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## 2004 Tomato Festival Royalty



**BROOKE BARNES**, daughter of Joe and Rita Barnes, was crowned Queen of the Miss Lauderdale County Pageant March 27th, held in the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater, at Ripley High School. Her court included Brittany Schneider, 1st Maid, daughter of Angie Smith and Billy Schneider; Jennifer Buntin, 2nd Maid, daughter of Richard and Jayme Ann Buntin; and Beth Sadler, 3rd Maid, daughter of Dennis and Felecia Sadler. In addition to the Tomato Festival, Brooke will represent Lauderdale County in the Strawberry Festival in Humboldt.



**CATHERINE CARPENTER**, daughter of Jill Carpenter and Steve Carpenter, was crowned Queen of the Miss Lauderdale County Teen Pageant. Her court included Catherine Midkiff, 1st Maid, daughter of Larry and Marie Midkiff; Mallory Pipkin, 2nd Maid, daughter of Jimmy and Sonja Pipkin; and Madison Hamlet, 3rd Maid, daughter of David and Zina Hamlet.

More pictures inside this issue.

## Announces Summer Concert Series Set For July



**SENATOR MARK NORRIS** has announced his bid for re-election to the Tennessee State Senate by filing papers Friday.

Norris, 48, is completing his first term, representing the 32nd Senatorial District, which includes Lauderdale, Shelby, Tipton, and Dyer Counties.

"Jobs, education, and healthcare are top priorities," said Norris, a Republican. "Our spending reforms continue to make state government more efficient and more responsive. We must focus on the quality of life issues facing Tennesseans every day."

A leading proponent of reform, he feels worker's compensation, the system as it relates to frivolous lawsuits, and TennCare must be reformed.

"Our system is too costly. It is not competitive. It is not friendly to those who need work and deserve affordable access to health care," said Norris.

He is the prime sponsor of legislation to adopt medical liability and insurance reforms, including limits on attorneys' fees and emotional damages, similar to efforts by President Bush and Senator Bill Frist who appeared with Norris at the Regional Medical Center last month. "I want to finish what we have started and look for-

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The Halls Community Club will present a summer concert series, called Summer Serenade, during the month of July, at the mini-park on Front Street, in Halls.

The club hopes to promote local talent and family entertainment, along with family picnicking.

Interested local talent should contact Pamela Cherry Kerby at 836-0637.

## Date Altered For F. O. P. Banquet

Due to a conflict with schedules, the annual Fraternal Order of Police banquet has been rescheduled to 7 p.m. April 13th in Ripley High School. If anyone is interested in becoming an associate member of the F.O.P., call Jay King, 635-3554 or 413-8049, or Elsie Jones, 635-1311.

## Radio-Thon For Special Olympics

The Annual Radio-Thon for Special Olympics will be Wed., Apr. 7th, on Radio Station WTRB, 1570 AM.

Listeners are invited to call 635-1570 and "adopt" a Special Olympian. The \$10 "adoption" fee goes directly to the operation of Area 8 Special Olympic games.

"There are no salaried people connected with Area 8," said Anne Paris, Area 8 director. "All are volunteers, so every dollar raised goes to benefit the athletes."

The games will be held at Tiny Knee Stadium in Ripley Wed., Apr. 21st, with over 500 special athletes participating.

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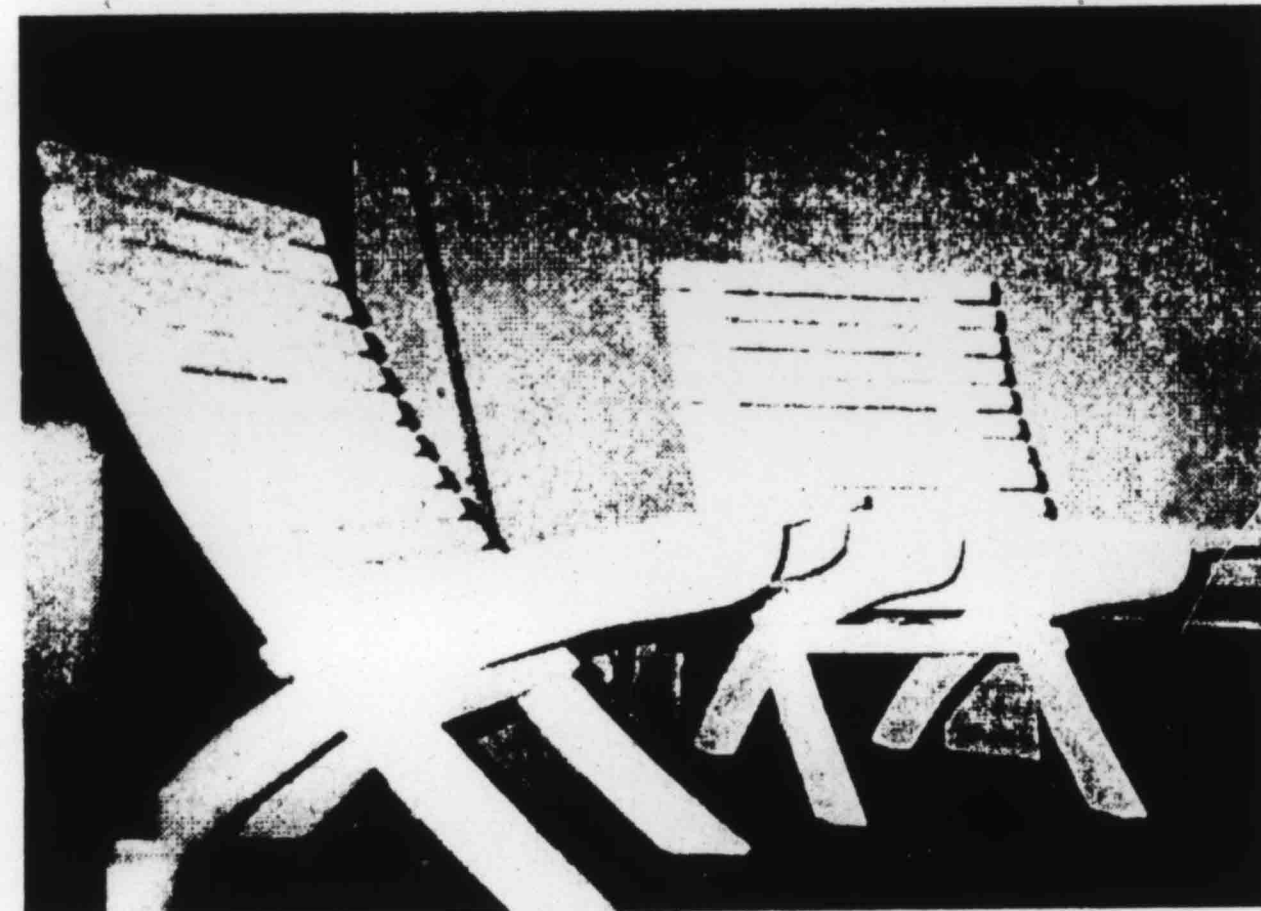
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### TCAP Testing In Lauderdale County

Lauderdale County students in grades 3-8 will take the TCAP Achievement Test during the weeks of April 5-16.

Each spring, Tennessee students in grades 3-8 take an Achievement Test as part of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP). The Achievement Test has fresh, non-redundant test items and is customized yearly to measure the academic basic skills in reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Content knowledge, as well as the application of that knowledge in these subject areas, is assessed.

The TCAP Achievement Test uses multiple choice questions and has set time limits. There is no passing or failing grade on the tests.

The TCAP Achievement Test provides both norm-referenced and criterion-referenced performance information. Norm-referenced information permits the achievement of students to be compared with the performance of students nationwide with similar circumstances, such as age and grade level.

In addition to the norm-referenced test, Tennessee students are also assessed with a criterion-referenced component on the Achievement Tests. This new component was implemented in order to comply with federal mandates of "No Child Left Behind." On criterion-referenced reports, a student's performance is measured according to standards, as defined by the State of Tennessee. The criterion-referenced component assesses how well a student has mastered grade level objectives and skills.

Testing is vital to structuring effective educational programs; however, it is only



KRAYTON ROSE AND HALEY MCCALLISTER were crowned King and Queen of the Little Mr. and Miss Lauderdale County Pageant. Crayton is the son of Joseph and Melissa Rose, and Haley is the daughter of Keith and Nancy McCallister. Their court included Jace Jones, Prince, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Jones; Camryn Gray, Princess, daughter of Todd Jamie and Bobbie Gray; Tyler Klutts, Page, son of Bubba and Felecia Klutts; and Scarlett Williams, Maid, daughter of Adam Williams and Christy Stallings.



JACK KENT AND BROOKE DANIELS were crowned King and Queen of the Little Mr. and Miss Tomato Babes Pageant. Jack is the son of Todd and Jennifer Kent, and Brooke is the daughter of Kevin and Heather Daniels. Their court included Grant Hilliard, Prince, son of Ryan and Belinda Hilliard; Rachel Jackson, Princess, daughter of Rusty and Betty Jackson; Hunter Crowder, Page, son of Shanon and Rheay Crowder; and Ailee Adkerson, Maid, daughter of John Adkerson and Kelli Adkerson.

All winners will take part in the opening ceremonies for the 21st annual Tomato Festival, set for July 9th and 10th, around the square in Ripley.

one part of the overall assessment. Parents, students and teachers are partners in education. Students need encouragement and support from both parents and teachers.

Parents can help their children during test time by following these suggestions:

- 1) See that your child attends school on the scheduled test days;
- 2) Be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test day;
- 3)

Get your child's day off to a good start with a positive attitude and breakfast; 4) Make your child aware of the importance of the test without being anxious; and 5) Encourage your child to do the best work possible.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Halls Community Club will have its second annual Easter egg hunt Sat., Apr. 10th, at the community

center on College Street.

Times are 10 a.m. for walking through age three, and 11 a.m. for children, ages 4-7.

Children should bring a Easter basket or container to put the eggs in.

Prizes will be given for finding the prize egg.

A bore is a person who talks when you want him to listen.  
—Ambrose Bierce

### Birthdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Marriages

March 19 - Billy Milton Turner, 57, to Lona Jane Ross, 51, by Paul L. Conquest.

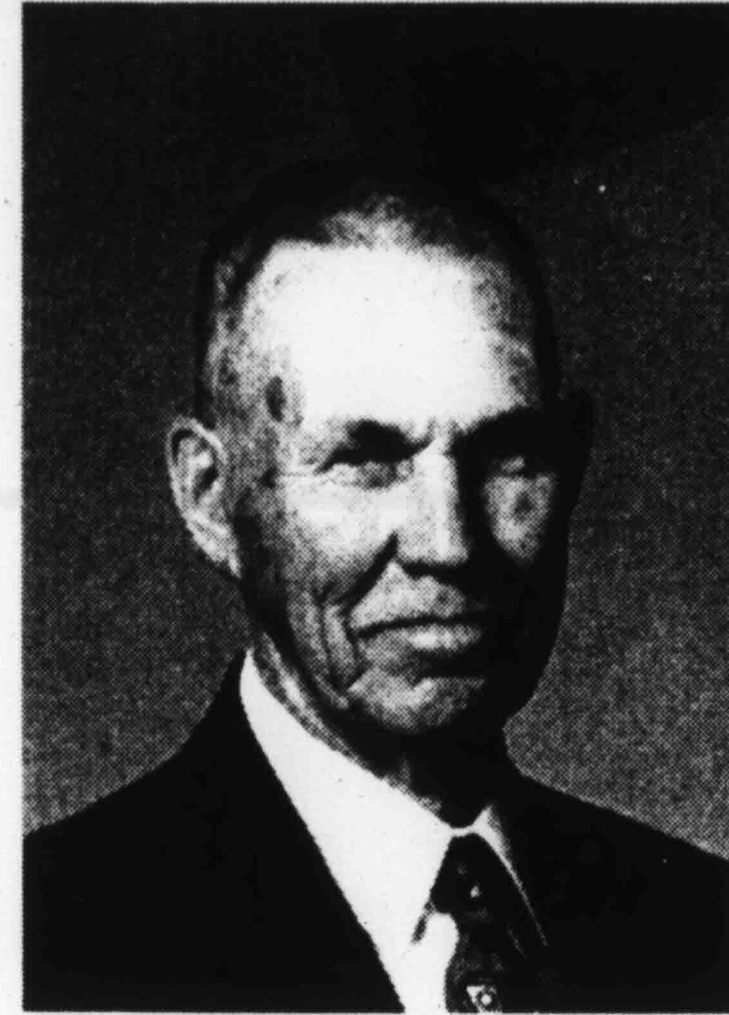
March 20 - Thomas Gilkinson Wright III, 37, to Barbara Gail Guen, 36, by Noel Pedro. Kevin Dewayne Gunn, 24, to Kristin Michelle Scallions, 22, by William R. Elder.

March 26 - Tong Young Jiang, 33, to Xiao Hong Yang, 30, by Herman L. Reviere.

Mark Antwan Alston, 26, to Dana Lashun Dixon, 26, by Janice C. Craig.

# Obituaries Mourned

## Missionary



**EARL WALLACE STANLEY**, 78, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week at his home.

Rites were Friday in Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, of which he was a member, with burial in Grace Cemetery; Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Retired after more than 20 years of active duty with the United States Marine Corps, after serving his country in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, he was an Intelligence Chief and was a recipient of the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal Combat V, and numerous Good Conduct Medals. He served in the Pacific during World War II and was with the Marines on the landing at Iwo Jima. He later retired after sixteen years with the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections.

He served three terms as Lay Leader of the Brownsville District of the United Methodist Church, president of the Brownsville District United Methodist Men, and led the Brownsville Lay Speaking School. He was a frequent lay speaker in area churches.

He is survived by his wife, LaQuinta Matthews Stanley, and a brother, William 'Billy' L. Stanley, of Ripley; daughters, Linda (Mrs. Robert) Weeks, of 892 Curve-Nankipoo Rd., Peggy



**FRANKIE HAYSLETT**, 62, of Ripley, homemaker and licensed missionary evangelist, wife of Elder L. C. Hayslett, of Spiller Hill Church of God In Christ, died Sunday at Baptist Hospital, in Memphis.

Services are set for noon Saturday, at Bethel Temple Church of God in Christ, in Memphis, with burial in Mt. Zion #2 Church Cemetery, in Rossville, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Mrs. Hayslett's COGIC involvements included director of women auxiliaries, district field director for Ripley District, Central Jurisdiction, special advisor for missionary examination board and chairperson of the Souvenir Journal, Central Jurisdiction.

Other survivors include three sons, Mario Hayslett, of Ripley, and Zacchaeus Hayslett and Louis Hayslett, both of Memphis; four daughters, Ja'on McWilliams, of Memphis, Gerilyn Halliburton, of Nashville, Alicia Cross, of Old Hickory, and Ruth Hayslett, of Antioch; two brothers, Tommie Lemons and Clyde Lemons, of Memphis; three sisters, Alice Hurt and Susie Davis, of Memphis, and Ruby Hunt, of Detroit, Mich.; and 11 grandchildren.

Nelson, of Fort Smith, Ark., Kathy Toolan, of Houston, Tex., and Vickie Arbuckle, of Blacksburg, Va.; a sister, Mary Coleen Jackson, of Homewood, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Ollie Vowell

Ollie L. E. Vowell, 74, of 237 Anthony, Ripley, retired farmer, died Monday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, Henning.

He was born in this county, Oct. 15, 1929, to the late Ollie and Elsie Ray Vowell.

A Korean War veteran, he was a member of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church near Ripley.

He leaves his wife, Amy Sue Coker Vowell; a son, Michael, and a daughter, Libby Morris, of Ripley; brothers, Billy, of Henning, Ricky, of Drummonds, Berry, of Camden, and Jimmy, of California; sisters, Judy Thurmond, of Ripley, Maxine Shands, of Halls, Norma Hester, of Henning, Pauline Kinsley, of Reno, Nev., and Jane Wolfe, of California; and five grandchildren.

## Robert Marvin

Robert Harvey Martin, 47, of Bogota, a carpenter, the brother of Carolyn Jones, of 741 Long Hole Rd., Ripley, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Sunday in Calvary Baptist Church near Elbridge, with burial in New Haven Cemetery at Ridgely, Dyersburg Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Nona; his mother, Mary Marvin, brothers, Joe Marvin, Jr., and Rodney Marvin, and sisters, Linda McClain and Mary Gwen Farmer, of Moor-ing; another brother, Tony, of Obion; and other sisters, Sheila South-erland, of Wynnburg, and Vicky Peery, of Miston.

## J. K. Cummings

James Kenneth Cummings, 95, of Ripley, retired from county highway maintenance, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

Widower of Lillie Chipman Cummings, he leaves a daughter, Annie Joy McCormick, of Highland, Calif.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

## Anthony Sellers

Anthony Wayne Sellers, 49, of Dyersburg, father of Jennifer Sellers, of Halls, died Friday in Henderson County Hospital in Lexington.

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

A mechanic for Family Auto Center, he was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy; another daughter, Hillary Sellers, of Newbern; a step-son, Colin Campbell, and a step-daughter, Jade Allison Campbell, of Bells; his mother, Loretta Perry, of Brighton; a half-brother, Randy Sellers, of Memphis; half-sisters, Marcia Barnett, of Covington, and Teresa Sellers, of Illinois; and his grandmother, Ophelia Perry, of Dyersburg.

## Curtiss A. Day

Curtiss A. Day, 68, retired sheet-metal worker, died Wednesday of last week in his home at 2565 Edith-Nankipoo Road.

Rites were Saturday in Abundant Life Church near Ripley, where he was a member, with burial in the cemetery of Hopewell Baptist Church at Parsons, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Daisy Gill Day; sons, Dan, of the home, and Richard, of Denver, Colo.; daughters, Cindy Autry, of Holladay, and Deborah Swatley, of Memphis; a sister, Lois Curtis, of Millington; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Mrs. Halliburton

Willie Kate Halliburton, 91, of Ripley, widow of The Rev. Joe R. Halliburton, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves a sister, Georgella Coleman, of Ripley, and seven grandchildren.

Without constancy there is neither love, friendship nor virtue in the world. —Joseph Addison

## J. D. Stovall, Jr.

James Douglas Stovall, Jr., 71, of Ripley, retired cotton compress manager, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Poplar Grove Cemetery at Henning, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Emma Ann Kutschman Stovall; sons, Andy, of Alpharetta, Ga., and Bobby, of Little Rock, Ark.; daughters, Brenda Stovall, Lisa Stockman, and Moline Hutson, of Little Rock; and seven grandchildren.

## Ruth Wyrick

Ruth Wyrick, 87, widow of Paul Wyrick, died Friday in Wesley of Dyersburg.

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

She was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church.

She leaves a son, Wayne, of Clermont, Fla.; a sister, Lucille Kirby, of Halls; and a grandson.

## FREE WILDLIFE SEED

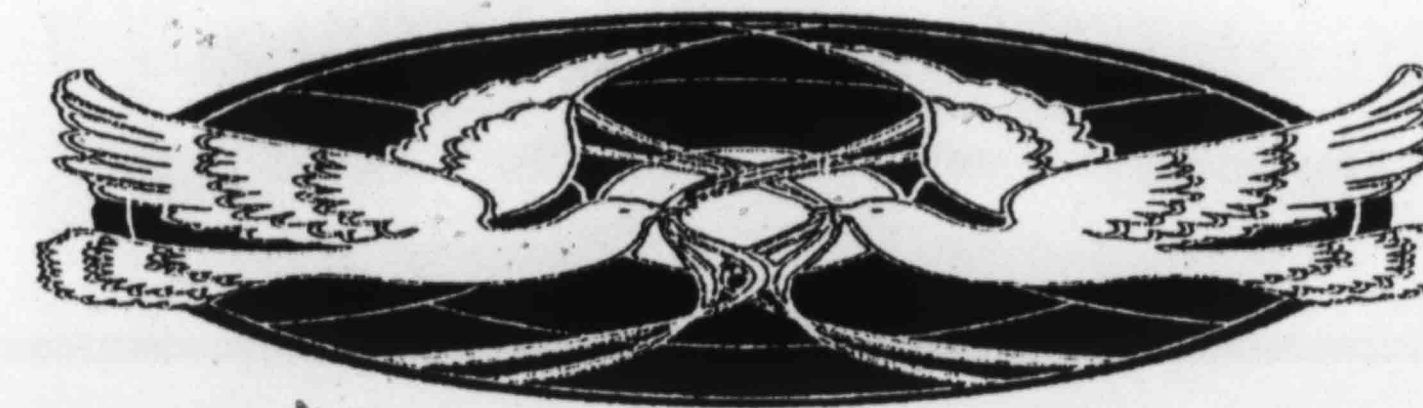
Dwaine Johnston, soil conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, announced that the Great River Chapter of Quail Unlimited has provided 50 wildlife seed packets, to be distributed free of charge, to Lauderdale County landowners, on a first-come, first-served basis.

The packets consist of a mixture of Kobe lespedeza, Korean lespedeza and millet.

Johnston encourages landowners to take advantage of the opportunity to establish a wildlife habitat food plot on their land, that will provide a food source for quail and other types of wildlife.

To receive a packet, landowners should stop by the USDA Service Center, at 301 Lake Drive in Ripley.

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow. —Chinese proverb



## Church Happenings

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Cemetery Rd., Henning, will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly Sun., April 4th through Tues., April 6th with The Rev. Wiley Harris, of Grey Creek MBC, Eads, as guest speaker. Choirs invited include Antoich-Curve Mass Choir, Sunday night; New Bethel Mass Choir, Monday; and Mt. Pleasant MBC, Ripley, Tuesday. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 6435 Hwy. 19 W., Ripley, will present "The Seven Last Words" at 7 p.m. Fri., April 9th. The Rev. James T. Byers, pastor, invites the public.

New Covenant Community Baptist Church, 631 S. Washington St., Ripley, will begin a new Wednesday evening Bible study lesson entitled, *The Andy Griffith Show Bible Study Series* at 6 p.m. Wed., March 31st. The four-part series will focus each Wednesday on 'Going Back to Mayberry' to learn about judging others, the value of work, serving as mentors, and the power of deception. Dr. Randall Cummings, pastor, invites the public.

New Vision Lighthouse for Christ Full Gospel Church will hold a fellowship and fun day from noon until 5 p.m. April 10th at the Ripley City Park. Many gospel groups including The Mustains, Bloodbought, Roy Poole, the Johnsons, and Velma Landford, are scheduled to appear. Fun, activities, and food will be available at no charge. The public and area churches are invited to participate. For further information, call Pastor Daryl Jeter, 731-780-4764, or if anyone is interested in participating.

Jeffrey Vaulx and Fresh Anointed Message Choir, of which several members are from Ripley, will present a concert at 6 p.m. Sat., April 3rd at Brownsville First Baptist Church, 311 E. Jefferson St. The concert is in honor of the release of their first CD.

Fountain of Life C.O.G.I.C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its annual Family and Friends Day at 3 p.m. April 4th with The Rev. Joe Dowell and New Hope CME Church as guests. Dinner will be served. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Asbury United Methodist Church will present an Easter musical and drama, *Because He Lives*, at 5 and 7 p.m. Sun., April 4th. 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.

## Readers Speak Land Transfers Anniversaries

Editor,

I am looking for lost family members. Enclosed is the information that I have on who I am looking for. What I am trying to find is a picture of my grandmother. My daddy was only three years old when she died and his father was murdered when he was eleven years old. Daddy does not remember what his mother looked like, as he was so young and he has never had a picture of her. My dream and goal is to find a picture of my grandmother for my daddy. I have been searching since 1997, but I keep hitting brick walls. Listed below are the three that I am looking for. If any one could help me, I would so appreciate it. Thank you.

