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## Circuit Court Returns Henderson Indictment

Steven Damon Henderson was indicted in the February session of Lauderdale County Circuit Court for aggravated assault, 2 counts; theft \$1,000-10,000; and possession of a weapon by a felon in the shooting Oct. 24th of a Halls man.

Other indictments included Brandon K. Anderson, possession schedule II with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams; aggravated assault; felony evading arrest.

Robert Earl Anderson, felony evading arrest, DRL.

William C. Apperson, DUI; DUI per se; violation of open container law.

Gregory Wayne Bailey, burglary; theft less than \$500.

Michael Bradley Bailey, burglary; theft less than \$500.

Richard Steven Bailey, burglary; theft less than \$500.

Kingsley D. Brown, possession of schedule II with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams.

Michael Earl Cox, DUI, DUI per se; prior DUI.

Bobby D. Dewalt, forgery; theft less than \$500.

Prince Alcindo Glass, forgery.

Angela Michelle Hamm, conspiracy to manufacture schedule II controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Steven Paul Johnson, conspiracy to manufacture schedule II controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Jackie Lynn Hohenberger, DUI, violation of implied consent.

Jim Weslee Jackett, aggravated burglary; felony evading arrest.

Gregory Thomas Maze, attempt to obtain drugs by fraud.

Marquis Jamall Morgan,

aka Marquis Bradley, theft \$1,000-10,000; theft \$500-1,000.

Toby Pettigrew, DRL; prior DRL.

Marvin Rainer, possession of schedule II with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession of contraband in penal institution.

Daniel Edwin Sanders, DUI; prior DUI; DRL; prior DRL; violation implied consent.

Jermaine B. Temple, DRL; prior DRL.

Christian Vaughn, felony evading arrest; DRL; prior DRL.

Travis Jacob Ward, DUI; DUI per se.

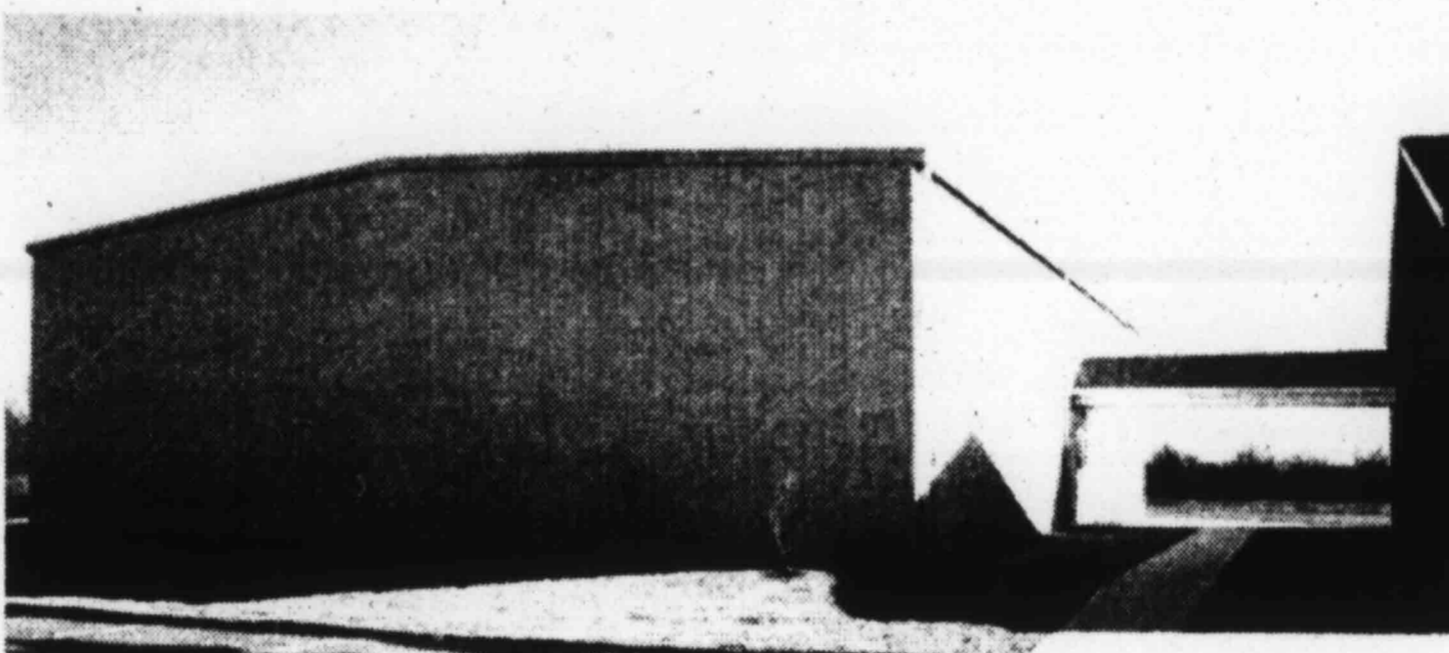
Eddie C. Waters, possession of contraband in penal institution; possession of schedule VI with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 oz.

## WLJT 11 Searching Children Volunteers

Channel 11 WLJT is looking for five to eleven-year-old children, who help out in their communities, and would like to salute them by putting their stories on "ZOOM Into Action" segments, beginning in April.

ZOOM Into Action is both a local and national campaign that motivates kids

## Ribbon Cutting/Open House



**THE NEW COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER**, located behind the Halls First United Methodist Church, on the corner of Gate 6 Rd. and Hwy. 88, will have a ribbon cutting and open house Sun., Feb. 8th, from 2-4 p.m. The ribbon will be cut at 2:15 p.m. The public is invited.

The new Center's purpose is to create a spiritual community and serve its social and recreational needs. Plans are underway to offer numerous activities for all age groups, including a new after-school program, organized team sports, exercise programs, art classes, checker tournaments and much more.

## Food Check-Out Day



**JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS**, Rebecca Carmack-Summar, left, 1st vice president, and Felicia Klutts, right, president, and the Farm Bureau, Johanna Carmack, center, Farm Bureau secretary, helped celebrated Food Check Out Day, Feb. 5th by distributing food products, donated by local grocery stores, to a family in Halls. The Junior Auxiliary also served this family on their Angel Tree Program.

to volunteer, whether it's delivering hot meals to senior citizens, donating canned goods to a food bank, or cleaning up a neighborhood playground. For further information and details, call Sue Lasky at 800-366-9558 or 731-587-7561, ext. 18.

## SERVICEMEN NEWS

**Army Reserve Lt. Col. Joe D. O'Neal**, son-in-law of Virginia Parrish, of Ripley, was activated, mobilized, and deployed to Southwest Asia to support the mission Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a member of the 380th Medical Company (Dental Service) based at the Naval Air Station in Millington with his wife, Frances.

O'Neal is a general dentist with 16 years of military service. A 1968 graduate of Dewitt High School in Arkansas, he received a bachelor's degree in 1972 from Henderson State University in Arkansas and a doctor of dentistry in 1976 from Meharry Medical College in Nashville.

**Army Reserve Pvt. Mario D. Hall**, son of Linda Hall, of Halls, has also been activated. He is a member of the 655th Transportation Company based at the Naval Air Station in Millington.

A heavy vehicle driver, Hall, a 1998 graduate of Halls High School, has less than two years of military service.

**Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Alexander C. Jones**, son of Bettie Jones, of Henning, re-enlisted for four years while serving with 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines, 4th Marine Division, based in Corpus Christi, Tex.

A 1987 graduate of Ripley High School, he joined the Marine Corps after graduation.

**Navy Hospitalman Martravius D. Crew**, son of Tammi T. Winbush, of Henning, and Donald R. Crew, of Ripley, graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps

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HELP WANTED - Someone to write locals in the Halls/Gates area. Call 635-1771 for more information. 13-1f

Marriages

Jan. 23 - Michael William Kirkland, 23, to Brandie Vella Campbell, 23, by Aileen E. Everhart.

Jan. 30 - Jason Dairl Lendermon, 20, to Connie Marie Braden, 16, by Tracy Henson.

Jan. 31 - Eric Latroy Peete, 27, to Jeannie Carol Taylor, 35, by Robert Johnson.

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If anyone is interested in become a foster parent or becoming an adoptive parent in Lauderdale County for the Southwest Tennessee Department of Children's Services, call Lesa Davis, 731-635-5850, or Veronica Humphreys, 731-265-7086.

Divorces

Cathy Jones Jarrett vs. Winston Gerald Jarrett.

Gayle Maness Maxwell vs. Ernest J. Maxwell.

Jason Adkerson vs. Shawnta Adkerson.

Lori Ann Pleasant Buckner vs. Michael Terry Buckner.

Stella Marie Williams Currie vs. Fredrick D. Currie.

James Lawrence McClain vs. Carol Diane McClain.

Sarah Goodman Nelson vs. Samuel T. Nelson.

Jeffrey Scott Phillips vs. Marlene Silva Phillips.

Anniversaries

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

Feb. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Dana Freeman.

Feb. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Myracle.

Feb. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reynolds.

Feb. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Willie Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Greg McBroome.

Feb. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Douglas.

RELAY FOR LIFE

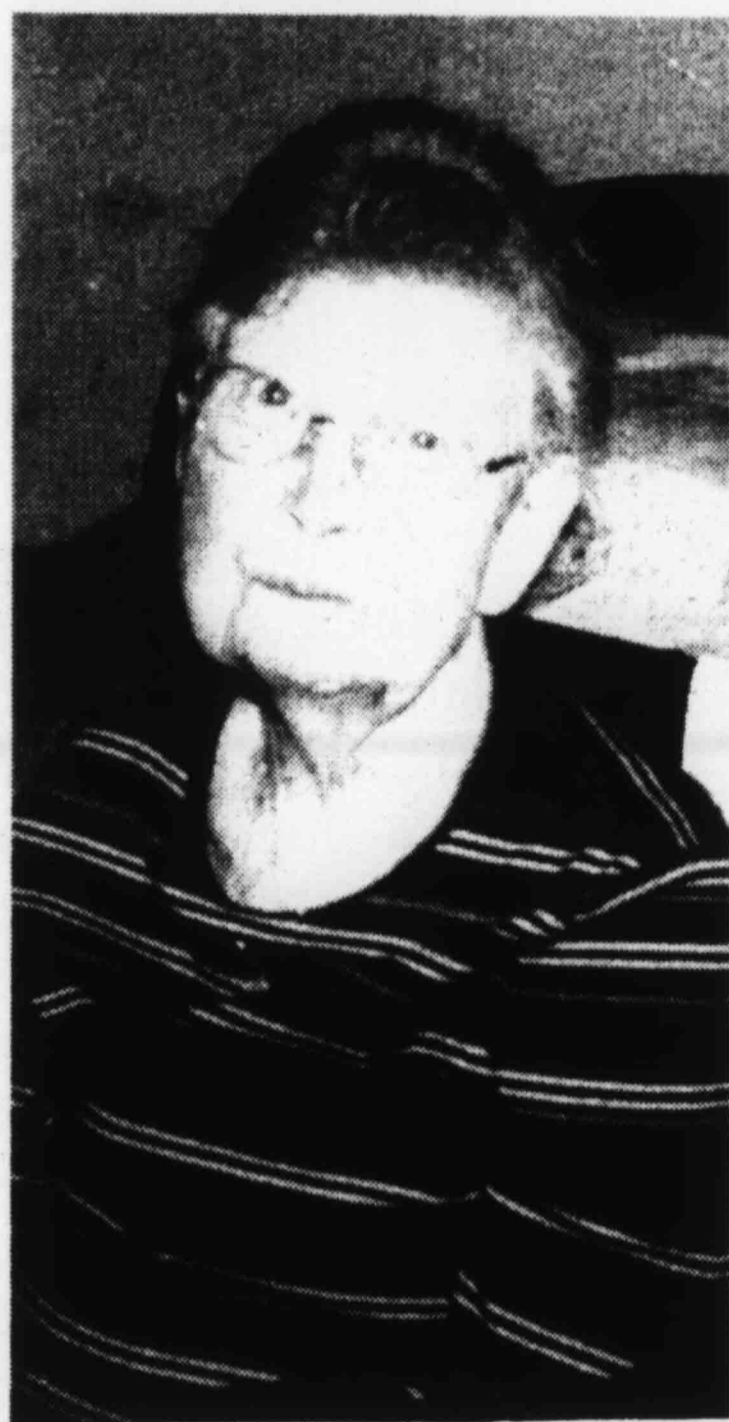
A meeting is scheduled for all teams participating in the 2004 Relay for Life Mon., Feb. 9th, at 5 p.m., in the Tennessee Technology Center.

Anyone interested in having a team at Ripley City Park May 14th should attend this meeting.

For further information, call Keith Klutz at 738-5005.

Giving up is the ultimate tragedy. -Robert J. Donovan

Honored



MRS. IRENE RUDE, formerly of Halls, will be honored from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 8th at the Dyersburg Manor Nursing Home, 1900 Parr Ave., Dyersburg, for her 90th birthday with all family and friends invited.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) has been cracking down on impaired driving with an Impaired Driving Enforcement campaign, targeted at 28 counties across the state...

Since the campaign's start in October 2003, troopers have issued 2,769 citations for DUI, speeding, safety belt and various other violations.

"More than 3,000 hours of overtime will be dedicated to combating impaired driving in these high-risk counties," said THP Colonel Lynn Pitts.

Students Of The Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS at Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, named as Students of the Week, include, from left, Ryan Hilliard, Pre-K, son of Rex and Elizabeth Hilliard, of Halls, and Justin Olds, 6th grade, son of Bryan and Julia Olds, of Ripley.

Birthdays

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

Feb. 6 - Nancy Weaver, Page Box, Jr., Dee Pilant, Lori DeSpain, Leslie Sigman, Corrine Herron, Rosaderlan Reed, Tina Barnett, Mary Ann Jarrett, Wesley Baker, S. N. Anthony, IV, Nancy Kiestler, Dorris C. Ungerecht, Dennis McCaslin, Linda McWilliams, Addison Hansford, Hank Thurmond, Mary Tyree, Jean Crawford.

Feb. 7 - Kevin Mudd, Pam Fitzhugh, Kelly Kirby, Sandra Chisholm, Kelly Wade, Cathy Toomes, Kathy Leadingham, Gary Drumwright, Linda Barham, Robin Greaves, Ronnie Roberts, Randy Hargett, Oneal Kiestler, Melanie Moore, Dawn

Feb. 8 - Don Kirkpatrick, Buddy Haynes, Connie White, Stephanie Morris, Jimmy Hartman, Melinda Gillion, Bro. Thomas Eugene Sanders.

Feb. 9 - Michael Anthony Myracle, Steve Carpenter, Andrea Castellaw, Terri Maples, Carol Pham, Sandy Haggard, Jerry Sue Crihfield, Anna Mills, Bengie Boucher, Carol Woodley, Elizabeth Tyler Niel, Ray Willis, Kevin Connell, Stacey Gaines, James White, Emily Katherine Fisher.

Feb. 10 - Rachel Gibson, Paige Henderson, Noveline Hunter, Logan Rose, Crystal James, Megan Buchignani, Rob Reviere, James C. Newman, Kevin Drumwright, Jason White, Joni Cook, Lindsay Crain, Shirley Brown, Thomas Neil Martin, Jessica Byrd, Sue Conti Holmes.

Feb. 11 - Bubba Klutts, Nickie Langley, John Forrest Douglas, Norene Douglas, Ernie Ellis, Marc Alley, Betty Bernard, Lyndsay Erin Dotson, Louise Land, Dan Coughlan, Olivia Woodall, Nickie Langley.

Several surrounding counties, Haywood, Tipton and Shelby, are included in the campaign.

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## Obituarie

### Curtis Langley Sold Insurance

Curtis Voss Langley, 65, insurance agent, died Saturday in Ripley Healthcare.

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

He was a member of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church.

He leaves sons, Curtis Allen Langley, of Henning, and Shannon Mitchell Langley, of Ripley; a daughter, Paula Renée Wilhite, of Bolivar; brothers, Ray, of Ripley, and Robert Lee Langley, of Memphis; sisters, Betty Wright, Genelle Hendren, Linda Hunt, and Maggie Savage, of Ripley, Frances Koonce, of Alamo, and Crystal Augustine, of Detroit, Mich.; a half-brother, James Langley, of Ripley; and four grandchildren.

