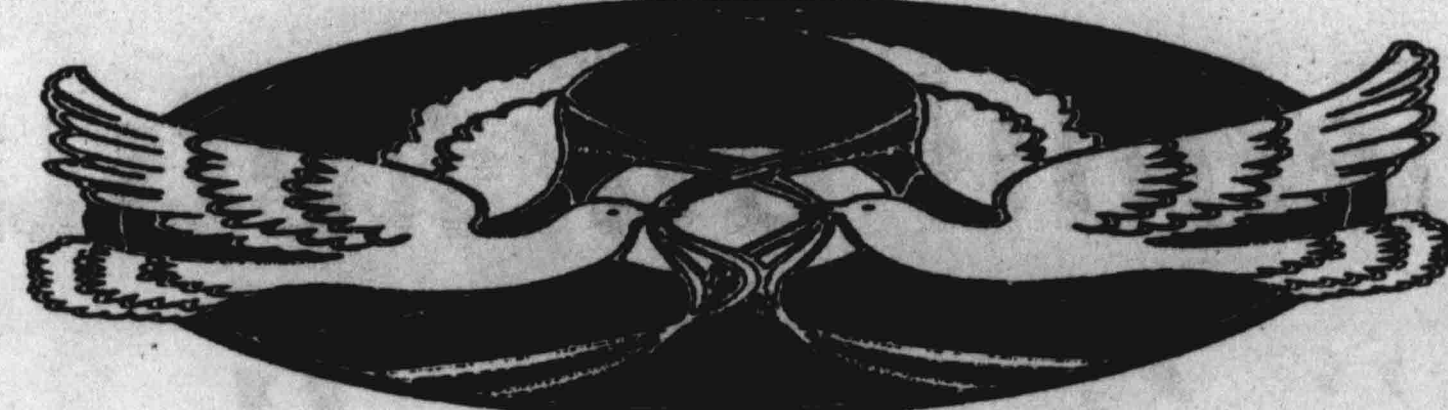
Memorials may be sent to the American Legion Post in Ripley or the American Alzheimer's Disease Foundation.

Katherine Green

Katherine Green, 66, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Henning, mother of Gregory Green, of Ripley, died Monday, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Thursday at New Bethel Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Other survivors include three other sons, Larry Green, of St. Louis, Mo., Reginald Green, of Dallas, Tex., and Michael Green, of Dayton; four brothers, Walter Green, of Henning, Jim Green, of Detroit, Mich., and R. L. Jones and Chester Green, both of Joliet, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



Church Happenings

Open Door Baptist Church in the Edith community will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Sept. 20th with the Father's Four as the featured group. The public is invited. For further information, call 635-4967.

Concord United Methodist Church will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Sept. 21st through the 23rd with The Rev. John Archer, of Jackson, as guest speaker. A potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. Sat., Sept. 20th with special singing to follow. The Rev. Clarence Hare, pastor, invites the public.

Beginning Sun., Sept. 21st, Grace United Methodist Church, the former Henning United Methodist Church, on Barfield St., Henning, will hold its services at 8 a.m. Jimmy E. Carter, pastor, invites the public to come as you are.

St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning will observe women's weekend Sat., Sept. 20th and Sun., Sept. 21st, featuring the theme, "Women of God Living in Holiness and Walking in Purpose," Rom. 12:1-2. A brunch will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with Elena Gooch delivering the message at 11 a.m. Sunday. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

New Beginning FWC Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold a night of intense praise and worship at 6 p.m. Sun., Sept. 21st with Rick Bennett, pastor of Christ The Rock Church in Memphis, as guest speaker. Mark Fisher, pastor, invites the public. Call 635-4440 for more information.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will host a anniversary celebration for Gospel Divine at 3 p.m. Sun., Sept. 21st with the New Heavenly Voices, Original Southern Aires, Redeemers, of Ripley; Shutes family, of Humboldt; Family Echoes, of Howardville, Mo.; Victory Aires and Southern Wonders, of Brownsville; Vance Ensemble, Christian Aires, and Jermemiah & the Gospelette, all of Memphis; Spiritual Aires, of McKenzie, Sunset Traveler, of Dyersburg, and the New Wisdom, of Jackson. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public. For further information, call Donna McClish, 738-5564, after 5 p.m.

The Halls First United Methodist Church will hold its annual Methodist Market from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Oct. 4th. The market will feature several gift shops loaded with home canned goodies, fresh baked pies, cakes, breads, candy, ready-to-cook casseroles, Netherland bulbs, mums, and garden accessories. Items for the silent auction include college collectibles, a guided deer hunt, quilt rack, framed prints, holiday arrangements, and much more. A luncheon, \$6 per plate, will feature grilled chicken halves, savory green beans, fresh corn on the cob, oriental salad, rolls, assorted cobblers, and drinks. A special children's plate will be available. Proceeds will benefit a Jackson area church damaged during the tornado and the new activity building. The public is invited.

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Lately, I have been experiencing ups and down in my realization of my age process. The fact that comments about my age from people I meet on the street and I don't even know, have really given my personal self esteem a real roller-coaster ride over the last few weeks.

A few Sundays ago, I had just had a pleasant ride with my wife and her mother to the country to take a look at the old homeplace. My mother-in-law has reached that golden age of not needing a farm to look after and now lives in an assisted-living facility and recently sold her farm. Those are very tough decisions to make, but if we all live long enough, the time will come to each of us.

After returning to her new residence, I let her and my wife out at the front door and parked our car. To save myself a few steps, I entered the facility through a side door that happened to be located near a sunny porch.

Sitting on the porch was an elderly little lady in a

wheelchair enjoying the Sunday afternoon sun. As I opened the door to go inside she asked me a question that stopped me cold in my tracks. In her sweet little voice she asked, "Are you one of the new residents here?"

Of course I answered her in the negative and went on my way, but the shock of being asked if I belonged in an assisted-living facility really got my attention. Did I look that old? I know my hair is starting to turn loose, but is it also turning rest home gray? I call myself mature, but after that lady's comment I may be maturing much faster than I thought. Of course my wife thought it was funny when I told her, but to me I saw nothing to laugh about.