Hazel Venable, born 1913; Margaret Stout, born 1922; and Katherine Stout, born 1926.

Sincerely,  
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## CARD OF THANKS

A most sincere thank you to all who attended the 100th year celebration held in my honor March 21st. Thank you also for the many beautiful and loving cards, flowers, and other gifts received. Your good wishes and thoughtfulness on this occasion have made it ever more special. I am so blessed to have so many loving and kind family members and friends. Thank you all.  
Virginia Avery  
Adv.P.

A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words. —Anonymous

March 19 - Minnie B. Jones to Robert Lewis Jones, Dist. 3, 0.25 acres.

Savannah Bradford to Marie Holt, Archie Bradford, Opal Dietzel, Ruby Nell Bradford, Lawrence Bradford, and Creasy Reed, Dist. 2, lot.

Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere to Zelma Bond, Dist. 6, lot.

March 22 - Norman N. Burks, Jr. and Patricia S. Burks to Norman Bradley Burks and Rebecca Taylor Burks, Dist. 8, 1.8232 acres.

Maggie Morgan Mosely, Earnestine Morgan Montgomery, Brenda Morgan McCoy, and William McCoy, Sr. to Maggie Morgan Mosley, Earnestine Morgan Montgomery, and Sarah Morgan Halliburton, Dist. 2, lot.

Steven W. Anderson and Betty Ann Anderson to Jack Scoggins, Jr. and Lisa Scoggins, Dist. 2, lot.

March 23 - Roy Wayne Harkness II to Christopher Ellis, Dist. 14, lot.

Lauderdale County Bank to Jimmy Dewayne Webb, Dist. 12, 1.0 acres.

Mary Alice Sumrow to Timothy Charles Sumrow, Dist. 8, 2.1059 acres.

Sarah Diane Hunter, Sarah Dianne Hunter Lane, and Travis E. Lane, Sr. to Carl Roberts and Barbara Roberts, lot.

March 25 - Violet McBroom and Carey McBroom to Henry Walker and Rebecca Walker, Dist. 2, 1.13 acres.

Louis L. Craig to Brenda Hall and Larry Hall, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

U.S. Bank NA to Keith Alston, Dist. 3, lot.

William L. Wood and Sarah R. Wood to Eugene Holt, Dist. 2, 0.248 acres.

April 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lawson.

April 2 - Mr. and Mrs. David Meeks.

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

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

April 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Norman Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Hutcherson.

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

April 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gibbons.

## School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 5th  
Pizza  
Hamburger w/Trimmings  
French Fries  
Fresh Vegetable Sticks w/Dip  
Fresh Fruit  
Mixed Fruit  
Chocolate Chip Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 6th  
Menu - School's Choice

Wednesday, April 7th  
Spaghetti  
Entrée-School's Choice  
Green Beans  
Corn Nibbles  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 8th  
Chicken Nuggets  
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Lima Beans  
Jello w/Fruit  
Apple Slices  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, April 9th  
No School - Good Friday

## Ripley Dodge Presents Check



**KEN SEATON**, fifth from left, in middle row, of Ripley Dodge, presented a check for \$1070 from *Dodge Drive for the Kids* to Dr. Pamela Sirmans, sixth from right, in middle row, Halls Junior High School principal, and other members of the staff, faculty, parents, and students.

## Deployed to Kuwait



**SGT. ERICA NANCE**, right, and Spc. Brandon Dixon, both of Gates, were deployed Feb. 19th from Ft. Benning, Ga., for Kuwait. Members of the US Army Reserves 342nd Quarter Masters Battalion of Jackson, they were called to active duty November 2003. Erica is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Exco Malone, of Maury City, and The Rev. and Mrs. Booker J. Nance, of Gates. Brandon is the son of The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Dixon, of Gates.

## SPRING BEAUTY REVUE

The Halls High School Band Boosters are sponsoring a Spring Beauty Revue Thurs., Apr. 8th, 6 p.m., in the HHS gym.

Categories include Beautiful Baby (forms at HHS front office), birth to 12 months, 13 months to two years, and three years to pre-school; Little Mr. and Miss Halls (forms at Halls Elementary School), Kindergarten to nine years of age; Little Miss Halls (forms at HES), 4th grade to 6th grade; and Junior Miss Halls (forms at Halls Jr. High School), 7th and 8th grade.

The gym will be open at 5 p.m., and assistance will be given to any participant who would like to do a walk-through.

For further information, call Nick Wooster at 836-7691, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**Friendship is one mind in two bodies.**

—Mencius

## Celebrating Anniversary



**MR. AND MRS. SHANON CROWDER**, of Halls, celebrated their first anniversary, March 22nd, in Destin, Fla. The couple and their three children stayed at the Resort Quest Inn at Gulf Place on the beach.

## DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

Baptist Hospital Lauderdale and the Bank of Ripley will host a driver safety course Tues. and Wed., Apr. 6th and 7th, 8 a.m. to noon, in Carney Hall, located in the Bank of Ripley, on the square.

The eight-hour classroom refresher course, developed by AARP, is designed to help drivers 50 years of age or older, enhance their driving skills and prevent traffic accidents.

Participants do not have to be a member of AARP to take the course.

The cost is \$10, with lunch and refreshments served each day.

To enroll, call 635-1230, as class seating is limited.

## Halls Is 12-5 In Tatum Tourney

Halls High School's baseball team lost to Union City, 12-5, Saturday, in the Tatum Tournament in Dyersburg.

Union City won five of six games to lose the crown to Huntingdon, 8-7.

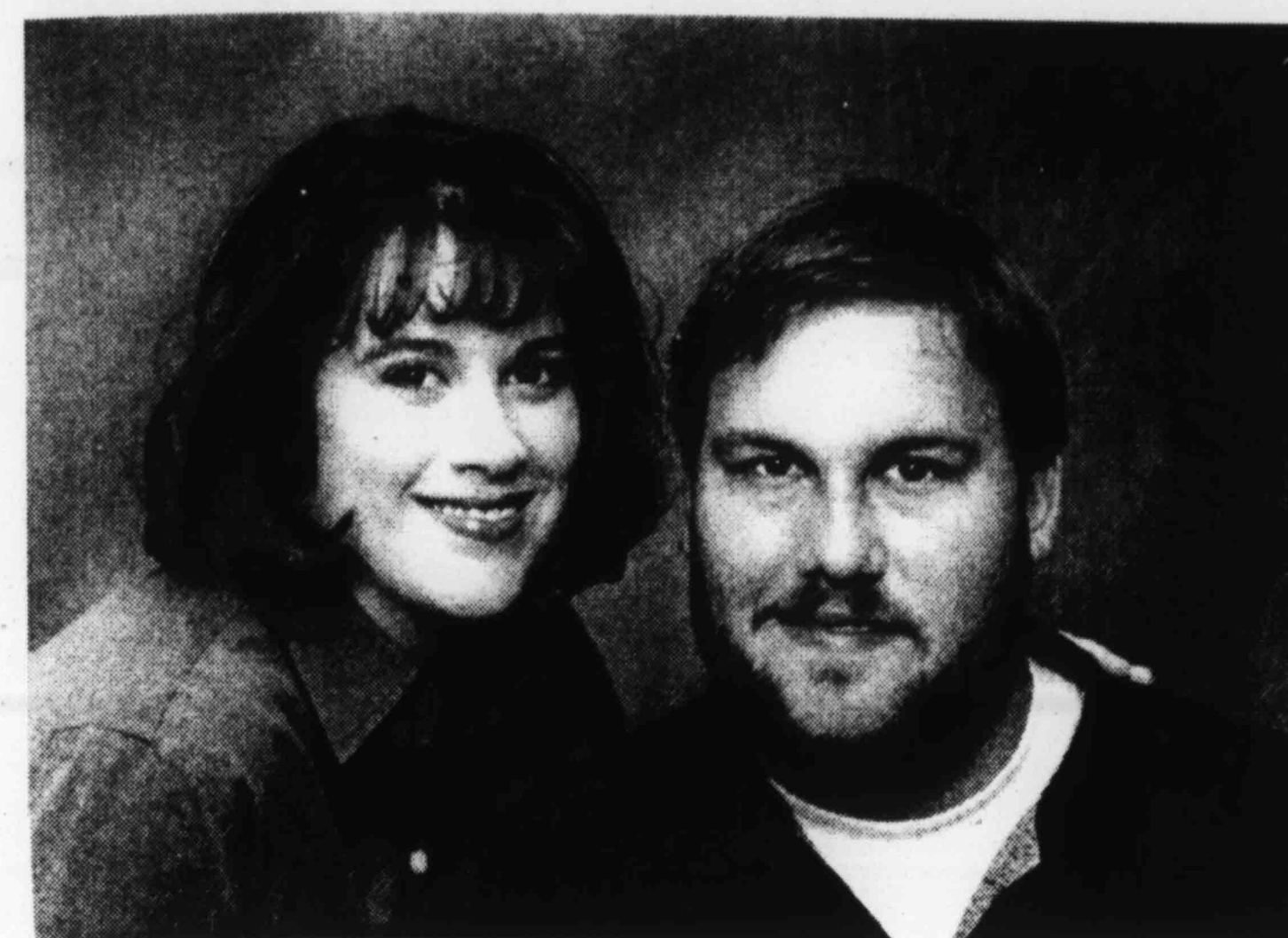
Before the tourney, Halls had led Trenton, 11-2, Josh Daniels the winning pitcher and a 3-3 hitter.

Halls hosts Obion County at 4:30 p.m. April 1st and Crockett County at 4:30 p.m. April 2nd.

**Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride, bridles the tongue.**

—George Horne

## Wedding Nuptials Set



**MANISHA CHARICE JONES**, daughter of Billy and Becky Jones, of Halls, will marry John Harold Lazure, son of Richard G. Lazure, Jr., of Halls, and the late Dlorah England Lazure, of Dickson, at 1 p.m. Sat., April 10th in Ripley First United Methodist Church, with family and friends invited. A reception will follow the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones, of Nesbit, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Bell, of Middleton.

A 1993 graduate of Halls High School, she graduated from Union University in 2000 with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She is employed by the Lauderdale County School system as a kindergarten teacher at Ripley Primary School.

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

A 1998 graduate of Halls High School, he is the owner and operator of John's Quality Lawn Care.

The couple will reside in Halls.

## BOLL WEEVIL

More than 90 percent of cotton growers voted to reauthorize and refinance the boll weevil eradication program in West Tennessee.

A total of 2,178 votes, representing more than half of eligible cotton growers, were cast. Ballots totaled 1,961 to 217 in favor of restructuring debt to continue the program.

"The overwhelming support is a testament to the program's success in reducing grower reliance on pesticides and increasing cotton yields," said Ken Givens, state agriculture commissioner. "I think this will help position Tennessee growers

to be more competitive in the marketplace."

Under the reauthorization and refinancing plan, growers are expected to pay an annual rate of \$12.25 per acre. The assessment rate could be reduced further depending on availability of state and federal assistance.

The boll weevil eradication program was implemented in southwest Tennessee beginning in 1998 and later in other portions of West Tennessee to help increase cotton yields and reduce farmer reliance on cotton insecticides.

According to program officials, on-average cotton yields have increased 154 lbs. per acre since the pro-

## New Arrival



**BRAXTON LANH PHAM**, 8 lb. 5 oz. son of Quoc and Carol Pham, of Halls, was born at 5:01 p.m. March 26th at Baptist Women's Hospital in Memphis. Measuring 21 inches long, he is the brother of Savannah Pham. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Dunaway, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wooldridge, of Memphis, and great-grandparents are Oma Archie and the late William Archie, of Ripley, and Fonnell Dunaway and the late Neil Dunaway, of Halls.

## April Vows Planned



**TRACY DAWN MILLNER**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Drumwright, of Gates, and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Millner, of Dyersburg, will marry Robert 'Bubba' Micheal Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lewis, of Halls, at 4 p.m. April 10th in a private ceremony at Halls First Baptist Church. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. following the ceremony, family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hendrix, of Halls, and Crindola Millner and the late Bill Millner, of Dyersburg, and the great-granddaughter of Emmaz Hendrix, of Halls.

A 1998 graduate of Halls High School, she is employed by Lowe's in Dyersburg as an installed sales associate.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Lois Ward and the late Ted Ward, and the late Bob and Shorty Lewis, of Halls.

A 2000 graduate of Halls High School, he is employed by Marvin Windows.

The couple will reside in Halls.



The month of April gets its name from the Latin *aperire*, meaning "to open," as do the flower buds that month.

**The chessboard is the world; the pieces are the phenomena of the universe; the rules of the game are what we call laws of nature.**

—Thomas H. Huxley

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**KELLI REYNOLDS**, daughter of Paul and Sondra Reynolds, was crowned queen of the Miss Lauderdale County Jr. Miss Pageant. Her court included Sierra Wilson, 1st Maid, daughter of Willard and Vanessa Wilson; Emily Ann Shands, 2nd Maid, daughter of Richard Shands and Tim and Paula Rose; and Sammi Jo Lewis, 3rd Maid, daughter of Alan and Pam Lewis.



**STONE TAYLOR AND ASHTON AYERS** were crowned King and Queen of the Lauderdale County Jr. King and Queen Pageant. Stone is the son of Misty and Alan Pittman and Garrison Taylor, and Ashton is the daughter of Chris and Shannon Rhodes and James and Amanda Ayers. Their court included Dylan Klutts, Prince, son of Bubba and Felecia Klutts; Brianna Belton, Princess, daughter of Shane Belton; Keifer Wilson, Page, son of Willard and Vanessa Wilson; and Karlee Pittman, Maid, daughter of Alan and Misty Pittman. Stone and Ashton will also participate in the Strawberry Festival in Humboldt.

It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence to never practice either of them.

—Mark Twain

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

—Charles Kingsley

People who live with animals value muteness. It can be a real pleasure to know when the cat walks into the room that he won't mention any of your shortcomings or that you can tell your grievances to your dog without his repeating them.

—Ursula K. LeGuin

### Norris xxx

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ward to the opportunity to do so in a second term," said Norris.

The Tennessee School Boards Association recognized Norris as its Senate Legislator of the Year last month. He was also awarded the Henry Toll Fellowship as one of the nation's top 40 legislators in 2002.

Norris is a businessman and attorney, who farms in Shelby County. He has been married for 26 years to his wife, Chris, with whom he has two sons, Field and Cotter, who help on the farm near Collierville.

"Working Together for West Tennessee" will continue to be the theme going forward. I am proud of what we have accomplished, but there is still much work to be done," said Norris.

### 140th Anniversary Fort Pillow Battle

Fort Pillow State Historic Park, in Henning, will simultaneously honor the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Pillow, along with its annual Spring Civil War Living History Weekend, set for Apr. 17th and 18th.

The weekend will include reenactors demonstrating Civil War military and civilian life, interpretive programs, historical lectures, guided hikes and other activities. Battle skirmishes will be presented at 2 p.m. both days.

The event is free and open to the public. Sat. hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sun., 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For further information, contact the park office at 731-738-5581.

Fort Pillow State Historic park is open 8 a.m. to sunset daily.

### Elizabeth Sadler Is 3rd Place Winner

Elizabeth Nicole Sadler, daughter of Dennis and Felicia Sadler, of Halls, placed third in The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The purpose of the contest was to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States, on the part of high school students.

The contest required an 8-10 minute prepared oration on some phase of the U.S. Constitution, with emphasis on attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to the government. In addition, an assigned topic from the Articles, or Amendments of the Constitution, was drawn, and contestants had to speak 3-5 minutes on that subject.

The contest was open to all students in the 9th through 12th grade in Tennessee.

Elizabeth is a senior at Halls High School.

### Adam Akin Cast In Play At DSCC

Adam Akin, of Gates, is one of the cast members in an upcoming play at Dyersburg State Community College, called *The Memory of Water*.

The play, written by Shelagh Stephenson, is about three very different sisters whose mother has just died.

The play will be presented Fri. and Sat., April 16th and 17th, and Apr. 23rd and 24th, 7:30 p.m., in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium, located in the Student Center on campus.

Admission is \$4 for students and senior citizens, and \$5 for everyone else.

For further information, call Meleia Spiess, 731-286-3261.

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## Store Ribbon Cutting



**JONES WAREHOUSE FOODS** in Halls celebrated the re-opening of the store with the family name, with a ribbon cutting Wednesday of last week. Local officials, employees, family and friends were on hand to help celebrate.

## Candidates Named In August Election

Candidates qualifying by the April 1st deadline, for the August 5th County and Primary election include:

Tennessee Senate – Joe 'Pete' Parker and incumbent Mark Norris.

Tennessee House – Dave Dahl and incumbent Craig Fitzhugh.

Assessor of Property – Jerry Buckner, Cathy Cherry, Ronnie Elder, Ronnie Etheridge, Jimmie Johnston, and Debbie Mays. Don Smith is not seeking re-election.

School Board District 2 – Cynthia Glenn and incumbent Maxine Gay.

School Board District 4 – Shirley Gaines, Mike White, and incumbent Glardes Thomas.

School Board District 5 – David Brandon and incumbent

Vonda Emerson.

School Board District 6 – Keith Davidson and incumbent Sarah Harrell.

School Board District 8 – J. A. Dunaway and Dave Strong. Trey Hurt is not seeking re-election.

Constable District 1 – no qualified candidate.

Constable District 2 – Gene Leggett, Greg Medford, and David Richmond are seeking the seat vacated by the late Hubert Criner.

Constable District 3 – incumbent Delene Spray.

Constable District 4 – John Alston, Thomas Cherry, Jeffrey A. Crowder, Willie 'Smokie' Whitelow, and incumbent John Gaines.

Constable District 5 – Terry L. Pilcher and incumbent Joyce G. Pegg.

Constable District 6 – James Edd Hunt. Incumbent Myron Kissell did not qualify.

Constable District 7 – Jan Patton Moore is seeking the

seat vacated by her father, the late Gene Patton.

Constable District 8 – James W. Fitzhugh. Willie Sam Taylor is not seeking re-election.

Candidates have until noon Thursday to withdraw their names from the ballot.

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce will co-host a Business After Hours with Goldust Gift Baskets Thurs., Apr. 8th, from 4-6 p.m., at 103 E. Jackson, in Ripley.

## Chamber Announces Legislative Breakfast

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce will host a legislative breakfast Fri., Apr. 16th, in the Tennessee Technology Center, at Ripley.

The breakfast will feature legislators, U.S. Congressman for Tennessee, John Tanner, Tennessee State Senator Mark Norris, and State Representative Craig Fitzhugh.

"It will be a great oppor-

## Fitzhugh Off UT President Search

State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, of Ripley, was nominated by House Majority Leader Kim McMillan for the presidency of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, from which Craig took a bachelor of science degree in 1972 and a law degree in 1975.

Craig was among 35 candidates eliminated to produce a final list of 12 candidates.

The final 12 include Kenneth Olden, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a native Tennessean who was refused admission to the University, nearly 50 years ago, because he was black.

## Halls Pair Win All-State Note

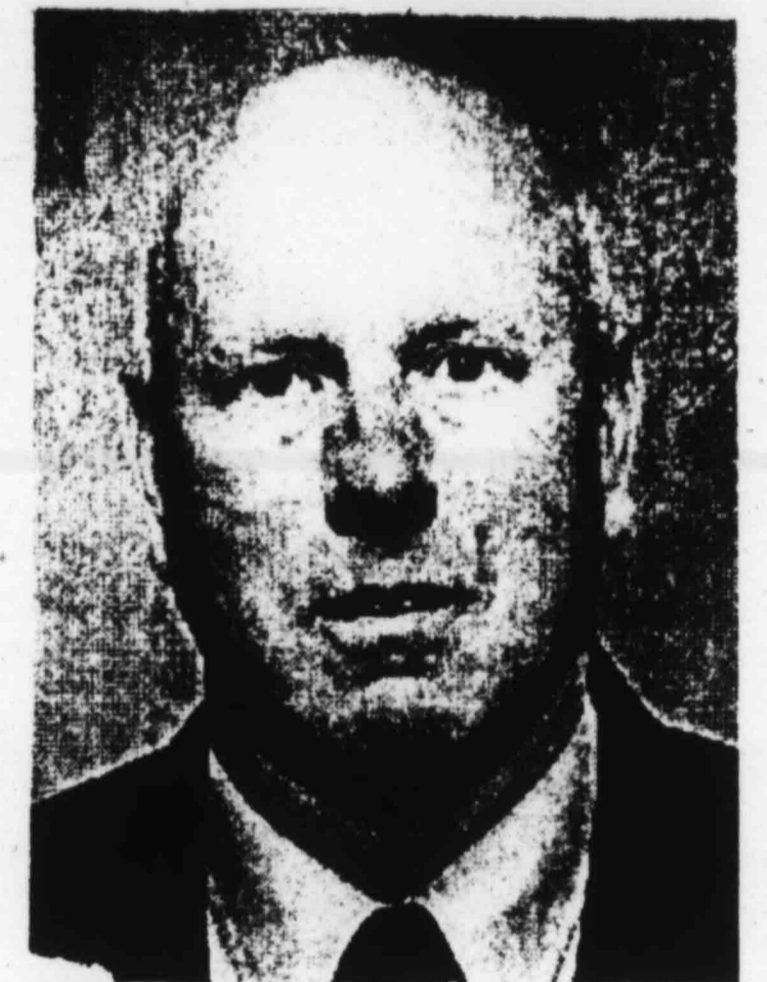
Tyler Jones and Dale Strayhorn, of the Halls High basketball team, won honorable mention for The Associated Press All-State Team.

Opportunity for everyone to hear what is going on with our state and national government and how it affects each of us, said Lisa Hankins, chamber director. "We hope that everyone will come and not only listen to what our elected officials have to say, but also ask questions pertaining to issues that might be important to you and your home, or business."

The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m., with a Dutch treat buffet (cost \$7.50), followed with statements by the legislators and a question and answer session.

Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the Chamber at 635-9541.

## Candidate



**PETE PARKER**, local Dyersburg businessman, former Ripley business owner, announced his candidacy for the position of Tennessee Senate, opposing incumbent Mark Norris. He issued the following statement.

"Working with our communities, I will fight for more and better jobs for our community, balanced budgets for our taxpayers, better education for our children, and affordable health care for our seniors," said Parker. "We need someone in Nashville that represents the values of everyone in this district, not just a select few."

Parker, a self-described Bredesen-Democrat, is a native of Dyersburg. As a small business owner, he operates a Dyersburg shoe store and has successfully run small businesses in Ripley, Covington, and Dyersburg.

Parker announced he would focus his campaign on jobs, education, health care, and fiscal responsibility, after filing his petition April 1st.

"Our state is finally on the right track again and I am running to make sure that our Senator is paving the way to progress, not throwing up partisan road blocks. I believe in putting people above partisanship," said Parker.

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## Couple Plan Vows



**LESLIE KENNEDY**, daughter of Randy and Lori Kennedy, of Halls, will marry Jason White, son of Larry and Susan White, of Halls, at 3 p.m. May 29th in the home of the groom's parents, with formal invitations.

A graduate of Halls High School, the bride-elect is employed by First Citizens National Bank in Dyersburg.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Halls High School and employed by White's Car Care. They will reside in Halls.

## Governor Issues A Wake-Up Call

Governor Phil Bredesen has issued a wake-up call to Tennesseans to start living healthier and making more responsible health choices.