### Norma Harrell

Norma Harrell, 73, of Ripley, homemaker, died Monday, of heart disease, at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Friday, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include four sons, Richard Harrell, of Ripley, Timmy Harrell, of Henning, Edgor Harrell, of Martin, and George Tuggle, of Detroit Mich.; five daughters, Norma Harrell Hudson and Brenda Harrell, of Ripley, Annie Harrell Blackburn and Martha H. Daily, of Nashville, and Lotie H. Perry, of Houston, Tex.; four step-children, John Ellis and Wayne Edgor, of Obion, and Georgia Harrell and Thomas Lewis, of St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers, Charles Tuggle, of Dyersburg, Elder Arthur Tuggle, of Athens, and John A. Tuggle, of Detroit; 32 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Mansfield

Lemah Katherine Mansfield, 83, of 312 Dennis Drive, Ripley, widow of Abner Benjamin Mansfield, died Thursday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She was a Baptist.

She leaves a son, Abner, Jr., of Bläckwell, Mo.; daughters, Glenda Tolbert, of Ripley, Linda Miller, of Dyersburg, Dora Beshler, of Frederickstown, Mo., and Ruth Merseal, of Chickasha, Okla.; brothers, Ed Harrell, of Halls, and Bob Harrell, of Memphis; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Gitchell

Patricia Sue Gitchell, 59, of 60 Double Bridges-Unionville Rd., died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Tuesday in Forest Hill Funeral Home East in Memphis, with burial in Grace Cemetery at Central.

She was a member of Central Assembly of God.

Wife of W. D. Gitchell for 38 years, she leaves a son, Edward Melvin Pike, Jr., and daughters, Annette Apperson, Darlene Campbell, and Pamela Michelle Allen, all of Halls; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

### J. T. Holloway

J. T. Holloway, 79, of Chicago, Ill., a chef, died Thursday of last week in Chicago.

Rites were Saturday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Minnie Walker Holloway; sons, Dean and Jerry, of Ripley, Freddie and Robert, of Henning, Billy, of Niceville, Fla., and L. T. Holloway, of Chicago; a daughter, Annie Holloway, of Ripley; brothers, Calvin and Robert, of Chicago; a sister, Jerelene King, of Jackson; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

### Myrtle B. Reed

Myrtle Brown Reed, 80, of Ripley, widow of Samuel L. Reed, died Thursday of last week.

Rites were Sunday in the Nelson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church north of Ripley, where she was a Mothers' Board member, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life near Covington, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves sons, Joe, of 207 Watkins, Ripley, Reginald, of Hannon, Mo., and Samuel L. Reed, of Chicago, Ill.; daughters, Lizzie B. Reed, of Ripley, Katherine Lewis, of Decatur, Ill., and Geraldine King, of Chicago; a brother, Louis Brown, of Alamo; a sister, Louise Williams, of Dyer; 38 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Richardson

Ruby Nell Richardson, 80, of Northlake, Ill., formerly of Curve, died January 31st, at the home of her daughter, Carolyn Priola.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery, near Gates.

She was the daughter of John and Callie White, of Curve, and the widow of Edward Lee Richardson.

Other survivors include one son, Marshall Richardson, of Grant, Ala.; one sister, Jessie Marchetti, of River Grove, Ill.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Jackson

Nellie May Jackson, 70, sister of W. C. Dunn, of Ripley, died Sunday in Fox Acres Community in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in Roller Family Funeral Home, with burial in Memory Hill Gardens.

She was a member of Bolton Full Gospel Church at Arlington.

She was the widow of James E. Jackson. Survivors include a son, Thomas Dimitroff, of Gretna, Neb.; a daughter, Sharon K. Barker, of Millington; another brother, Paul, of Memphis; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Denise Winbush

Denise Winbush, 47, of Ripley, employment counselor, died Saturday in Methodist Healthcare North in Memphis.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ripley Church of Christ, with burial in St. James Cemetery at Henning, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves a son, Thomas Christopher Winbush, of Ripley; her mother, R. A. Stocklin, of Henning; brothers, Terry Stocklin, of Henning, Y. Z. Stocklin, of Memphis, and Corliss Mackey, of Orlando, Fla.; and sisters, Doris Stocklin, of Ripley, Brenda Reese, of Memphis, Brazell Brown, of Detroit, Mich., Robin Whitelaw, of Farmington Hills, Mich., and Marva Stocklin, of San Bernardino, Calif.

### HEART SEMINAR

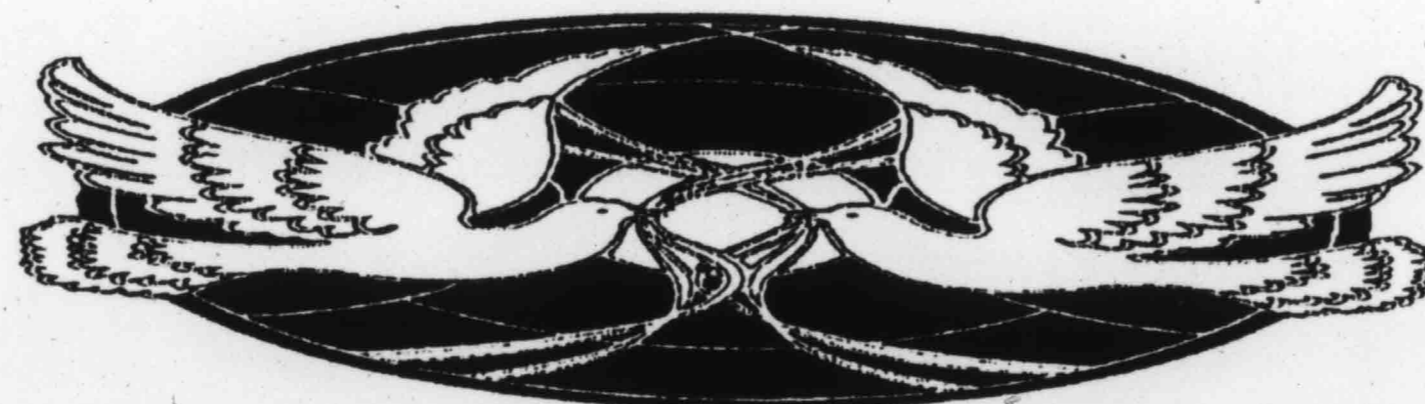
The Lauderdale Community Living Center, 215 Lackey Lane, in Ripley, invites the public to a heart disease seminar, Feb. 10th, at 7 p.m., after their monthly family council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Joe Hunt, of Med-South Clinic, will present information about the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. There will be a question and answer period during the program.

Refreshments will be served.

For further information, call Nancy Ward, 731-635-5100.

**Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop.**



## Church Happenings

The young adult choir of the St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning will hold its first anniversary celebration at 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 8th. The Rev. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

Dyersburg Christian Center will honor their pastor, Wesley Arije, at 7 p.m. Fri., Feb. 6th with a pre-anniversary celebration for him and his wife, First Lady Betty Arije. The guest speaker will be Elder Junnie Moore, of Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ, Memphis. Special musical selections will be provided by the church and the guest church. For more information, call 731-286-9138. 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.

### BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Tennessee Technology Center, in Ripley, Mon., Feb. 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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## Spelling Bee Winners



**SAMUEL CODY TYLER DUKES**, left, son of Melainia McGuire, a 7th grader at Halls Jr. High School, was winner of the Lauderdale County Spelling Bee held Jan. 27th at Lauderdale Middle School. He spelled *environment* and *pleasure* to win the Bee. He received a \$50 savings bond, and will represent Lauderdale County at the Mid-South Spelling Bee in March, at the University of Memphis, sponsored by the Commercial Appeal.

**Haley Blackwood**, right, 3rd grader at Halls Elementary School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Blackwood, spelled *penny* and *going* to win the Primary Spelling Bee. She received a \$50 savings bond.

Other winners of the Lauderdale County Spelling Bee included second place, James Richard Barbee, 7th grade, LMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keever Barbee; third place, Megan McBroom, 6th grade, HES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg McBroom; fourth place, Brenna Deaton, 5th grade, HES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deaton; fifth place, Natalie Nicole Grantland, 7th grade, HJHS, daughter of Janie Grantland; sixth place, April Shere Jones, 8th grade, LMS, daughter of Connie Stone; 7th place, Jessica Caitlyn Riggan, 5th grade, Ripley Elementary School, daughter of Brandy Riggan and Brad Riggan; and eight place, Martravous Broadnax, 5th grade, RES, son of Trenisa Anderson. All contestants received a trophy and a lamp of knowledge medallion. James Barbee also received a \$50 savings bond.

Alternates included Nicholas Tyler Hogeland, grade 5, RES, son of Janet Hogeland; Leslie Patrick, grade 6, HES, daughter of Ida Patrick; Ben Thomas Barnes, grade 6, LMS, son of David Barnes; and Emily Faye Perry, grade 8, HJHS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perry. Each alternate received a medallion.

Other Primary Spelling Bee winners included second place, Jeramie Woodland, grade 3, RES, son of Salisa Woodland and Jamie Glenn; third place, Mandy McClellan, grade 3, HES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McClellan; fourth place, Kathryn Elizabeth Jordan, grade 2, RPS, daughter of Cynthia Mashburn; fifth place, Abigail Lee Medford, grade 2, RPS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Medford; and sixth place, Stephanie Barbee, grade 3, RES, daughter of Johnnie Finch and Kevin Barbee. All participants in the Primary Spelling Bee received a trophy and lamp of knowledge medallion.

Alternates in the Primary Spelling Bee included Gabrielle Leigh Arwood, grade 2, RPS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shane Arwood; Daniel Stone Taylor, grade 3, RES, son of Misty Pittman and Garrison Taylor; and Charles Wright, grade 2, HES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wright.

All winners received a trophy and a lamp of knowledge medallion. Alternates received a medallion.

The annual Spelling Bee was coordinated by Syvelia Winbush, supervisor with the school system. Josh Meyer,

## Driver License Reinstatements

The Tennessee Department of Safety (TDOS) is offering citizens the ability to restore their driving privileges by expanding its online services.

Citizens needing to restore a canceled, suspended or revoked driver license can avoid a trip to a driver license station or reinstatement office by logging onto [www.tennessee.gov/safety](http://www.tennessee.gov/safety).

Citizens are able to access their individual record and learn the exact requirements necessary for reinstatement. They are also able to monitor each step of the reinstatement process online, as well as pay any fees owed to the state with a valid debit or credit card.

To ensure the integrity and security of the online reinstatement process, specific personal information is required to access the site. Once a person has entered their certified information, they are able to determine specific requirements necessary to restore their driving privileges.

As the requirements are fulfilled, the driver's record will automatically be updated in the system.

In addition to the new reinstatement service, citizens can also renew their driver license and notify the state of a change in address without making a trip to the local driver license station.

TDOS is in the process of bringing additional services online in the coming months, including graduated driver license and duplicate services.

English teacher, Ripley High School, was pronouncer, and judges were Shirley Robinson, LMS teacher, Dennis Strayhorn, Optional teacher, RHS, and Melanie Sargent, English teacher, RHS. Shelbra Bates, RPS teacher, read the rules, and Juanita Halfacre, LMS librarian, was audio technician.

Awards received by the participants were donated by BankCorp South, in Henning, Bank of Halls, Bank of Ripley, BankTennessee, Ripley, First Citizens National Bank, Ripley, Gates Banking and Trust Company, and Lauderdale County Bank, Halls and Ripley.



## Guess Which "Ole Turkey" Turns 60! Happy Birthday Dennis!

### Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill and Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue attended a 90th birthday party Sunday afternoon honoring Floyd Emerson in his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzhugh, of Alamo, were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams. Mrs. Juanita Hartman, of Columbia, Miss., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. J. D. McNeill will enter St. Frances Hospital in Memphis Friday for surgery on her leg.

### CHILD TAX CREDIT

The Internal Revenue Service reminds Tennessee taxpayers claiming the Child Tax Credit that they cannot claim the full \$1,000 per child, if they received an advance payment check last year.

The credit must be subtracted from the amount received in advance, and failure to do so will reduce the tax refund and could result in a possible delay in receiving it.

Taxpayers can get the amount of their advance Child Tax Credit payment by visiting IRS.gov. Click on "1040 Central" or "Your 2003 Advance Child Tax Credit."

Last year's payments were an advance on the credit's increase for 2003, when the maximum per-child amount rose from \$600 to \$1,000.

More than 476,000 Tennessee families got advance checks totaling over \$267 million.

## Halls Reverses Bow To Lake; Ranks #5

Halls' High School's cagers, led by Lake County Jan. 13th, 59-52, won the return bout, Friday, 68-61, and won from Trenton Tuesday of last week, 59-48, for a 17-4 record and, for the second consecutive week, No. 5 state rank in Class 1A in The Associated Press weekly poll.

Lake led Halls girls, 41-33. Trenton led the Halls girls, 61-39.

## Readers Speak

Editor,

I know that it is awful early in the year to be talking about a fishing tournament but boat shows are rapidly approaching in Tupelo, Jackson, Memphis, and Desoto County and anglers are planning their schedules for

Belton and Sherl Belton, Dist. 16, 22.4 acres.

Jan. 29 - Pauline B. Bray to Wayne Newman and Lisa Newman, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Larry D. Manns to Homer Lee and Alice Lee, Dist. 12, lot.

Trent Sommerville to June Stevens, Dist. 2, 2 parcels.

Danny Beard, Joy Beard, Steve Cherry, Cynthia B. Cherry, Maurice Gaines, Memory Gaines, Tom Greaves, Cynthia M. Greaves, Marvin Land, and Harriet Land, to Carolyn Mitchell, Dist. 2, lot.

Sandra J. Thayer, Dist. 14, 4.26 acres.

Bobby Trosper and Iline Trosper to Monica Ogleby, Dist. 12, lot.

Thelma P. Belton to Daniel

## Land Transfers

Jan. 23 - Willie F. Robbins to Mary Virginia Welch, Dist. 2, lot.

The Bank of New York to Jackie Robeson and Linda Robeson, lot.

Jan. 26 - Eugene Hughes and Betty Hughes to Zane L. Smith and Valerie H. Smith, Dist. 6, lot.

Russell Langley and Sandra Langley to Polly D. Green, Dist. 2, lot.

Thomas E. Neal and L. Jeanette Neal to Barbara Wilson, 2 lots.

Michael Alan Miller, Mauryne Joy Fenton, Geoffrey Scott Miller, and Floy Carolyn Sachritz Miller to Barbara Castleberry, Dist. 5, 3 tracts.

Edith Ellen Parker to Barbara Faye Bain and T. L. Bain, Dist. 7, 2.7830 acres.

Edith Ellen Parker to Glenda Joyce Bain and Mack Allen Bain, Dist. 7, 4.1584 acres.

Jan. 27 - Warren Nunn and Eleanor Nunn to M & F Properties, Inc., Dist. 12, lot.

E. M. Voss, Jr., Larry M. Voss, and Edward R. Voss to Joel Lee Jordan, Dist. 17, lot.

Bobby Joe Criffield, Sr. and Sarah M. Chihfield to Gary Kirby and Mary Kirby, Dist. 14, 1.25 acres.

Frances C. Hargett, trustee, Frances C. Hargett Revocable Living Trust, Mary Ellen Hargett Carnell and Leon Hargett to Carla Prater and Jeremy Prater, Dist. 14, 1.907 acres.