The only time in our lives when we like to get older is when we are children. In fact, as children we count years by halves and as adults we don't even like to count them at all. I have heard lots of children say they are five and a half or ten and a half, but you will never hear an adult say they are forty-one and a half or sixty and a half.

Most want to be twenty-one forever unless they have reached the age of 100.

When you reach that milestone you start counting by halves again and some even count by even smaller fractions. Of course most folks who reach 100 won't even buy green bananas at that age because it's an investment rather than a purchase and maybe a bad one.

When we talk about our age we use terms that make it sound better as we mature. I heard someone recently say in the early stages of our life we "become" 21. The word "become" makes it sound more like a ceremony rather than the fact you have reached the age of accountability. Then you "turn" 30

which sounds more like what bad milk does and from then on you are "pushing" or "reaching" the next series of age levels.

For example you "reach" 50, which sounds like something you would do on a hike. "Reaching" 50 IS quite a hike, but "pushing" 60 is even more of a stretch on the "old age" trail.

After the 50s and 60s you start hearing the word "hit", which I feel is not a good term to use at those ages. When I get to 70 or 80 I don't really want to hit anything of great importance other than a featherbed.

I have also heard those who have "hit" the 80s and 90s mark use the word "just" very often when they speak of others who may have passed on. The way I see it, when you reach that age level you should be allowed to use whatever word you want to. If

he was "just" 94 when he left this world while roller blading, that is fine with me.

After the lady's comments at the assisted-living center, I stopped at a local restaurant for dinner. When the waitress brought us our bill she had given me the special senior citizen discount on my order.

I have a lot of pride, but I am also very conservative, (my wife defines it as just plain cheap) and I did not want to hurt the young ladies' feelings by letting her know that she had indicated that I looked old. Instead, I let the matter drop and just gave her a good tip.

I reasoned that something good needed to come out of this day and if looking old meant a discount, then so be it. I am "just" 54 and a half you know.



Dear Loyal Supporter,

As you know, the Lauderdale County Rescue Squad is an all-volunteer organization, formed to help the people of Lauderdale and surrounding counties.

Each year we ask you for your financial support to help us maintain a state of readiness, should the occasion arise. After numerous call-outs this year in our county, and going to assist other counties, and going through the economy crunch, as everyone else has, our bank account is just about empty.

We have work to do on our building, the ceiling in our auditorium is trying to fall down; we also have equipment that needs repair, but cannot take any money out of our account to repair it, such as our truck that pulls our big river boat needs a transmission, or to be repaired.

At this time, we ask you for your help more than we have ever needed it, to help us make the necessary repairs on our building and equipment. We will be more than glad to let you see the damage in our building, and even talk to our equipment officer about the problems of our out-dated equipment. We do not want to be in a situation that, if you call, we cannot come because of equipment failure.

At this time, all we can say is that we could use all the help we can get to help us get back to a state of readiness, in case you call upon us. We want to be there in your time of an emergency.

As always, anything you donate is greatly appreciated, and all donations are tax-deductible. We will be glad to send you a receipt, upon request. Please mail contributions to Lauderdale County Rescue Squad, Ronnie Moore, Squad Commander, 229 Smithville Road, Ripley, TN 38063.

Thanks for your continued support in our time of need. For any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 635-2149.

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Birthdays

Sept. 18 - Bud Biggs, Cindy Talbot, Sherry Sinclair, Carolyn Callender, Hailey Watts, Jason Lee, Morgan Steelman, Pam Dunigan, Scott Holcomb, James Pitts, Heather Bhatti, Terry Charest, John Coughlan, Sr., Elvis Frazier, Jr.

Sept. 19 - Ruth Cone, Jimmy Turner, Barry Culver, Pat Alford, Kenneth Taylor, Ralph Hyde, Samantha Conrad Culver, Clayton Kiestler, Logan Crowder, Greg Benjamin, Shelia Gilliland, Betty Prescott, Stephen Etheridge, Phoenix Bhatti, Wen Grear, Gladys Wakefield, Krystal Rose, Janice Craig Koonce, Jessica Baker, Sheridan Sinclair, Doris S. Hill, Carol Walker.

Sept. 20 - Judy English, Martha Wright, Herman Lewis, Lucinda Morton, Lee Walker, Robeson Hendren, Stephen Summar, Judy S. White.

Sept. 21 - Amanda Lane, Rodney Hemby, Sr., Ben Green, Louanna Cohill, Aaron Davis, Amanda Pugh, Andrea Newman, Jeremy Tolene, Mary Marley Pipkin, Marsha Rice, William Lynch, IV.

Sept. 22 - Renee Taylor, Judy Conrad, Stewart Caldwell, Danny Savage, Tina Mathis, Earl R. West, Elton Jones, Ronnie Elder, Paul Hankins, Stone Meadows, Craig Davis, Brittney Reynolds, Louise Ferguson, Merrill Chrestman, Sharon Miller.

Sept. 23 - Tommy Dunavant, Lucy Nichols, Lee Walker, Zachary Maxwell, Don Burnham, Robeson Hendren, C. G. Dyer, Catherine Ann Belton, Rhonda Beasley, Randy Glenn.

Sept. 24 - Julia Alley, Tommy Sneed, Tony Prescott, Christopher Stowers, Fred B. Harrison, Brittany Underwood, Lisa Hutcherson, Bradley Burnham, Naomi Johns, Chasity Runions, Justin Meeks, Kara Vaden, Gene Caldwell, Kevin Hendren, Matt Roberson.

A true poet does not bother to be poetical. Nor does a nursery gardener scent his roses.

—Jean Cocteau

Land Transfers

Sept. 5 - Mary Evelyn Nelson to Trustees of Ashport Baptist Church, Dist. 6, 0.054 acres.

Harold E. Parsons and Heather S. Parsons to Marvin Brent Burton, Dist. 6, 5.310 acres.

Loretta Toombs to Mark Massongill and Micheal Newman, Dist. 2, lot.