Bredesen and First Lady Andrea Conte have joined with Health Commissioner, Kenneth Robinson, M.D., to kick off the Better Health: It's About Time! initiative, to raise public awareness about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, to encourage individuals to take personal re-

## Premiere Service Club Being Formed

Results compiled by the 2002 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey and data collected by the Department of Health include 1) an estimated 34 percent of adults in Tennessee do not exercise at all, 2) six out of 10 adults reported being either overweight or obese, 3) Tennessee has 4th highest smoking rate in the nation, with approximately 28 percent of adults being smokers, 4) seven out of 10 people don't eat the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables, 5) more than 13,000 babies were born in Tennessee to mothers, who smoked in 2002, and 6) prenatal care was inadequate in 11.2 percent of live births in Tennessee in 2002.

Robinson said that the Dept. of Health would be working diligently on a number of efforts to address these problems, in addition to working with non-governmental agencies, community-based organizations and the faith community. "Government must do its part. In fact, it's about time!" But ultimately it's up to individuals to make responsible health choices. We can set the goals, but at the end of the day, it's up to our citizens whether we meet them or not," said Robinson. "In order to improve the overall state of the state's health - for us to live longer and healthier lives, change ultimately has to occur - one Tennessean at a time."

The institution of the family is decisive in determining not only if a person has the capacity to love another individual, but in the larger social sense, whether he is capable of loving his fellow men collectively. The whole of society rests on this foundation for stability, understanding and social peace. —Daniel Patrick Moynihan

There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval. —George Santayana

## Tourism Meetings

Lisa Hankins, director of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Tennessee Dept. of Tourist Development will be conducting regional briefings for industry, regarding the launch and on-going operation of the Tennessee Tourism News Bureau.

The News Bureau is the Department's single source of Tennessee tourism-related news, expert tourism sources, photography and video for local, regional and national media.

The meetings for this region are set for Wed., Apr. 14th, at Memphis Botanic Gardens, 750 Cherry Rd., 9-11 a.m., and in Jackson, at the Old English Inn, 2267 N. Highland, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

To make a reservation, call the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, at 731-635-9541.

## SCD Tree Day

Vernon McBride, III, chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, stated that the 2004 SCD Tree Day was a huge success.

Over 300 landowners received Pin Oak, Tulip Poplar, Loblolly Pine and American Plum tree seedlings, to be planted in Lauderdale County to help promote wildlife habitat, control erosion and advance beautification.

E. W. James & Sons Grocery donated shopping bags used to help distribute the tree seedlings to landowners.

I'm not a vegetarian because I love animals; I'm a vegetarian because I hate plants. —A. Whitney Brown

**NOTICE**

The regular Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 20th, at 5 p.m., at Halls City Hall.

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# Obituaries

## Kenneth Taylor

Kenneth M. Taylor, 67, of Panhandle, Tex., formerly of Ripley, died March 28th in Amarillo, Tex.

No services were held. He was a truck driver for Groendyke Transport, driving three and one-half million miles accident-free. He was a member of the President's Million-Mile Club. He leaves his wife, Aileen Taylor, of Panhandle; three daughters, Renee Vaughn, of Amarillo, and Kelly Martin and Garon Newton of Panhandle; one brother, Dewitt Taylor, of Ripley; two sisters, Essie Van Cleve, of Ripley, and Mary Faye Tuberville, of Alabama; and four grandchildren.

## Levi Etheridge

Levi Etheridge, 74, of Gleason, brother of Eli Etheridge and Robbie Wright, of Halls, died March 27th in the Regional Hospital in Jackson.

Rites were March 30th in Gallimore Funeral Home, with burial in Rushing Cemetery. He had retired as a heavy equipment operator for the Old Hickory Clay Company. He was born at Halls, June 5, 1929, to the late Robert and Sarah Bessie Thurman Etheridge.

He was a member of Tumbling Creek Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Helen Ellis Etheridge; sons, Mark, of Gleason, and Mike, of Martin; and five grandchildren.

## Mrs. Garner

Elizabeth Mann Garner, 100, widow of Sanford Garner, died Feb. 3rd in a Washington, D.C., Hospice. Rites were Saturday in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, with Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She leaves a son, The Rev. Sanford Garner, Jr., of Washington; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

## Leroy Gaines

Leroy Gaines, 56, of Ripley, Tennessee Highway Department employee, died March 31st, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at noon Monday at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, in Ripley, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves his wife, Barbara Gaines, of Ripley; five daughters, Lillie Gaines and Frances Brent, of Ripley, Shelia Gaines, of Henning, Casandra Gaines, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Susette Foster, of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; two brothers, John Gaines, of Ripley, and Lewis Gaines, of Henning; two sisters, Grace Jackson and Joyce Evans, of Chicago, Ill.; and seven grandchildren.

## Edwyna Lovelace

Edwyna Lovelace, 67, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves sisters, Lula V. Treadway, of Ripley, and Emma J. Treadway, of Jackson, Mich.; and a brother, Ivory Joe Lovelace, of Commerce City, Colo.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of Wallace Stanley would like to thank all our friends and family for the food, flowers, phone calls, and prayers during our time of sorrow. May God bless you.

LaQuinta Stanley, wife  
Linda Weeks,  
Vicki Arbuckle,  
Kathy Toolan, and  
Peggy Nelson, daughters  
Billy Stanley, brother  
Mary C. Jackson, sister  
Adv.

**The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.**

—Hada Bejar

## PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

The Tennessee Dept. of Health will celebrate the 10th annual Public Health Week during the week of April 5-11, 2004.

The nationwide event recognizes the contributions of public health and prevention services to America's well-being.

The theme is Eliminating Health Disparities: Communities Moving from Statistics to Solutions.

Health disparities are differences that occur by gender, race and ethnicity, education level, income level, disability or geographic location.

Disparities occur because of poverty, lack of insurance, lack of access to health care, unequal treatment for minorities, low health literacy, lack of diversity among health care providers and exposures to environmental risks.

"Health disparities are an increasingly serious problem for ethnic and racial minorities in Tennessee," said Health Commissioner Kenneth Robinson, MD. "These rapidly increasing disparities can no longer go unchecked. National Public Health Week 2004 is about moving communities across our state from statistics to solutions on health disparities."

## Divorces

Tammi Terrell Winbush vs. Jasper Terrell Winbush, Sr.  
Sherri Bowie Hancock vs. John R. Hancock.

Shalonda Katrice Coleman Maclin vs. John Sylvester Macclin.

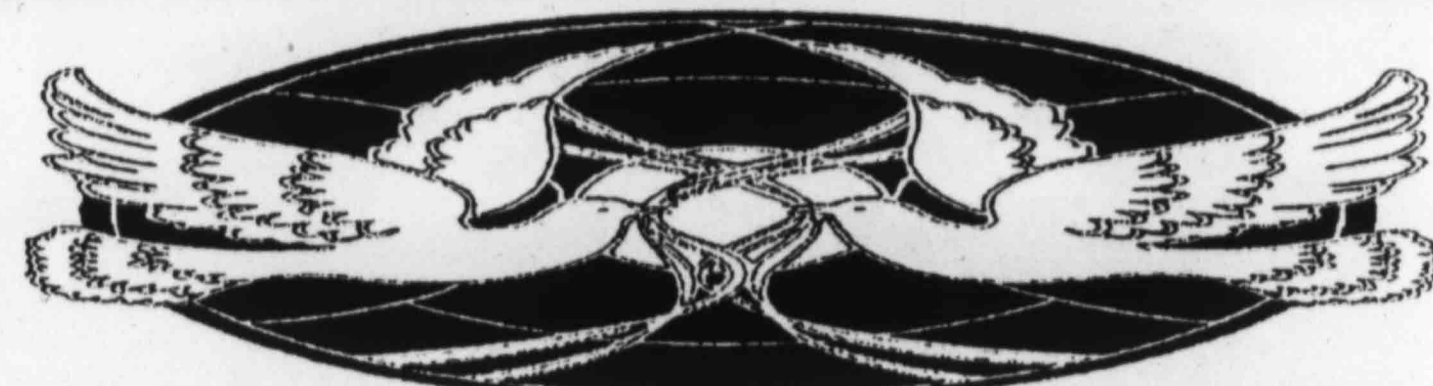
Cody Wayne Orchard vs. Connie Land Orchard.

Melanie Lynn Carter Owen vs. Tommy Dean Owen, Jr.

Alaimo Durelle Cooper vs. Janice Cooper.

Deanna Nicole Williams vs. Guilford Jerome Williams IV.

Michael Allen Dupree vs. Virginia Ann Doss Dupree.



## Church Happenings

Concord United Methodist Church choir will perform its Easter cantata, *Lamb of God*, at 10 a.m. Sun., April 11th at the church, located on the corner of Concord and Wilkes Rd., near Gates.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 6435 Hwy. 19 W., Ripley, will present "The Seven Last Words" at 7 p.m. Fri., April 9th. The Rev. James T. Byers, pastor, invites the public.

New Covenant Community Baptist Church, 631 S. Washington St., Ripley, will continue its Wednesday evening Bible study lesson entitled, *The Andy Griffith Show Bible Study Series* at 6 p.m. The series will focus on "Going Back to Mayberry" to learn about judging others, the value of work, serving as mentors, and the power of deception. Dr. Randall Cummings, pastor, invites the public.

New Vision Lighthouse for Christ Full Gospel Church will hold a fellowship and fun day from noon until 5 p.m. April 10th at the Ripley City Park. Many gospel groups including The Mustains, Bloodbought, Roy Poole, the Johnsons, and Velma Landford, are scheduled to appear. Fun, activities, and food will be available at no charge. The public and area churches are invited to participate. For further information, call Pastor Daryl Jeter, 731-780-4764, or if anyone is interested in participating.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold Easter sunrise service at 6:15 a.m. Sun., April 11th followed by a breakfast fellowship. Sunday School will be held at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. with the CrossView choir presenting "A Simple Easter", and Roy Harkness, pastor, delivering the message, "Because He Lives". There will not be evening services. The public is invited.

Gates Baptist Church will sponsor a fund raising event to send a medical team to Nicaragua at 10 a.m. Sat., April 10th at the Halls Community Center with games for all ages, gospel singing, fun, and food. Register for special gifts to be given away each hour. Team organizer is Dr. Cary Carter, of Bells, and local missions organizer is John Grace, of Halls. For more information, call 836-0735 or 836-9887. The public is invited.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church R.O.C.K. Ministry Center, 110 N. Jefferson St., on the square, will present "Friday Night Alive" at 7 p.m. April 16th with the Praise Band and Jeremy Cullen delivering the message. The public is invited.

Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 492 Church Rd., Halls, will hold Maundy Thursday services at 7 p.m. April 8th and sunrise services at 7 a.m. Easter morning with breakfast to follow. Worship services will be held at 11 a.m. entitled "Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord". A dogwood tree will be planted in memory of Theron and Lucille Burrough, by their family, following the service. The public is invited.

New Beginning FWC Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., Ripley, will hold its second annual community-wide Easter egg

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hunt at 11 a.m. Sat., April 10th, just bring a basket. There will be story time, egg hunt with prizes awarded, and refreshments provided. For more information, call Bro. Mark Fisher, 635-4440.

St. Mark Baptist Church young adult and youth department will sponsor an Easter pageant at 7 p.m. Sun., April 11th entitled, "Because He Lives." The Rev. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

Dyersburg Christian Center, 824 Finley St., Dyersburg, will present its Easter program beginning at 7 p.m. Fri., April 9th with a drama entitled, *Crucifixion Program*; 1 p.m. Sat., April 10th a feast will be held with singing and dancing, participants will be wearing biblical dress for the occasion; and at 9:45 a.m. Sun., April 11th the drama, *Resurrection Day*, will be presented during morning worship services. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-286-9138.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold a love musical program at 6:30 p.m. Sat., April 17th, to benefit Bro. Terrance Merriweather, who is in need of a kidney transplant. Bro. Pete McClish and The Redeemers are sponsoring the program. Bro. Merriweather is musician for his church and the Redeemers. Many choirs are on the program and if your choir or group would like to participate, call Bro. McClish, 731-635-7768.

Ripley Church of God will present the Easter play, *Remember Me*, at 11 a.m. Sun., April 11th. A candy hunt for children 12 and under will be held after the performance. Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the public.

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

## TELECONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKERS

Hospice Foundation of America's 11th annual "Living With Grief: Alzheimer's Disease," teleconference will be broadcast live via-satellite

Wed., Apr. 28th, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the Dyersburg State Community College Student Center, in Dyersburg.

The event, sponsored by the "Senior Care" Unit at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, will be moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News. Eight experts will explore and discuss all avenues of Alzheimer's, and other dementia's.

For additional information, contact Bill Warr, community education director, Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, at 731-221-2542.

**We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.**

—Longfellow

## Speaker



**DWANA PUSSE**, daughter of the late McNairy County Sheriff and Mrs. Buford Pusser, will be the guest speaker at the annual Fraternal Order of Police banquet at 7 p.m. Tues., April 13th at Ripley High School.

A woman of amazing strength and fortitude, she grew up in Adamsville while her father was trying to clean up the wayward community in McNairy County. The family was constantly exposed to many dangers. Their home was burned and threats were made to members of the family. Dwana was six when her mother was killed in a drive by machine gun ambush and her father died seven years afterwards in a fiery crash.

She drew strength from these experiences and built an identity for herself. Today, she owns and operates Pusser's Restaurant in Adamsville. She is a two-term city commissioner and travels across the United States speaking to various groups and organizations about her father.

In May 1988, after she worked closely for many years with the State of Tennessee and the city of Adamsville, the "Buford Pusser Home and Museum" was opened to the public. She continues to support and promote the museum and has a seat on the board of directors. She

## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

### Monday, April 12th

Pizza  
Hot Dog  
Tater Tots  
Garden Salad w/Dressing  
Orange Sections  
Applesauce  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

### Tuesday, April 13th

Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Entrée - School's Choice  
Whipped Potatoes  
Broccoli Bites  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Fruit Mix  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

### Wednesday, April 14th

Baked Ham  
Steak Fingers  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Pear Halves  
Peaches  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

### Thursday, April 15th

BBQ On Bun  
Corn Dog  
Baked Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Fruit Mix  
Jello w/Fruit  
Choice Of Milk

### Friday, April 16th

Tacos w/Trimming  
Burrito  
Corn Nibbles  
Carrot Sticks  
Applesauce  
Grapes  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

## Birthdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found.**

—Calvin Trillin

**There is nothing that gives a man consequence, and renders him fit for command, like a support that renders him independent of everybody but the State he serves.**

—George Washington

**The family is a court of justice which never shuts down for night or day.**

—Malcolm de Chazal

is a leading force in the annual Buford Pusser Festival, which takes place just a few blocks from the museum.

Dwana is married to Jamie Garrison, they have three daughters, Atoyia Barnes, Tara Moffett, and Madison Garrison, and three grandchildren.

For more information about becoming an associate member of the F.O.P., call Jay King, 635-3554 or 413-8049, or Elsie Jones, 635-1311.

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March 26 - Chad Henderson to Jackie F. Cooper, Jr., Misty R. Cooper, Trudy G. Rylant, and Fred T. Rylant, Dist. 6, 5.00 acres.

Jim K. Scott and Barry J. Diggs to Andrew Raines Beasley, Dist. 10, 2.0 acres.

Frances C. Hargett, Frances C. Hargett Revocable Living Trust, Leon Hargett, and Mary Ellen Hargett Carnell to Huey Prater and Glenda Prater, Dist. 14, 3.1005 acres.

S. N. Anthony, Jr., John B. Anthony, and William Maxwell to Shirley Hill, Dist. 6, lot.

Donald E. Savage, Shirley S. Ragland, Danny M. Savage, Peggy S. Reviere, Janet S. Oates, Kay S. Langley, Patricia A. Savage, Ginny S. Layton, John L. Savage, and Mary S. Pezzella to Jackie Lee Oates and Janet S. Oates, Dist. 2, 25.64 acres.

Patricia A. Savage to Jackie L. Oates and Janet S. Oates, Dist. 2, 0.52 acres.

March 29 - Wallace Mathis to Jerry Buckner and Jeff Buckner, Dist. 6, 4 lots.

March 30 - Jimmy Lynn DePriest and Tabatha A. DePriest to Mary Gene DePriest, Dist. 6, lot.

March 31 - CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. to William O. Hopkins and Nina Carol Hopkins, Dist. 6, tract.

Cordell Cole and Tina Mallard Cole to Mallard Tina Cole and Eric Allen Cole, Dist. 7, 2.10 acres.

Patricia Ann Dyess to Jerry Bryant Hughes, Dist. 17, lot.

April 1 - Steven M. Perkins and Amber M. Perkins to Kitty L. Hubbard, Dist. 15, lot.

Charles H. Albertson and Lynne M. Albertson to Cendant Mobility Financial Corporation, Dist. 2, lot.

Kenneth Cooper and Gayla Winberry to Charles Cain, Dist. 3, 1.90 acres.

Paul C. Morris and Libby Morris to David Rester and Peggy Rester, Dist. 1, lot.

Everyone is a genius at least once a year. The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together.

—George Lichtenberg

**Anniversaries**

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

April 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fragale.

April 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mills.

Brian Apperson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Edwards, Sr.

April 13 - Mr. and Mrs. David Ream, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Terry, Mr. and Mrs. David Hamlet.

April 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mills.

**Marriages**

March 13 - Michael Paul Cardone, 45, to Markula Dale Jackson, 48, by Randall Cummings.

March 25 - Keethone De-

lane Genesy, 35, to Yvette Wilson, 40, by Raymond C. Barnes, Sr.

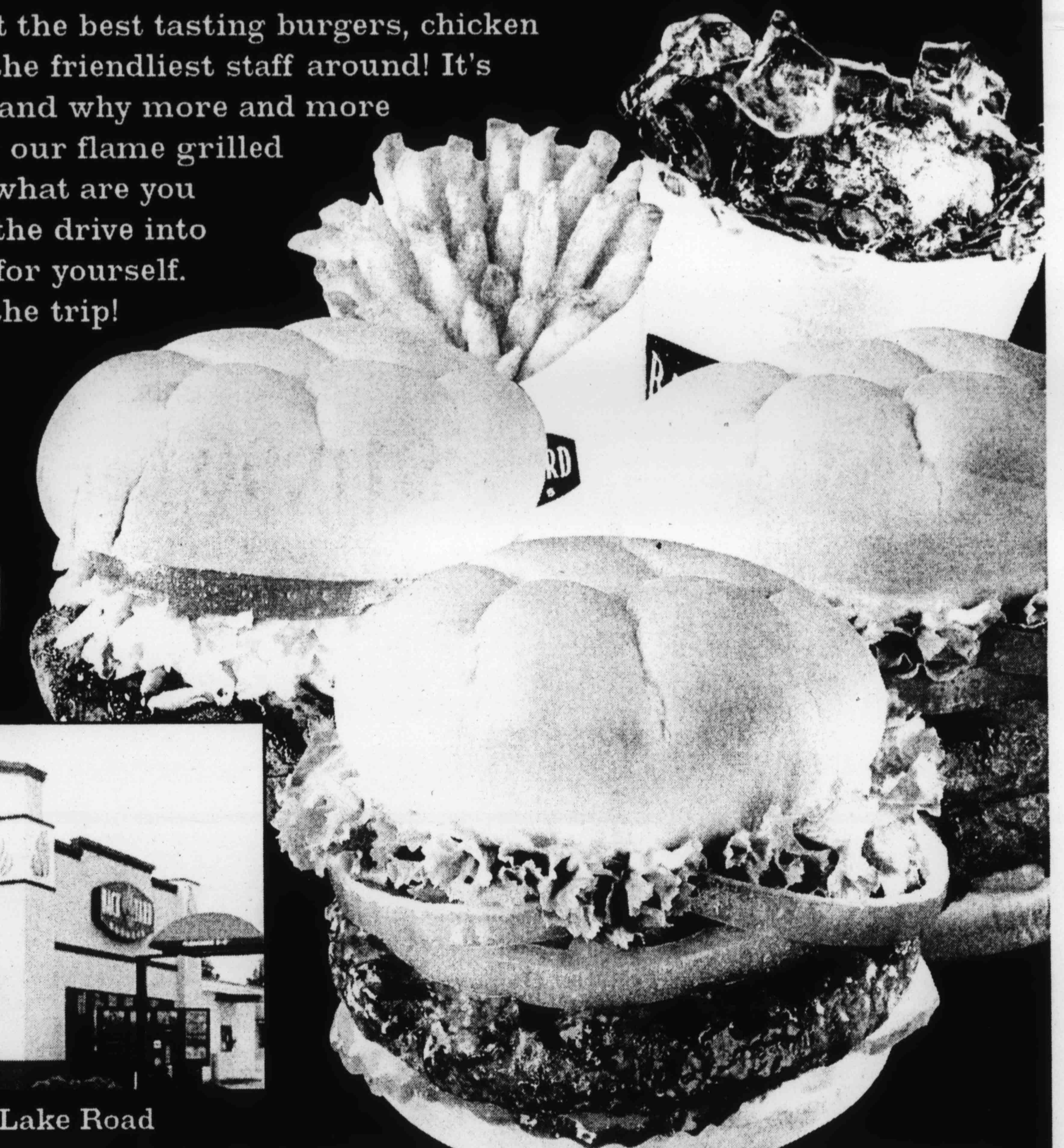
March 26 - Andre Lashun Milam, 28, to Cassandra Darlene Webb, 26, by David Earl Holly, Sr.




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## Sight Savers Project For Lions Club



MEMBERS of the Lions Club of Lauderdale County, including Ty Hiter, Paige Krafsurf, and Felicia Klutts, participated in another "Sight Savers" project March 10th at the First Baptist Church Preschool. They screened 36 children and plan to screen other students April 13th. Their eyes were photographed with a special camera and will be sent to Vanderbilt University, where tests will be performed to detect several potential vision problems. They will be referred to an eye doctor if a problem is discovered. The Lions Club also offers eye glasses and hearing aids recycle project. Old prescription glasses and hearing aids will be refurbished and distributed to those in need. A drop-off box is located at F & K Jewelry. Martha Haynes, director of the preschool, is pictured with the students and members of the Lions Club. Nan Danley and Francene Epley also helped with the project, but were not pictured.

## Searching For Oldest Worker

Experience Works, the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Tennessee's outstanding oldest worker and outstanding employer of older workers.

Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Tennessee, currently employed, and working at least 20 hours each week for pay.

In addition to special activities and recognition in Tennessee, the honoree must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., Oct. 5-9, 2004, for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events. The visit includes a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional people, and the awards banquet and cere-

mony in the Ronald Reagan Building.

The awards program was created to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making in their communities and places of work.

Applicants, who are part of a subsidized employment program, funded by local, state or national government, are not eligible.

Official nomination forms may be obtained from and submitted to Ann King, Experience Works, Inc., P.O. Box 2768, Richmond Hill, Ga. 31324, fax # 912-756-7739, or email, Ann King @experienceworks.org.

The form can also be accessed online at www.experienceworks.org. The nomination deadline is Fri., Apr. 30, 2004.

A search for America's Oldest Worker for 2004 is also under way.

Experience Works is a

national nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico each year.

## Work Zone Safety Week Awareness

The Tennessee Dept. of Safety and the Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT) are working together to help increase awareness among drivers about work zone safety issues, in observance of National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, April 5th through 10th.

The THP will step up enforcement in work zones statewide, and when motorists disregard the speed and

limit and ignore warning signs, they will be given an expensive reminder of the violation.

Statistics from the TDOS show there were a total of 5,919 crashes in work zones in 2003, and in the past three years, work zone crashes have increased 67 percent statewide.

There are 16 active interstate work zones in Tennessee currently, and 416 other work zone projects on other state routes, highways and other areas.

"Remember, the people who build and repair your highways are your family members, neighbors and friends," said TDOT commissioner Gerald Nicely. "Drivers should also realize that just because they don't work on the roads, they are not protected from work zone dangers. Four out of five people killed in work zone crashes are drivers and passengers."