Jan. 28 - Muriel Hayes to

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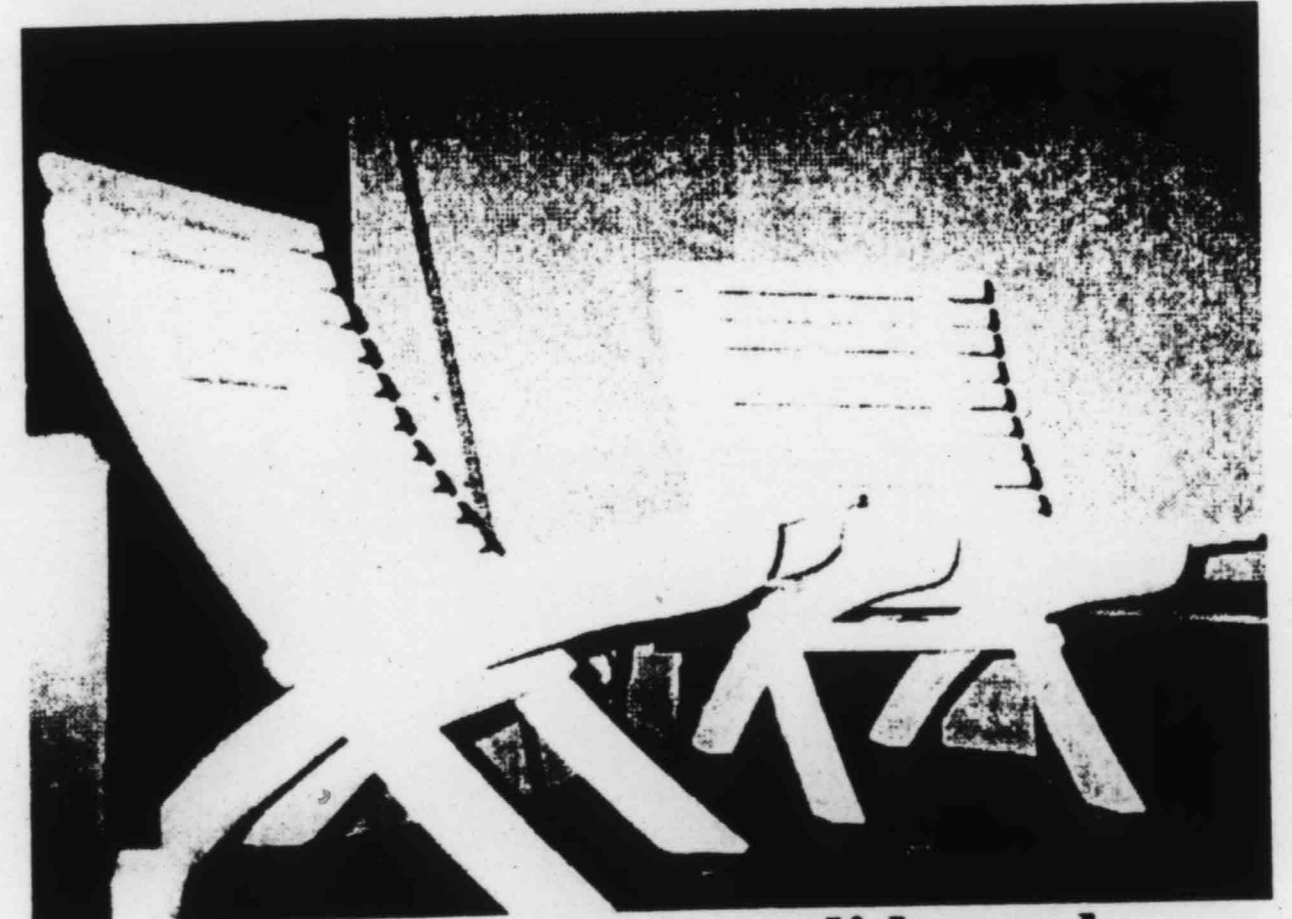
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the upcoming year. We would like to make certain that the 32nd Annual St. Jude Bass Classic is included in that schedule. If at all possible, we would like to inform the public of the date as soon as possible. The fishing tournament will be held May 30th at Sardis Reservoir near Sardis, Miss.

I cannot adequately express the tournament's gratitude for the many years of assistance you've given us by publicizing this event. The total contribution of over \$1,656,000 would not have happened without your help. Thanks again, on behalf of the St. Jude Bass Classic and

the children of St. Jude.

Bill Miesse, Jr.

In every man there is something wherein I may learn of him, and in that I am his pupil.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



There are more types of insects in one tropical rain forest tree than there are in the entire state of Vermont.

## FOR SALE

The Delta Human Resource Agency will sell the following vans Feb. 14, 2004, at 10 a.m., at the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department:

Van	VIN	Make/Model	Lift	Miles
#222	2B5WB35Z5TK165745	96 Dodge Ram	No	139,541
#223	2B5WB35Z6TK164930	96 Dodge Ram	No	124,626
#224	2B5WB35Z8TK164931	96 Dodge	No	143,063
#231	2B5WB35Z6RK136408	94 Dodge	No	133,587
#232	2BTWB35Z3VK575530	97 Dodge	No	135,921
#234	2B7L7331Z4WK141702	98 Dodge	Yes	110,551
#240	2B6LB3129XK517848	99 Dodge	Yes	123,000

## SALE

February 14, 2004

I, Louis Craig, Sheriff of Lauderdale County, will sell to the highest bidder on February 14, 2004, at 10:00 A.M., at the Lauderdale County Justice Complex, 675 Highway 51 South, Ripley, Tennessee, the following vehicles and miscellaneous:

	VIN #
1989 Crown Victoria Ford	2FABP72F1KY201429
1984 Cadillac Deville	1G6AM6987E9135311
1990 Buick LeSabre	1G4HP54C4LH530893
1984 Cadillac Deville	1G6RM6981E9030005
1991 Mercury Grand Marquis	2MECM75F1MX677524
1988 Ford Ranger	1FTBR10A1JUC11022
1985 Olds Cutlass	1G3GK47Y6FR429501
1998 Lumina Chevrolet	2G1WL52M0W1126041
1986 Pontiac Grand Prix	2G2GK37H3G2258807
1993 Chevrolet Caprice	1G1BL5372PR133671
1994 Chevrolet Truck	1GBEC19KRE110000
1988 Buick	1G4CW51C2J11612435
1998 Intrepid	2B3HD46R1WH180177
1991 Honda	2HGEGD340MH549907
1997 Crown Victoria Ford	2FALP71WSVX212119
1 - Jon Boat, Motor & Trailer	
1 - Star-Craft Marine Boat & Trailer - Model 1532-14	

They will be sold as is. We reserve the right to accept or refuse any and all bids.

Sheriff Louis Craig 5-21

**Servicemen xxx**

(Continued From Front Page.)

School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Crew was instructed on a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. He also received introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

His first assignment will involve direct patient care, but with his training, he can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy, and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

Crew is a 2003 graduate of Ripley High School and joined the Navy in July, 2003.

**TELECONFERENCE**

The Alzheimer's Association, Mid-South Chapter, will host a Caregiver Teleconference Tues., Feb. 10th, from 7-8 p.m.

Interested parties can access the call from home by dialing 800-789-6311, at 7 p.m., and telling the operator you want to participate in the Alzheimer's seminar. Participants can listen anonymously, or ask questions.

Focus of the teleconference will include discount drugs, home delivered meds and partnering with a pharmacy.

For further information, call 615-292-4938.

**HALLS CLUB MEETING**

Halls Community Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 5th at the community center, 343 S. Church St. All interested persons are invited.

**DSCC DEAN'S LIST**

Local students, who were included on the Dean's List for the 2003 fall semester at Dyersburg State Community College, include Leanne Harris, of Gates; James Lewis Barham, Jennifer Leighann Harris, James Michael Rogers II and Tori Anne Terry, of Halls; and Terry Russell L. Burns, Jennifer Marie Carroll, Demetria Lachelle Harding, Annelida Larrain Lackey, Mary Kathryn Pursell, Jonathan Louis Strantz and James Austin Wieber, of Ripley.

Honor roll students for the 2003 fall semester include Brittney Shakia Eison, Traketha Falland Jacox, Kristin Michelle Scallions and Jessica Ann Sondgeroth, of Gates; Debra D. Cook, Natalie Marie Hart, Stephanie Michelle Helton, Brandi Elizabeth Hendrix, Tabitha Joann Latham, Crystal Dionne Maclin, Beth Searce, Rhonda Joy Thomen and Valerie Nicole Turnbow, of Halls; David Allen Laton, of Henning; and Christy Ann Bucey, Patti Marie Cagle, Beverly Ann Clay, Sarah Elizabeth Craig, Christopher Ray Davis, MaLinda Rose Gordon, Danita Faye Helton, Adrinana Cristal Irigoyen, Leslie C. Jackson, Lesley Nicole McGarrity, Emily Diane Morgan, Edgar A. Morris III, Melanie Lynn Owen, Apollus D. Riley and Mary Susan Strantz, of Ripley.

To be included in the Dean's List, a student must complete twelve or more college-level hours, with a 3.50-4.00 grade point average for that semester.

Honor roll requirements include the completion of twelve or more college-level hours, with a 3.00-3.49 grade point average.

**People seem, not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.**

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Democrats Decide County Delegates**

The Lauderdale County Democratic Party will host a Democratic County Convention Sat., Feb. 14th, to elect Lauderdale County's delegates, who will attend the district convention, Feb. 28th, in Jackson, and elect Tennessee's delegates to the Democratic national convention.

The county convention will be held at the Armour Center, located in Lauderdale County Bank, 331 Cleveland St., in Ripley. Doors will open at 11 a.m., with the convention beginning at noon.

"Lauderdale County Democrats will have a voice at the National Democratic Convention in Boston when we pick the next Democratic nominee for President and the next Democrat in the White House," said Randy Button, Tennessee Democratic party Chairman.

For more information about the county delegate convention, call Shea Harris, county chair, at 836-5000 or 836-9008.

**Fishing Tournery For St. Jude Set**

The 32nd Annual St. Jude Bass Classic is scheduled for May 30th at Sardis Reservoir near Sardis, Miss. One of the oldest and largest charity fishing events in the United States, they raised \$100,000 last year.

Over the years, the event has raised over \$1 million for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Prizes will be awarded to the top fifty teams based on the total weight of a five fish limit. The grand prize is a 519VS Ranger boat on a deluxe Ranger Trail trailer, powered by a 3.0 liter Mercury EFI outboard. A 2004 Lincoln Navigator will be given away with proceeds to benefit the hospital.

For more information, contact Dennis Morlok, 662-781-9201.

**Rotary Guest Speakers**

**HALLS HIGH SCHOOL FFA CHAPTER OFFICERS**, from left, Kristina Edwards, vice-president, and Katie Privett, president, were guest speakers at the Halls Rotary Club Tuesday, guests of Rotary vice-president, Eloiet Johnson, right.

They spoke about American agriculture and Food Check-Out Day, Feb. 5th. Statistics, from the American Farm Bureau Federation, stated that it takes the average American 40 days to earn enough income to pay for their food supply for the entire year, thanks to the American farmers, who have a productive and efficient agricultural system.

The American farm community provides a quality of life for American consumers by providing them with an abundant supply of safe, high quality food. Today's farmers wear many different hats. They must be a business person, an accountant, a financial planner, a community leader, an environmentalist, a computer programmer, a bookkeeper, an animal caretaker, a soil conservationist, an entrepreneur, and most of all, a family man or woman.

Katie and Kristina thanked Gladys Crain, chairman of the Lauderdale County Farm Bureau Women's Association, for promoting Food Check-Out Day in Lauderdale County, and for supporting the Halls FFA Chapter, who is proudly celebrating its 75th anniversary.

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**Willard Norvell Dies, 88; Sheriff, Warden, Judge**

Willard Norvell, 88, of 314 Kirkpatrick Drive, Ripley, Lauderdale County's longest-serving sheriff (1948-1954, 1956-1962), warden of Fort Pillow State Prison (1966-1974), and Lauderdale County General Sessions Judge (1974-1990), died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Sunday in Ripley's First Baptist Church, where he was a member and had won attendance contests for his Men's Bible Class by enlisting prisoners in his jail to join him in attendance.

Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

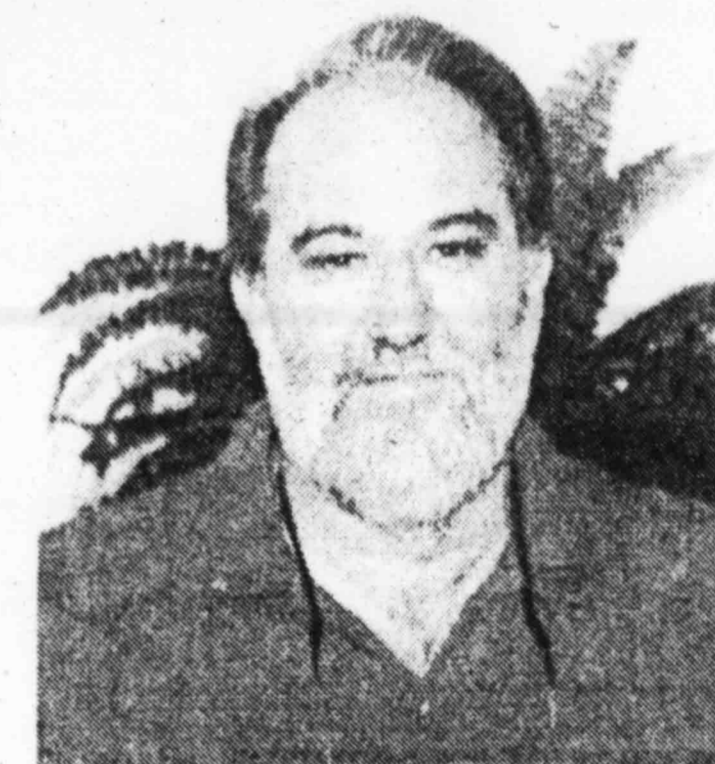
James Willard Norvell was born in Crockett County, April 10, 1915. His family resided in Brownsville before moving to Ripley in 1937.

He owned and operated the Red Star Service Station and Taxi Service, opposite from the former jail, and later at the site of the Community Service Station (formerly Ray's) on South Washington, a block west of the southwest corner of the Ripley Square.

He served in the Air Force, as a bomber navigator, from 1940 to December, 1944, returning to Ripley to resume his former business.

In 1948, cooking fish for his Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in the 51 Club, near the site of the present TKS Fitness Center, he was astonished to find he was being asked to run for sheriff.

He was a highly popular sheriff, because whenever he was called, whether from Fulton Landing or Key Cor-



**RANDY HARRIS**, of Halls, was appointed Ripley Postmaster last week. Married to Shea Harris, he replaces Bob Misner, who retired last year.

**Willard Norvell**

ner, he responded at speeds over 100 miles per hour, yet he never had an accident.

**Cases Gruesome, Comical**

Bill Klutts, *Enterprise* editor, remembers three cases Willard never forgot—

- Bo Jack White and Mattie Lee Goodman saw a head-less torso mid-stream in Twin Rivers, near Halls, and (alas) towed it to the Lauderdale County side of the stream, where it became this county's property, when Bill was serving as this county's coroner. (Willard resisted a suggestion to re-tow it toward Dyer County.) A Kleenex employee in Memphis had cut her husband up and driven north up Hwy. 51, dropping parts into various streams. Finger-prints were found, and she was sentenced to 20 years.

- A woman killed her husband, east of Halls, and burned his body in her home's huge fire-place, poking the flames while children watched. When the story was published in a "true detective" magazine, the photo

**Selected DHS Denies Halls A Second Up-Set; Tigers Top Devils**

Halls' High School's Class 1-A cagers, who shocked 3-A Dyersburg, Jan. 6th, 57-53, couldn't repeat that performance Tuesday of last week, losing 62-47.

The Trojans led 14-6 in the first period, 31-20 at the half, and 49-37 after three periods.

Senior LaJoel Nance led Halls with 22, including one 3-pointer.

Halls girls lost to the Trojans 70-26, despite two 3-pointers sunk by junior Kyra Brown.

South Fulton's Red Devils lost in Halls, Friday, 82-63.

Halls girls lost, 58-50.

Saturday, hosting Middle

College High School, Halls won, 87-57.

Halls girls won, 67-57.

Halls, once tied in the Associated Press poll for first place in 1-A, and ranked fifth for two weeks, sank Tuesday to eighth place.

This week, Halls closes its regular season schedule at Dyer County, Tuesday, and hosting Bradford Friday.

**Clark Visits Ripley**

**RET. GENERAL WES CLARK**, right, Democratic Candidate for President, made a stop in Ripley Monday as he campaigned for votes in Tennessee before the Tuesday primary. Lauderdale County Mayor Rozelle Criner, left, and several citizens welcomed him to the Lauderdale County Courthouse after the commissioners' meeting.