Jerry Burroughs to Kimberly Mires, Dist. 14, 1.89 acres.

Sept. 8 - David Scott Spiller and Melynda B. Spiller to Arlie M. Pounds IV and Miracle A. Pounds, Dist. 8, lot.

Pete Maragos and Amy Maragos to Maria D. Leon, Dist. 2, lot.

Jane Meacham Smith and Raymond L. Smith to Tim W. Broyles, Dist. 7, 3.363 acres.

Sept. 9 - Federal National Mortgage Association to Gary Wayne Criner, lot.

Pamela Allyn Tankersley to Stella M. Currie, Dist. 2, 0.50 acres.

Sherrie Vansach to Robert L. Bricco and Leann Bricco, Dist. 6, 5.001 acres.

Sept. 11 - Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Marion Bond, Dist. 2, 0.29 acres.

George Glynn III, Ronnie Glynn, Sondra Glynn, Donald Glynn, and Jarvous Glynn to George Glynn III, Dist. 17, 1.5 acres.

William M. Harmon, Brenda Lynn Harmon, Billy M. Harmon, and Willie Mae Harmon to Bennie L. Blue, Dist. 2, 0.260 acres.

Aaron L. Tittle and Lena F. Tittle to James Elem, Dist. 4, 1.39 acres.

Life is like a B-picture script. It is that corny. If I had my life story offered to me to film, I'd turn it down

—Kirk Douglas.

Marriages

Aug. 23 - Michael Shane Olds, 24, to Margaret Leighann McKee, 24, by Larry P. Rose.

Aug. 27 - Richard Wayne Johnson, 61, to Karen Jones Johnson, 49, by Alan C. Funderburk, Jr.

Sept. 5 - Rodney Neal Stafford, 33, to Lakenia Shana Halliburton, 21, by Booker Joe Nance, Jr.

Sept. 6 - Christopher Ryan Dieterlen, 20, to Stacey Michelle Lenderman, 19, by Tracy Henson.

John Brandon McAlister, 22, to Courtney Marie Casey, 20, by Thomas J. Stanley.

Earl Jeffery Taylor, 46, to Karen Lorraine Maben, 39, by L. C. Hayslett.

Sept. 12 - James Kevin Carlew, 32, to Emily Sara Burgess, 26, by Eugene Pugh.

Sept. 14 - Anthony Darryll Pearson, 29, to Tiffany Wynnett Norfolk, 21, by Oscar Webster.

Girl Scouts Annual Fall Product Sale

Girl Scout troops across West Tennessee will have their Annual Fall Product Sale, Sept. 20th to Oct. 5th.

They will be selling magazines from QSP/Reader's Digest, nuts and candy from Ashdon Farms and Girl Scout calendars. Prices range from \$4 to \$7.

They will also be participating in a program promoting literacy, called "Be A Reader."

This year's sale theme, "Make the Most of it," will provide a fun and creative atmosphere, while teaching the importance of literacy, with a focus on geography.

Every girl will participate in the "Address Adventure" game, each receiving a map of the United States, where they will try to locate addresses of family and friends.

In addition, they will learn more about each state, its capital, nickname and various other information. Girls participating in this event will be able to earn a patch.

Participation in the fall sales gives girls an opportunity to learn new skills, increase their reading interest, earn money for their troop, and support their service unit and council. They are awarded for their efforts with various recognitions.

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ELECTION OF CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE FOR DELTA HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY POLICY COUNCIL

The Delta Human Resource Agency's Community Service Block Grant Programs has a vacancy on the Policy Council for Lauderdale County. This elected member will serve in the interest of the low income population of Lauderdale County. This person does not have to meet CSBG eligibility guidelines, but must "represent" those who are eligible for services by being duly elected by low income individuals. This person must reside in Lauderdale County and participate actively in the development, planning, implementation and evaluation of programs funded under CSBG. Nominee(s) must be present at the meeting. Persons 18 years of age or older can vote.

A community meeting and the election will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. at Lauderdale County Senior Citizen Center, on Nelson Street in Ripley. Information concerning the following programs will be discussed:

1. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
2. USDA Commodity Program
3. Weatherization Program
4. Child Care
5. Community Service Block Grant Program
6. Rural Transportation

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Leaders Attend Re-Certification



COMMUNITY LEADERS, Award undergo re-certification by ECD yearly to assure that standards of preparedness for economic growth have been sustained locally.

Governor Phil Bredesen, fourth from left, and state Economic and Community Development Commissioner, Matthew Kisber, third from left, announced that Lauderdale County had successfully completed criteria to be re-certified for the 13th year under the Governor's Three-Star Community Economic Preparedness Program.

"Lauderdale County officials are to be commended for their efforts to create a brighter economic picture for their community," Bredesen said. "Their investment of time, energy and resources to earn this award demonstrates a commitment to ensuring economic prosperity for years to come."

The goals of the Three-Star Program are to preserve existing employment, create new employment opportunities, improve family income and create a strong leadership base for economic development.

Communities and counties earning the Three-Star

Others pictured, from left, include Matt Meyer, associate director, Lauderdale County Economic and Community Development, Annette Fisher, executive director, LCECD, and, from right, Craig Fitzhugh, State Representative, Rozelle Criner, county mayor, and Lisa Hankins, executive director, Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce.

Reelfoot Arts And Crafts Festival Set

The 32nd annual Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Fri., Sat., and Sun., Oct. 3rd, 4th, and 5th at the Ellington Assembly Hall, Armory Building, and American Legion Building plus many outdoor locations. No admission is charged for the festival and old time string music will be performed all three days.

Halls Writer Seeks News

Carol Coker, of Halls, has offered to write Halls Locals for the area. If anyone has any news to report, please call 836-7416. Please let her know of any visitors or happenings in the area.

Rotary Guest Speaker



CLAUDETTE STAGER, right, of the Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, presented the program during the noon meeting of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club Sept. 15th. She was accompanied by Becka Johnson, of Nashville, left, also with the commission. They were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jere Jordan, in Halls. Mr. Jordan, center, is president of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club.