Suggestions for staying safe while driving through construction work zones include do not speed; stay alert; observe signs and special instructions; do not change lanes in work zone; keep pace with traffic, but do not tailgate; minimize distractions, such as phones, loud music, reaching for things; and be patient.

The 5th annual National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, the American Traffic Safety Services Association and the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials.

(NAPS)—Football and beer go together like baseball and hot dogs, but what about football and wine? Traditionally, wine has been benched on Sundays. But if you prefer to serve your guests something a step up from a can of suds, a nice glass of Cabernet Sauvignon on a chilly, fall afternoon can score a touchdown with your friends. Look at the food you will be serving and select wines that will support the team well. The flavors of the food and the wine should interact together, not overpower each other. The rich sauce and spiciness of buffalo wings would play well with something like a Cabernet Sauvignon or a Shiraz-Cabernet from Stone Cellars by Beringer.

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and watching movies is a favorite American pastime. With this in mind, Barilla, the Italian food company, and the TBS Superstation show "Dinner & a Movie" have teamed up to celebrate the best in Italian food and film. It's easy to throw a fun and delicious dinner and movie party in your own home for family and friends. To help get you started, you can find recipe and movie ideas at www.barillaandamovie.com.

**A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.**

—Douglas Adams

**Kindness is loving people more than they deserve.**

—Joseph Joubert

### Easter Parade

10 a.m., Fri., April 9th

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## Annual F. O. P. Honorees



AWARDS were presented at the annual Fraternal Order of Police banquet Tuesday night to Keith Klutz, third from left, Bonita Fullen, second from right, and Brian Kelley, right. F.O.P. Robert P. White Lodge #27 President, Jay King, left, and presenters, Bob White, second from left, and Larry McCoy, third from right, are pictured with them.

Keith Klutz was named Man of the Year. Born in Salisbury, N. C., he was 12 years old when he and his family moved to Forest Park, Ga., where he played football. After high school, he attended Georgia Tech. After graduation, he went to work in the apparel business in Atlanta, Ga. While working in an apparel factory, he met his wife, Carol. They have been married for 28 years and have two sons and a grandson.

The couple moved to Ripley in 1995, where Keith continues in his 30th year in the apparel business. He enjoys many things, including cooking, working in his garden, building bird houses, tennis, golf, and watching all sports. His wife and children say he is a great husband and father and his employees say he is a good person to work for. Keith is very active in his community and has been in charge of the Relay for Life in Lauderdale County for two years. He is a past-president of the Ripley Rotary Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and a deacon at Ripley First Baptist Church.

Bonita Fullen was named Woman of the Year at the annual Fraternal Order of Police banquet Tuesday night. She was born Sept. 28, 1944 to Gordon and Evelyn Barnard in Cave-n-Rock, Ill. She has a sister, Suzanne, and a brother, Wayne. At a young age, she lost her father. Her family moved back to Arp, where she was reared and still lives. She graduated from Ripley High School in 1962 and attended the University of Tennessee for two years before transferring to Mississippi State University.

She married Jimmy Fullen, also a native of Lauderdale County. They have three children, Scott, Andy, and Lucy, and a grandson, Walt.

An active member of the First Baptist Church, she sings in the choir and serves or has served on many committees, including Bible School Director, Long Range Planning Committee, Public Relations, and is currently the director of the Young at Heart Group.

She serves and has served on many business and organizational boards in the county including the Arts Council, the Tina Turner Center, American Cancer Society, Charter member of the Junior Auxiliary, Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, First Citizens National Bank, Meals on Wheels, and is currently the President of the Exchange Club of Lauderdale County, where she has been presented the Exchange of the year Award twice.

She also donates her own watercolor pictures to different organizations to help raise money.

"Our Woman of the Year is always very dependable, ready to help, and is a real asset to our community," said Larry McCoy, presenter.

Brian Kelley was named Officer of the Year by the Lauderdale County Exchange Club, presented by president Bonita Fullen. Born in Ripley on Sept. 19, 1966 to Roy Lynn and Judy Kelley, he graduated from Ripley High School in 1984. He earned his emergency medical technician license in 1990 and started working for the sheriff's department in 1998. Kelley was assigned to the Drug Crimes Unit in 2000 and was post

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## Mock Crash Set For Halls High

Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, along with local law enforcement and fire department personnel, will present a mock DUI crash at approximately 10 a.m. Thurs., April 22nd for the junior and senior classes at Halls High School.

The Halls High School junior/senior prom will be held April 24th. During prom week, it is the goal of local emergency officials to present the facts to the students in Lauderdale County about drinking and driving.

According to research, young drivers are more often involved in alcohol-related crashes than any other comparable age group. In 2000, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data revealed there were 215 traffic fatalities in the United States during the first week of April, 137 of which were alcohol related.

For more information on the mock DUI crash, contact Eric Newman, 635-3242.

## Dwight Westbrook

Dwight Westbrook, 56, of Halls, maintenance technician, died Saturday, of a gunshot wound, at his residence.

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

He leaves three sons, Donate McKinnis, of Halls, Dwight Metcalf, of Subligent, Ala., and Devin Westbrook, of Gary, Ind.; one daughter, Dianne McKinnis, of Halls; a sister, Doretha Campbell, of Gary, Ind.; and seven grandchildren.

## Wife Shot While Stopped At Sign

Larry Noel, of Ripley, was arrested after he allegedly shot his wife, Norma, at approximately 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, while she was stopped at the three-way intersection of South Main and Highland Street, according to Ripley Police Chief Milford "Pop" Durham. Mrs. Noel was returning from court, after seeking an order of protection, when her husband spotted her at the stop sign. He was turning from Highland onto South Main when he fired two shots into her vehicle. One shot, through the front windshield, missed, while the second, traveled through the back of the seat, striking her in the lower back. She was airlifted to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis in critical condition.

He is being held pending charges and further investigation.

## Escaped Inmates Returned To Jail

William Berl Doop, 23, formerly of Gates, along with John Chris Jordan, 27, and Robert Z. Kimmons, 41, escapees from the Crockett County Jail, were returned to custody Mon., April 5th after an extensive manhunt. Officials apprehended Jordan and Doop at the Budget Inn on North Highland in Jackson. Kimmons was apprehended near Alamo.

The inmates will face further charges, including felony escape and Doop and Jordan will also be charged with theft.

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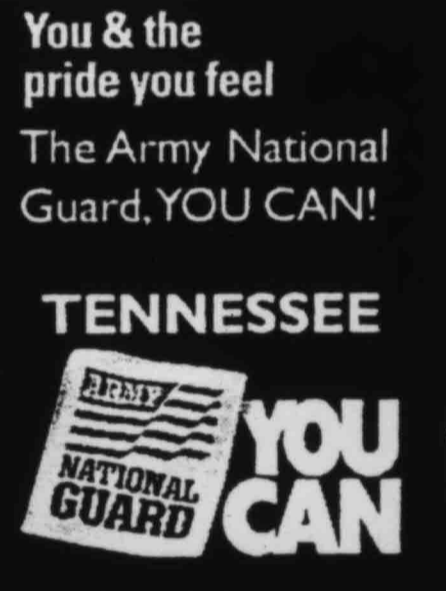
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## Marriages

March 19 - Michael Edward Reed, 39, to Tammy Suzanne Conrad, 36, by Donnie Reed, Sr.

April 4 - Robert Lee Platzke, Jr., 28, to Leslie Cole Savley, 22, by Douglas Clinton.

April 6 - Jimmy Robert Marby, 65, to Brenda Faye Buckner, 46, by J. N. Austill.

## Land Transfers

April 2 - Billy E. Jones and Rebecca B. Jones to Manisha C. Jones, Dist. 8, lot.

April 5 - Jimmy H. Koonce and Angie S. Koonce to Peggy K. Jackson, Dist. 2, 1.163 acres.

April 6 - J. W. Hilliard and Linda Hilliard to Rebekah Fain, Dist. 8, lot.  
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Barham to Al Hamilton and Dianne Hamilton, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Tracy L. Wilson to David R. Genesy, Dist. 3, lot.

Leonard Meeks and Mary F. Meeks to Scott Nelson and Jennifer M. Nelson, Dist. 8, 6.667 acres.

April 8 - Billy C. Currie and Billy Joe Currie to Karen L. Shaw, Dist. 2, lot.

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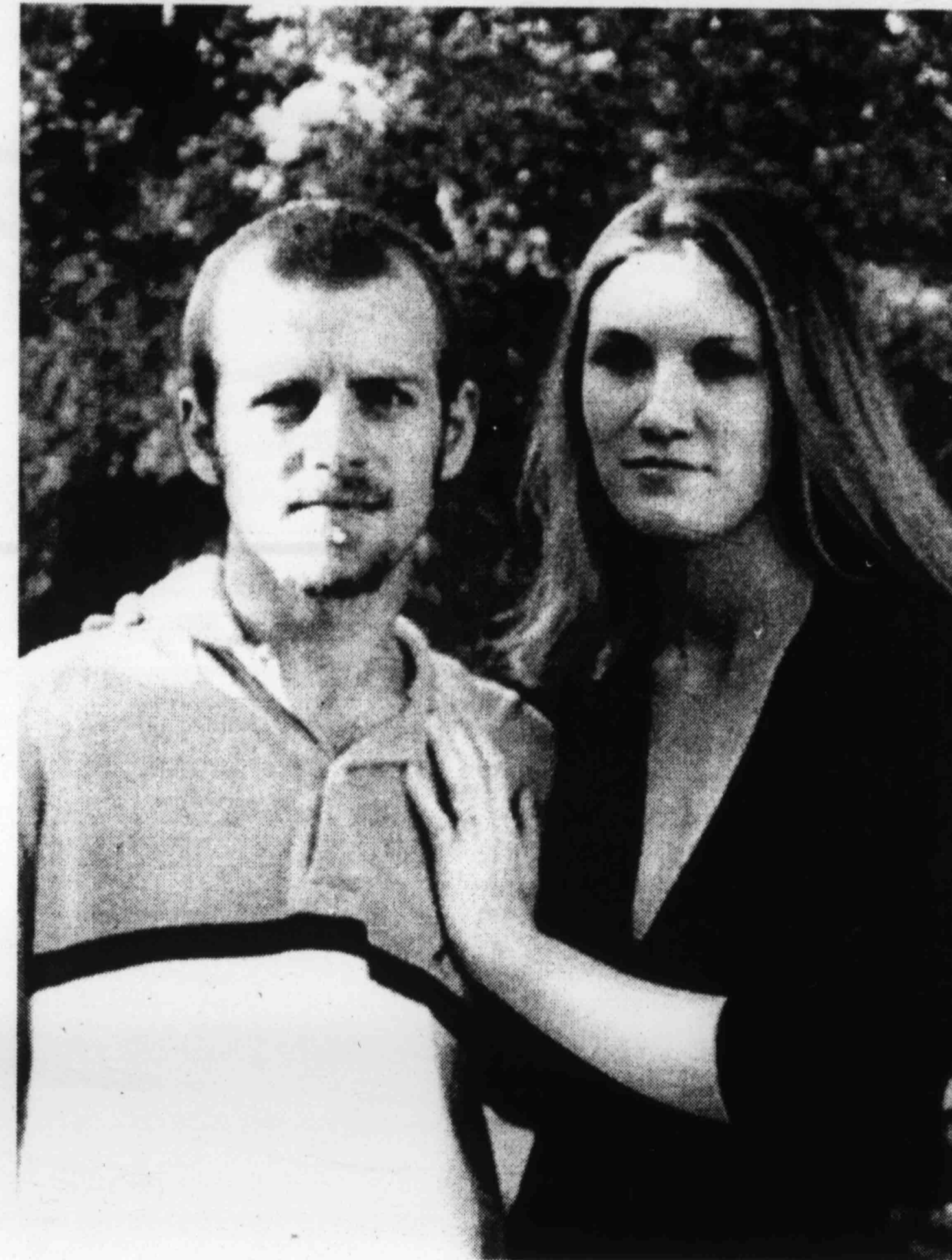
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## May Vows Slated



MELISSA ANN ELLIS, daughter of Patty Brown, formerly of Gates, and Dewayne Ellis, of Covington, will marry Jeremy Blackard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jones and Scott Blackard, of Munford, at 2 p.m. May 21st in Gatlinburg. A reception will follow with all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Brown, of Ripley, and Teresa Ellis and the late James Ellis, of Gates.

A 2003 graduate of Bolton High School, in Memphis, she is the manager of Pop Tunes in Memphis.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McPherson, of Dyersburg, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Blackard, of Memphis.

A 1997 graduate of Munford High School, he is employed by Topps in Covington.

The couple will reside in Brighton.

## Anniversaries Birthdays

April 15 - Mr. and Mrs. James Sylvester.

April 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Demeris.

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

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

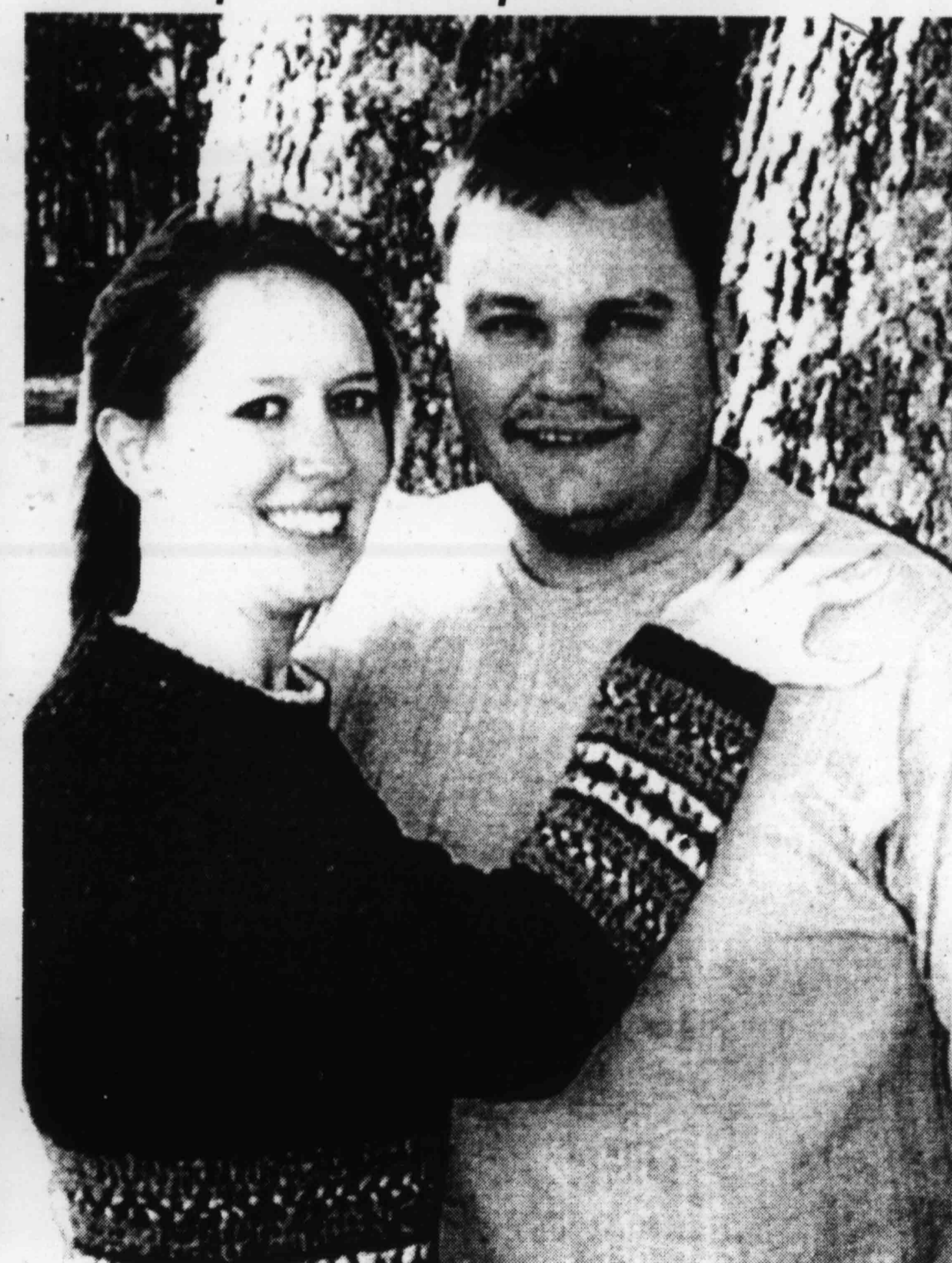
April 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Ron Feakins,

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

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

April 17 - Michelle Vaughn, Robin Porter, Brandon Vowell, Pat Smith, Rusty Kesler, Brad

## April Nuptials Set



MELANIE BETH WILSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Willis, of Nesbit, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, of Byhalia, Miss., will marry Andy Eugene Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dunn, of Nesbit, at 2 p.m. Sat., April 24th in the First Baptist Church in Olive Branch, Miss., with a reception to follow the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, and the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Escue, of Gates.

A graduate of Hernando High School and Northwest Community College, with an associate's degree in medical office technology, she is employed by Cingular in Memphis.

The groom-elect is a volunteer fireman for he Fairhaven Fire Department and employed with William-Sonoma, in Olive Branch.

The couple will reside in Olive Branch.

Williams, Brittany Lane, Faye Braden, Cynthia Holland.

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

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

April 20 - Beverly Hutcher-

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Principal List students at Halls High School for Spring 2004 include 12th grade, Jessica Benjamin, Amanda Clark, Heather Cowan, Jessica Crihfield, Latoyia Dixon, Kari Escue, Angela Green, Sallye Rae Hartman, Amanda Hunt, Linda Johnson, Whitney Kee, Tyler Moore, Julia Pratt, Seth Steelman, Jackie Tate, Diane Vaughn, Kevin Ward and Cherita Washington; 11th grade, Ashley Adkins, Brooke Barnes, Jennifer Buntin, Terrance Hill, Bailey Hutcherson, Niki Lee and Derrica Simmons; 10th grade, Colin Clendenin, Rachel Fitzhugh, Kellianne Hardee, Caitlyn Hurt, Allorie Smith, Sarah Beth Warren and Zach Webb; and 9th grade, Alex Aitken, Rebekah Angotti, Leamond Arthur, Crystal Belew, Bree Burns, Rachel Clark, Kristen Crihfield, Heather Fitzhugh, Kaleb Hamlet, Anna Claire Hartman, Adam Haynes, Christina Hutcherson, Daniel King, Chris Littles, Michelle Meeks, Quila Smith and Hailey Watts.

Gold List students include 12th grade, Amanda Anguiano, Tina Barnett, Blake Brewster, Braden Burns, Cheshier Crihfield, Trina Curington, Charvareta Dennis, Allison Howell, Matt Moore, Kelton Obie, Jason Roundtree, Felicia Thomas, Jason Washegesic and Amber Woodard; 11th grade, Jessica Bentley, Katy Bishop, Nicole Harrell, Na-cole Hutcherson, Travis Johnson, Jessica Matthews, Rachel McCaslin, Alex Perry and Sara Ellen Wright; 10th grade, Chaseton Dudas, Mil-dred Everth, Chantea Janes, Zak Kelley, Joseph Miller and Amber Smith; and 9th grade, Logan Davis, John Gilliland, Sara McBroom, DeMarcus Patrick, Daniel Sanders, Justin Tate and Krystal Ward.

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## Obituaries

### Gracie Ragsdale

Gracie Bell Ragsdale, 85, of Covington, retiree from Cavalier Industries, mother of Allen Ragsdale, of Ripley, died Saturday at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Drummonds.

Other survivors include five other sons, Albert Ragsdale, of Burlison, Paul Ragsdale, of Drummonds, Warren Ragsdale, of Memphis, Samuel Ragsdale, of Brighton, and James Ragsdale, of Covington; three daughters, Ruthie Huddleston, of Yukon, Okla., Joanne Sidler, of Derma, and Bobbie Greenhaw, of Covington; a brother, John Higdon, of Randolph; a sister, Odie Greenhaw, of Brighton; 18 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

### Jessie Walters

Jessie Floy Walters, 71, of Friendship, homemaker, mother of Debbie Demeris, of Ripley, died April 3rd at her residence.

Services were at 2 p.m. April 6th, at Ronk Funeral Home, in Alamo, with burial in Oakview Cemetery, near Maury City.

Other survivors include her husband, Daniel Walters, of Friendship; three sons, Jeff Walters, of Humboldt, Randy Walters, of Crockett Mills, and Danny Walters, of Dyersburg; another daughter, Pam Walters, of Friendship; five sisters, Margaret Burch, of Bernie, Mo., Carol Soto, of St. Charles, Ill., Bonnie Bell, of Frankford, Ind., Marie Wilson, of Elgin, Ill., and Faye Hartle, of Aurora, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### "Buzz" Tanner

Emerson Beck "Buzz" Tanner, 82, of Union City, father of Congressman John Tanner, died Apr. 8th, at Baptist Hospital, in Union City, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Mar. 21st.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at White-Ranson Funeral Home, with burial at Eastview Cemetery in Union City.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a WWII veteran, who was awarded the Purple Heart and numerous other awards and decorations for exceptional service, and a member of the Union City Rotary Club, where he served one year as its president, and elected a Paul Harris Fellow.

He was a member of the Obion County Industrial Development Corporation and the Obion County Chamber of Commerce.

Other survivors include his wife, Carolyn Hubbard Tanner; two other sons, Dr. Robert Ty Tanner, of Waynesboro, and Rodger Tanner, of Union City; two step-daughters, Liz Upshaw, of Houston, Tex., and Margaret Neese, of Union City; one brother, Bill Tanner, of Union City; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and two great-step-grandchildren.

### Joseph Williams

Joseph Williams, 58, of Henning, retired river-boat captain, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley.

An Army veteran, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He leaves his wife, Nancy Harris Williams; a son, Joseph, Jr., of Little Rock, Ark.; daughters, Tammy Williams, of Henning, Carol Myers, of Blytheville, Ark., Nancy Hill, of Lamar, Ark., and Brandy Williams, of Florida; brothers, Jack and Jim, of Munford, Danny, of Perryville, Mo., Charles, of Grand Tower, Ill., and John, of Anna, Ill.; sisters, Sandy Chapman, of Wolf Lake, Ill., and Mary Henson, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren.

### Doug Thurston

Douglas 'Doug' Eugene Thurston, 35, of 800 Bald Knob Rd., Ripley, press operator for Topps Universal in Covington, was killed in a one vehicle accident Sunday near Henning.

According to a report filed by Henning Police Department, Mr. Thurston was traveling north on Highway 51 at approximately 7:56 p.m., when he veered off the road, near Hwy. 87. The 2002 PT Cruiser struck a culvert, became airborne, and rolled ejecting him and his son, Tyler, 7, neither were wearing seat belts. He was pronounced dead at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Tyler was transported to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in Roller-Citizens Funeral Home in West Memphis, Ark., with burial in Crittenden Memorial Park at Marion, Ark.

He was a member of Marion's First Baptist Church.

He leaves a son, Tyler Zachary Thurston, of Ripley; his mother and step-father, Brenda and Robert Capps, and a brother, Zac Capps, of Marion; and his grandmothers, Hazel Cole Capps, of Memphis, Naomi Ray, of West Memphis, and Melba Thurston, of Jackson, Mo.

### Jack Hogeland

Jack Hogeland, 61, of Atlanta Ga., electrician, father of J. R. Hogeland and Amy Ammons, of Ripley, died Monday.

Services were at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Jeff Eberhart Funeral Home in Dallas, Ga., with burial in Mt. Moriah Church Cemetery, in Dallas.