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### Divorces

Joseph Paul Terry vs. Ashley Cole Terry.

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### Marriages

Jan. 31 - Jimmie Dee Ralston, 25, to Andrea Michelle Younger, 23, by Ron Scott.

Feb. 5 - Jonathan Andrew Moore, 20, to April Renee Paterson, 21, by Tracy Henson.

**FOR SALE** - Antique, upright piano, in excellent condition, Cable name brand, call 635-4879, after 6 p.m. 12-tf

**As to the adjective: when in doubt, strike it out.**  
—Mark Twain

I have wandered all my life, and I have traveled; the difference between the two is this: we wander for distraction, but we travel for fulfillment.  
—Hilaire Belloc

Labor is discovered to be the grand conqueror, enriching and building up nations more surely than the proudest battles.  
—William Ellery Channing

Hope and patience are two sovereign remedies for all, the surest repositals, the softest cushions to lean on in adversity.  
—Robert Burton

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## March Nuptials Slated Newborn He's Two



**HANNAH GRACE HARRELL,** 6 lb. 11 oz. daughter of Auzie and Tracey Harrell, of Halls, was born at 2:43 a.m. Jan. 14th in Baptist Hospital in Union City. Measuring 19 inches, she is the sister of Brandon, Christopher, Samuel, and Martha Harrell, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Harrell and the late Ellie R. Harrell, of Halls, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, of Tiptonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Jones, of Ridgely.

### AWARD WINNER

Dyersburg State Community College's Phi Theta Kappa has been awarded the 2003 Pinnacle Scholarship Award, which includes a \$100 scholarship.

The purpose of the Pinnacle Scholarship Award Program is to help a chapter increase the acceptance rate of students eligible for membership by communicating more effectively the benefits provided to members.

The chapter inducted 84 students last fall, an increase of over 20% since the year before.

During the past year, PTK led in Project Graduation, walked in Relay for Life, sponsored the satellite seminar series, on health choices, organized a health fair, collected toys for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and ran concessions at home basketball games.

**A man is known by the silence he keeps.**  
—Oliver Herford

**ELIZABETH ANN MOORE,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald T. Nipp and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Moore, of Gates, will marry John Owen Joyner, son of Bobby Joyner, and the late Sandra Baynes Joyner, of Brownsville, at 6:30 p.m. March 6th at Antioch Baptist Church, 9237 Tibbs Rd., Brownsville, without formal invitations. A reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hughes, 7200 Tibbs Rd., Brownsville.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Delaware Moore and the late Curtis Moore, of Brownsville, Billie Gaston, of Jonesboro, Ark., and the late Roy Gray, of Florence, Ala.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, she is employed by Verizon Wireless as a customer service representative.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Owen and Mary F. Joyner and the late John and Currie Baynes, all of Brownsville.

A 1993 graduate of Haywood High School and a 1997 graduate of University of Tennessee at Martin, he earned a degree in agricultural business. He is employed by Haywood High School as an agricultural teacher.

### Anniversaries

Feb. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman "Sonny" Thurmond, Mr. and Mrs. James White, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jordan.

Feb. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Emery Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. James Vaden, Mr. and Mrs. Dan

### Coughlan.

Feb. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer.

Feb. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Horvath.

Feb. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Doilan Craig, Mr. and Mrs. David Mills.



**CAYDEN VOSS MICHAELS,** son of Ricky and Diana Michaels, of Ripley, celebrated his second birthday Feb. 6th with a party at his home. He is the grandson of Oliver and Mary Ann Voss, of Ripley, and James and Linda Michaels, of Henning, and the great-grandson of Daisy Stewart, of Halls, and Margaret Nolan, of Covington.

### FOSTER PARENTS

The southwest region recruitment unit of The Department of Children's Services is seeking foster parents in Lauderdale County.

A ten-week training class, called Parents As Tender Healers (PATH), is available for those interested in becoming an adoptive or foster parent.

For further information, contact Lesa Davis, 731-635-5850, or Veronica Humphreys, 731-265-7086.

### Concord Locals

By Mrs. Louise Fennel

Mrs. Robbie Ann Lee, of Memphis, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pharis Escue. Mrs. James Simpson and daughter, Wendy, of Lightfoot, visited the Escues Saturday.

Mrs. Floyd Emerson was in Dyersburg Wednesday of last week for therapy on her shoulder.

### ESSAY CONTEST

Dyersburg State Community College is sponsoring "The Voices of West Tennessee Essay Contest, in conjunction with a book festival, which takes place Mar. 15th, 16th and 18th, on campus.

The festival theme is the topic for the contest, "Corps of Discovery: The Journey of Lewis and Clark." Essays must be based on the knowledge of the Journey of Lewis & Clark.

Submission categories include college and adult, 500 words; high school, 400 words; middle school and intermediate school, 350 words; and grade school, 250 words.

Essays must be typed and double-spaced, and stapled together. No plastic binders or folders will be accepted. A cover sheet, with each essay, should include the writer's name and social security number, school, grade or specify adult, title of essay, date, home address and phone number, and permission to display the essay and to reproduce it online.

All entries should be submitted by Mar. 4, 2004, and sent to The Voices of West Tennessee Essay Contest, c/o Mrs. Cynthia Vories, Div. of Arts and Sciences, Dyersburg State Community College, 1510 Lake Rd., Dyersburg, TN 38025-0648.

Three winners will be selected from each category entry level. The first place winner will receive a hundred dollar savings bond, second place, a fifty dollar savings bond, and third place, a book.



Dogs and wolves yawn as a sign of contentment.

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## Obituaries

### Mourning



**TOMMY L. PIPKIN**, 61, of Goodlettsville, barn manager, died Saturday at Skyline Medical Center, in Goodlettsville.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

He was born August 3, 1942, in Lauderdale County to Jim Pipkin and Martha Wiseman Pipkin.

He was a member of the 700 Club.

Survivors include one son, Thomas Pipkin, of Goodlettsville, four daughters, Kathy Pipkin and Troi Lynn Pipkin, of Ripley, and Amanda P. Stack and Leann Pipkin, of Nashville; four brothers, J. W. Pipkin, Roger Pipkin and Robert Pipkin, all of Ripley, and Les Meter, of Nashville; two sisters, Robbie Bailey and Becky Hester, of Ripley; and six grandchildren.

### Sick & Ailing

Mary V. Brown, of Halls, was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale by ambulance Tuesday morning.

Lynn Patton has returned home from St. Francis Hospital in Memphis after a heart attack.

### Jack Crutcher, 83, Won Bronze Star

Jack Crutcher, 83, of 138 Wakewood Place, Ripley, who won two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star in Army service in World War II, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

The Bronze Star notes "heroic or meritorious achievement or service against an armed enemy." Purple Hearts denote combat injuries.

He served in an anti-aircraft unit in the Aleutian Islands for 18 months before service as a paratrooper in the Battle of the Bulge.

Son of the late Maj. John and Minna Crutcher, of Henning, he attended Mississippi State University, Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and the University of Aberdeen in Scotland before taking a bachelor of science degree from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College).

He had retired after managing extensive farming operations in Tennessee and Arkansas, earning, in 2002, an Achievement Award from the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District.

He donated his body to the University of Tennessee.

Memorial rites will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Ripley's Immanuel Episcopal Church.

He leaves his wife, Peggy; daughters, Ginny Crutcher, of Atoka, Margie Stoots, of Brownsville, and Dr. Nancy Crutcher and Sally Shurling, of Memphis, and seven grandchildren.

### Mrs. Childress

Sylvia Juanita Childress, 69, wife of Curtis Childress, died Thursday of last week in her home at 2384 Edith-Nankipoo Road.

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

Survivors include a son, Thomas, of Brentwood; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Armstrong

Virginia Armstrong, 79, of Memphis, sister of Betty Haynes, of Ripley, died Jan. 31st in Methodist Healthcare-University Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Forest Hills Funeral Home South, with burial in Memory Hill Gardens.

She was a member of University Christian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Stroupe, of Olive Branch, Miss.; brothers, Billy Cunningham, of Ashland, Miss., and Hess Cunningham, of Horn Lake, Miss.; other sisters, Blanche Matthews, of Memphis, and Effie Chandler, of Ocala, Fla.; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

### Carolyn Riddick

Carolyn Ann Riddick, 68, of Friendship, homemaker, mother of Robert Riddick, of Ripley, died Saturday at her residence.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Floyds Chapel Cemetery.

She was a retired employee of Kellwood Company.

The widow of Bobby Riddick, she also leaves four brothers, James Adams, of Dyersburg, Billy Adams, of Friendship, Edd Adams, of Memphis, and Danny Adams, of Como, Miss.; and three grandchildren.

### Xavier McBride

Xavier Hayes McBride, 30, of Memphis, grandson of Jessie Robinson, of 4320 Key Corner Rd., Halls, died Wednesday of last week in the Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Saturday in Salem Gilfield Baptist Church, where he was a member, with burial in Henning Grove Cemetery in Halls, Ford & Sons Funeral Home in charge.

He was formerly employed by Continental Airlines.

Survivors include his parents, The Rev. and Mrs. Angelo McBride, and brothers, Anthony and Tacuma, all of Memphis.

### Dorothy Scotton

Dorothy Eison Scotton, 65, of Los Angeles, Calif., homemaker, formerly of Ripley, died January 30th at Kaiser Medical Center.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at New Life Baptist Church, in Gardena, Calif., with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge locally.

She was the daughter of The Rev. John and Rose Eison.

Survivors include her husband, The Rev. Verdis Scotton, one son, Ricky Bullock, and one daughter, Rena Bullock, all of Los Angeles, Calif.; another daughter, Rosaland Scotton, of Gardena; three brothers, John Eison, of Nashville, Jerry Eison, of Providence, R.I., and Darrell Eison, of Dallas, Tex.; four sisters, Mimi Cross, Katie Eison and Dawn Campbell, all of Ripley, and Patricia Houston, of Riverside, Calif.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Henry Bennett

Henry Bennett, 49 of Ripley, City of Ripley Dept. of Sanitation worker, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites will be at noon Thursday in Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, at Henning, with burial at 1 p.m. Friday in West Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery, in Memphis, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

An Army Reserve veteran, he was the brother of Donna S. Bennett, Martha Gause and Jerry Huddleston, of Ripley, Charles R. Bennett, of Henning, Goldie King, of Humboldt, Emmitt Bennett, of Marion, Ind., Clear Huddleston, of South Bend, Ind., Larry Huddleston, of Maryland, and Mary Carroll, of Massachusetts.

### Mrs. Prescott

Ethel Charlotte Prescott, 87, retired nurse, died Saturday in Ripley Healthcare.

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

She was a member of Ripley's First Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband, Austin Prescott; two daughters, Thelma Gay, of Ripley, and Betty James, of Memphis; sons, Austin, Jr., of Hurst, Tex., and James Millwood, of Olive Branch, Miss.; one brother, George Haskins, of Los Angeles, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

### Dorothy Vaughn

Dorothy L. Vaughn, 71, of Covington, retired café employee in Halls, died Tuesday at Baptist East Hospital in Memphis.

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

The widow of Cloudy Samuel Vaughn, Sr., she leaves two sons, Eugene Vaughn and Roger Vaughn, and two daughters, Ann Clem and Cherry Lee Vaughn, all of Ripley; another daughter, Brenda Huggins, of Covington; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### Delois Ector

Delois Ann Ector, 41, of Memphis, sister of James Thomas, of Henning, died Jan. 29th in Baptist Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in New Friendship Baptist Church, with burial in New Park Memorial Gardens, Victory Funeral Home in charge.

Other survivors include her husband, Ralph M. Ector; daughters, Victoria Ann Martin and Alexandra Michelle Ector, of Memphis; her mother, Roberta Thomas; other brothers, David, Gene, and Melvin Thomas, and sisters, Dorothy, Rosemary, and Susie Thomas, all of Memphis.

### L. E. Clement

Lewis Eugene Clement, 76, of Halls, retired furniture maker, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

A former National Guardsman, he was a member of Enon Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Mary Elizabeth Ables Clement; sons, Jeffrey, of Curve, and Walter, of Memphis; a daughter, Mandy Proctor, of Ripley; and three grandchildren.

### James Mohon

James Pennington "Penn" Mohon, 81, of Covington, grandfather of Jessica Coleman Mohon, of Ripley, died Sunday at Gibson County Hospital.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery, near Ripley.

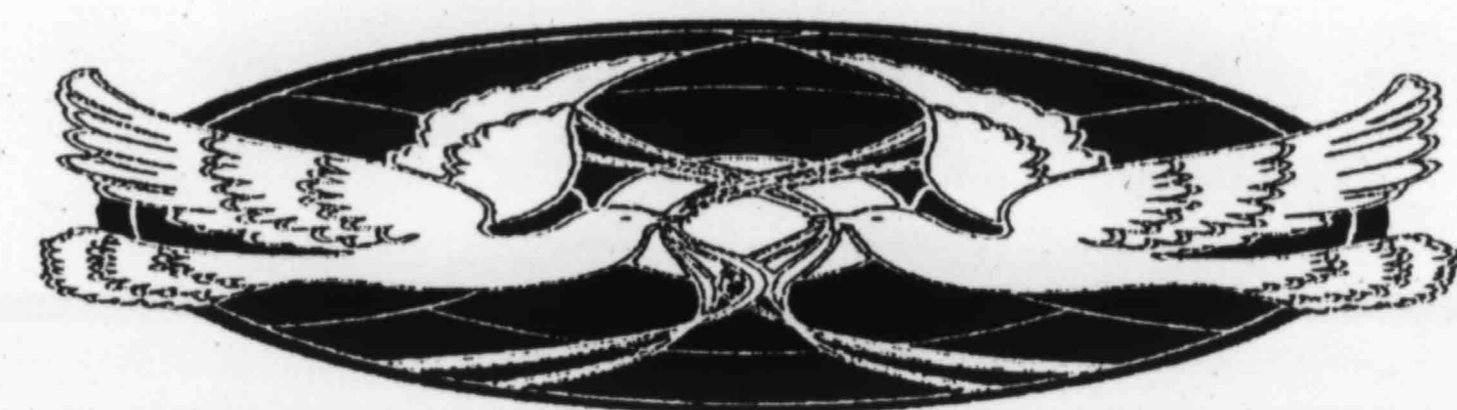
He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran, a retired John Deer Dealer, a breeder and owner of Tennessee walking horses, and one of the founders of Tipton Rosemark Academy.

Other survivors include his wife, Anne Coleman Mohon, and two sons, James Coleman Mohon and Walker Dayton Mohon, all of Covington; another son, John White Mohon, of Peterburg; two other grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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## Church Happenings

Dyersburg Christian Center, 824 Finley St., Dyersburg, will sponsor a dramatic musical play, *Free Me From Within*, at 3 p.m. Sun., Feb. 15th at the Faith Deliverance Center in the Hamilton Hills Shopping Center in Jackson. The admission is free, donations accepted. The play was written and directed by Joe Taylor. For further information, call 731-286-9138. The public is invited.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 28th featuring Under Grade and the Halls Westside Puppets of Worship. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call Kirby Ogden, 286-2179 or 589-2178. The public is invited.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church will hold a benefit gospel singing and spaghetti supper beginning at 5 p.m. Sat., Feb. 21st to aid Stanley Taylor, who was injured in a traffic accident in October. Plates, \$5 for adult and \$3 for children, will be served at 5 p.m. The Forest Echos and Judy Hudson will perform gospel selections beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Wilma Campbell, 731-779-1619. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church, 102 E. Tigrett St., Halls, will present '40 Days of Purpose' beginning at 11 a.m. Sun., Feb. 15th with a message to preview the study of *The Purpose Driven Life*. A video message from the author, Rick Warren, will be presented at 5 p.m. Sunday night. The study will continue at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22nd and 9:45 a.m. Sun., Feb. 29th. The public is invited. For more information, call 836-7116.

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

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Everything that you add to your peace of mind, and to your outlook upon life, is added capital that no one but yourself can dissipate.