Area Students Held Hostage

Thirteen Dyersburg State Community College students and an instructor were held hostage in a classroom Wednesday of last week by Harold Kilpatrick, Jr., of Memphis, who was later shot and killed by Dyersburg police. The nine-hour standoff ended at approximately 9:40 p.m. after Kilpatrick had shot two of the hostages and police were ordered to take him down.

Those held hostage include Tina Rena Baker, Angela Bishop, Candice Bowlin, Melissa Cooper, Chasity Farley, Courtney Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, John Johnson, Jacob King, Michelle Lemaster, Amanda Queen, Sarah Smith, Shakendra Smith, and Dana In-crocci, instructor.

He had entered the classroom with a 9mm handgun and what police described as a large butcher knife at 12:40 p.m. He released three of the students at 1:55 p.m., ordered pizza at 6 p.m., and was attempting to release another when shots were fired. Dyersburg Police Chief Bobby Williamson had ordered the SRT squad to "take him down" if shots were fired.

New Management



MARY TOWNSON, standing, was named the new manager at Little General #20 in Halls. She is pictured with Venus Rich, assistant manager. Their goal is to provide quality plate lunches daily, catfish on Friday, and chicken. Townson has over eight years of experience while Rich has about two years in retail sales. They invite the public to stop in and check out the friendly atmosphere.

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OVER-65 SEMINARS

Meharry Medical College, near Nashville, will offer 20 hours of Basic Gerontology, at the Tennessee Technology Center, at Ripley, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch break, Nov. 14th, Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th. "These seminars, funded by a grant, will increase awareness of the aging population, which is due to quadruple by the year 2030," said Belinda Douglas, nursing coordinator, at TTC. "We are targeting dentists, physicians, nurses, pharma-

cists, nutritionists or anyone who deals with, or will deal with, the over-65 age group," added Douglas.

Space is limited to 200 students per class.

Cost for all three sessions is \$25, and an additional \$15, if CEU's (Continuing Education Units) are provided. Six

CEU's will be awarded per session.

To register, call Belinda Douglas, 731-635-3368, or email bdouglas@ripley.tn.us.

Make checks payable to Meharry Medical College, due by Oct. 31st., % Belinda Douglas, Tennessee Tech-

nology Center, 127 Industrial Drive, Ripley, TN 38063.

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Sept. 12 - Shannon Dale Picketon, 22, to Barbara Annette Harris, 23, by Mac Daniels.

Sept. 13 - David Royce Ford, 27, to Beverly Ann Armour, 21, by David B. Hughes.

Sept. 16 - Shannon Wayne Leek, 28, to Audra Elaine McBroom, 29, by Donnie Reed, Sr.

Anniversaries

Sept. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Chrestman.

Sept. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Holford Swanner.

Sept. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Stan Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Chalk.

Sept. 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Brian Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. John Dillard.

Sept. 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weir.

Sept. 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones.

Oct. 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Bud Biggs.

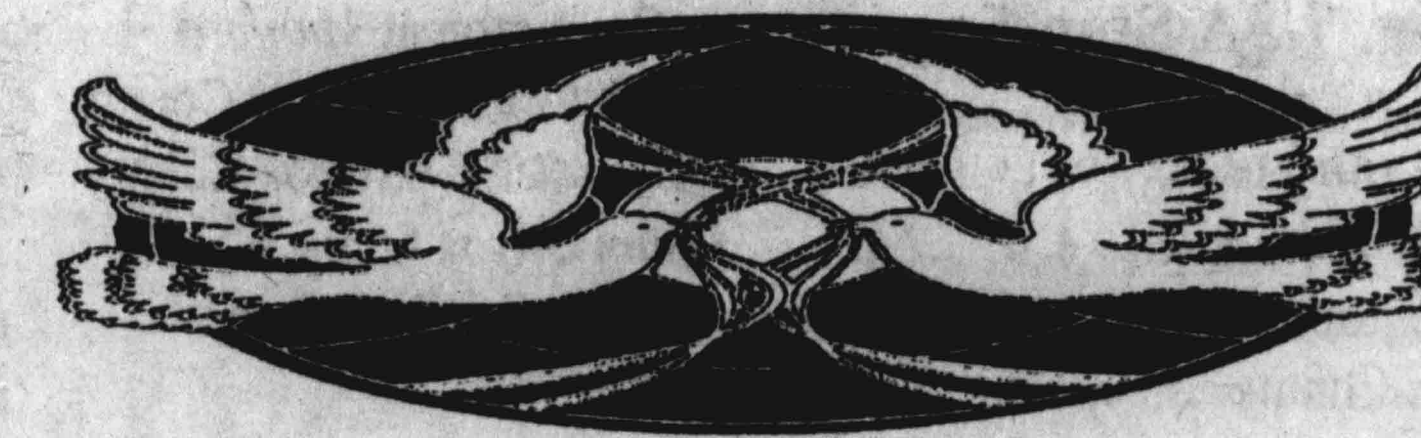
U OF M CAMPUS DAY

The University of Memphis will have its Campus Day, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 18th.

Activities include lunch, an information fair, a panel discussion among current U of M students and a tour of the campus. Guests may also visit an academic department of their choice.

The event, designed to showcase U of M colleges and departments, gives seniors and their parents a sample of campus life. Information will be provided on academic programs, admissions, financial aid and scholarships, residence life, student organizations, and services.

The event is free, but reservations are necessary, and must be made by Mon., Oct. 6th. To register, call 901-678-2169 or 800-669-2678.



Church Happenings

Ripley Church of God will hold a hillbilly homecoming at 10 a.m. Sun., Sept. 28th with luncheon served at noon. The Telestials, of Nashville, will present gospel selections. The public is invited to attend and wear your hillbilly best.

Williams Chapel Baptist Church, 481 Church Rd., in the Poplar Grove Community in Halls, will hold a gospel singing at 5 p.m. Sun., Sept. 28th featuring the Reed family. Bro. Jimmy Clay, pastor, invites the public.