Other survivors include another son, Mark Hogeland, of Dyersburg; two other daughters, Amy Hogeland, of Atlanta, Ga., and Kimberly Hogeland, of Taliapossa, Ga.; one brother, Howard Hogeland, of Halls; one sister, Betty Klutts, of Ripley; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### G. C. Peyton

George Clifford Peyton, 84, of Covington, brother of Mary Caldwell and Ruth Zabel, of Ripley, and John Peyton, of Henning, died Tuesday of last week in Parkway Cove Assisted Living Center.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Munford Cemetery.

An Army veteran of World War II, he had been a truck driver for Dealer Transports.

He was a member of Covington's First Baptist Church.

He was the widower of Jenell Peyton. Survivors include sons, Gary Lee Peyton, of Covington, Ronald Earl Peyton, of Drummonds, and George, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla.; a daughter, of Sharon Marie Parmelee, of Memphis; another brother, Jack L. Peyton, of Covington; other sisters, Bonnie Jackson, of Millington, and Sarah Elam, of Bartlett; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### M. M. Anderson

Michael M. Anderson, 52, of Ripley, Lauderdale County juvenile officer and substitute teacher, died Thursday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Wednesday in St. Matthew Baptist Church, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves a son, Demetrius, of Huntsville, Ala.; his mother, Bertha Howard, of Birmingham, Ala.; a brother, George, of Chicago, Ill.; sisters, Charlie Landon and Ruby Hood, of Chicago, and Marge Wilson-Boyd and Sandra Anderson, of Rochester, N.Y.; a friend who looked after him, Dianne McGee, of Ripley; and three grandchildren.

### Ollie Mae Jones

Ollie Mae Jones, 92, of Halls, widow of Roosevelt Jones, died Sunday in her home at 703 West Tigrett.

Rites were Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

She leaves sons, Floyd V. Jones, of Johnson City, and Donald Jones, of Charleston, S.C.; daughters, Linda Summar, of Ripley, and Brenda Cocker, of El Cajon, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

### Evelyn Barbee

Evelyn Johnson Barbee, 73, of Detroit, Mich., homemaker, formerly of Ripley, died March 27th at a Detroit hospital.

Services were at 11 a.m. April 2nd, at New Bride Baptist Church, in Detroit, with burial in Trinity Cemetery, in Detroit, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge locally.

The widow of Clifford W. Barbee, she leaves seven sons, Larry, Charles, Grovan, Clifford, Steve, Keith and Kenneth Barbee, and two daughters, Lorine and Alzadia Barbee, all of Detroit; four brothers, James Johnson and Clarence Johnson, of Ripley, Earl Johnson, of Detroit, and Elliot Johnson, of Oak Park, Mich.; two sisters, Emma Lee, of Ripley, and Dorothy Copeland, of Detroit; 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

### Leroy Cohill

Leroy Cohill, 77, of Ripley, retired maintenance employee, at the Tennessee Technology Center, at Ripley, died Sunday, of pneumonia, at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at New Hope Baptist Church, in Henning, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Louanna S. Cohill, of Ripley; two daughters, Ruth L. Cohill, of Brighton, and Glenda K. Boddie, of Ripley; and one grandson.

### Jack E. Levels

Jack Edward Levels, 63, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Sunday in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves a brother, Johnny Wayne Levels, of Ripley.

### Mrs. Pat Parker, Former Teacher

Elizabeth F. Parker, 95, mother of Patrick M. Parker, Jr., of 5491 Durhamville Rd., died Tuesday of last week in Hillcrest Nursing Home in Durham, N.C.

Rites were Friday in St. Paul United Methodist Church at Durhamville, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She had been a member of United Methodist Women, the Durhamville-Orysa Community Club, the Variety Family Club, and a volunteer in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Other survivors include a daughter, Martha Joy Wintermute, of Durham; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

### Major Dunger

Major Dunger, 58, retired from S&R in Ripley, died Friday in his home at 7217 Conner-Whitefield Road.

Rites were Sunday in Friendship Funeral Home, with burial in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Linda Faye Dunger; a son, Major Leon Dungar, and a daughter, Shelia Faye White, of Ripley; brothers, Amos Dunger and Thomas Stewart, of Ripley, and Bobby Brown, of Brighton; and six grandchildren.

### Olan E. Sing

Olan Eugene Sing, 72, of Senatobia, Miss., step-father of J. B. Bullard, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Friday in Brantley-Phillips Funeral Home in Hernando, Miss., with burial in Hernando Memorial Park.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he had been a heavy equipment operator for Memphis Sand & Gravel.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Coldwater, Miss.

He was the widower of Hattie Mae Hobbs Sing. Survivors include his wife, Linda Bullard Sing; a son, Chris Sing, of Southaven, Miss.; daughters, Barbara Wilroy and Pam Richardson, of Hernando, and Julie Oxendine, of Byhalia, Miss.; other step-children, Daniel Bullard, of

### Sheriff's Office Probe Deaths

Lauderdale County Sheriff's officers are investigating two deaths in the county. According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig, officers and medical personnel were called to the home of Mike Bullard, 150 Stewart Rd., Ripley, April 10th. Upon arrival, investigators were called to assist. Mr. Bullard's cause of death was declared a suicide.

Michael Dueal Bullard, 43, a self-employed contractor for Lowe's, was born Nov. 24, 1960 to Gerald Bullard and Beatrice Crawley Hendrix.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sand Spring Cemetery, Mississippi, United Funeral Home, New Albany, Miss., in charge.

Survivors include daughters, Sandy Bullard and Tammy Colburn, and his father, Gerald Bullard, all of Mississippi; his mother, Beatrice Hendrix, and a half-brother, David Hendrix, of Little Rock, Ark.; his grandmother, Velma Bullard, of Mississippi; four grandchildren; and a long time

### The Earth Team Needs Volunteers

In observance of April as National Volunteer Month, Dwaine Johnston, soil conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, is seeking volunteers for the "Earth Team."

Congressional approval was given in 1986 to the

Oliver Branch, Miss., and Kevin Bullard and Talina Hamilton, of Senatobia; brothers, Danny and Dennis, of Hernando, and Eddie, of Nesbit, Miss.; sisters, Genice Sing, of Hernando, and Sonja Good, of Huntsville, Ala.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

companion of 20 years, Bobbie Carol Curran.

Monday, sheriff's officers were asked by the family of Solon Little, 1303 Hurricane Hill, Ripley, to provide a welfare check. Upon arrival, investigators found Mr. Little unresponsive in his residence. Lauderdale County Ambulance and Ripley Fire Department personnel assisted and transported him to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, where he was pronounced dead. He was transported to the Forensic Crime Lab in Memphis to determine the cause of death.

Mr. Little, 52, was an employee at S-R of Tennessee.

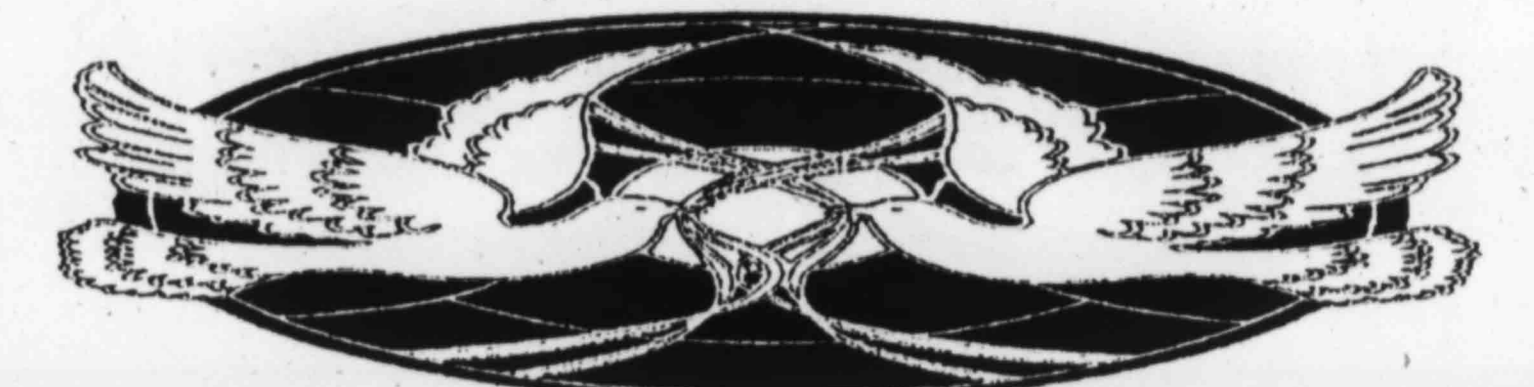
Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

The widower of Louann Cantrell Little, he leaves a son, Tony Little, Travis AFB, Calif.; three daughters, Whitney Pilcher and Jessica Little, of Ripley, and Allison McRae, of Georgia; one brother, Bruce Little, of Ripley; five sisters, Patricia Arthur, Linda Kissell, Nancy Houston and Edna Little, of Ripley, and Audrey Biggs, of Dickinson, Tex.; and three grandchildren.

USDA Conservation Service to use volunteers, calling them the "Earth Team."

These volunteers, ranging in age from high school or college students to retirees, get on-the-job training, while helping preserve the legacy of taking care of the land and leaving it to the next generation in better shape than when they received it.

Jobs available for interested Earth Team volunteers include assisting with conservation planning, assisting landusers to apply conservation practices on the land, conducting conservation information and education programs, clerical assistance, computer data entry and a



## Church Happenings

Abundant Life Assembly of God Church will hold revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Sun., April 18th and continuing at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday nights with Randy Lainhart as guest evangelist. Tommy Stanley, pastor, invites the public.

New Covenant Community Baptist Church, 631 S. Washington St., Ripley, will continue its Wednesday evening Bible study lesson entitled, *The Andy Griffith Show Bible Study Series* at 6 p.m. The series will focus on 'Going Back to Mayberry' to learn about judging others, the value of work, serving as mentors, and the power of deception. Dr. Randall Cummings, pastor, invites the public.

The House of Refuge Holiness Church will sponsor a Virtuous Women in a two day revival at 7 p.m. April 23rd and 24th at 327 Cleveland St., Ripley. Guest speakers will include Patricia Crutcher, of Temple of Deliverance C.O.G.I.C., Memphis, and Sister Shirley Spencer, of Zion Temple #2 C.O.G.I.C., Grand Junction. Elder Barbara Norman Roberts, pastor, invites the public. For more information or transportation, contact Elder Kevin Harris, 731-635-8625.

Edith United Methodist Church, on Edith Nankipoo Rd., will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., April 24th featuring Southern Heritage. Admission is free. The public is invited.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church R.O.C.K. Ministry Center, 110 N. Jefferson St., on the square, will present "Friday Night Alive" at 7 p.m. April 16th with the Praise Band and Jeremy Cullen delivering the message. The public is invited.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar-Grove Rd., Henning, will hold a love musical program at 6:30 p.m. Sat., April 17th, to benefit Bro. Terrance Merriweather, who is in need of a kidney transplant. Bro. Pete McClish and The Redeemers are sponsoring the program. Bro. Merriweather is musician for his church and the Redeemers. Many choirs are on the program and if your choir or group would like to participate, call Bro. McClish, 731-635-7768.

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.

large variety of other conservation related activities.

Johnston encourages individuals to volunteer their time to improve the environment.

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

**Lord, we know what we are, but know not what we may be.**  
—William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

**Good management consists in showing average people how to do the work of superior people.**

—John D. Rockefeller  
**Pitch within yourself.**  
—Tom Seaver

## Interpretation of Songs



JANE WILEY, left, of Halls, provided interpretation of inspiration songs April 4th for the special needs class at Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova. Michelle Rankin, right, of Henning, provided inspirational music including a selection of songs reflecting the Easter celebration. David Higgins, of Somerville, provided music on the dulcimer. Martha Crain, Mrs. Rankin's mother, of Ripley, also visited with the class. Mrs. Wiley has interpreted inspirational music in sign language throughout the United States. She said, "God is speaking through this silent language that comes from the heart. He is providing a way for the hearing and the hearing impaired to see the words of each beautiful song come to life." Mrs. Wiley interpreted songs for the special needs class at Germantown Baptist Church March 14th and provided a program for the single parent adult class.

## Specialty License Plate NASCAR

Orders are now being accepted for the new state NASCAR specialty license plate.

At least 1,000 people must place an order before the state will put a plate into production. Once the prepaid orders are received, the state will produce samples and road-test them for visibility.

Following the test, the initial 1,000 orders will be produced and sent to the appropriate county clerk's office for distribution to buyers. The plates will then be available for purchase by any car owner through their

county clerk's office.

The proposed tag will carry the NASCAR logo at the bottom with yellow, green, blue and black racing stripes, along with a checkered flag at the side.

The cost for a specialty tag is \$35, or \$70 for personalized ones.

To order a tag, send a check, made out to TSMF, for \$35, along with owner information, to the Tennessee State Museum Foundation, 505 Deaderick St., Nashville, TN 37243-1120.

Owner information must include the name, address, county of residence, daytime phone number, signature and current license plate number.

Anyone wanting personalized plates should send a

check for \$70 and include three choices for the tag message. Personalized plate messages cannot be more than five spaces, nor less than three.

Net proceeds from the sale of the tags will benefit the Tennessee State Museum Foundation and the Bristol Speedway Children's Charities in East Tennessee, per legislation passed last year.

For further information, call 741-2692, or 800-407-4324, or to print an applica-

tion, visit [www.tnmuseum.org](http://www.tnmuseum.org) and follow the NASCAR tag link.

## Fort Pillow Living History Weekend

The public is invited to attend Fort Pillow State Historic Park's Civil War Living History weekend Sat. and Sun., Apr. 17th and 18th.

The event commemorates the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Pillow.

The free weekend pres-

ents an authentic representation of how people lived in the days of the Civil War. Various speakers will address issues of the time and reenactors will demonstrate Civil War military activity.

The park is open from 8 a.m. until sunset daily.

For further information, call the park office at 731-738-5581.

**Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast.**

—Oscar Wilde



To The Citizens of Lauderdale County

**On April 1, 2004, the City of Ripley held elections for Mayor and Aldermen. I wish to congratulate the winners of each race and look forward to working with the entire Board of Mayor and Aldermen in the many years to come.**

**On August 5, 2004, Primary and General Elections will be held in order to elect the Democratic and Republican Primary nominees to the United States House of Representatives, Tennessee State Senate, and the Tennessee House of Representatives. In addition, the Lauderdale County Assessor of Property, School Board members from Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8, along with Constables for all districts will be elected.**

**In recent weeks I have received numerous phone calls and personal visits, at my office and residence, inquiring of my intentions on running for re-election as your Sheriff in two years. These inquiries have been fueled by confusing reports concerning my intentions.**

**I enjoy working for all the people of Lauderdale County and work hard to provide the best law enforcement services possible for each of its residents. Moreover, I can assure you that rumors suggesting that I do *not* intend to run for re-election are entirely false. My health is excellent, my enthusiasm is high, and my purpose clear. I have every intention on running for re-election at the close of the current term and will seek in continuing the protection and service the people of this county deserve.**

Sincerely,

*Louis Craig*  
Louis Craig, Sheriff, Lauderdale County

## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 19th

Pizza  
Cheeseburger w/Trimmings  
French Fries  
Carrot Sticks  
Mixed Fruit  
Banana  
Rice Krispie Treat  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 20th

Roasted Turkey  
Chicken Nuggets  
Lima Beans  
Steamed Carrots

Peaches  
Pear Halves  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 21st

Pork Roast w/Gravy  
Chicken Fillet  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Mixed Fruit  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 22nd

Beefaroni  
Entrée-School's Choice  
Green Beans

Corn Nibbles  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, April 23rd

Chili Pie  
Turkey Sandwich  
Corn Nibbles  
Broccoli Bites  
Jello w/Fruit  
Apple Slices  
Choice Of Milk

Spicy Tomato Sauce

3 medium tomatoes  
1 serrano chile, seeded and chopped  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
½ white onion, chopped  
Salt and pepper

Broil tomatoes until charred, about 5 to 7 minutes; remove cores. Add to blender with chile, and blend until smooth. Heat oil in a medium pan and

## Breakfast Cancelled Hope Scholarship Deadline Nearing

The Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce has canceled the legislative breakfast, set for Apr. 16th, due to the death of John Tanner's father, Emerson "Buzz" Tanner.

The breakfast has been rescheduled for Fri., Aug. 20, 2004.

For further information, contact the Chamber at 635-9541.

sauté onion on medium heat until translucent and light brown, about 6 minutes. Add tomato mixture and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

The HOPE Scholarship priority deadline is Sat., May 1st, for students to apply. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the official application for HOPE, is available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

The online FAFSA takes just one to two weeks to process, while the hard-copy application, available from high school counselors, college financial aid offices and the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, can take up to six weeks to process.

HOPE scholars must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average, or score at least 19 on the ACT test.

Scholars are eligible for assistance of up to \$3,000 annually, or \$4,000 if they meet standards of academic achievement or financial need.

An estimated 65,000 students are expected to attend Tennessee colleges and universities on lottery-funded scholarships and grants next fall. Approximately 49,000 of those students are expected to be HOPE scholars, and the remaining 16,000 will receive technical skills grants to attend state technology centers.

Dr. Oglesby-Pitts said, "Tennessee Scholar Dollars and HOPE are helping make higher education affordable for thousands of Tennessee's best and brightest. If you've got the grades, there's money available to help pay for college. Now, all you have to do is apply."

For further information, visit [www.TNScholarDollars.com](http://www.TNScholarDollars.com), or call the HOPE Hotline at 615-741-1346 or 800-342-1663.

## NOTICE

The regular Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 5 p.m. at Halls City Hall.

\* Site Plan Review \*

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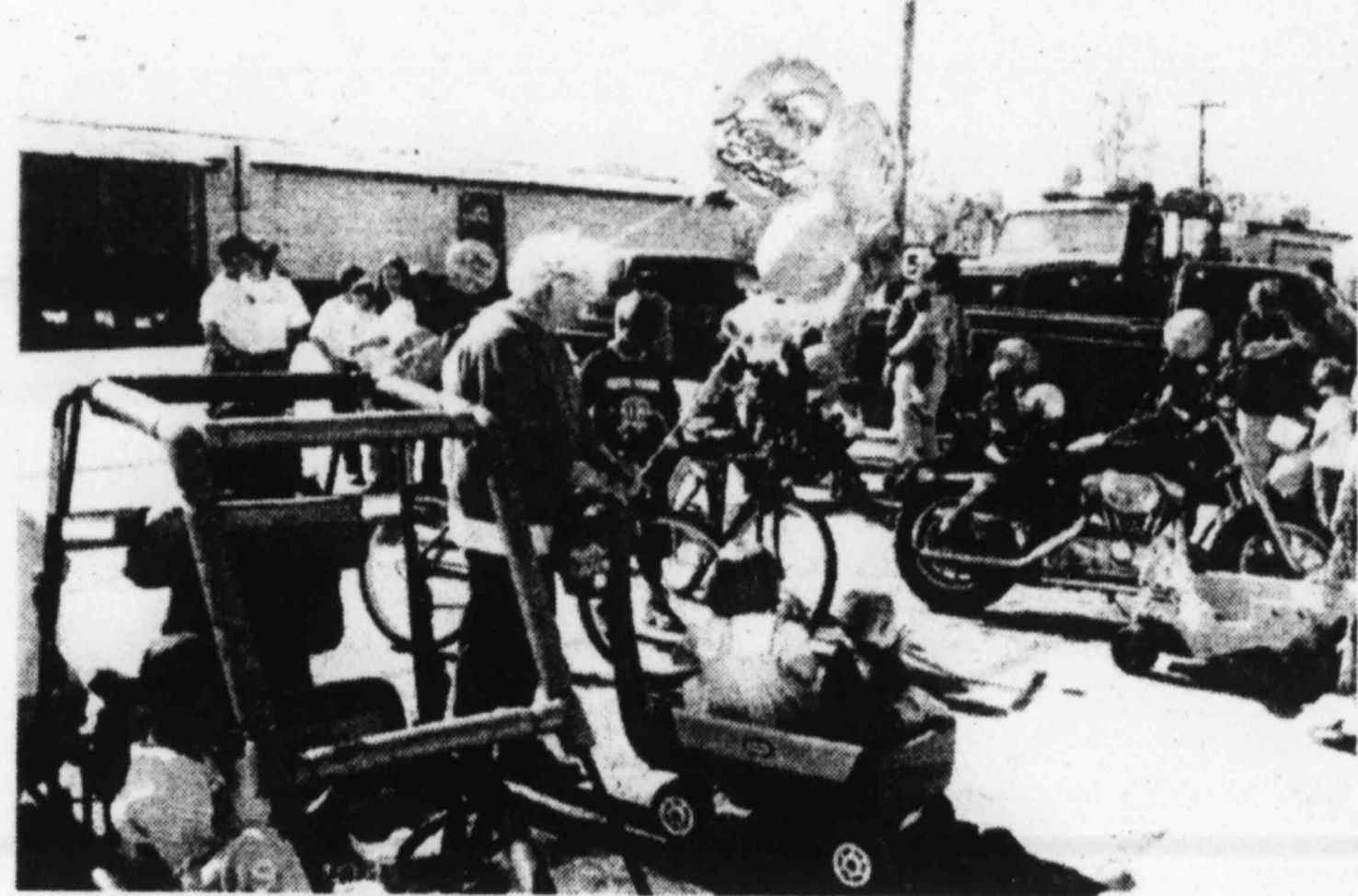
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### Easter Egg Parade



**SEVERAL CHILDREN** participated in the annual Gates Easter Parade at 10 a.m. Friday. Children walked and rode bikes, trikes, and other toys through downtown Gates to the Gates Community Center for an Easter egg hunt.

### Axle Causes Wreck



**ALICE MONTAGUE** was uninjured after her vehicle's front axle broke at approximately 9:30 a.m. April 9th after she crossed the railroad spur on Hwy. 209, near the former Tupperware building, sending the vehicle into the ditch, according to Joe Pursell, Halls Police Chief.

### Catapult Competition



**ANDREW MANNING**, son of Ritchie and Jean Manning, of Halls, a 4th grade student at Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, won a catapult contest, sponsored by the school. Each 4th grade student was required to construct a catapult that would hopefully launch a grape at least 100 feet. Ashley Stewart, of Dyersburg, placed second and Hollie Wilson, daughter of Gary and Kim Wilson, of Ripley, placed third.

### 4-Her's Attend Congress



**LAUDERDALE COUNTY 4-H** members, from left, Christina Hutcherson, Michelle Meeks, and Kate Harris, visited with Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, second from left, in Nashville while attending the 57th annual 4-H State Congress March 28th through March 31st. They presented a 4-H desk ornament to Rep. Fitzhugh and Senator Mark Norris, not pictured, while visiting in their offices.

Delegates attending the congress had to write a 500 word essay on this year's theme, "4-H Honoring the Past...Envisioning the Future".

While in Nashville, the students visited downtown Nashville, took a cruise on the *General Jackson* riverboat, and voted on mock bills and resolutions in the State Congress Chambers. They participated in 4-H officer elections and a dance, held Tuesday evening.

Jana Harris accompanied the group as chaperon and adult volunteer leader. Representing Halls High School were 9th graders, Meeks and Hutcherson and Ripley High School, 9th grader, Harris.

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certified to be a policeman in 2001 and Clandestine Lab Certified in July of that year.

Brian was recognized by the Memphis Drug Enforcement Task Force Dec. 17, 2001 for his efforts in Drug Law Enforcement. Since March 2001, he has been involved in the prosecution of 55 Lauderdale County residents in the United States District Court for West Tennessee.

He is married to the former Janet Vowell and has two children, Garrett, 14, and Trevor, 8.