—George Matthew Adams

## Land Transfers

Jan. 30 – Michael Lynn Barham, Jr. and Crystal Nicole Barham to Clarence A. Hamilton and Dianne B. Hamilton, Dist. 6, 0.6475 acres.

Dorothy J. Carmack Bridges to Nathan H. Bridges, Dist. 14, 91.40 and 12 acres.

Richie L. Tidwell, Erika Tidwell, and Bethany C. Tidwell Lemley to Roger O. Yancy, Dist. 2, lot.

Virginia P. Simmons to George R. Kiestler and Nadine Kiestler, Dist. 2, 18.17 acres.

Thelma Belton to Raymond Belton, Jr. and Sybil Belton, Dist. 16, 5.5 acres.

Charles L. Crook, Jr. and April M. Crook to Phillip Glenn and Cynthia Glenn, Dist. 2, lot.

Jane F. Meadows to Mike Allmand and Diane Allmand, Dist. 16, 46-1/6 acres.

Jennie Ren McDaniel to Donna L. Sanders and Tommy R. Sanders, Dist. 2, lot.

Paul C. Morris and Libby V. Morris to Jennifer L. Glover and Roy C. Maclin, Dist. 3, lot.

Vernedia Holcomb Gingery and Montell Gingery to James V. Bates, Sr., Dist. 3, 5.975 acres.

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Bart C. Durham III to S.

N. Anthony, Jr., Dist. 2, lot. Feb. 2 – Jerome Mack Maclin to Howard Dewalt, Dist. 3, lot.

Sam Forsythe and Maxine Forsythe to Farris W. Rowland and Rebecca L. Rowland, Dist. 2, 4 lots.

Robert S. Maclin III, trustee, E. Denby Brandon, Jr., trustee, and Anne M. Mehring Trust to Barry Bates and June Bates, Dist. 2, lot.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Marjorie E. Baker, Dist. 6, lot.

Charles L. Crook, Jr. and April M. Crook to Richie D. Cartwright and Martha A. Cartwright, Dist. 2, lot.

Feb. 4 – Gregg L. Brown and Devora K. Brown to Donald Blackwood, Judy Blackwood, Kenneth Blackwood, and Beaton Blackwood, Dist. 2, 0.639 acres.

Dwight Ellis to Maria Rodriguez Baeno, Dist. 16, 0.5 acres.

Juanita Cleek Cunningham and Thomas S. Cleek to Bret H. Carmack and Johannah Carmack, Dist. 8, 40 acres.

Matthew Brady Henderson and Jennifer Henderson to Logan Roberts, Dist. 16, 2 tracts.

Feb. 5 – Billy Ray Bullington to Barbara T. Bullington, Dist. 6, 0.61 acres.

Neil A. Dyer and Mary Martha Dyer to Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas, Dist. 12, 2 lots.

Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas to Kelly Griggs, Dist. 2, lot.

The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the future.

—Arthur C. Clarke

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### Hole In One For Son of Countians

David Elliott, of DeKalb, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, of Halls, scored a hole in one in November while playing golf to gain strength after surgery for lung cancer. He used his pitching wedge for an ace on the 110-yard, par-3, hole # 7, at River Heights Golf Course. This was his first ace and was witnessed by three other golfers.

### Winter Sing-A-Long For Halls

The Halls Community Club has begun its winter weekly sing-a-long from 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday afternoon at the community center on College St. The public is invited to bring their favorite game and enjoy fellowship from 3 to 4 p.m. or come earlier to play card games. All events are canceled in the event of snow and/or ice.

### Annual Boat, Sport Travel & RV Show

The 18th Annual Jackson-West Tennessee Boat, Sport & Travel Show and the 10th Annual Jackson-West Tennessee RV Show will be Fri., Sat., and Sun., Feb. 20th through 22nd, at the Jackson fairgrounds and Civic Center.

Family attractions include a petting zoo, trout pond, mini boat races, rock climbing wall and space ball ride.

Celebrities include Steve McCadams, Mike McLemore, Jim Duckworth, Miss Tennessee 2003, Jamie Watkins, and Clifford, the Big Red Dog.

There is free admission for senior citizens and children, accompanied by an adult, on Fri., Feb. 20th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For further information, printable discount admission coupons and schedule of events, visit [www.JacksonBoatShow.com](http://www.JacksonBoatShow.com).

### Seeking Help For Creating A Library

The Leadership Lauderdale Class of 2003, has begun its "Leadership Lauderdale Project Literacy" program, and is seeking help in creating a library at the Lauderdale County Optional High School, located at 192 Viar Ave., in Ripley.

The school currently serves 44 students, those with disciplinary problems and those working towards a GED certificate.

Principal Jackie Jones says that there is room for a library, but they don't have the resources necessary.

Class spokesman, Paul Hankins, said, "When we realized that these kids had no access to the regular school libraries, and many of these students do not have transportation after school to get to the public library, we decided something needed to be done."

The library project is

looking for books, dictionaries and appropriate magazine materials, for students in 6th through 12th grades. Office supplies, or anything else that would be needed to operate a library, is welcomed.

"The Friends of the Library have provided some shelving, books and encyclopedias, but help will be needed from many other sources," said Hankins.

A fund has been set up at BankTennessee, called The Leadership Lauderdale Project Literacy" fund, if someone wants to make a cash donation.

Book donations may be dropped off at the Chamber office, 123 Jefferson St., or at the Optional School. Book drop boxes will be placed in several places.

If anyone would like to help by volunteering, making a donation, or hosting a book drop box, contact the class through the Chamber of Commerce, at 635-9541, or email [infor@laudcc.com](mailto:infor@laudcc.com).

### Potential Members HHS Honor Society

The Halls High School National Honor Society announced its potential members for the 2004-2005 school year at its Pride Program held last week.

Candidates include Britany Chipman, Colin Clendenin, Mildred Everth, Rachel Fitzhugh, Kelianna Hardee, Caitlyn Hurt, Zak Kelley, Steven Shands, Audra Smith, Stephen Taylor, Sally Jo Turner, Sarah Beth Warren, Zach Webb and Marty Wright.

Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun.  
—Mary Lou Cook

A healthful hunger for a great idea is the beauty and blessedness of life.  
—Jean Ingelow

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### Students Job Shadow



**STUDENTS** from Ripley High School and Halls High School participated in the annual Job Shadowing Day Tuesday. The students were allowed to follow several local officials, doctors, and business leaders. In upper left photo, Jenny Benjamin, 11th, HHS, shadowed Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig. In lower left photo, Bank of Ripley, Kristina Willette, 11th, HHS; Shaletha Buck, 11th, RHS; Beth Ables and Diane Hamilton, with bank customer, Carol Smith. In upper right photo, shadowing at Wal-Mart, Janie Lewis, Wal-Mart associate; in front, Joronda Patrick and Jennifer Henning, 11th, and in rear, Lorenzo Johnson and Chris Dennis, 12th grade, all HHS. In middle right photo, students at Med-South, from left, Fay Johnson, pediatric nurse; Shunta Montgomery, 11th grade, RHS; Jacqueline Tate, 12th, HHS; Amber Moore and Shelley Crain, 11th, RHS; Annie Sanderson, medical assistant; and Dr. Wayne D. Murray, pediatric physician. In lower right photo, Animal Care Clinic, Dr. John English, Jennifer Buntin, 11th, HHS; Amanda Harden, Jessica McLemore, and Danielle Roberson, 11th, RHS; and Seth Whitson, 8th, Three Oaks.



**SCHOLARSHIPS** is our way of saying congratulations on winning your fight and keep up the good work." To be eligible, applicants must be under 25, have had a cancer diagnosis before age 21, be a United States citizen, have a GPA of at least 2.5 and been accepted to an accredited school. "Fighting cancer can be very costly, both emotionally and financially," said Charlette Hines, survivorship director for the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society. "Awarding these

### 9% Cast Votes In Tuesday Primary

Unofficial results in Tuesday's Presidential Primary recorded only 9.04% of registered voters casting ballots.

Voters in the Democratic Party voted for a candidate to run against George W. Bush in the November election.

County voters selected John F. Kerry with 485 votes, a 41.52% margin, over other candidates. Wesley Clark received 285 votes and John Edwards, 282.

Of the 15,236 registered voters, 1,191 voted Democrat, 187 voted Republican, for 1,378 total ballots counted.

community service. For further information on the scholarship program, or to obtain an application, call 1-800-ACS-2345, or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

Last year, 197 survivors were awarded the scholarship.

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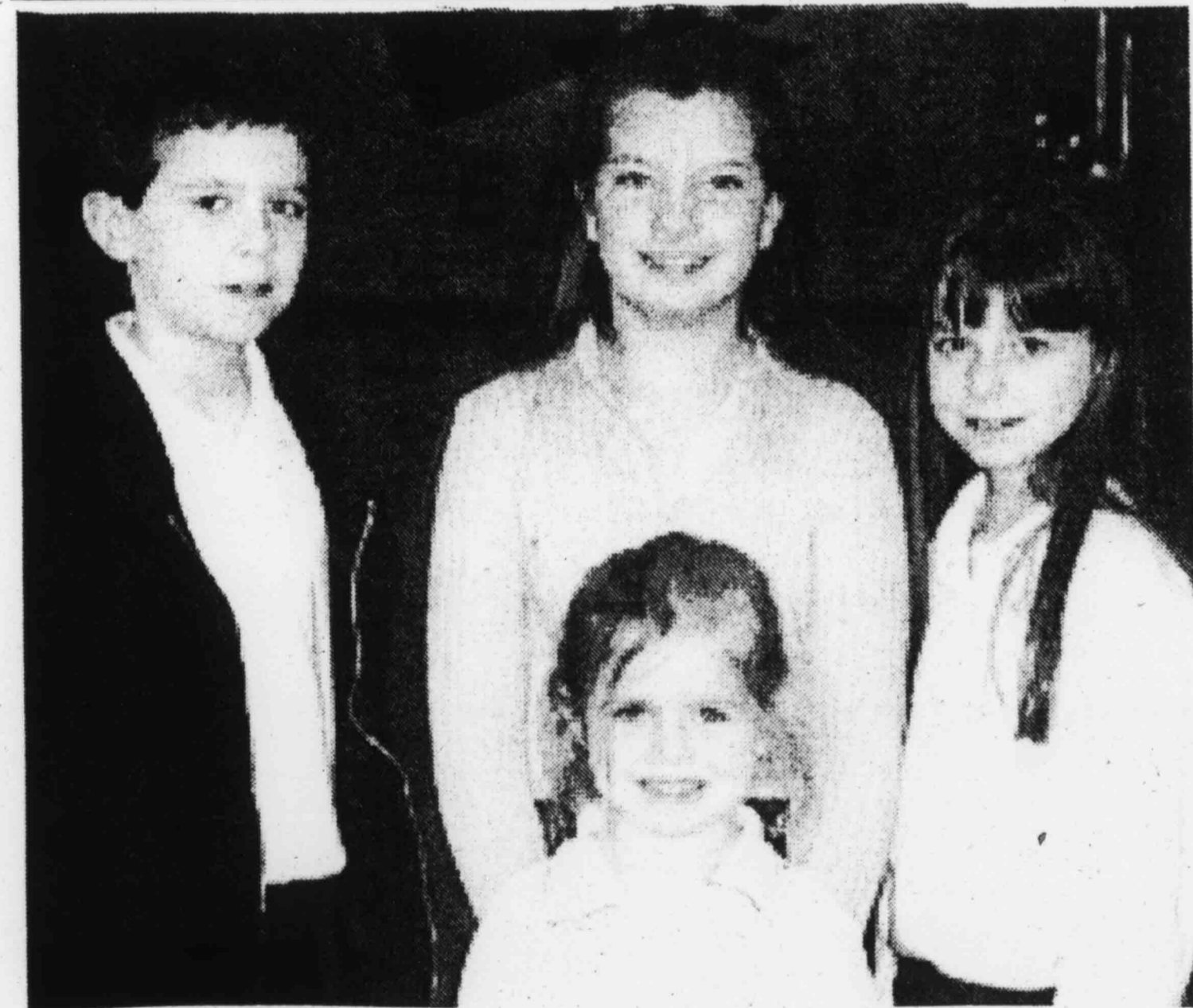
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## Groundbreaking Ceremony Held



A **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY** was held Tuesday at the site of the new Lauderdale County Health Department on Highway 51, across from the Lauderdale County Justice Complex. Participating were Danny Perry, Lauderdale County Health Department director; Matt Varino, field representative for U. S. Senator Lamar Alexander; Jennie Wren Nunn; Carol Walker; Bish Thoms III; Dr. Wendy Long, Lauderdale County Health Department physician; Harold Willis, Forked Deer Electric general manager; and Tom Turner, field representative for U. S. Congressman John Tanner, and Lauderdale County Mayor Rozelle Criner. The proposed 8,000 sq. ft. facility will be utilized to house the Lauderdale County Health Department and will provide improvements in patient acceptance of all services due to enhance facilities, increased waiting room size and sub-waiting areas, improvements in heating and cooling of the facility, and modernize restroom facilities with handicapped accessibility. Rural Development partnered with Forked Deer Electric Cooperative, Inc., Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Tennessee Department of Health, and Delta Regional Authority, funded the facility. Rural Development provided \$359,076 in a loan and grant to assist with the funding of the facility. The project is also co-funded by a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant, funding from the Tennessee Department of Health for \$216,773.70, and \$109,434 from the Delta Regional Authority for a total project cost of \$985,283.70.



**LAUDERDALE COUNTY** students named as Students of the week at Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg include, in front, from left, Abigail Pennington, Pre-K, daughter of Victoria Pennington, of Ripley, and in rear, from left, Andrew Manning, 4th grade, son of Ritchie Manning, of Halls; Brooklyn Simpson, 3rd grade, daughter of Mike and Christie Simpson, of Ripley; and Hannah Manning, 2nd grade, daughter of Ritchie and Jean Manning, of Halls.

## Birthdays

Feb. 12 - Bud Young, Paul Spoon, Bethany Stephens, Shannon Williams, Mary Ellen Jones, Bill Prescott, Larry Shelby, Mark Bryant.

Feb. 13 - Jill Hawks, Amy Mills, Janie Burris, Jerry Don Trosper, Brenda Olds, Bunnie Fullen, Mike Currie, Brenda Marshburn, Judson Vaden, Tammy Horner, Franklin Garner, Andrea Baynes, White Marcus.

Feb. 14 - Carolyn Bridges, Kamlin Williams, Ericka Allyson Williams, Betty Fowler, Kristen Criehtfield, Jennifer Baker, Melissa Olds, Michael Shane Olds, Monty McWilliams, Stacey Drumwright, Todd Burks, Katherine Montague, Roger McCoy, Jr.

Feb. 15 - Justin Ford, Myrna Ambrose, Adam Akin, Janet Steelman, Jonathan Hill, Richard Gibbons, Wayne Douglas, Marrassa Simmons, Jimmy H.

## Hardwood Tree USDA Initiative County UT Alumni Chapter Meeting

The United States Department of Agriculture has established a new bottomland hardwood tree initiative to restore wetlands, according to Dwaine Johnston, soil conservationist, for the local USDA natural resources conservation service office.

The program takes cropland fields, comprised of primarily wetland soils and located within a 100-year floodplain, and converts them to bottomland hardwood trees.

Program participants receive 50% of the cost to establish the trees, an annual rental payment of 14 to 15 years and technical assistance to plant the trees.

The program will help restore critical wildlife habitat, while improving water quality and reducing flood impact.

Authorized as part of the 2002 Farm Bill, the program is part of the conservation reserve program with a continuous signup.

Eligible crop fields must have a crop history of four out of the past six years, and have been owned for at least one year.

For further information, contact the USDA service center, located at 301 Lake Dr., in Ripley, or call 731-635-7686.

Jones, Ana Maria Summar, W. D. Drake, Lynda Butler, Frances Mueller, Robert Maxwell.

Feb. 16 - Carlos McLemore, Gail Shelton, Virginia Sapp, Michelle Williams, Lisa Marie Spray, Harold Perry, Jodie Ward, Jeremy Emerson, Brett Ammons, Pam Carnack, Blake Alford, Zanni Gooch, Tracy Willis, Rita Murley McClellan.