The Halls First United Methodist Church will hold its annual Methodist Market from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Oct. 4th. The market will feature several gift shops loaded with home canned goodies, fresh baked pies, cakes, breads, candy, ready-to-cook casseroles, Netherland bulbs, mums, and garden accessories. Items for the silent auction include college collectibles, a guided deer hunt, quilt rack, framed prints, holiday arrangements, and much more. A luncheon, \$6 per plate, will feature grilled chicken halves, savory green beans, fresh corn on the cob, oriental salad, rolls, assorted cobblers, and drinks. A special children's plate will be available. Proceeds will benefit a Jackson area church damaged during the tornado and the new activity building. The public is invited.

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

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

Land Transfers

Sept. 12 - Julia W. Olds to Larry Joe Beard and Donna J. Beard, Dist. 10, 0.98 acres.

Thomas E. Hendren and Barbara V. Hendren to Jeffrey D. Ray and Janet L. Ray, Dist. 17, tract.

Donald Blackwood, Judy Blackwood, Kenneth Blackwood, and Beaton Blackwood to Gregg L. Brown and Devora K. Brown, Dist. 2, 0.639 acres.

William M. Webb to Pamela J. Davis, Dist. 14, lot.

Billy G. Chapman and Billy G. Chapman Living Trust to Victor Kees, Dist. 3, 5.298 acres.

David A. Williams, Guilford J. Williams III, and

Kenneth Parham to Harrison E. Smith and Gina R. Smith, Dist. 6, 11.996 acres.

Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Blaine Stanley and Suzette Stanley, Dist. 2, lot.

Sept. 15 - Charlotte Monroe and Austin E. Monroe to James Darryl Poiner, Dist. 11, 2 tracts.

Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to Jimmy Butler and Destinie Butler, Dist. 1, lot.

Kathy McBride and Frank McBride to Scott Michaels and Anita Michaels, Dist. 16, lot.

Sept. 16 - Lynn Eskridge and Rose Denise Eskridge to Randy Lankford and Ronnie Fisher, Dist. 2, lot.

Dee Hughes III and Barbara Hughes to David Hig-

gins and Robin Higgins, Dist. 6, lot.

Ethel Smith, Lucille Brown, and George Northcott to James W. Stokes and Lilah L. Stokes, Dist. 7, lot.

Sept. 17 - John Eskridge and Joe Eskridge to James W. Sanders and Lisa Gail Sanders, Dist. 12, lot.

Peggy Latham Jackson to C. B. Baker III and Janet Baker, Dist. 7, 25.6 acres.

Sept. 18 - Larry J. Ray, Travis L. Ray, Veronica Ray,

Divorces

Michelle Renee Ward Vaughn vs. Brian Ray Vaughn.

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ELECTION OF CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE FOR DELTA HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY POLICY COUNCIL

The Delta Human Resource Agency's Community Service Block Grant Programs has a vacancy on the Policy Council for Lauderdale County. This elected member will serve in the interest of the low income population of Lauderdale County. This person does not have to meet CSBG eligibility guidelines, but must "represent" those who are eligible for services by being duly elected by low income individuals. This person must reside in Lauderdale County and participate actively in the development, planning, implementation and evaluation of programs funded under CSBG. Nominee(s) must be present at the meeting. Persons 18 years of age or older can vote.

Date: October 2, 2003
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Ripley Senior Citizen Center, 142 Nelson St., Ripley

Community Meetings

Community meetings will be held Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, 9:30 a.m., at Halls Senior Citizen Center, 605 Airport St., in Halls, and Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, 9:30 a.m., at Palmer Turner Community Center, 655 S. Church St., in Henning. Information concerning the following programs will be discussed:

1. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
2. USDA Commodity Program
3. Weatherization Program
4. Child Care
5. Community Service Block Grant Program
6. Rural Transportation

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Ripley Atop 7-3A To Host Eagles

Ripley High School's Tigers, No. 1 in Region 7-3A with a 51-14 win last week from Dyer County, while Covington was losing to Obion County, 14-7, this Friday host Memphis Treadwell's Eagles.

In Troy, it was a re-play. Last fall, Obion led Covington's Chargers (unbeaten in Region 7-3A for the sixth consecutive year) until late in the game, losing 21-13. Friday, the Rebs led 14-0 in the final quarter. Charger quarterback Allen Williams (6-0, 175 junior) threw (among 151 yards total, against the notoriously passing Rebels) for the only Charger touchdown.

Memphis Treadwell was 3-7 last fall, 2-4 in 8-2A. This season, it has won only from Memphis Westside, 36-0, losing to Harding Academy, 21-14, Briarcrest, 37-12, and Carver, 32-6.

Reg. 7-3A Last Week
Brighton 24, Gibson Cnty. 6
Obion County 14, Covington 7
Ripley 51, Dyer County 14

Reg. 7-3A Standings

Ties Broken By Point Spread, Then Alfab.	All Games W L	Reg. W L
Ripley	4 0	2 0
Covington	3 2	1 1
Obion County	2 2	1 1
Brighton	2 2	1 1
Dyer County	1 3	1 1
Gibson County	0 4	0 2

Covington at *Munford*
Chester County at Dyer County
St. Benedict at Gibson County
Union City at Obion County
Treadwell at Ripley

Ripley 34, Haywood Cnty. 14
Ripley 51, Dyer County 14
Sept. 26 Memphis Treadwell

Oct. 3 Covington
Oct. 10 At Dyersburg
Oct. 17 Brighton
Oct. 24 At Munford
Oct. 31 At Gibson County
[Points 147, Foes 35]
Italics = Non-Region

Ripley High Schedule
Ripley 36, Manassas 0
Ripley 26, Obion County 7

Reg. 7-3A This Friday
Brighton at Memphis So. Side



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Halls Victors Host Fayette

Halls High School's Tigers, 2-2 off a 21-14 win last week from Greenfield, this Friday host Fayette Academy's Vikings.

The Vikings (9-3 last fall, 4-1 in 7-A), have back this year five starters on offense, six on defense.