In his off time, Brian enjoys fishing and has coached the 'Cowboys' Youth Football team in 2001, 2002, and 2003. He has also coached Little League Baseball and Youth Basketball. He is a former Cub Scout Den Leader and has helped with the Boy Scouting program for the past five years.

President Jay King presented a special President's Award to Mary Cubine, secretary of the lodge for over six years and a member of the association for 10 years. She was unable to attend due to illness.

### School Schedules Annual Reunion

The annual Helen's Bluff School and Community Reunion will be held, beginning at 11 a.m., Sun., April 25th at the Halls Community Center, with a potluck luncheon. The public is invited. For more information, call Nelson Young, 731-836-7806 or Norma Burse, 731-656-2065.

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—Robert M. Hutchins

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### Chamber Of Commerce Honorees



**SUE MCLEMORE**, director of the TKS Fitness Center, third from right, was honored as the first 2004 honorary member of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, and Roger Charest, vice-president of the Bank of Halls, second from left, was honored as the second 2004 honorary member of the Chamber at the annual membership banquet April 15th at Rolling Hills Country Club. "Both individuals have made outstanding contributions to the community and serve unselfishly," said Lisa Hankins, Chamber director, right, "and are dedicated to making Lauderdale County a better place to live." Roger Leake, chamber board president, is at left. Other awards are included on page 5.

### Joins Bank's Board of Directors



**VIRGINIA SHEA HARRIS**, left, Sharon J. Rose, center, and Gregory P. Crihfield, right, were selected to join the Board of Directors of the Lauderdale County Bank, Halls, at the board meeting April 16th. Harris joined the bank April 1, 1980 as a secretary and has held many positions with the bank during her tenure. She serves as senior vice-president in charge of compliance and security while assisting in the bank's lending operations.

Rose joined the bank Feb. 15, 1986 as a teller trainee and has worked in every area of the operations department. She serves as senior vice-president and cashier in charge of all bank operations.

Crihfield joined the bank on a regular basis after graduating from Mississippi State University in May of 1999 with a degree in banking and finance. He serves as vice-president and branch manager of the Ripley facility.

## Halls Mom Runs Boston Marathon

Jessica Myers, 30, of Halls, wife of Don Myers, Ripley High School math teacher and track and field coach, was among 17,950 runners in Monday's 26.2-mile Boston Marathon.

Jessica, mother of Brody, 6, and Heidi, 3, qualified for Boston in her first try in the St. Jude Marathon in Memphis, three minutes under the qualifying 3 hours, 40 minutes.

She has trained by running, from 4:15 a.m., eight to twelve miles Monday-Friday, sometimes 13 to 20 miles on Saturdays.

Her home town is Biggersville, Miss., six miles south of Corinth. She has two brothers who were runners, and she began running at the age of 12.

### Two Withdraw From Election

Cathy Cherry, of Halls, and Debbie Mays, of Ripley, have withdrawn from the August 5th General Election for the position of Assessor of Property.



**BETH SADLER**, senior at Halls High School, second from left, daughter of Felicia and Dennis Sadler, right, was honored as the Exchange Club of Lauderdale County's Student of the Month at the club's meeting April 15th. Exchangite Chris White, left, introduced Beth and her parents.

Beth is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council, a cheerleader, a Girl's State delegate, and on the tennis and golf teams, and on the yearbook staff. She recently won third place in the State American Legion Oratorical contest.

She has received tennis and cheerleading scholarships to Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., where she will be majoring in English, to pursue a career in teaching and/or as a writer.

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## NOTICE

The Halls Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 6:20 P.M. to hear comments and vote on a request by the DAAB Association to be exempted from site plan requirements to make an addition to the existing museum building. The present structure is located in a M-1 (Industrial) zone.

Auzie Harrell, Chairman

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## May Vows Slated



AMANDA RHEA ROBINSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Robinson, of Covington, will marry Terry Wayne Bell, of Ripley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Bell, of Covington, and the late Jean Bell, of Ripley, at 4 p.m. May 29th at Magnolia Hill Arabians, with a reception to follow, all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of James and Bernice Wood, of Brighton, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gibb Robinson, of Hot Springs, Ark. She is the great-granddaughter of Nell Stroupe, the late Kemmet Wood, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lackey, all of Covington.

A graduate of Covington High School, she plans to graduate from the University of Tennessee at Martin May 15th. She is employed with Rose Integrated Services, Inc.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late James and Addie Bell, of Halls, and the late Roy and Margie Smith, of Ripley.

He has been employed with Rose Integrated Services, Inc. in Covington for 12 years.

## Marriages

Feb. 3 - Kelly Lamar Wright, 36, to Tammy Sheree Barbee, 30, by Tom Sanders.

April 10 - John Harold Lazure, 23, to Manisha Charice Jones, 28, by Tom Perkins.

April 12 - Phillip Andrew Shands, 33, to Tiffany Rennee

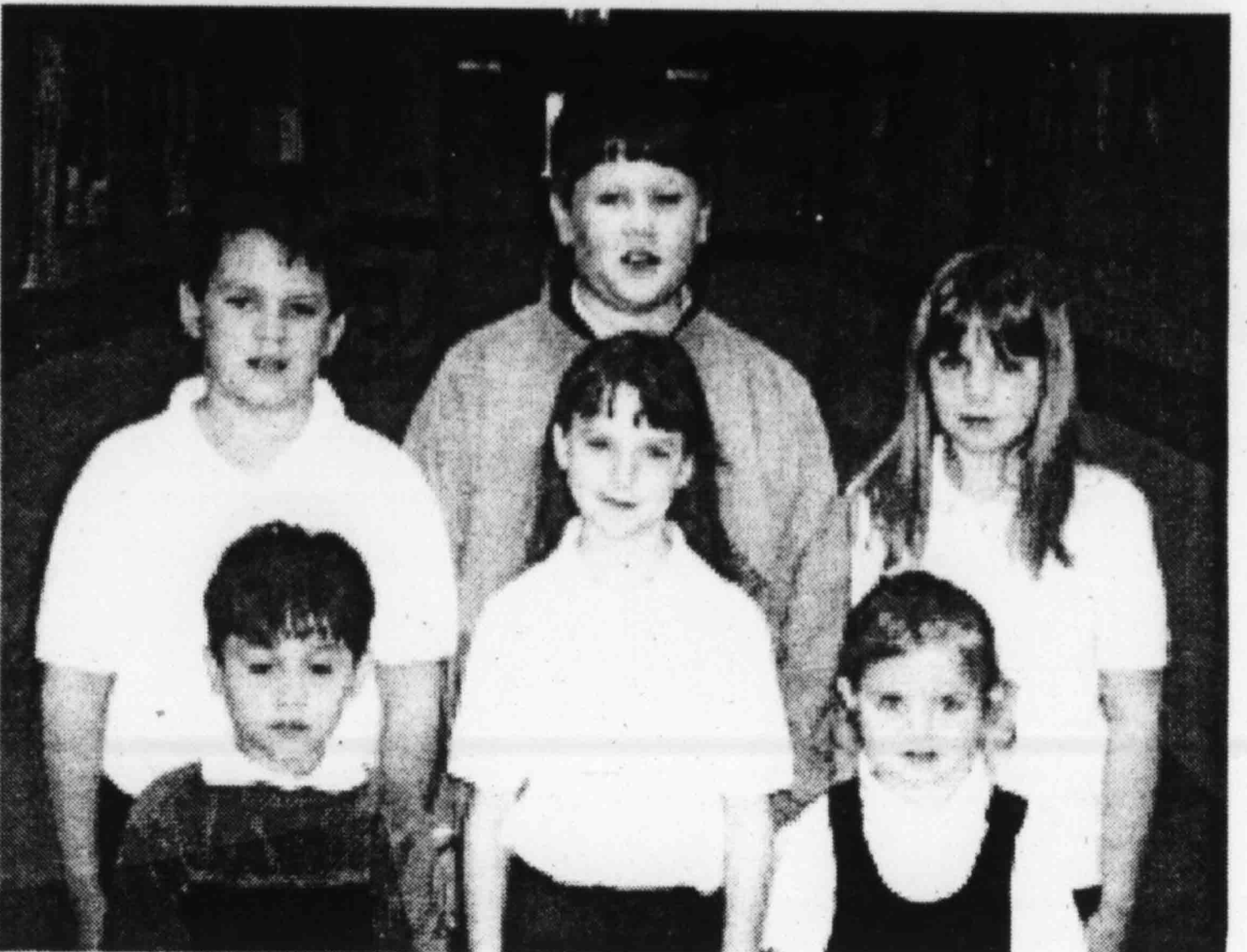
Holt, 19, by Janice C. Craig.

April 14 - Gregory Howard Mills, 30, to Felecia Leigh Webster, 22, by Don Medford.

Keith Ryan Nimmo, 47, to Pamela Rose Wakefield, 45, by Billy P. Brandon.

April 17 - William Hary Smith, 55, to Barbara Charlette Brewer, 54, by Hollis Adams.

## Students Of The Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, of Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, named as Students of the Week include, in front, from left, Ryan Hilliard, Pre-K, son of Rex and Elizabeth Hilliard, of Halls, Hannah Manning, 2nd grade, daughter of Ritchie and Jean Manning, of Halls, and Abigail Pennington, Pre-K, daughter of Victoria Pennington, of Ripley, and, in rear, from left, Taylor Martin, 3rd grade, son of Jeff and Lori Martin, of Ripley, John Curry Burks, 4th grade, son of Curry and Kristina Burks, of Ripley, and Lauren Martin, 3rd grade, daughter of Rob and Gayle Martin, of Halls.

## EARTH DAY

America, along with the State of Tennessee, is preparing for the 34th annual Earth Day celebration Apr. 22nd.

Flavius Barker, president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, says, "for farmers and ranchers, every day is Earth Day." Because its survival depends on the condition of the land and water, agriculture has been a leader in this area, continuously adopting new procedures that preserve the land, while producing safe and affordable food and fiber.

"Agriculture is more sustainable today than ever before," said Barker. Biotech research has developed plants that can defend themselves from pests, dramatically reducing the need for pesticides.

With the implementation of global positioning satellites and infrared sensors, farmers can detect more precise areas of infestations in their crops, further limiting

the need for chemical applications.

New soil conservation techniques are keeping rivers and streams cleaner, and conservation tillage keeps soil on the fields and out of waterways.

With the development of Ethanol and bio-diesel fuels, newer energy sources are being developed from corn, soybeans and other plant stocks. These new fuels are not only environmentally friendly, but can help ease America's dependence on foreign oil.

Approximately 34.6 million acres of farmland are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, which provides habitat and cover for wildlife.

"On Earth Day and every day, Americans should recognize agriculture's contributions, not only in producing the world's safest, most abundant and most affordable food supply, but in protecting the environment," said Barker.

## Divorces

Elisa Marie Barbee Rouser vs. Timmy Lavell Rouser.

Donald Milton Johnson vs. Kimberly Ann Bobb Johnson.

Susan Pennington Newman vs. Richard Kendall Newman.

William Lynn Webb vs. Leslie S. Webb.

Dorothy Jean Etheridge Wilson vs. Richard Edward Wilson.

Billy Wayne Lumley vs. Virginia Ann Lumley.

Lois Faye Woods Spivey vs. Leo Spivey.

Shirley Dewalt Flowers vs. Gary Vemetra Flowers.

Kimberly Louise Shands Allen vs. Kristopher Arthur Allen.

Barry Ingram vs. Porcha Chenece Thornton Ingram.

Russell Glenn Eddings vs. Donna Gail Eddings.

## EDITH CEMETERY

The Edith Community Cemetery Association invites all interested citizens to attend a meeting Mon., Apr. 26th, at 7 p.m., in the Edith United Methodist Church.

An update of progress and future upkeep of the cemetery will be discussed. Attendees should bring copies of deeds and/or information about various gravesites.

Donations can be mailed to the Bank of Ripley, P.O. Box 269, Ripley TN 38063.

**To a great experience one thing is essential, an experiencing nature. It is not enough to have opportunity; it is essential to feel it.**

**—Walter Bagehot**

**A table, a chair, a bowl of fruit and a violin; what else does a man need to be happy?**

**—Albert Einstein**

**I think that I shall never see a billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps, unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all.**

**—Ogden Nash**

**There is no greater loan than a sympathetic ear.**

**—Frank Tyger**

**Obituaries**

**Dondie R. Webb**

Dondie Renee Webb, 33, of Halls, disabled, died Monday at Methodist Hospital in Dyersburg.

Services are set for 4 p.m. Thursday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Thurmond Cemetery, near Halls.

She was a member of Westside Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gregory Webb, of Halls; her mother and father, Margaret and Terry Adkerson, of Halls; a brother, Joseph Adkerson, of Ripley; and grandmother, Ruby Garrett, of Halls.

**Martha Atkins**

Martha Little Atkins, 76, of Abbeville, Miss., formerly of Halls, homemaker, died Sunday at Trilake Medical Center, at Batesville, Miss.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Maury City Cemetery.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

A widow of Louis Atkins, she leaves a daughter, Brenda Mills, of Abbeville, Miss.; two sisters, Betty Emerson, of Alamo, and Eloise Cabreva, of Memphis; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**Bill Norvell**

William "Bill" Norvell, 79, of Ripley, retired correctional officer at Fort Pillow, died Sunday at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Miles Chapel C.M.E. Church, in Ripley, where he was a member of the Steward Board, with burial in Canfield Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Burnett Norvell, of Ripley; two sons, Micheal Kenyadell, of Chi-

**Robert Bowers**

Robert Leslie Bowers, 70, of Somerville, retired furniture salesman, father of Frank Bowers, of Ripley, died April 14th at his residence, following an extended illness.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bowers Chapel Cemetery near Trenton, Peebles Fayette County Funeral Home, of Somerville, in charge.

He was a Korean War Air Force veteran and a member of Bellevue Baptist Church.

He leaves four other sons, Robert L. Bowers, Jr., of Katy, Tex., and Irby Bowers, Kenneth O. Bowers and Charles P. Bowers, all of Whiteville; and eight grandchildren.

**Marcus McCuller**

Marcus Wayne McCuller, 27, of Ripley, died April 15th, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Baptist Church, in Brownsville, with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Rawls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Alisha Barlow McCuller, a son, Marcus Wayne McCuller, Jr., and two daughters, Rheagan McCuller and Kimarsha Barlow, all of Ripley; his mother, Patsy M. Farmer, of Brownsville, and father, Issac Young, Jr., of Chicago, Ill.; three brothers, Clinton McCuller, of Jackson, and Steven McCuller and Tony McCuller, of Brownsville; three sisters, Carol Mann, Dwallet Covington and Michelle Hines, all of Brownsville; and four half-sisters, Kimberly Young, of Humboldt, Brittany Young, of Brownsville, and Brenda Young and Pamela Young, of Chicago.

cago, Ill., and Terry Shaumpert, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; one daughter, Regina Maben, of Ripley; one sister, Alice Pierson, of Elyria, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

**John Noblin**

John Harvey Noblin, 47, of Halls, U. S. Postal Service carrier in the Dyersburg area, died Saturday at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Halls First Baptist Church, with burial in South Fork Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Diane Baker Noblin, a son, John Allen Noblin, a daughter, Dawn Michelle Terry, his parents, Donnie and Elizabeth Noblin, and one sister, Donna Elizabeth Pugh, all of Halls; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church building fund, American Lung Association, American Heart Association, or donor of choice.

**Nelson Franklin**

Nelson Franklin, 55, of Atlanta, Ga., AT&T manager, son-in-law of Professor Franklin A. Rhodes, of Halls, died April 13th at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta.

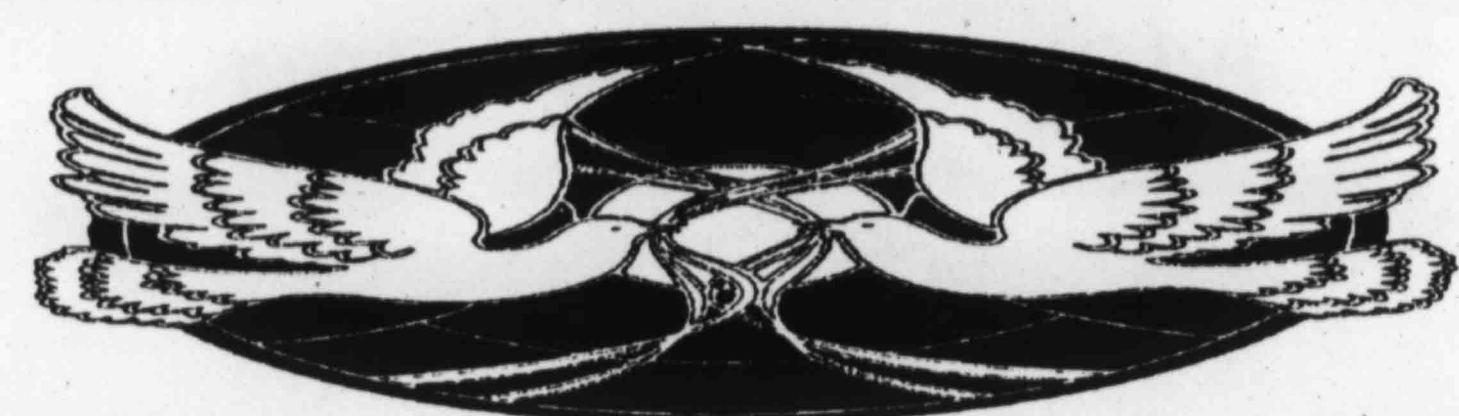
Services were at 1 p.m. April 17th at Hillside Chapel and Truth Center, in Atlanta, with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Murray Brother Funeral Home in charge.

Other survivors include his wife, Velenia Rhodes Franklin, and a daughter, Vaneka Franklin, both of Atlanta; three brothers, Freeman Franklin, of Lexington, Ky., and Cardell Franklin and Louis Franklin, of Louisville, Ky.; and three sisters, Dorothy Franklin, of Hartsville, and Ann Brown Allm and Alberta Mozee, of Louisville.

**You can never do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.**  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

**We do not choose our own parts in life, and have nothing to do with those parts. Our duty is confined to playing them well.**

—Epictetus



**Church Happenings**

Crossview Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold revival services beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sun., April 25th with Dr. David Price, pastor of Garland Baptist Church in Tipton County, as guest evangelist. Services will continue at 6:30 nightly Monday through Wednesday nights with special music each night. Roy Harkness, Sr., pastor, invites the public.

New Covenant Community Baptist Church, 631 S. Washington St., Ripley, will continue its Wednesday evening Bible study lesson entitled, *The Andy Griffith Show Bible Study Series* at 6 p.m. The series will focus on 'Going Back to Mayberry' to learn about judging others, the value of work, serving as mentors, and the power of deception. Dr. Randall Cummings, pastor, invites the public.

The House of Refuge Holiness Church will sponsor a Virtuosity Women in a two day revival at 7 p.m. April 23rd and 24th at 327 Cleveland St., Ripley. Guest speakers will include Patricia Crutcher, of Temple of Deliverance C.O.G.I.C., Memphis, and Sister Shirley Spencer, of Zion Temple #2 C.O.G.I.C., Grand Junction. Elder Barbara Norman Roberts, pastor, invites the public. For more information or transportation, contact Elder Kevin Harris, 731-635-8625.

Edith United Methodist Church, on Edith Nankipoo Rd., will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., April 24th featuring Southern Heritage. Admission is free. The public is invited.

The Springhill M. B. Church will host a spiritual program at 6 p.m. Sat., April 24th to provide financial assistance for Pastor Willie and Sister Tenthly Pounds. Circumstances have caused the family to suffer financial burdens. If anyone, who cannot attend, wishes to assist the family, mail donations to 3084 Hwy. 19 E., Ripley.

St. Mark Baptist Church, Henning, will hold revival services at 7:30 p.m. nightly beginning Mon., April 26th with The Rev. Clarence Williams, pastor of the Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Jackson, as guest evangelist. The Rev. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

New Beginning F.W.C. Church, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., Ripley, will honor their pastor and his wife, Mark and Debbie Fisher, Sun., April 25th on Pastor's Appreciation Day. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life C.O.G.I.C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly April 26th through April 30th with the church ministers delivering the message each night. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public to attend.

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.

**Youth Leadership**



STUDENTS of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Lauderdale Class were treated to lunch at BMH-Lauderdale, upper photo, during their healthcare session Apr. 13th, which focused on "Living Well in Lauderdale County." Paul Betz, administrator, and several physicians spoke about their chosen fields. After lunch, the group divided up and visited each hospital department, where they were given the opportunity to do some "hands on" activities. The final highlight of the day was when the Airwing arrived and they were able to see the helicopter and talk to the flight nurses and pilot about their jobs and the training required for their positions.

The day began at BMH-Lauderdale, where they were treated to a continental breakfast, and then boarded a school bus, and embarked on a tour of the Ambulance Authority, where Eric Newman explained how they operated.

Other morning stops included the Crowder Family Dental Clinic, where Dr. Roy Crowder spoke about his profession, and allowed them to watch him pull someone's wisdom teeth, lower photo; Crain's Pharmacy, where Barry Bates and Dwight Weaver gave them information on their chosen profession; and the TKS Fitness Center, where they met Sue McLemore, who gave them a tour of the center, and a chance to try out some equipment.

The students were exposed to different types of health/wellness and social services available to people in the county, and at each facility, were given the chance to ask questions, and receive information on the kind of education required for each of the professions or careers.

Youth Leadership is held every year for high school juniors from both Halls and Ripley High Schools. The program is designed to help teach participants leadership skills and to maximize their individual potential, expose them to different types of careers available in Lauderdale County, and to help them develop strategies for assisting the community in problem solving.

**DAR Medal Awarded**



ARMY JROTC CADET NIC MORRIS, right, Ripley High School senior, was presented the Daughters of the American Revolution medal during the Ft. Prudhomme DAR chapter's April 13th meeting. Presenting the award was Jean Spence, Chapter Regent.

The medal is presented to a JROTC cadet who is a member of the graduating class, top 25 percent of the cadets in JROTC and academic subjects. The cadet must have demonstrated qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, and leadership ability. The cadet must also have shown an understanding of the importance of JROTC training.

Cadet Morris has held positions as squad leader, platoon leader, company commander, and is serving as battalion commander. He is also the exhibition drill with arms commander. Based on his academic and JROTC accomplishments, he was awarded, by the US Army, a ROTC 3-year scholarship to the University of Tennessee at Martin.