Feb. 17 - Dr. Wayne Dudney, Diane Kiestler, Wade Mathis, Keith Smith, Larry Wright, Linda Thurmond, Ricky Criehtfield, Kay Hansford, Allison Renee Hurt, Angie Layne Briggs, Linda Jetton, Patricia

The Lauderdale County and Tipton County University of Tennessee Alumni Chapters invite alumni, parents of students or friends of the University of Tennessee to a dinner meeting Tues., Mar. 2nd, at the Olympic Steakhouse, located on Hwy. 51, in Ripley.

The featured speaker is Andy Kozar, university professor of health and exercise science with the University of Tennessee, and one of Tennessee's all-time great football players.

Reservations are \$14 per person, with a choice of charbroiled chicken, or 9 oz. ribeye steak.

For further information, call Elizabeth Pugh, 731-836-7784 (bus.), 836-5749 (res.) or 731-431-8334 (cell).

Checks should be made payable to the Lauderdale County UT Alumni Chapter, P.O. Box 174, Halls, TN 38040.

The social gathering begins at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 6:30 p.m.

Turner, Hailey Holcomb.

Feb. 18 - Pam Rhodes, Barry Wakefield, Austin Crutchfield, Marilyn Garrett, Elaine Barcroft, T. J. Green, Judy Crook, Rose Heath, Tyler Wiggins, Sandra Jackson, Phillip Michael Cook, Teresa Tyler, Wayne Mitchell, Angela LeMar, Chase Holcomb, Dylan Roberts.

**The use of butterflies is to adorn the world and delight the eyes of men, to brighten the countryside, serving like so many golden spangles to decorate the fields.**

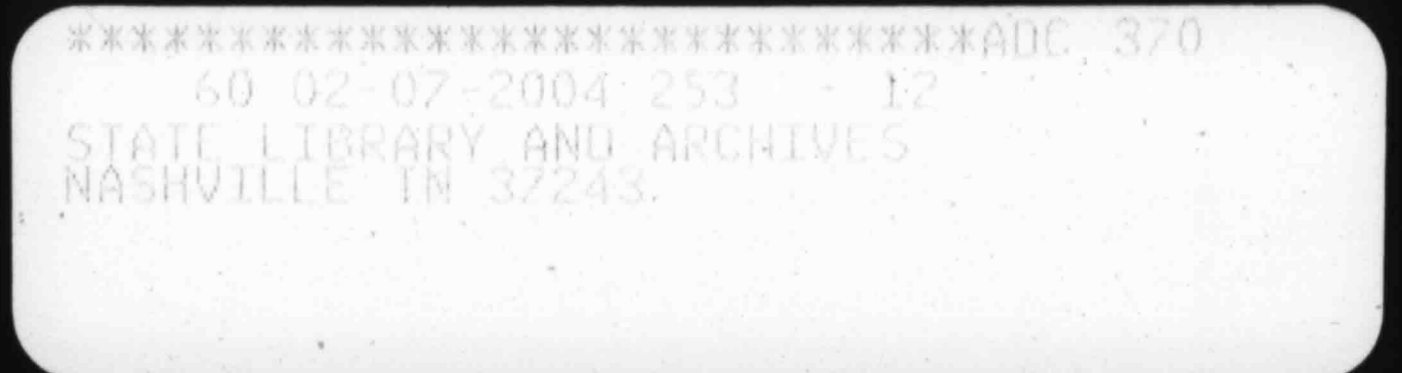
—John Ray

**If only men could be induced to laugh more they might hate less, and find more serenity here on Earth.**

—Malcolm Muggeridge

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## Ripley Welcoming Collection Agency

International Wireless, Inc., publicly traded in NASDAQ pink sheets as IWLJ, has leased the 31,000 sq. ft. former Todd Uniform building in Ripley's north industrial area, north of the former Maremont plant, to house its division collecting accounts receivable.

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"We have worked with

Mayor Richard Douglas for more than a year on this project," vice-president Brigette Caldwell, notes.

"He has sold us on this community and the work ethics of its people."



**SHERIFF LOUIS CRAIG**, left, presented a \$500 scholarship to Amanda Hunt Tuesday from the Tennessee Sheriff's Association. This is the first award presented in Tennessee this year. Amanda plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin in the fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Leggett, all of Curve.

## Of 3 In State



**WANDA CLARK**, assistant librarian at the Lauderdale County Library at 120 Lafayette, Ripley, since 1987, is one of three librarians from Tennessee chosen by the Gates Foundation for an all-expense paid trip to the annual meeting of the Public Libraries Association in Seattle, Wash., next week, to join a study of "Sustaining Public Access Computing in Public Libraries."

Wanda used a Gates grant to aid the County Library in offering computer service.

A graduate of Halls High School, she was graduated from Murray, Ky., State University, *summa cum laude*, with a bachelor of science degree in social work.

She flies to Seattle Monday with hands-on experience of installing, and ideas about sustaining, computer service in small libraries.

## Halls Girls Lose 1st Tourney Tilt

Halls' High School's girls, who led Middle College High School, Feb. 8th, 67-57, lost their Dist. 16-A debut in Tiptonville, Monday, to MCHS, 52-46.

MCHS led 13-8 in the first period, lost the second, 13-10, and the third, 23-17, but smothered Halls in the final period, 12-2.

Kyra Brown led Halls, with 14 points (2 3-pointers).

Shan McCadney posted 13 points (3 3-pointers).

Tourneys - Halls boys will play in Dist. 16 tourney competition Thursday night at Lake County; Ripley teams will play in Dist. 14, competition beginning Thursday at Haywood County High School.



**MEMBERS** of the Halls High School basketball cheerleaders include freshman, Krystal Ward, daughter of Brandon and Tammy Ward; sophomores, Katie Throgmorton, daughter of Chris and Kelly Throgmorton, and Sarah Beth Warren, daughter of James and Betty Warren; juniors, Erin Criehtfield, daughter of Ricky and Phyllis Criehtfield; Brooke Barnes, daughter of Joe and Rita Barnes; Jennifer Buntin, daughter of Richard and Jamie Ann Buntin; Brooke Hogue, daughter of Lanny Hogue and Suzanne Hogue; Bailey Hutcherson, daughter of Frank and Sandy Hutcherson; Derrica Simmons, daughter of Wanda Johnson; and Samantha Wright, daughter of Marty and Sandra Wright; and senior, Beth Sadler, daughter of Dennis and Felicia Sadler. They are coached by Cynthia Lacy and Taunya Tucker.

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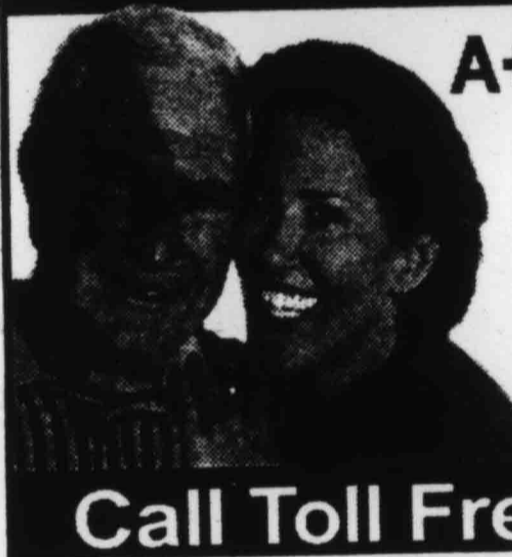
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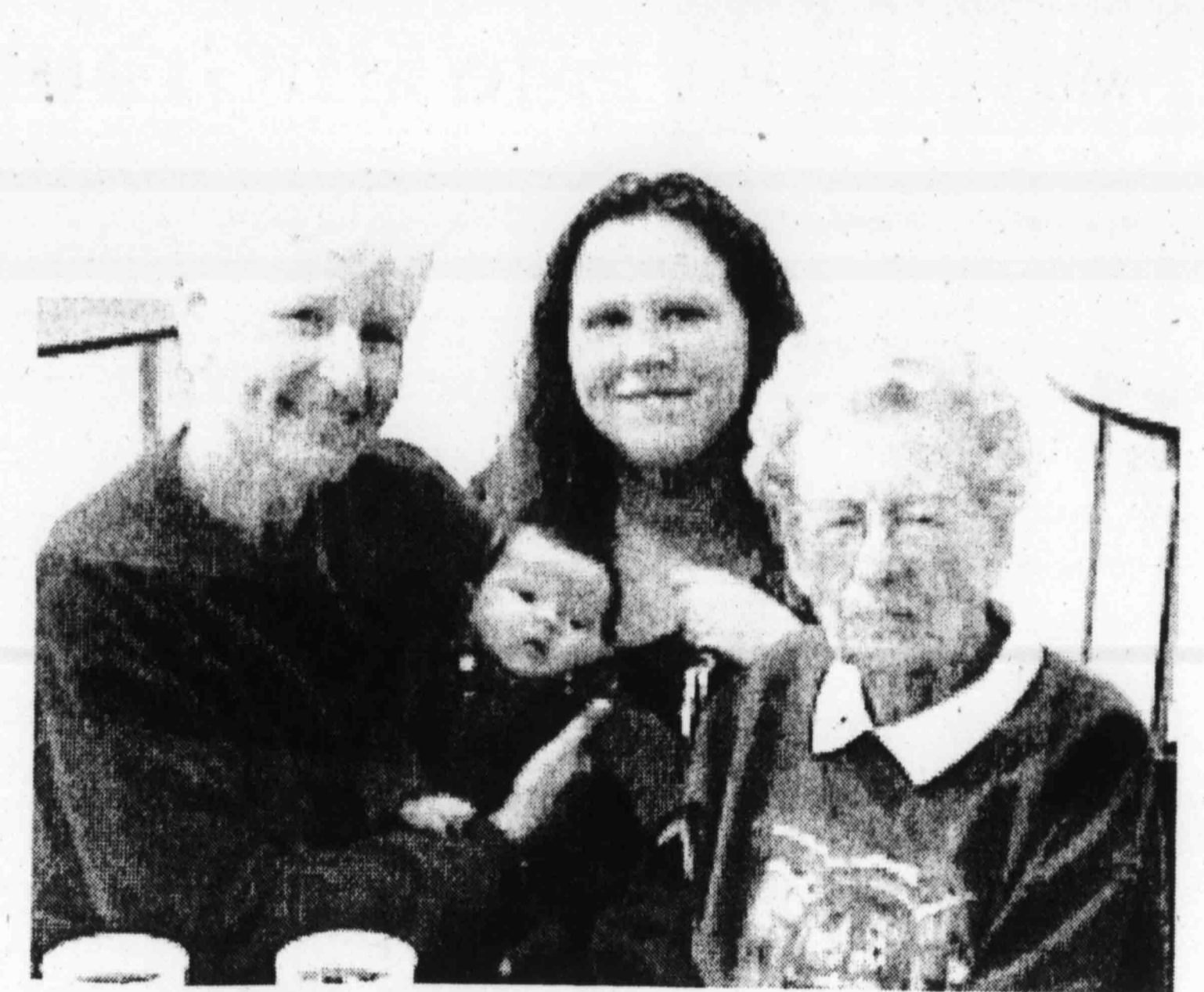
# Crowned King & Queen Newborn Four Generations



ELIZABETH KOONCE, left, and James Henry Hodge, right, were crowned Queen and King of Hearts at Lauderdale Community Living Center Feb. 13th during the Valentine party for residents.



PARIS RENAE TAYLOR, 7 lb. 8.9 oz. daughter of April Ward and Dale Taylor, of Halls, was born at 10:15 p.m. Jan. 10th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Measuring 20 inches, she is the granddaughter of Ricky and Nancy Ward and Fred Taylor, all of Halls, and Debbie Mohr, of Kimberling City, Mo.



FOUR GENERATIONS visited Mrs. Gladys Moore, right, resident at Lauderdale Community Living Center, Friday, Feb. 13th. Pictured with her are, daughter, Debbie Tims, granddaughter, DeAnn Tims, and great-granddaughter, Heather Conrad.

## Bredesen Receives TennCare Report

Governor Phil Bredesen received the second part of a two-part global independent consultant's report, outlining potential strategies for reforming TennCare, the state's financially troubled health care program.

The first part of the report, by McKinsey & Co., released in December, found that TennCare is not viable in its current structure if the state expects to continue committing new dollars to vital programs, such as education.

McKinsey projected that TennCare, if left unchecked, will consume virtually all new state revenue - 91 percent of it - in 2008.

The 25 reform options outlined in the second report fell under five categories, which include coverage, enrollment, care management, pharmacy and MCO Optimization.

In addition, the McKinsey report combined various initiatives between categories in order to illustrate potential strategic approaches.

"Tennessee will need to tailor its own package of ini-

tiatives, based on its funding priorities and program goals," the McKinsey report noted.

"There's no quick fix for TennCare," Bredesen said. "McKinsey's analysis will be a valuable tool as we push to bring rising costs under control."

Gov. Bredesen is scheduled to unveil his TennCare strategy, drawing on the work of McKinsey and other resources, before a joint convention of the General Assembly on Feb. 7th.

## Collections Rising For Child Support

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) collected nearly \$31 million in child support in January 2004, versus \$28 million in January 2003.

Human Services' Child Support Division and its child support offices across the state have increased collections this state fiscal year by 13%, over the previous fiscal year during the same period.

Collections that have been increasing steadily for several years can be attributed,

## USDA WORKSHOPS

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service for West Tennessee has scheduled three workshops to educate the public concerning the use and benefits of establishing native warm season grasses in West Tennessee.

Landowners and farm operators will have an opportunity to learn the benefits of native warm season grasses, planting techniques, identification of the grasses, wildlife benefits, and use of grasses in conservation programs.

Workshops will be held Thurs., Feb. 19th, in Obion County, Thurs., Feb. 26th, in Madison County, and Fri., Feb. 27th, in Fayette County.

Mike Hansbrough, private lands biologist, with the USDA, said native warm season grasses is a very popular choice for individuals to establish on lands enrolled in the USDA'S conservation reserve program, and has excellent benefits for anyone wanting to establish wildlife habitat. The grasses are already helping bob-

## Divorces

whites and rabbits make a comeback in some West Tennessee areas, stated Hansbrough.

For further information on the workshops, or how conservation programs could benefit a farming operation, contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office, located at 301 Lake Drive, in Ripley, or call 731-635-7686, ext. 113.

## Anniversaries

Feb. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings.

Feb. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Whittemore.

Feb. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Todd White.

Feb. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cliner, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hargett.

Feb. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Scheiblein, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patterson.

Laurie Butler Higuett vs. Albert Leo Higuett.

Roger Lee Kellum vs. Kimberly Lane Kellum.

Jocelyn Rae Hyde Mansfield vs. Christopher Lloyd Mansfield.

**Try to reason about love and you will lose your reason.**  
-French proverb

**Obituaries****"Pick" Wilson**

Billy "Pick" Wilson, 89, of Danville, brother of Joseph Wilson, of Ripley, died February 8th, at Danville Care Center.

Services were at noon February 13th, at New Life Church of Faith, in Danville, with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery, Beck and Sons Funeral Home in charge.

He was born October 14, 1914, in Henning, to Billy and Rebecca Giles Wilson, Sr.

He enjoyed singing and spending time with family and friends, and was a former member of Morning Star Baptist Church, in Ripley, where he sang in the male quartet.

Other survivors include one son, James L. Wilson, of Savoy, Ill.; one daughter, Georgella Wilson Blandon, of Danville; three stepsons, Bill Bradford, of Memphis, Albert L. Burnett, of Lansing, Mich., and Frank Burnett, of Michigan; three stepdaughters, Doris Arsey, of Ripley, and Ella D. Burnett and Annie L. Burnett, of Lansing; one sister, Margaret Pitts, of Flint, Mich.; two grandsons that he reared, Willie and Mark Bradford, of Waldort, Ma.; and several other grandchildren.

**Mrs. Young**

Margaret B. Young, 88, of Covington, mother of Tom Young, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Desoto in Southaven, Miss.

Rites were Saturday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Munford Cemetery.

Retired after 26 years as hostess for First Baptist Church, she was the widow of Herman S. Young.