They have won from St. Benedict, 36-13, and Middleton, 58-6, and lost to Bolivar, 26-22, Chester County, 28-14, and, last week, University School of Jackson, 35-14.

USJ led 14-0 at the half, on second quarter passes of 65 and 31 yards from Ryan Ross (6-0, 175 junior) to Josh Liles.

USJ led 35-0 in the fourth quarter. Fayette, with 201 yards rushing from Winston Thomas, scored Blaine Feathers from the one and Colin Bodiford on a 14-yard pass from Feathers.

Region 8-A Last Week
So. Fulton 44, HR/Bruceston 20
West Carroll 41, Gleason 6
Halls 21, Greenfield 14
Lake County 13, Fulton City 6

Region 8-A Standings

Ties Broken By Total Point Spread	Reg. W L	All Games W L	Reg. W L
South Fulton	5 0	2 0	
West Carroll	3 1	2 0	
Halls	2 2	2 0	
Greenfield	2 2	0 1	
Lake County	1 3	0 1	
H-R/Bruceston	0 4	0 2	
Gleason	0 5	0 2	

Reg. 8-A This Friday
Camden at HR/Bruceston
Adamsville at Greenfield
Gleason at Trinity Christian

Fayette Academy at Halls
Mfs. Catholic at Lake Cnty.
South Fulton at Dresden
West Carroll at Perry County

Halls High Schedule
S.B.E.C. 48, Halls 6
Halls 38, H-R/Bruceston 21
Jackson Christian 50, Halls 8
Halls 21, Greenfield 14
Sept. 26 Fayette Academy
Oct. 3 At Stewart County
Oct. 10 Gleason
Oct. 17 At South Fulton
Oct. 24 Lake County
Oct. 31 At West Carroll
[Halls Points, 73; Foes, 133]
Italics = Non-Region

School Lunches
Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Sept. 29th
Pizza
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French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Apple
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Rice Krispie Treat
Choice of Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 30th
Chicken Nuggets
Beef Cutlet w/ gravy

Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Mixed Fruit
Peaches
Roll
Choice of Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 1st
Baked Ham
Fish Fillet
Blackeye Peas
Green Beans
Pear Halves
Applesauce

Roll
Choice of Milk
Thursday, Oct. 2nd
MENU
School's Choice

Friday, Oct. 3rd
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Obituaries

Diane Stott

Diane Stott, 46, of Covington, a teacher, mother of William Stott II, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, with burial in Townsend Cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her husband, William Stott; a daughter, Arreka Stott, of Covington; brothers, Billy J. Grandberry, of Covington, Ollie R. Grandberry, of Bolivar, and Arthur A. Grandberry, of Elyria, Ohio; sisters, Sharon Reed, of Covington, and Kathleen Wright, of Lorain, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Tina Marie May

Tina Marie May, 40, of Henning, a former Memphian, died Monday of last week in Methodist Healthcare North in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Bartlett Funeral Home.

She leaves daughters, Ashley James, of Ripley, and Felicia May and Jennifer Spruell, of Henning; brothers, Michael L. James, of Henning, and Gregory James, of Memphis; a sister, Sandra Graham, of Fayette County; her grandmother, Vera Battles, of Selmer; and three grandchildren.

Julian Sutton

Julian Sutton III, 67, of 112 Thompson Dr., Ripley, a retired postal worker, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Ripley Church of Christ, where he was a member, with burial in Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

A Navy veteran of the Viet Nam war, he was the widower of Martha Long Sutton.

He leaves a son, Charles, of Rosemark; a daughter, Sandra Elliott, of DeKalb, Ill.; brothers, Joel P. Sutton, of Curve, and Terry Sutton, of Memphis; and eight grandchildren.

Betty Ruth Gibbs

Betty Ruth Scott Gibbs, 75, of Palacios, Tex., formerly of Troy, sister of Rose (Mrs. John) Snead, of 303 Lackey Lane, Ripley, died Sept. 13th in Clear Lake Regional Medical Center in Webster, Tex.

Rites were Thursday of last week in White-Mahon Funeral Home in Troy, burial in New Ebenezer Cemetery near Troy.

Born at Troy, Aug. 27, 1928, to the late Robert Benjamin and Cloyce Dyer Scott, she married Blondell McDaniel Gibbs, Jr., in 1948. He died in 1972.

A retired teacher, she was a member of Palacio's First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include sons, Danny, of League City, Tex., and Tommy, of Earleysville, Va.; a daughter, Anna Herrell, of Austin, Tex.; another sister, Virginia Busbey, of Atlanta, Ga.; and four grandchildren.

Edith Demeris

Edith E. Demeris, 87, widow of George T. Demeris, died Thursday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

She was cremated, Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, George and Michael, of Ripley; a daughter, Georgianna Corzatt, of Downers Grove, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society would be appropriate.

Tony Harrison

Tony Eugene Harrison, 72, of 2195 Grimes Store Rd., Ripley, retired from the Tennessee Department of Correction, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

A Navy veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of Curve Baptist Church, Ripley's Masonic Lodge (Scottish Rite), and its Shrine Club, of which he was a former president.

He leaves his wife, Virginia Jordan Harrison; daughters, Amy Harrison-Caldwell, of Ripley, and Jennifer Caffey, of Memphis; and sisters, Aileen McGlasson, of Memphis, and Patricia Parham, of Rosemark.

Gene Davis, Jr.

Gene Franklin Davis, Jr., 48, of Halls and Memphis, writer and AutoZone employee, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Davis' northbound 1993 Olds Sierra collided head-on with a southbound ambulance, driven by Joshua M. Forbess, 22, of Atoka, on Hwy. 14, Austin Peay, in Tipton County. Davis was transported to Baptist Hospital Tipton. Forbess received injuries, no passengers were listed. Both drivers were wearing seat belts. The accident is still under investigation by Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Gates Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene F. Davis, of 957 Dr. Hall Road, Halls, and his grandmother, Lois Brandon, of Halls.