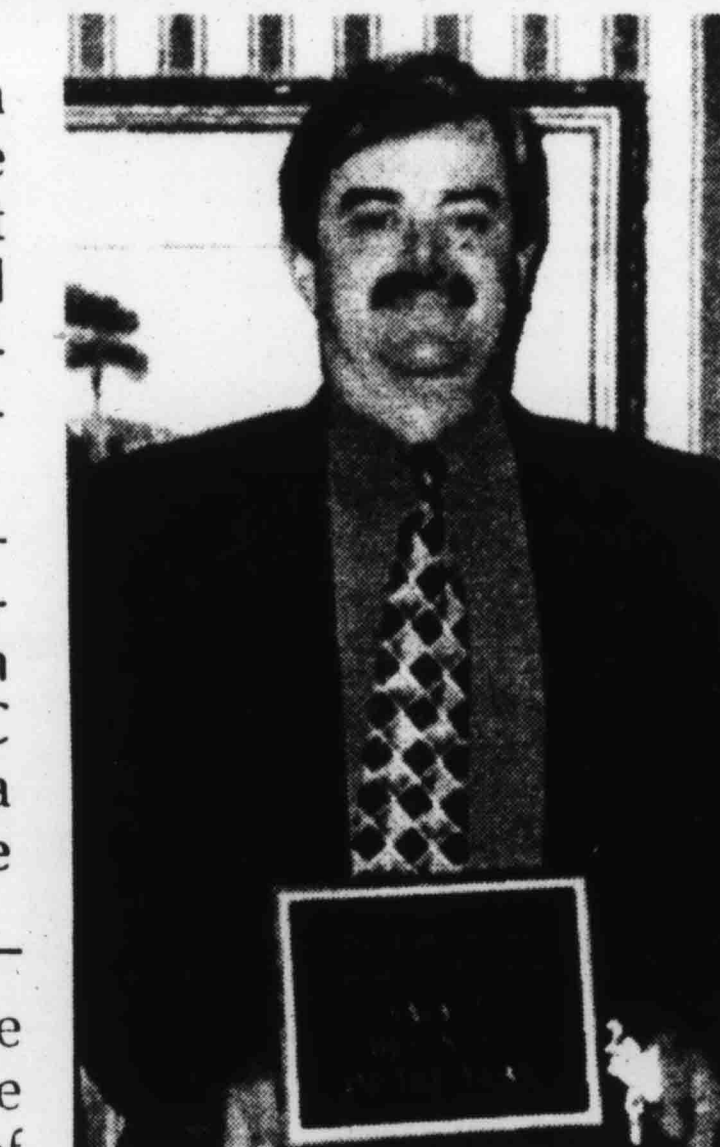
KEITH KLUTTZ, plant manager of VF Imgewear, in Henning, was recipient of

the Chamber Citizen of the Year Award. Awarded the honor of being FOP Man of the Year, Tuesday evening of last week, Keith is chairman of Relay for Life for the second year and involved in many community-oriented organizations. "If you are actively involved with the Chamber and its many programs, or any of the events in Lauderdale County, you will know him," said Hankins. "He is a wonderful man and a definite asset to Lauderdale County."

**Love is all we have, the only way that each can help the other.**  
—Euripides



LESLIE SIGMAN, CEO, accepted the Chamber's Large Business of the Year Award, on behalf of The Bank of Ripley. Established in 1939, The Bank of Ripley still continues to provide quality service and products in a home-style manner to local residents, including internet banking. "If something is going on in Lauderdale County, they are a part of it," said Hankins.



MIKE CURRIE, owner of Quality Service, Inc., accepted the Chamber's Small Business of the Year Award. He has expanded his business to 12 employees and has been a member of the chamber since 1986. His company is a member of the Better Business Bureau and actively involved with the Air Conditioning Contractors of America and the Chamber. They were awarded the new Autumn Hills housing development and the contract for the new gymnasium at Ripley High School.

### Caught In Spring Snow



**WENDELL WILEY**, of Halls, was in Jackson April 13th and was witness to almost 4 inches of snowfall covering any flat surface. He saw a thick blanket cover cars and rooftops and thought it very interesting to see dogwoods, azaleas, and other flowering trees and plants in full bloom covered by the snow. By noon, rain had begun to fall and by 4 p.m. the snow that came so suddenly was only a memory.

*If you have always done it that way, it is probably wrong.*

*—Charles Kettering*

### NOTICE

The Town of Halls has received a Tennessee Dept. of Transportation "Highway Safety Grant" to purchase regulatory and safety signs. Specifications are available at 940 Industrial Rd., Halls, TN, or by calling 731-836-7379. Bid opening is at 2 p.m., on April 26, 2004, at Halls City Hall. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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### NOTICE

The Halls Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 6 P.M. to hear comments and vote on a request by James Street to place an accessory structure on property which does not have a primary structure. This property is located in a R-2 (Residential) zone.

Auzie Harrell, Chairman

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### FCE Cultural Art Winners



**FCE MEMBERS**, seated, from left, Doris Dormeyer and Ann Dunavant, and in rear, Callie Leggett, Emily King (displaying one of Juanita Elmore's winning entries), Clara Silliman, Louise Land, Julia Alley and Mae Dunaway, entered over 25 items in the annual FCE (Family and Community Education) Cultural Art Competition Mon., April 12 in Carney Hall at Bank of Ripley. Judges were Tonya Dudley and Carol Ann Douglas with the Art Council. First place winners will enter District competition in early August at the Western District FCE Mini-Conference.

First place winners included: Julia Alley in Bead Work, Knitting, Other Hand Stitchery and Sculpture; Callie Leggett in Caned Chairs and Stools; Juanita Elmore in Decorative Painting, Fine Art Painting, Machine Made Quilts and Novelty Quilts; Mae Dunaway in Crocheting; Ann Dunavant in Holiday Decoration; Louise Land in Cross-stitch; Clara Silliman in Photography, and Doris Dormeyer in Miscellaneous. Other cultural art participants included Dale Collins, Mary Harrison, Martha Reed and Fannie Williams.

### Bible Competition



**TRENT McMANUS**, pastor of Halls Church of Christ, and Bible Bowl team members, from left, Hayden Watts, Brittany Alston, Shelby Hillard, and Hailey Watts, attended the "Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes" Bible Bowl Competition Friday at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. The team placed fourth, out of the eight teams, in the final competition. The questions were concerning the Book of Romans. Next year, the questions will come from the Gospel according to Mark. Fifteen states competed in the event, including Canada, with over 8,500 students in attendance.

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*—William Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice*

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### District Horse Judging



**4-H TEAM MEMBERS** competing in the district 4-H Horse Judging competition include, in front, from left, Robert Newman, Mindi Harrison's son; Ashley Heflin, Samantha Scott, and Kaysey Smith, and in rear, from left, Ed Hunt, Jr., Mindi Harrison, Team Coach; Marie Bing, Lauren Childress, Cassidy Hardee, and Abby Sherriff.

The competition was held Tues., April 6th at Shelby Showplace Arena in Memphis. Over 200 4-Hers from across West Tennessee were in attendance for this annual event.

4-H Horse judging involves evaluating horses on the following characteristics: Breed Type, Balance, Muscling, Conformation, Structural Correctness and Correctness of Gait(s). 4-H Horse Judging is an excellent opportunity for 4-Hers to receive the latest judging requirements and industry trends as it pertains to all types of horses.

Lauderdale County had two teams participating in this event. Competing on the Junior Team (4th, 5th and 6th graders) were Cassidy Hardee, 6th grader at Halls Elementary School; Lauren Childress, 6th grade home-school and Samantha Scott, 6th graders at Lauderdale Middle School. This team placed 9th in competition and Lauren Childress was 11th High Individual Scorer in the contest. The Lauderdale County Jr. High Team was made up of Abby Sherriff, 7th grader at LMS; Marie Bing, 7th grader at LMS; Ed Hunt, 8th grader at Halls Junior High and Ashley Heflin, 7th grader at LMS. This team also placed ninth with Abby Sherriff being the 3rd Highest Scoring Individual in the Contest.

Congratulations to these 4-Hers along with their coach, Mindi Harrison, of Harrison Horses, Mrs. Alesia Childress and Ed Hunt for their assistance and expertise.

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### Anniversaries

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April 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Stan Matras.

April 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garrett, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurt.

April 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Searce, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Layne.

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

April 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kitts.

### Land Transfers

April 12 - Earlean Mabins to Angela Mabins, Dist. 8, 1.01 acres.

William A. Haynie and Christa Haynie to Anthony R. Jackson and Teena L. Jackson, Dist. 7, 0.971 acres.

James E. Simpson and Brenda E. Simpson to Larry Olds and Phyllis S. Olds, Dist. 5 and 11, lot.

April 13 - Bank of Ripley to Tommy G. Smothers and Mary B. Smothers, Dist. 9, 11 acres.

April 14 - Grover Manson Younger and Betty P. Younger to E. R. Ward and Susan E. Ward, Dist. 15, lot.

Mary Elizabeth Talley to Martin L. Crowder and Angela D. Crowder, Dist. 3, 2.3 acres.

Audrey Jean Taylor to Rickey Moore, Dist. 12, lot.

Darrell B. Vowell, trustee, Arden M. Vowell, trustee, and Vowell Revocable Living Trust No. 1 to Mary Ann Johnson, Dist. 12, tract, and Dist. 12, lot.

\* Mary Ann Johnson to Ernest Maxwell, Dist. 16,

lot. Kitty L. Hubbard to Jessica Jobs, Dist. 15, 4.00 acres.

April 15 - Latham Homes LLC to Thomas Jefferson Stone, Jr. and Loretta Stone, Dist. 2, lot.

Joseph H. Simpson and Dorothy J. Simpson to Jonathan Z. Johnson and Rebecca J. Johnson, 3.34 acres.

Martha Hunt to James DeBoard and Dolores DeBoard, parcels.

Randy Scott Castleman and Kimberly Ruth Castleman to David Bandy and Cathy Glidewell Bandy, Dist. 2, lot.

**We usually meet all our relatives only at funerals, where someone always observes, "Too bad we can't get together more often."**  
*—Sam Levenson*

**There are no foolish questions and no man becomes a fool until he has stopped asking questions.**  
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Humble announced the state has received an additional \$52.8 million in reimbursement homeland security grant funds. Though federal regulations require 80 percent of the money to be

passed to the local level, as was last year, more will be passed down, according to Governor Bredesen. A \$10 million Urban Area Security Initiative Grant has been issued for the Memphis

Urban area, which includes Shelby, Fayette, Tipton and Lauderdale Counties. Eighty-three percent of the grant will be passed through, and the State's portion will be applied to state-level terrorism

prevention initiatives within the four-county Memphis Urban Area district.

Lauderdale County will receive \$40,000.

"Local police, sheriffs, firefighters and emergency services personnel are the front line in our homeland security efforts," Bredesen said. "We will continue to support them to the best of our abilities and encourage cities, counties, communities and citizens to work together to enhance our security and preparedness."

### Birthdays

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

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

April 24 - Robert Drumwright, April Parker, Stephanie Bonds, Craig Buckner, Jeremy Paige, Patricia Murray, Jodie Edwards, Emily Paige King, William R. Whitson, Joseph Scott.

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

April 26 - Mary Meadows, Emily Elkins, Alfred Brassfield, Susan Pipkin, Billie Belton, Lewis Vaden, David Booker, Caroline Snell, Margaret Ceparulo.

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

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

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## Commissioner Visits Candidate Dale Strayhorn All-West-Tenn.



VIRGINIA T. LODGE, fourth from left, Department of Human Services Commissioner, was honored with a reception as she stopped in Lauderdale County Friday visiting the 144 human services offices across Tennessee. She started last year visiting the offices and talking with staff members and commission leaders. Plans are to rearrange the Families First Program and to obtain new computer systems for faster work during interviews. Pictured with her are, from left, Gail Douglas, Rhonda Barham, State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, Webb Banks, County Mayor Rozelle Criner, William Jarrett, and Onslow Davis.



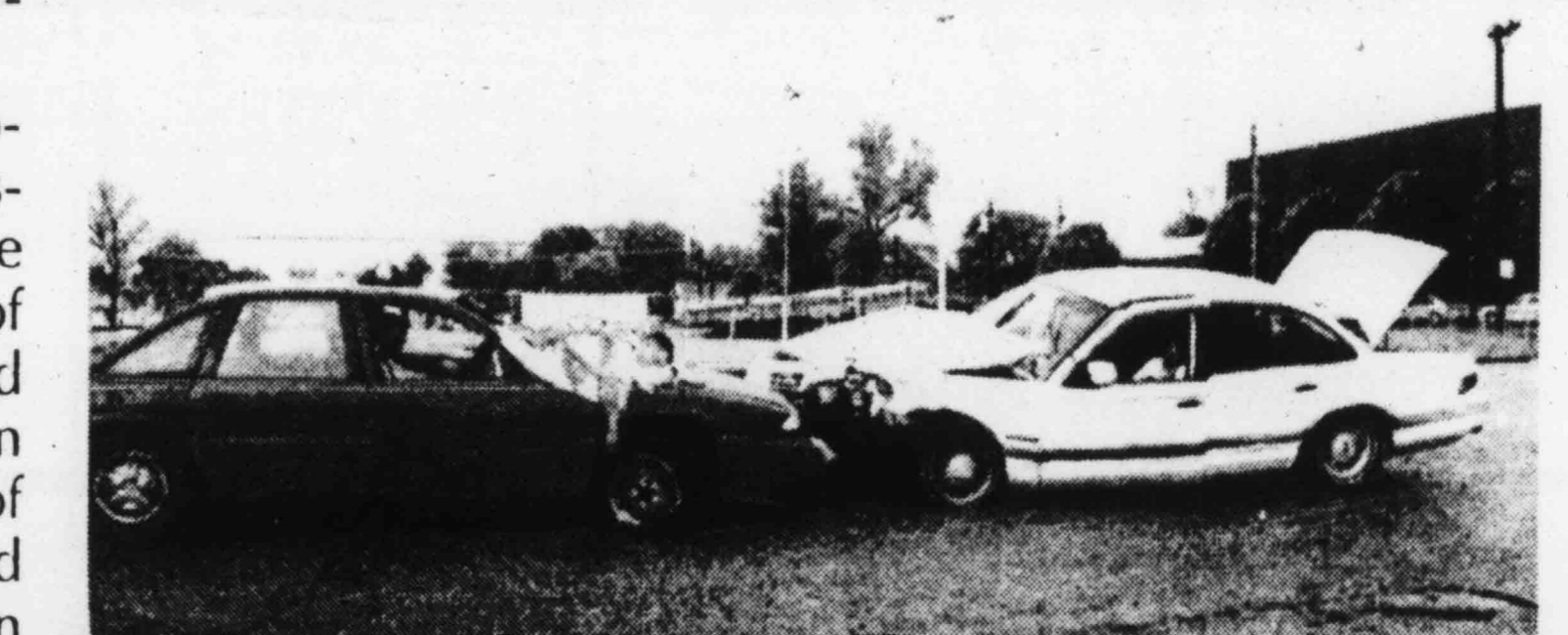
The Jackson Sun has named Dale "Diz-zane" Strayhorn, Halls High School senior, to its All-West-Tennessee basketball team.

A 5-10 guard, he averaged 24 points per game to lead Halls into the quarterfinals of the state tournament, when Halls lost by one lay-up, with four seconds on the clock.

Iowa Central. Other All-West-Tennessee choices by the Sun: Reginald Delk, of Jackson North Side; Willie Kemp, of Bolivar; Brandon Shane, of Greenfield; and Xavier Webb, of West Carroll.

His college choice is

### HHS Mock Crash



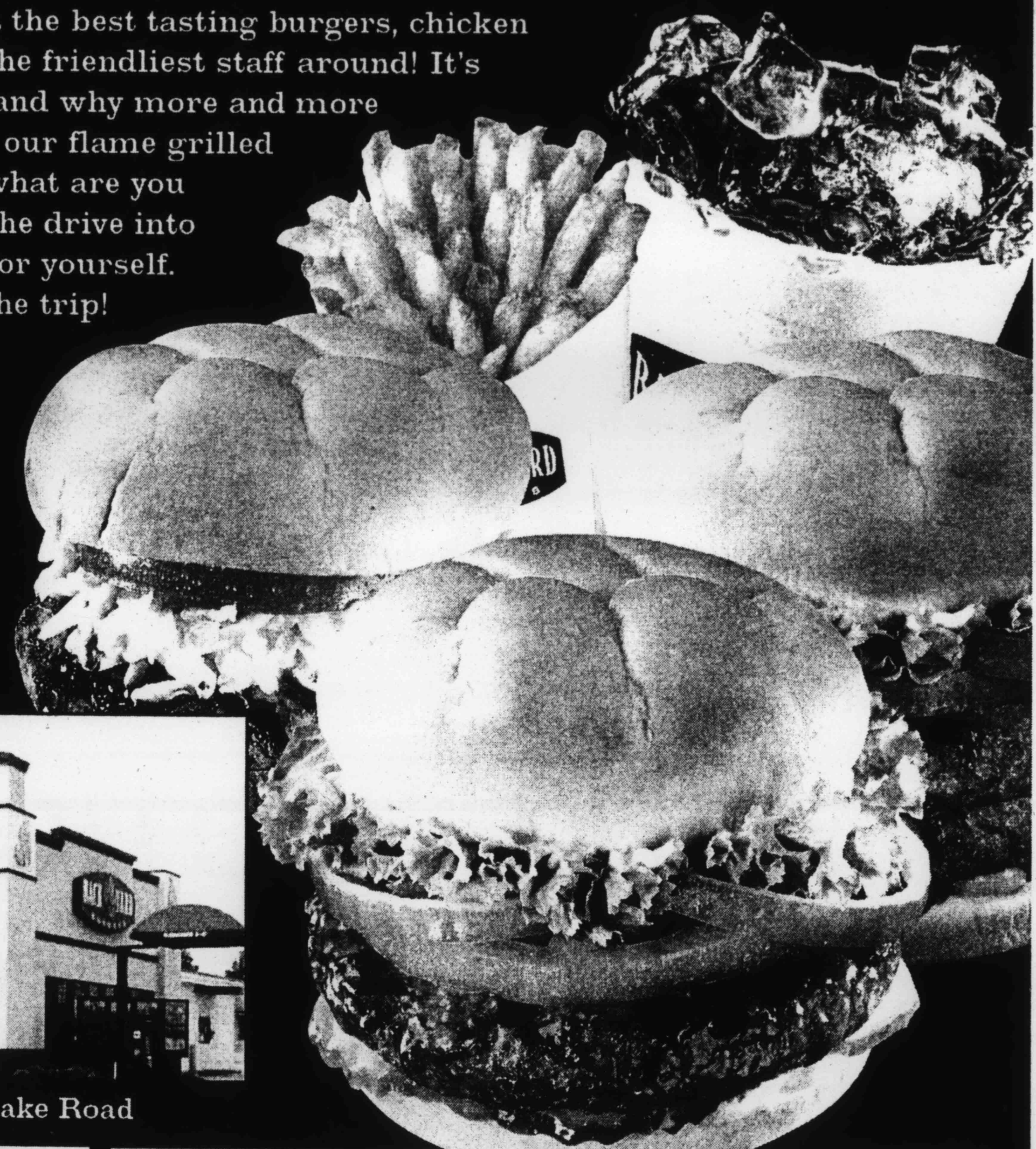
family, and this community are very important to me.

Your vote and support in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. I promise to serve faithfully as assessor of property with honesty, respect, and integrity," said Johnston.

EMERGENCY Personnel, from the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, Sheriff's Department, Halls Police, and Tennessee Highway Patrol, staged a mock crash Thursday of last week at Halls High School before the prom to show the effects of drinking and driving.

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### Speaker



JEFFREY DEAN, national youth communicator, author and counselor, will host his one-day "What Your Teen Needs You To Know" parent conference Sat., May 8th, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Lannom Center, at Dyersburg State Community College.

Dean will share information and tools to build consistent, healthy communication between par-

ents and their teens.

Right Choices of West Tennessee, sponsor of the conference, is active in Halls Middle and Halls High Schools, Lauderdale Middle School and Ripley High School, and will continue in Fall 2004.

For further information and to register, call 731-627-9900 or 866-744-4804.

### National Day Of Prayer May 6th

The Lauderdale County Ministerial Alliance invites the public to a National Day of Prayer observance Thurs., May 6th, at 11 a.m., on the east side of the Courthouse, in Ripley.

The theme for this year's event is "Let Freedom Ring," based on Leviticus 25:10, which reads "...proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants."

For further information, call Pastor Abe Silliman, Jr., at 635-1788.

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## Legislative Coffee Hour

## Birthdays

## Debutantes Presented



STATE AND COUNTY DIGNITARIES attended the Legislative Coffee Hour Apr. 12th at Dyersburg State Community College. People from the community, faculty, staff and students of DSCC were able to ask questions and air concerns.

Pictured, from left, are Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, Rep. Phillip Pinion, Dr. Karen Bowyer, president, DSCC, Dyersburg Mayor Bill Revell and Dyer County Mayor Richard Hill.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



DEBUTANTES to be presented at the annual Xi Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., include Derrica Simmons, of Halls; Courtney Williams and Stephanie Starks, of Dyersburg; Andrea Ashmore, Emily Leake, Ashley Spicer, and Keyosha Currie, of Ripley; Deidre Tyus and Danielle Jarrett, of Brownsville; and Krystalle Snipes, of Ripley, plus, not pictured, Crystal Driver, Jamilah Holloway, and Shundetria Haley, of Ripley. The event, themed "Elegance in White; Tomorrow's Promise," will be held during the Bi-Annual Scholarship Cotillion at 7 p.m. Sat., May 1st at the Lannom Center in Dyersburg.

The fine arts are five in number, namely: painting, sculpture, poetry, music, and architecture, the principal branch of the latter being pastry.  
-Antonin Carême

Humor is the great thing, the saving thing. The minute it crops up, all our irritations and resentments slip away, and a sunny spirit takes their place.  
-Mark Twain

## Notice

A special called meeting of the Halls Planning Commission will be scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2004, at 5 P.M. at Halls City Hall, for the purpose of discussing the approval of a required site plan for an addition to the museum for the DAAB Association.

When you become a good cook, you become a good craftsman, first. You repeat and repeat and repeat until your hands know how to move without thinking about it.  
-Jacques Pepin

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Sawyers

Elizabeth Imogene Sawyers, 75, of 101 Williams Circle, Halls, wife of Elmer Sawyers, Jr., died Wednesday of last week in Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

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

She was a member of Westside Baptist Church in Halls.

Survivors include daughters, Margo Wallace, of Halls, and Cynthia Hughes, of Hornbeak; brothers, Clifton and Larry Johnson, of Maury City, and Claborn Johnson, of Memphis; sisters, June Hutcherson, Lillian Gooch, and Pauline Beard, of Halls, Frances Hill, of Gates, Ruth Bivens, of Dyersburg, Linda Cummings, of Trenton, and Verna Mae McCarthy, of Milford, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the American Heart Assn. or the Kidney Foundation would be appropriate.

Mrs. Jane Hines

Jane Hines, 84, of Halls, retired Halls office manager for Ripley Power & Light, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in First Baptist Church in Halls, where she was a member, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

Widow of Robert J. Hines, she leaves a son, Ronny, a daughter, Janet Hurt, and a brother, Joe Clyde Escue, of Halls; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mattie Belton

Mattie Florence Belton, 95, of Ripley, widow of Walter Belton, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in Ashport Baptist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Asbury Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Corinne Lindsey

Corinne Sadler Lindsey, 88, of Memphis, formerly of Ripley, mother of Jeff Sadler, of Ripley, and sister of Gladys Tillman, of Ripley, died Friday in Overton Park Health Care Center in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Yarbrough Funeral home in Ripley, with burial in Edith Cemetery, near Ripley.

She had retired as a supervisor for the state Department of Public Welfare.

She was the widow of John Wesley Sadler and Horace Lindsey.

Survivors include daughters, Barbara Jean Roach, of Memphis, and Jerry Sue Gordon, of Westville, Ind.; another sister, Sue Fann, of Germantown; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Clarence Taylor

Clarence Taylor, Jr., 71, of Ripley, former custodian at Tennessee Die Casting, died Friday, of cardiac arrest, at Jackson Regional Hospital.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, at Miles Chapel C.M.E. Church, in Ripley, with burial in Walker Cemetery, in Brownsville, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves seven sons, Ivory Lynn Taylor, Willie Taylor and Banarvon Taylor, of Ripley, Michael Taylor, of Henning, and Timothy Barnes, Tylus Barnes and Johnny Barnes, of Beloit, Wis.; five daughters, Brenda Taylor Rogers, Alice Faye Taylor and Linda J. Taylor, of Ripley, and Lisa Cousins and Carolyn Cox, of Beloit; a brother, Jimmy Lee Taylor, of Ripley; 47 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not the mind. —Lionel Hampton

Life without memory is no life at all, just as an intelligence without the possibility of expression is not really an intelligence. Our memory is our coherence, our reason, our feeling, even our action. Without it, we are nothing. —Luis Bunuel

Sow good services; sweet remembrances will grow them. —Madame del Stael

Jack F. Wilson

Jack Franklin Wilson, 62, of Dyersburg, retired mechanic, brother of Janice Bentley, of Halls, died April 21st, at his residence.