Survivors include other sons, Bob and Paul, of Hernando, Miss., and Bill, of Manassas, Va.; a daughter, Barbara Bishop, of Olive Branch, Miss.; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**Traffic Accident Claims Life Of Granddaughter**

Mary Margaret Pilcher, 18, granddaughter of Carolyn Pilcher, of Ripley, was killed at approximately 10:20 p.m. Saturday when her 1999 Jeep Cherokee was struck by another vehicle on Interstate 40, six miles west of Jackson.

According to a Tennessee Highway Patrol report, Allcia C. Jackson, 19, of Cordova, was headed eastbound on I-40, crossed the median, became airborne, and landed on top of Pilcher's westbound vehicle. Mary Margaret was reportedly wearing a seat belt. Jackson was listed as injured.

The daughter of Jim and Atha Pilcher, of Somerville, she was a senior at Fayette Academy. She served as president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Somerville First United Methodist Church for three years and had attended Lakeshore Summer Camp since 1995, where she served as a certified counselor for the past three years.

A varsity cheerleader at Fayette Academy for four years, Mary Margaret was captain of the squad, a Junior Rotarian, class representative of the football homecoming 2003, and a member of the Beta and Drama Clubs and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, of which she was an officer. Her senior class voted her "Most Likely To Succeed".

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Somerville First United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the chancel choir, with burial in Somerville City Cemetery, Peebles Fayette County Funeral Home in charge.

Other survivors include a grandfather, James N. Flatt, of Dyersburg.

Memorials to Lakeshore Methodist Assembly or Somerville First United Methodist Church would be appropriate.

**Montine Ranger**

Montine A. Ranger, 82, of Fargo, N.D., formerly of Ripley, sister of Athalene Arwood, of Ripley, died Feb. 6th, at MeritCare South University, in Fargo.

Services were at 10 a.m. February 9th at First United Methodist Church in Fargo, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Ranger was born July 7, 1921, near Ripley, and graduated from Ripley High School.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Garth Peterson, who died in 1952, and Harlan Kraft, who died in 1980.

Other survivors include her husband, Jerry L. Ranger, of Fargo; three sons, Frank Peterson, of Indianapolis, Ind., Michael Peterson, of Augusta, Ga., and Mitchell Peterson, of Tampa, Fla.; one daughter, Claudia Peterson, of Denver, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Debra Ann Long**

Debra Ann Long, 37, of Henning, wife of Ronnie Flowers, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were Friday in Crockett Chapel United Methodist Church, with burial in New Haven Cemetery in Ridgely, Johnson Funeral Home, of Newbern, in charge.

She was born at Tiptonville, April 24, 1965, to the late Robert Roy and Anna Bell Mills Hedgepath.

Survivors include a son, Christopher Hedgepath, of Dyersburg; a daughter, Ashley Marlow, of Parsons; four brothers, William Hedgepath, of Henning; James Robert Hedgepath, of Union City; John Hedgepath, of Murfreesboro, and Thomas Joseph Hedgepath, of Chattanooga; a sister, Dorothy Rogers, of Tiptonville; and a granddaughter.

**Clara L. Hamm**

Clara L. Hamm, 82, mother of Paula Bryant Worden, of 135 S. Jefferson, Ripley, died Saturday in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

At press-time Tuesday, Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis had not reported rites.

A retired manager for American Snacks, she was a Methodist.

She had been active in support of Boy and Girl Scouts, cancer and diabetes funds, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include a son, Giles Alton Hamm, Jr., of Germantown; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**'Buck' Blakley**

James "Buck" Blakley, 85, of Halls, retired farmer, died Saturday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Grace Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Alma Love Blakley; sons, Frankie and Kenneth, and a daughter, Diane Fisher, of Halls; step-sons, Rusty Stephenson, of Halls, Lee Leonard Stephenson, of Dyersburg, and Ricky Stephenson, of San Jose, Calif.; step-daughters, Cynthia Sanders, of Ripley, Joan Olds, of Henning, and Kathy Sprague, of Panama City, Fla., and Sharon Jackson, of Eau Clair, Wisc.; a brother, Billy Blakley, of Halls; a sister, Dutch Williams, of Portageville, Mo.; 29 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Mrs. Otis Green**

Bobbie Jean Green, 67, of Memphis, sister of Lucille Moore, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Collierville.

Rites were at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Eastern Star Baptist Church in Memphis, where she was a member, with burial in West Tenn. Veterans Cemetery in Memphis, Ford & Sons Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of Otis Green. Her survivors include a daughter, Patricia Barbee, of Collierville; another sister, Rosie Lee Williams, of Memphis; a brother, Harold Bellows, of Louisville, Ky.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Helen C. Stetser**

Helen C. Stetser, 88, of Holtwood, Pa., formerly of Ripley, died Feb. 4th, at Presbyterian Home nursing facility, in Quarryville, Pa.

She was born and reared in Ripley, daughter of James D. Buck and Alice Blankenship Walding.

Survivors include her husband, George Stetser, and son, David Stetser, of Holtwood; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Betty Byars**

Betty Byars, 65, of Dyersburg, retired waitress, sister of Homer Russell Byars, of Halls, died Tuesday at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Meacham Cemetery, Johnson Funeral Home, in Newbern, in charge.

She was a Baptist. Other survivors include two other brothers, Leba Leroy Byars, Jr., of Dyersburg, and James Byars, of Indiana; two sisters, Edna Faye Qualls, of Newbern, and Sue Walker, of Dyersburg; and a cousin, Jean Patterson, of Dyersburg, who cared for her.

**Antonio Mann**

Antonio De'mon Mann, 20, of Ripley, disabled, died February 14th, at Baptist East Hospital, in Memphis.

Services are set 12:30 p.m. Friday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a member and an usher, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his mother, Gloria Ann Mann, of Ripley, and his father, Anthony Lee Harris, of Henning, his step-mother, Lorie Harris, of Henning; two brothers, Quinton Alston and Markee Harris, of Henning; four sisters, Antronette Harris and Shaneka Wells, of Ripley, and Lakeish Alston and Nicole Harris, of Henning; grandparents, Willie and Thelma Harris, of Ripley, Arma Jean English, of Henning, and R. J. Mann, of Jackson; and great grandparents, Calvin Maclin and Ella Miller, of Ripley, and J. B. Bonds, of Henning.

**Fear less, hope more;  
Whine less, breathe more;  
Talk less, say more; Hate  
less, love more; And all  
good things are yours.**

—Swedish Proverb

**'Penny' Sully**

Francesca "Penny" Sully, 61, a loan processor for Farm Credit Services, died Feb. 8th in her home in her native Louisville, Ky.

Rites were Friday in Concord Cemetery near Gates, Highlands Funeral Home in charge, Garner Funeral Home assisting locally.

Daughter of Obbie Connell, she was the former Francesca Williams.

She leaves sons, Dwayne and George Hester and Gregory Sully, and seven grandchildren.

**Birthdays**

Feb. 19 - Tammy Connell, Wayne Barnard, Ray Anderson, Carol Keen, Kevin Kesler, Randy Jones, Linda Bernard, Noah Fletcher Standford, Scott Dunavant, Holly Crews, David Burnham.

Feb. 20 - Roger Charest, Hannah Moore, Linda Daum, Betty Klutts, Carolyn Polk, Jack Baynes, Hannah Moore, Don Smith.

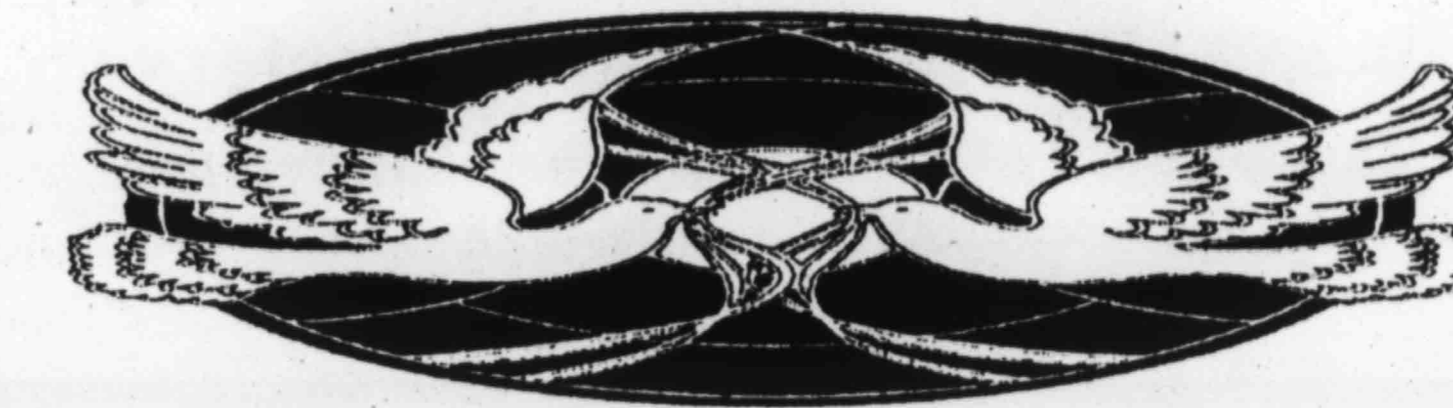
Feb. 21 - Celina Colvin, Clarence Delk, Lee Jennings, Dawn Platzke, Pat Carmack, Vicky Emerson, Robert Crutchfield, Brady Fleming.

Feb. 22 - Courtney Johnson, Louise Savage, Jessica Broglin, Janice Terrell Kee, Vence Carmack, Jimmy Meeke, Irene Chipman, Jacob Brazier, Laura Mueller, Christina Blakley.

Feb. 23 - Darla Best, Carolyn Bradford, Michelle Haislip, Diane Akin, Katherine Weaver, Joe B. Arwood, Austin Monroe Ward, Donna Lynn Hawks, J. W. Warren, Jr., Jason Raines, Jason Seacree, Timmy Bryant, Butch Latham, Brenda Kiestler, Luke Elder, Brian Latham, Bill Miller.

Feb. 24 - Perry Garrett, Jr., Jerry Temple, Sr., J. C. Hendren, Sandra Carter, Terry Cook, Carol Caldwell, Marvin Land, Kevin Haislip, Brent Prescott, Dennis Weaver, Sr., Diane Clarke, Sarah Cherry, Doyle Moss, Paul Galloway, Eddie Evans, Anna Read Kennedy.

Feb. 25 - Bruce Little, Kaye Connor, Angela Oswald, Rubin Jones, Ricky Rose, Nicolas Smith.

**Church Happenings**

Enon Baptist Church at Nankipoo will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sun., Feb. 22nd featuring TNT (the new Testimonies). The public is invited.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 28th featuring Under Grade and the Halls Westside Puppets of Worship. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call Kirby Ogden, 286-2179 or 589-2178. The public is invited.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church will hold a benefit gospel singing and spaghetti supper beginning at 5 p.m. Sat., Feb. 21st to aid Stanley Taylor, who was injured in a traffic accident in October. Plates, \$5 for adult and \$3 for children, will be served at 5 p.m. The Forest Echos and Judy Hudson will perform gospel selections beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Wilma Campbell, 731-779-1619. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church, 102 E. Tigrett St., Halls, will continue the '40 Days of Purpose' study of *The Purpose Driven Life* at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22nd and 9:45 a.m. Sun., Feb. 29th. The public is invited. For more information, call 836-7116.

North Jackson Baptist Church, in Jackson, will sponsor Revival America Crusade with Jeff Steele and the gospel group, The Steeles, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sun., Feb. 29th and continuing at 6 p.m. Sunday night and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday nights. Good News 93.1 FM radio station is co-sponsoring the event. For more information, call 731-663-3931. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life Church of God In Christ, 315 Ann St., Halls, will sponsor a Black History Program, *Embracing the Past, Heading Towards A Brighter Future*, after morning services Sun., Feb. 29th. An old fashion dinner will be held after the program. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 197 Drake St., Ripley, will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 28th featuring the Reeds, Frog Jump Quartet, and Witness. The public is invited.

Halls First United Methodist Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. Feb. 25th. 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.

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The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive for Mon., Feb. 23rd, between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., at the Tennessee Technology Center, 127 Industrial Dr., in Ripley.

Red umbrellas, with the Red Cross logo, will be available at the drive.

To be safe and prepared for emergencies, the local Red Cross tries to collect 800 pints of blood a day.

New technologies and advancements in medicine require more blood for surgeries and treatment. Currently more than 75,000 people are on the waiting list for transplants.

"People are generally surprised how much blood is needed," said Patricia A. Calicoat, chief executive officer for the Tennessee Valley Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "Having enough blood ready for patients is a tremendous responsibility. We can't do it without blood donors."

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Criteria for making the Dean's List includes completion of six to eight graded hours, with a semester grade point average of 4.0; completion of nine to 11 graded hours, with a minimum GPA of 3.66; or completion of 12 or more graded hours with a semester GPA of 3.5 or above.

**Marriages**

Feb. 7 - Terrell Deshon Middlebrooks, 24, to Shemeka Renay Currie, 22, by James H. Currie II.

Feb. 13 - Victor Lemont Lee, 34, to Sandra Faye Barbee, 42, by Willie E. Dyson.

Feb. 18 - John David Faulk, 34, to Cynthia Reena Tucker, 31, by Joe Swafford.

**Land Transfers**

Feb. 6 - Betty Jean Sorenson to Jennifer R. Redden, Dist. 12, 0.50 acres.

Loyvoid Hill and Joyce Hill to Richard Shands, Dist. 14, lot.

Zenas B. Bridgewater, Bobby R. Bridgewater, and Lisa Bridgewater Morris to Stacey Lee Pike, Dist. 2, lot.

Agape Properties, LLC to Lila Jeanette Neal, Dist. 6, lot.

Bobby Ward and Jean Ward to David W. Hardee and Wendy J. Hardee, Dist. 16, 5.00 acres.

Bessie Glass to Minnie B. Glass Laymon, Robert E. Glass, Willie James Glass, Dorothy Jean Glass Harris, Linda Fay Glass Theus, Nathaniel Glass, Mary Louis Glass Fields, Daniel Lee Glass, and Alice Glass Beard, Dist. 10, lot.

Feb. 9 - Franklin J. Watkins and Janie C. Watkins to Jacky Freeman, Dist. 12, lot.

Lois Barham to R. B. Bailey and Maie Bailey, Dist. 7, 1-1/2 acres.

Steve Holmes and Susan Holmes to Charles L. Randle, Jr. and Janet Randle, Dist. 6, 1.872 acres.

H. P. Webb II and Katie Webb Missildine to Gene Wells and Karen Wells, Dist. 14, 0.5630 acres.

Feb. 10 - Henry Gwinn Matthews and Johnnie A. Matthews to Pete Maragos and Amy Maragos, Dist. 1, 1 tract.

Feb. 11 - R. D. Anderson and B. D. Anderson to Dorothy L. Sprinkle, Dist. 10, 2 acres.

Karen M. Oates Marbrey to Scott Oates and Lisa Oates, Dist. 2, 1.39 acres.

Elizabeth Fisher Parker to Patrick M. Parker, Jr. and Martha Parker, Dist. 1, 61 acres.

Jerry L. Golden and Zer-

lie Golden to Carla Childs, Dist. 10, lot.

Feb. 12 - Carl Rogers and Alecia Rogers to Willie Sam Rogers, Dist. 2, 2.00 acres.

Frances Shepherd Wood Alford, Frances Shepherd Wood, Charles William Wood, and Peggy Jean Wood Brown to Charles William Wood and Peggy Jean Wood Brown, Dist. 10, 2 parcels.

Oletta Winn to Chris Peyton and Stacy Peyton, Dist. 13, lot.