Bobbie Forsythe

Bobbie O'Neil Forsythe, 75, of Alamo, mother of Robert Forsythe, of Henning, died Friday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday in Maury City Cemetery, Medical Center Funeral Home in charge.

Her survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Evans, of Alamo, Vicki Archer, of Maury City, and Deborah Thompson, of Machesney Park, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

David Kitchens

David Paul Kitchens, 62, of Carrollton, Miss., stepfather of Marshall Dale Goss, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Grenada Lake Medical Center.

Rites were in New Haven Cemetery at Stewart, Miss., with Williams & Lord Funeral Home, of Greenwood, Miss., in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Slawson Kitchens, and other relatives.

Barbara Hubbard

Barbara Faye Dees Hubbard, 45, of Ripley, died Saturday at her residence.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Friday, at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, near Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Luster Hubbard, one son, Tremaine Dees, one daughter, Francesca Dees, and one step-daughter, Kayla Hubbard, all of Ripley; another daughter, Kellie Dees, of Munford; one step-son, Shawn Hubbard, and another step-daughter, Shandietra Hubbard, both of Gates; her parents, Barbara Ann Colquitt, of Rockford, Ill., and Willie James Miller, of Detroit, Mich.; seven brothers, Kevan Jarrett, of Ripley, Stacy Dees, of Covington, and Victor Miller, Antonio Miller, Keith Miller, Melvin Miller and Bertrum Miller, all of Detroit, Mich.; three sisters, Karen Norfolk, of Memphis, Carla Jones, of Rockford, Ill., and Cheryl Miller, of Detroit; grandparents, Ehelma and Ella Miller, of Ripley; and three grandchildren.

Ruth Jordan

Ruth Griggs Jordan, 78, of Horn Lake, Miss., former restaurant owner and manager, sister of Ola Jane Bane, of Ripley, died Friday, at Baptist Hospital-Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at Forest Hill South

Benefit Program To Help Couple

Mary Manns and Anthony McKinnis, members of the Redeemers Gospel singers, of Ripley, formerly the Heaven Bound singers, lost their home to a fire.

A "Reach Out And Touch" benefit program is set for 6 p.m., Sat., Sept. 27th, at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning.

Guests include Southern Wonder, of Brownsville; New Heavenly Voices, of Ripley; New Southernaires, of Dyersburg; Smith Sisters, of Brownsville; Gospel Ezekieltones, of Jackson; Ezekiel Baptist Church Choir; original Southernaires, of Ripley; and Gospel Divine.

All solo singers, choirs and quartets are invited to help make the program a success.

Funeral Home, in Memphis, with burial in its cemetery.

Other survivors include her husband, Herman Douglas Jordan, of Horn Lake; one son, Kenneth C. Sultzbach, of Senatobia, Miss.; five daughters, Martha Ola Skaggs, of Jonesboro, Ark., Cheryl Ann Bishop, of Batesville, Miss., Kenda Kay Jones, of Lawton, Okla., Alice Faye Hammersmith, of Senatobia, and Karen Ruth Davidson, of Southaven, Miss.; three other sisters, Johnnie Faye Hargett, of Horn Lake, Sarah Louise Edwards, of Binger, Okla., and Barbara Lou Patterson, of Collierville; 22 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

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Readers Speak

Dear Editor:

Imagine this scene: A delegation from a company in a very large city is visiting Ripley to investigate the possibility of relocating their plant. This delegation does their job a little differently. Each member has an assigned task. Member one is to ride the streets of Ripley and talk to the kids in town. Member two is to access any information about the town and people he can. The third is to ask questions of the chamber and elected officials. That night they met and compared notes. #1: As I rode around, I noticed there were a large number of homes for sale on the main streets into town. There seemed to be a lot of businesses and factories closed also. But, the people here must be very friendly. As they drive down the street, they just stop to talk to people, who are either on the sidewalk, or in cars that are meeting them. By the way, I need to put the car in the shop. Some of the streets were so rough, I think it knocked the front end out of alignment. I looked for a dealership, but was told I would have to go to Covington or Dyersburg or Brownsville to get it fixed. I found a bunch of teenagers sitting on their cars one night and asked them what is there for them to do. They go bowling, skate, go to the movies, play putt-putt golf and race go-carts in Dyersburg. Teenagers can also go to Memphis or Jackson for concerts. I asked about the younger age group and was told they could get movies or games from the video store. The kids here said they normally "cruise the strip" and sit and talk to their friends. #2: I looked at past editions of the newspaper and found a local chat board on the com-

puter. There were a lot of comments about the schools, bus drivers, whether or not to combine the utility companies, loud noises from car stereos, guns at school, racial bias and insinuations towards particular people. It also seems as if everybody is worried about the loss of jobs here. I did read in the paper they are planning some work on some of the streets. #3: I explained our company would have a lot of cosmopolitan customers to come to our facility. They expect to be able to dine in a formal or semi-formal atmosphere and, in some cases, would enjoy a glass of wine or a mixed drink with their dinner. They are accustomed to staying in a quality motel. I found our mixed drinks and formal dining are available in Dyersburg, Jackson or Memphis. This really wouldn't be out of the way, because that's probably where they would be staying anyway. I informed the group that the workforce that would be moving to Ripley was very diverse and would like to be able to enjoy some quality leisure time. Ripley has some good outdoor tennis courts at the park, with an excellent walking track and playground. I asked about golf and was told there were public courses in Dyersburg, Newbern, Jackson and Memphis. In addition to sports activities, it was mentioned Covington has a little theatre with local actors. Dyersburg, Jackson and Memphis have lounges for adults to enjoy a quiet evening. Jackson and Memphis also have a variety of other things to do, from amusement parks to concerts and museums. Most of the people I talked to go out of town or to the country club for relaxation. I asked about higher educational opportunities for the local workforce we hire, and learned there are junior colleges in Dyersburg, Covington and Jackson. Wait a

Membership Drive For Arts Council

The Lauderdale County Council of Arts is beginning its annual membership drive.

"Many special events are planned for the coming year," said president, Carol L. Walker, "and many are free to the public, which are paid for through membership dues and grants."