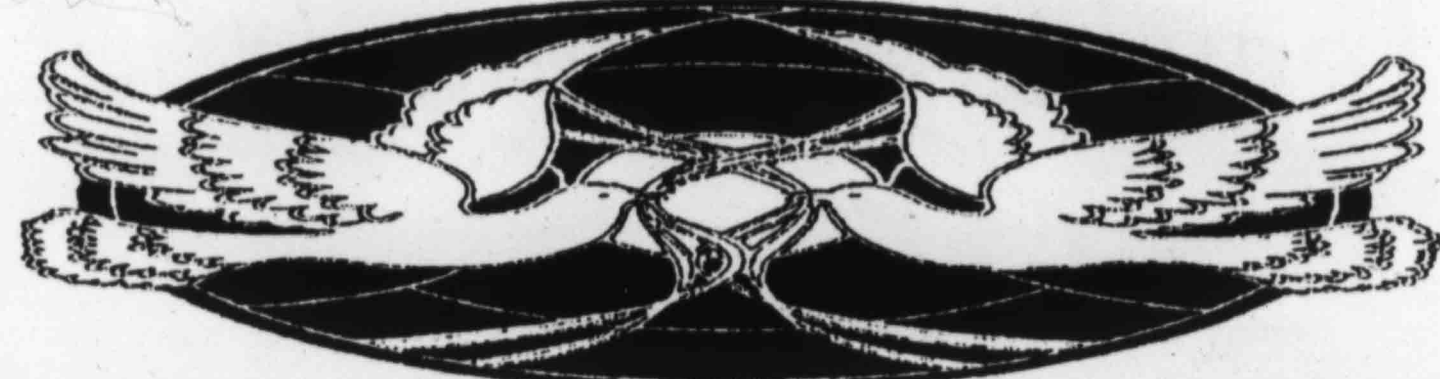
Services were at 1 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, in Newbern, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

He was an Army veteran. Other survivors include a son, Walter Allen Wilson, of Finley; a daughter, Connie Lynn Stanford, of Tupelo, Miss.; his mother, Zealia Andrew Wilson, of Dyersburg; two brothers, James H. Wilson, of Dyersburg, and Jerry W. Wilson, of Finley; another sister, Betty Wheeler, of Finley; and three grandsons.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Ollie Mae Jones would like to take this time to express our sincere appreciation for the love and support shown to us during the illness and loss of our loved one. Thanks to Noel Sherrod and the staff at Halls Funeral Home for efficient and caring services and to Bro. Jerrell Dawson for his comforting words. We want to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, visits, food, flowers, and everything done for our family.

F. V. Jones, son Donald Jones, son Linda Summar, daughter Brenda Cochran, daughter Grandchildren Great-grandchildren Adv.



Church Happenings

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold its annual choir day at 3 p.m. Sun., May 2nd featuring choirs from Henning Grove and St. Mark, Henning; Elam, Durhamville; Mt. Pleasant, Morning Star, and Truth & Faith, Ripley; Antioch, Curve; Antioch, Covington; and Bethel, Cherry. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

The Women on Mission of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church will sponsor a fund raising event beginning at 11 a.m. Fri., April 30th for The Crossroads Project, a local ministry that provides food and clothing for needy persons through its thrift shop at 124 N. Jefferson St. Crossroads also provides a placement service for Christian based rehab program and support classes for those with drug and alcohol dependency problems and programs for anger management for adults and teens.

Barbecue, hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts, and drinks will be sold by the members of Mary's Chapel in the lot between Accents and The Crossroads Project. Beginning at 5 p.m., the parking area on the north side of the courthouse will become a stage with several local groups providing Southern gospel and contemporary Christian music. The public is invited.

Olive Branch Baptist Church, Lightfoot-Luckett Rd., will hold a gospel singing at 7 pm. Sat., May 1st featuring Curtis Lents and the Frog Jump Quartet. The public is also invited to join in fellowship afterwards.

Gates Baptist Church will sponsor a Christian teen drama at 6 p.m. May 2nd featuring "A Blaze" drama team. The public is invited.

Concord United Methodist Church, 4500 Concord Rd., Gates, will hold a rummage and bake sale from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Sat., May 1st at the corner of Henning St. and Hwy. 209, postponed if rains. Come early for specials by famous cooks and trash to treasure finds.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 197 Drake Ave., Ripley, will hold a gospel singing at 6:30 p.m. Sat., May 8th featuring the Rodgers family, David Fountain, Witness, and Joyful Sounds. The public is invited.

Henning Grove M. B. Church will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly April 28th through 30th with Claxton Reese, pastor of Nelson Chapel, Ripley, as guest speaker Wednesday night; Donnie Reed, pastor of Open Door Baptist Church, Thursday night; and Mitchell Matthew, of St. John, Covington, as guest speaker Friday night. Percy Flowers, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

READERS SPEAK

Editor,

With the theme "LET FREEDOM RING," the "National Day of Prayer" will be observed on Thursday, May 6th. It is imperative that every Christian raise this banner of prayer and emphasize that prayer is the most powerful weapon in our arsenal.

At this very moment, our nation's military, along with troops from other nations, are still involved in the country of Iraq. The primary focus there is to insure political freedom and liberty to a nation that has been under evil dictatorship for years. It is absolutely incumbent upon patriotic Christians to pray for our nation's leaders and our military leadership.

On Thursday, May 6th, we will observe the "National Day of Prayer" locally on the court house lawn. The Lauderdale County Ministerial Alliance will host the service at 11 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors.

The Old Testament book of Leviticus proclaims in Chapter 25, Verse 10, "...PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THIS LAND AND TO ALL ITS INHABITANTS." From this verse, we get this year's theme of "Let Freedom Ring."

As a sign of unity, all Americans are asked to pray the following "Prayer For The Nation" at noon on May 6th, wherever they are. Some will be at a public prayer observance at that time, while others will be sitting in front of their desks at work. Regardless of his or her location, it is important that His people, who are called by His name, seek Him in unity. If people participate in this form of corporate prayer, it will be like a wave of prayer flowing across our country.

Gracious God, You have been good to us beyond our

deserving, making our Nation a land of liberty. Help us to protect our freedoms with diligence and integrity. Lord, bless our military as it advances freedom's cause around the world. Bless also the institutions of power and influence in our society - the government, the churches, the media, the schools and the families. May each bring glory to Your Name. Forgive us when we stray from the right paths. We place our trust in You, O Lord, believing that Your hand will sustain America. Let no shadow obscure the pathways which we should tread. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

The Lauderdale County Ministerial Alliance would like to encourage all patriotic citizens to attend this service as we give thanks to God and seek His continued blessings on our nation.

REV. GARY A. GREEN Sec./Trea., Lauderdale County Ministerial Alliance



TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rep. Craig Fitzhugh House District 82

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Jobs Tax Credit Bill Passes

Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, who represents Lauderdale, Crockett, and Dyer counties, brought forth the "Jobs Tax Credit" bill Monday, April 12th. This legislation passed the House by a unanimous vote.

HB 3480 broadens the scope of the Job Tax Credit to include higher skilled, better paying jobs, as defined by the Job Skills Act, and redefines distressed counties in order to recognize and better serve their needs. In economically distressed counties, the legislation would offer businesses, such as cellular phone manufactures, not traditionally categorized as part of the manufacturing industry, to receive increased incentives to create new jobs.

"One of the top concerns of West Tennesseans today is the lagging economy and shrinking job market," Rep. Fitzhugh said. "This legislation seeks to address that issue. By offering job credits to companies who create new jobs in Tennessee, we are encouraging a growth in the local job market."

The bill, as amended, requires that a county not currently classified as economically distressed, as defined by the Department of Economic and Community Development, must have experienced in any one month of the last twenty-four above average unemployment and below average per capita income based on Tennessee's overall averages. The bill expands the definition of qualified business enterprise to include businesses and industry that are high-skill and high-wage yet outside of the current definition, which primarily encompasses manufacturing, warehousing or headquarters facilities.

The bill would include those businesses that may not create the large number of jobs that manufacturing, warehousing or headquarters facilities offer, but do create higher-skilled, better paying jobs and increase the overall level of employment. Additionally, the bill raises the current jobs tax credit available to businesses in economically distressed areas as an incentive for those businesses to create and/or expand jobs that will assist those areas.

Too often the strong, silent man is silent only because he does not know what to say, and is reputed strong only because he has remained silent. —Winston Churchill

I think I should have no other mortal wants, if I could always have plenty of music. It seems to infuse strength into my limbs and ideas into my brain. Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music. —George Eliot

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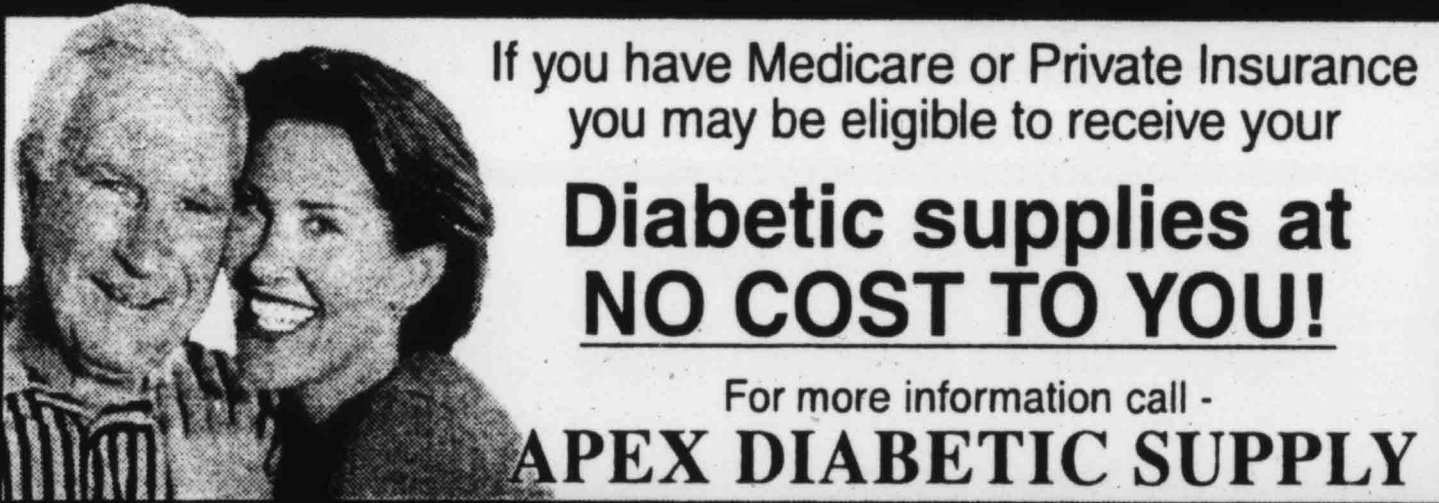
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### Bags First Turkey



LUKE STANLEY, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stanley, of Ripley, killed a 17-1/2 pound turkey April 17th while on his first turkey hunt with his father and uncle, Jeff Nelson. The turkey had a 10-1/8 inch beard and 3/4 spurs. The trio left out early that morning and returned at 7 a.m. with the bird. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carroll, and Sandra Sauls, all of Ripley, and the great-grandson of Elizabeth Stanley, of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hand, of Frog Jump.

#### USED BOOK SALE

Lauderdale County Library, 120 Lafayette St., in Ripley, will have its monthly used book sale Sat., May 1st, from 9-11 a.m., in the green building behind the library.

Friends of the Library and the Do-So FCE Club will host the sale.

For further information, call the library at 635-1872.

#### AWARDED

Katie Privett, daughter of Glen and Robin Privett, of Gates, has been awarded the Tennessee Farmer's Co-op Scholarship and the Parker Leadership Scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Katie is an agricultural major.

### Runner's Ready To Try It Again

Jessica Myers, 30, of Halls, one of 17,950 runners in last week's Boston Marathon, ran for 15 miles before officials pulled her from the race as unfit to continue.

Jessica, wife of Don Myers, Ripley High School math teacher and track and field coach, hopes to try the Boston Marathon again.

### School Lunches

#### Lauderdale County Schools

**Monday, May 3rd**  
 Pizza  
 Hot Dog  
 Tater Tots  
 Fresh Vegetable Cup  
 Fruit Mix  
 Grapes  
 Cookie  
 Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, May 4th**  
 Chicken Breast Fillet  
 Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
 Whipped Potatoes  
 Broccoli Bites  
 Peaches  
 Pear Halves  
 Roll  
 Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, May 5th**  
 Spaghetti  
 Entrée-School's Choice  
 Green Beans  
 Corn Nibbles  
 Pineapple Tidbits  
 Applesauce  
 Roll  
 Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, May 6th**  
 Baked Ham  
 Steak Fingers  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
 Broccoli Bites  
 Applesauce  
 Fruit Mix  
 Roll  
 Choice Of Milk

**Friday, May 7th**  
 BBQ On Bun  
 Deli Sandwich  
 Baked Beans  
 Cole Slaw  
 Orange Sections  
 Banana  
 Chocolate Chip Cookie  
 Choice Of Milk

### Attends Congress



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, from left, Derrica Simmons, Halls High School, Russell Brandon and Joel Cummings, Ripley High School, and Brooke Barnes, HHS, pictured with Lauderdale County School Superintendent, Phillip Jackson, center, attended the Tennessee School Boards Association's Student Congress on Policies in Education, held in Nashville in April. The event brings high school students from across Tennessee together to discuss and give opinions on current education issues.

#### METH SEMINAR

### Graduate

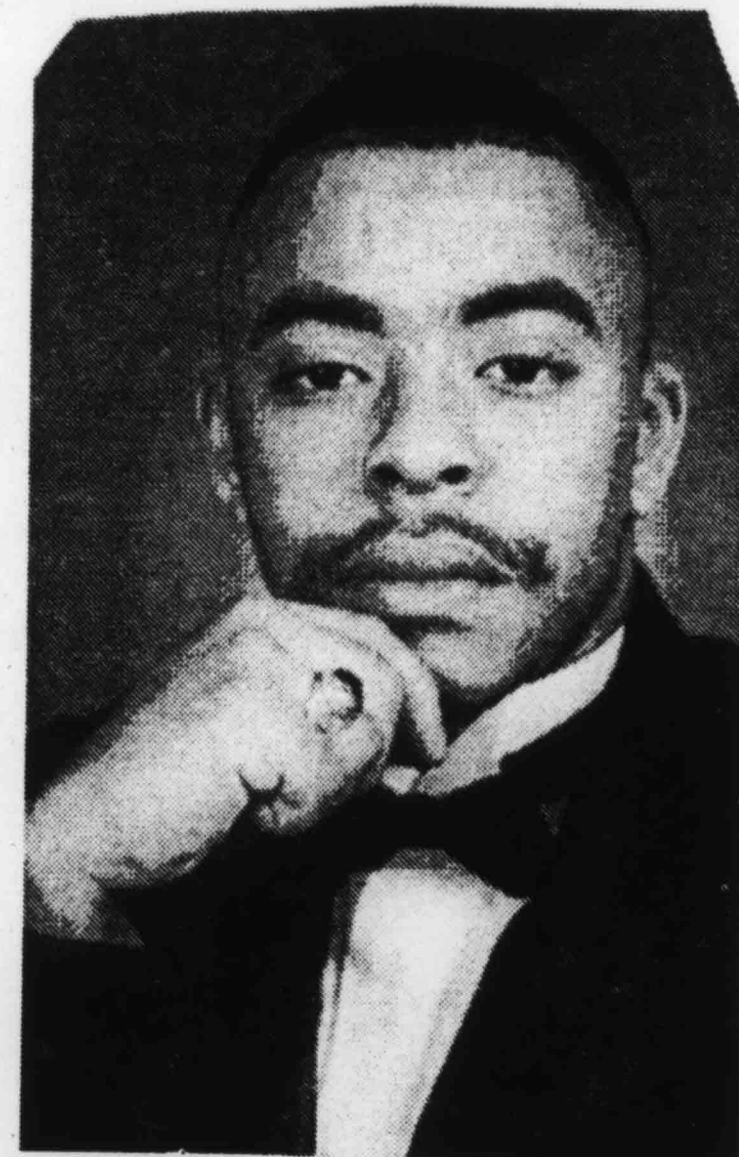
The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy will offer a new Methamphetamine (meth) Hazards and Awareness Seminar for Tennessee law enforcement and firefighter personnel, Sat., June 12th, from 8 a.m. to noon, with lunch following.

The academy is located at 2161 Unionville-Deason Rd., at Bell Buckle, in Bedford County.

The seminar will aid in helping recognize the signs of meth labs and how to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of all concerned. In addition, discussion will include Tennessee's drug problem and possible solutions, the history of meth, physiological effects and signs of abuse.

The National Guard's Task Force methamphetamine trailer will be available on site for tours.

The cost is \$10 per participant, with reservations required. For further information, call Karen Alexander at 931-294-4111.



CHARLES V. PIPHUS, JR., son of Charles and Rose Piphus, of Halls, will graduate May 2nd from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with bachelor degrees in English and History. He plans to further his education this fall.

**Natural abilities are like natural plants that need pruning by study; and studies themselves do give forth directions too much at large, except they be bounded in by experience.**

—Francis Bacon

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**Land Transfers**

April 16 - Tennessee Housing Development Agency to Sonja D. Starnes, Dist. 2, 1.09 acres.

Bobbi Fritz to Ginger Par-

ham, Dist. 6, 4 tracts.

Bill Crain and Frances Crain to Charles Gooch and Sharron Gooch, Dist. 2, lot.

April 19 - Charles L. Holt and Jackie Rogan to Roland C. Henderson and Betty J. Henderson, Dist. 2, lot.

David Ronald Maness and Debra Kay Maness to Donald Stephens and Juliann Stephens, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

April 20 - Billy Joe Currie and Billy C. Currie to Odessa Currie, Dist. 2, lot.

Latham Homes LLC to Se-

lena Shaw, Dist. 2, lot.

Union Planters Bank NA to Tennessee Medical Equipment Inc., 2 tracts.

Dorothy J. Simpson and Joseph H. Simpson to Tony Wayne Doss and Mindy Ann Joyner, Dist. 1, 1.0 acres.

Griggs Lumber Incorporated to Martha J. Bernard, Dist. 2, lot.

Burt Dunavant to William E. Terry, Sr. and Sandra Terry, Dist. 17, lot.

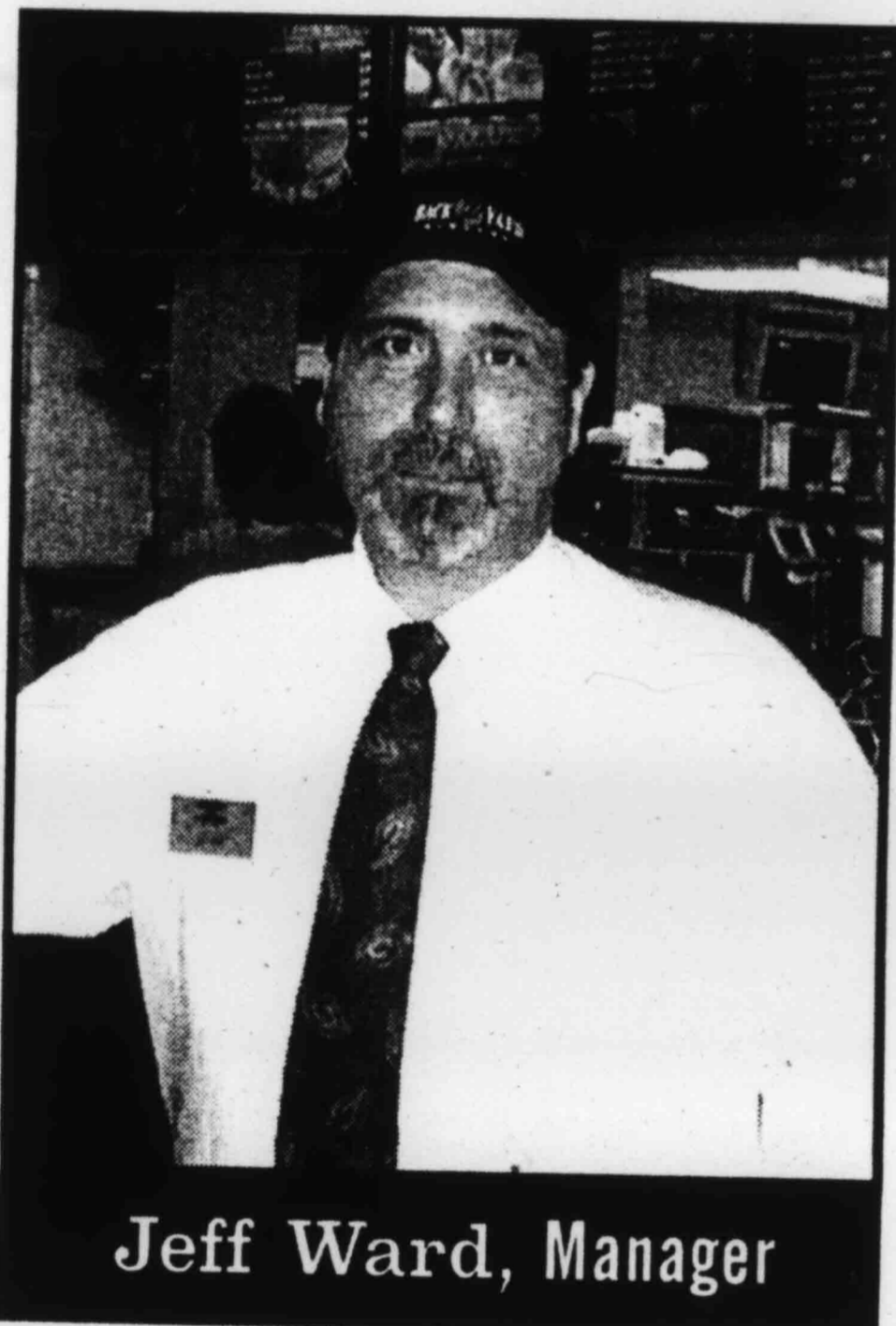
April 21 - Jerry Fitzhugh to BDMR Leasing Company LLC, Dist. 12, lot.

April 22 - David A. Williams, Guilford J. Williams III, and Kenneth Parham to Roy Harkness and Holly Harkness, Dist. 6, 7.900 acres.

Almus H. Ross to Brenda Henson, Dist. 2, lot.

James L. Lambert to Paula A. Rose, Dist. 12, lot.

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## Marriages

April 21 - Sidney Lee Glass, 37, to Janice Innette Webb, 41, by Tracy Henson.

April 23 - Roger Wesley, Jr., 18, to Patty Lynn Evans, 28, by Tracy Henson.

Berton Gerod Green, 40, to Devlyn Demere Driver, 38, by Tracy Henson.

April 24 - James Louis Treadway III, 25, to Yvonna Renee Turner, 31, by Joe Dowell.

## Anniversaries

May 1 - Mr. and Mrs. David Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Goss.

May 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes.

May 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Coy Summar.

May 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith.

May 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spoon, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Feist.

## Divorces

Belinda Sue Berard Sissom vs. Donald Lee Sissom.

Sherl Jones Belton vs. Daniel M. Belton.

Pamela B. Milburn vs. Jonathan Milburn.

James Walker Michaels vs. Tina Burton Michaels.

David Albert Neal vs. Kristen Nicole Murphy Neal.

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.  
—Sally Berger