Some events include a play, *The Rented Christmas*, under the direction of Neal Ammons, slated for Dec. 5th, 6th and 7th; a performance by the *Miracles*, from the Baddour Center, Jan. 25th, at the First United Methodist Church; a February focus on Black History month, under the leadership of Charletta Campbell, Susan Farris and Cathy Jarrett; and a dinner theatre Feb. 28th, featuring local talent, under the direction of Kathryn Norman.

The *Ripe and Ready Players*, of Chattanooga, billed as the oldest theatre company in the world, will be visiting Lauderdale County. Articles on the group have appeared in Southern Living Magazine and a Creative Discovery Museum publication.

Next spring, the Botanic Gardens, of Memphis, will teach fourth graders at Ripley and Halls Elementary Schools the art of tie dying.

The Council meets the first Tues. evening of each month, at 5 p.m., in the Lauderdale County Library.

Board members include Neal Ammons, Charletta Campbell, Carol Douglas, Susan Farris, Katharine Garner, Cathy Jarrett, Linda Jennings, Beaton Matthews,

minute. Are we in the right town? Does anyone really think a 4-lane highway from Brownsville will make the difference in attracting new industry?

Harriet Mills, Lisa Myrick, Jodie Robbins, Carol L. Walker and Martha Webb.

The Arts Council urges the public to consider membership and help bring artistic talent to Lauderdale County.

Membership is open to all, regardless of race, creed or color.

If interested in membership, contact Carol L. Walker, 635-2274.

NOTICE

The Town of Halls regular monthly board meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be at 7 p.m., Mon., Oct. 6th at City Hall.

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. concerning An Ordinance for Charitable Roadblocks & A Litter Control Ordinance.

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FLU SHOTS

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, in Halls, through Baptist Hospital-Lauderdale, is offering the flu shot, Oct. 21st, at the Senior Citizen Center, 605 Airport St., in Halls.

"The goal of this initiative is to educate older persons about the importance of preventing flu," said director, Wendy Henry. "Persons are also urged to get the pneumonia shot."

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control, persons over 60 and those with a heart condition, lung disease, kidney disease, or diabetes is particularly vulnerable to the flu.

The flu and pneumonia are the fifth highest cause of death of people over 60.

To find out more information, or to make an appointment, call 731-836-5444.

ATTENDS SEMINAR

Lisa Hankins, executive director, of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, completed a week-long professional development program with the U.S. Chamber Institute for organi-

CRP SIGNUP

Dwaine Johnson, soil conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, announced the organization management, July 27th through 31st, at Villanova University, near Philadelphia.

Participants each received training in leadership, chamber and association management competencies, and targeted curriculum in membership, technology and financial management.

The Institute program is one of five Institute programs held each year at U.S. College campuses, with 1,500 or more individuals attending annually.

Attendees can earn points toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE), or Certified Association Executive (CAE) designations. Graduates receive a certificate in Organization Management. Hankins has completed her third year of the four-year program.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region.

nounced that USDA is taking applications for continuous signup of the Conservation Reserve Program (CPR), in a special effort to protect environmentally sensitive lands.

The continuous CPR signup includes filter strips, grassed waterways, riparian buffers and shallow water areas for wildlife, that are aimed at controlling erosion, improving the quality of water and enhancing wildlife habitat.

Landowners enrolled will receive annual rental payments for a period of 10 to 15 years for lands being maintained in a conservation cover, in addition to receiv-

ing cost-share assistance for establishment of the appropriate conservation cover.

The program also provides additional incentive payments to landowners for enrolling environmentally sensitive lands into the program.

For further information on the Continuous CRP program, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Lauderdale County Farm Service Agency USDA Service Center, 301 Lake Drive, in Ripley, 731-635-7686.

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NOTICE

Delta Human Resource Agency will accept applications in Lauderdale County for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Oct. 6-24, 2003.

- 1) Applications for assistance may be filed at the Delta Human Resource office, located at 198 S. Washington, Ripley, Monday, Oct. 6 through Fri., Oct. 17, 2003, and at the Halls Senior Citizens Center, Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 8 and 9, 2003. Appointments filed at these offices will be done **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Persons wishing to schedule an appointment may do so by calling the Ripley Office at 731-635-1931, beginning Thurs., Oct. 2, 2003.
- 2) Mail in applications will be available, beginning Mon., Oct. 6, and may be picked up at the Delta Human Resource Agency office, and Halls Senior Citizen Center. All mailed-in applications **MUST** be postmarked, no later than Oct. 24, 2003, or they will automatically be denied for being received after the deadline date.
- 3) In order to file for assistance, the following information must be presented:
 - 1) Names of **ALL** persons living in your household.
 - 2) Birth dates of **ALL** persons living in your household.
 - 3) Documentation of Social Security Numbers for **ALL** persons living in your household (examples - Social Security card, insurance cards, drivers license).
 - 4) Proof of income for **ALL** persons in your household who have income, including interest from savings accounts, CD's etc. This documentation may include award letters from the Social Security Administration, the Veterans Administration, the Department of Human Services, retirement funds, etc.; bank statements, which include the type and the amount of check; check stubs, verifying employment income for a minimum of 3 months (13 check stubs, if paid weekly; 7 check stubs, if paid every two weeks; 6 check stubs, if paid twice monthly, or the most recent check stub with a Year-to-Date gross income). **All income documentation must include identifying name and/or Social Security Number.**
 - 5) Electric and/or natural gas bill for one month during the past 12 months.
 - 6) Receipts for any propane, wood, or kerosene purchased during the past 12 months.

NOTE: The above information must be brought to the office to file applications, or included with mailed-in applications. **Applications not including all required documentation will be denied as incomplete.**

Clients wishing to complete an application for the Weatherization Assistance Program should also bring with them proof of ownership of their residence, i.e., most recent tax receipt or warranty deed.

Clients applying in person for energy assistance will also be issued a commodity card, if they so desire. Applicants filing mail-in applications may apply for commodity cards at a later date.

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