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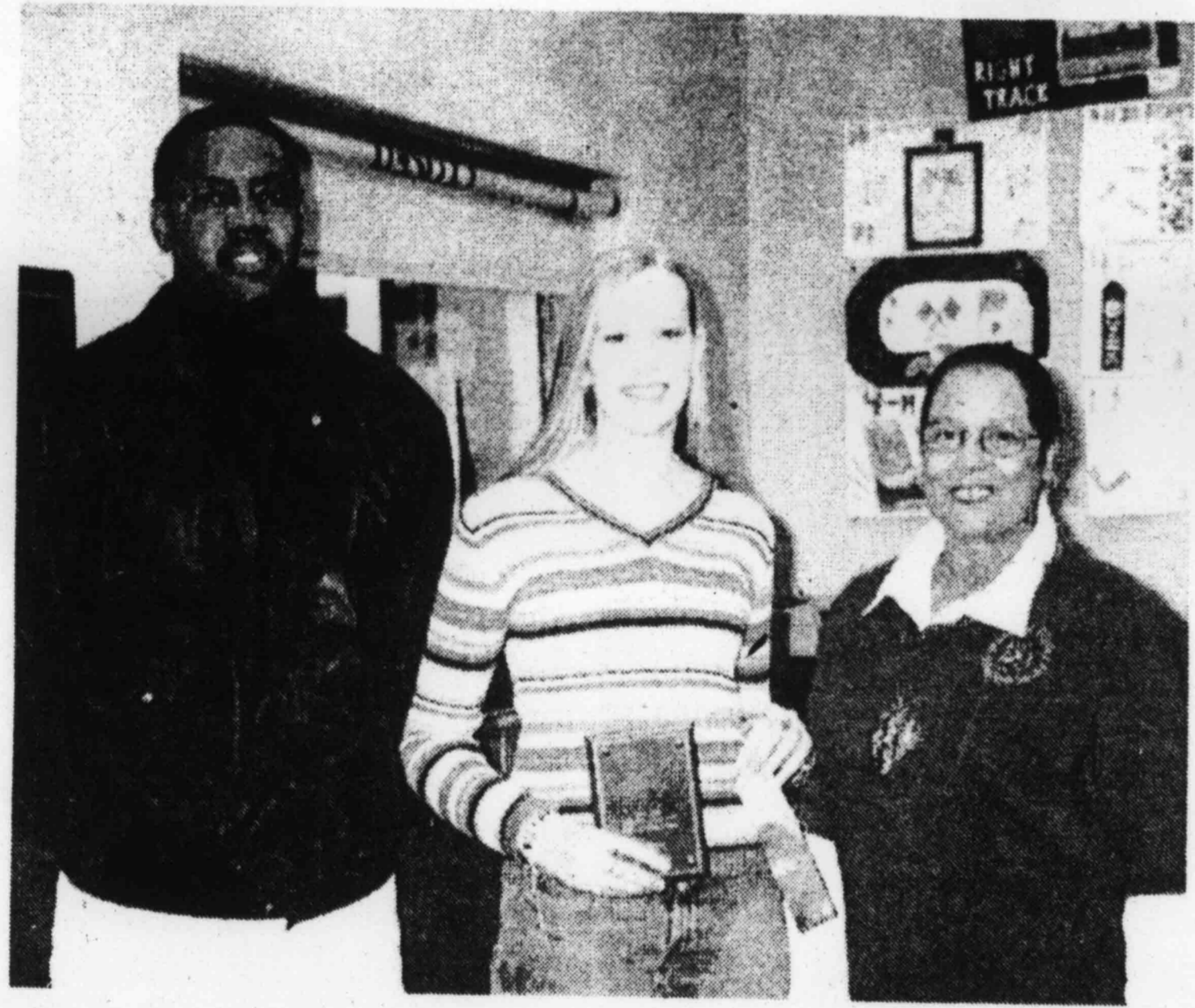
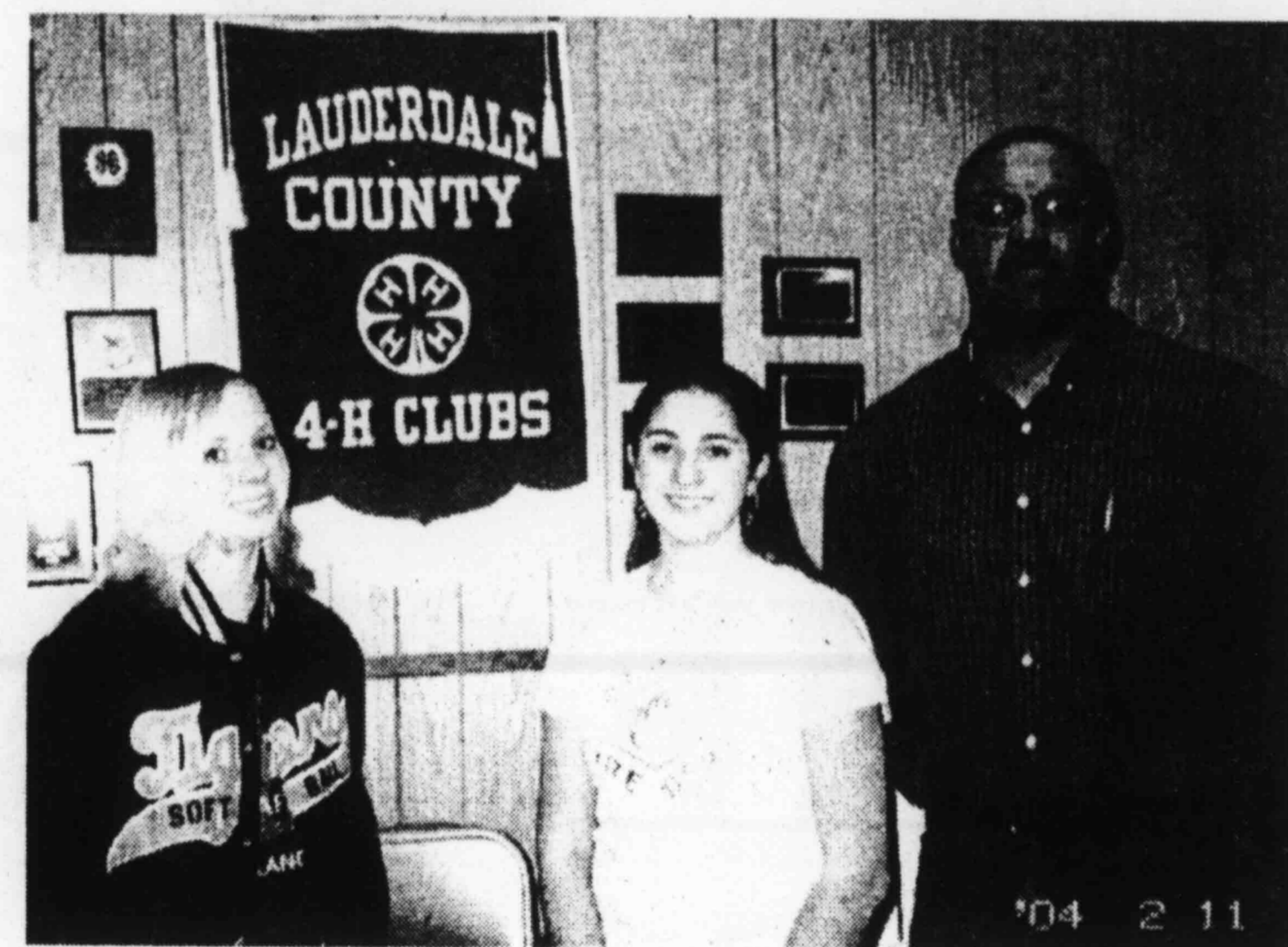
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# County-Wide 4-H Public Speaking Winners



**THE COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**, sponsored by The Bank of Ripley, was held Feb. 10-12th, at the Tennessee Technology Center and Extension Office. Thirty-four Lauderdale County 4-Hers participated in the county contest. Representing Lauderdale County at the district contest Mar. 8th at Freed-Hardeman University are division winners, Terra Owens, Hannah Kelley, Briana Patrick, Charli Henry and Kate Harris.

Fourth grade winners, in upper left photo, from right, are Terra Owens, first place, of Mrs. Kent's 4-H club, at Ripley Elementary School, and runner-up, Caley Lane, of Mrs. Ungerecht's 4-H club, at RES. J. C. Dupree, 4-H agent and Beauton Matthews, of the Bank of Ripley, are in rear. Other fourth grade participants were Kayla Currie, Alyssa Dennis, Shamari Gooch, Beth Huguely, Elizabeth Modlin, Jayla Moore, Ryan Nelson, Dustin

Stephens, Amber Tomas, Lauren Walker and Amanda Wright.

Fifth grade winners, middle left photo, from right, are Hannah Kelley, first place, of Mrs. Nelson's 4-H club, at Halls Elementary School, and Krista Hardy, runner-up, of Mr. Campbell's 4-H club at HES. J. C. Dupree and Linda Anderson, representing the Bank of Ripley, are in rear. Other fifth grade participants were Garvon Bonds, Kayte Cherry, Gordon Johnson, Ashley Jones, Kelsey Lane, Ebone' Pearson, Chelsea Rhodes and Allison Smith.

Sixth grade winners, in lower left photo, from right, are Briana Patrick, first-place, of Ms. Lucas's 4-H club, and Clarissa Stark, runner-up, of Mrs. McCanless's Club at HES. In rear, from left, is Jane Connell, extension agent, and Linda Anderson. Other participants in the sixth grade division were Candice Bond, Courtney Chumley, Casey Crockett, Justin Davis, Jessie Ellison, Summer Henson, Kim Jackson, Logan Long and Sandra Williamson.

In upper right photo, from right, is Charlie Henry, first place winner in the eighth grade division, from Ripley, and Michelle Meeks, runner up, in the ninth grade division, from Halls. J. C. Dupree is at right.

In lower right photo is Kate Harris, center, first place winner in the 9th grade division, from Ripley High School. J. C. Dupree and Eva Drain, Bank of Ripley representative, are standing beside Kate.

## Homemaking Hints

### MAKE YOUR OWN CLEANSERS

(NAPS)—More and more people are making a clean break—and spiffing up their homes with the help of homemade cleaning solutions.



A handy cleaning solution may be right under your nose.

Here are some popular household recipes you can make at home for removing stains, scouring pots and pans, deodorizing garbage cans and cleaning carpets:

- **All-purpose solution.** Mix one part ammonia with three parts water in a spray bottle. Can be used to clean windows, appliances and countertops.

- **Metal miracles.** To scour copper and brass, mix ½ cup vinegar and one tablespoon salt.

- **Deodorize.** Full-strength pine oil is great for deodorizing garbage cans, and for scrubbing the kitchen and bathroom floor.

- **Not just for baking.** Baking soda can be used to remove coffee pot stains and odors, or sprinkle it on carpets before vacuuming for a deep clean.

These suggestions come from Merry Maids, a leading residential-cleaning service. For more tips, visit [www.merymaids.com](http://www.merymaids.com).

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—John Barrymore

**Man's feet are his destiny: they lead him to where he is wanted.**

—Hama

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—Norman Schwarzkopf

**My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me.**

—Benjamin Disraeli

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## Society Presents Donation Elected



MRS. DEAN O'STEEN, center, and Caroline Hanson, not pictured, representatives of the former Henning Historical Society, presented a donation to Pat Higdon, right, for the Veterans' Museum expansion program. The Historical Society completed the projects in Henning, which included painting the storefronts, and purchasing flower pots and flowers for businesses. In addition, they purchased wrought iron benches for the Henning Caboose Park, pink tinted the concrete leading to the caboose, repaired the gazebo, and erected the sign for the Caboose Museum.

Joe O'Steen, left, Dean's husband, spent six months at the Dyersburg Army Air Base. Joe was shot down behind enemy lines, in the South Pacific, and was the only one of this crew to survive. After leaving the hospital, he came to DAAB and later served in the European theatre. He was a veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

"This expansion will showcase the service of area veterans like Joe as well as those currently in service," said Hidgon, Veterans' Museum Director.

### FAKE WEB SITE

The Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) is advising consumers to avoid a national web site, unsub.us, which mimics the language, look and navigation of the National Do-Not-Call Registry.

"Disclosure of a person's email address or other personal information to this site may increase the volume of unwanted email being received," said TRA chairman,

Debi Tate, "and could possibly put one in the position of having their identity stolen."

Tate added that while legislation is pending, there is no "Do-Not-Email" registry, at either the state or federal level.

Consumers, who receive email from organizations claiming to represent the Do-Not-Email Registry, should report such solicitations to the Federal Trade Commission, at 1-877-FTC-HELP, or at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).



MIKE ALLMAND, president of the Ripley Power and Light Company, is the new vice president of the West Tennessee Industrial Association.

The association is in its 47th year of providing industrial and economic development assistance to the 21 county region in West Tennessee.

At the WTIA annual meeting, 2003 vice president, Faron Collins, reported 12 new plants and 89 expansions in 2003, accounting for 2,688 new jobs.

## Uniform Vote Unanimous 'No'

Members of the Lauderdale County Board of Education met Tuesday night in a called meeting at Ripley Elementary School Boardroom to dispense with the issue of school uniforms. After a brief discussion to table the issue, board member Debbie Mays made a motion for the board to vote on the issue instead of at a later date. After board members voted to dismiss the issue unanimously, several spectators applauded.

# Halls Boys Win Dist. 16-A Meet

Halls' High School's boys, top-seeded in the District 16-A basketball tournament at Lake County High School, led Middle College Tuesday of last week, 106-61, to play Lake County, Saturday, for the championship, winning 57-28.

The Tigers led Lake 20-2 in the second period, for a 35-11 lead at half-time.

In double digits for Halls boys face Gleason Halls were LaJoel Nance, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in 19; Dale Strayhorn, 13 the Region 8-A tournament at Trenton Peabody. (one 3-pointer); and Robert Richmond, 10 (two 3-pointers).

## Presenting Donation



MRS. SANDRA CARTER, left, Modern Woodmen of America Camp 15103 secretary, presented a matching funds donation to Pat and Sonny Higdon for the Veterans' Museum, located on Dyersburg Army Air Base in Halls. The camp sponsored a dinner and music program Jan. 22nd as part of the matching funds project. The money will be used to build displays for exhibits at the museum. Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal insurance society which contributes to the communities where their members reside through programs such as this.

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**HALLS HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** held its annual banquet last week. New members inducted for the 2004-2005 school year include, upper photo, in front, from left, Brittany Chipman, Mildred Everth, Sally Jo Turner, Sarah Beth Warren, Zak Kelley and Caitlyn Hurt, and, in rear, from left, Stephen Taylor, Steven Shands, Zach Webb, Audra Smith, Colin Clendenin, Marty Wright and Kellianne Hardee. Not pictured is Rachel Fitzhugh.

The 2004-2005 officers include, lower photo, from left, Bailey Hutcherson, treasurer, Jessica Bentley, reporter, Ashley Adkins, president, Brooke Barnes, vice-president, and Rachel McCaslin, secretary.

### LIVESTOCK MEETING

The Lauderdale County Livestock Association will meet Thurs., Feb. 26th, at 6 p.m., in the Olympic Steak House, on Hwy. 51, in Ripley.

The \$40 membership dues include a meal for a member

### Seeking Sponsors For Casual 4 Kids

During the month of April, designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Exchange Club Tina Turner Family Center is seeking sponsors to help conduct its first Casual 4 Kids campaign, a project where local businesses and civil leaders help raise money for child abuse prevention.

On the first Thursday of April, hundreds of businesses and industries in Tennessee will allow their employees to dress casually if they buy a \$3 Casual 4 Kids sticker.

A corporate sponsor includes giving a \$250 donation to help underwrite the cost of the campaign. A corporate donor agrees to match employee contributions, and a corporate participant is employee participation only.

The deadline, with contribution, is Mar. 1, 2004. Sponsorship includes the company name on all literature and press releases. All proceeds help fund projects of the Tina Turner Center. For further information on the program, call 635-8782.

### Tomato Festival Pageant Date Set

The 2004 annual Tomato Festival beauty pageant date is Sat., Mar. 27th, in the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater, at Ripley High School, beginning at noon.

Participation is open to any resident of Lauderdale County, within the various age categories. Applications are available at all area banks, school offices and Merle Norman.

The entry fee is \$25, and the deadline to enter is Mar. 22nd. A \$5 late fee will be applied to all entries received after the deadline.

Sponsored by the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, pageant categories include Little Mr. and Miss Tomato, noon, ages 0-2, boys and girls; Little Mr. and Miss Lauderdale County, 1 p.m., ages 3-5, boys and girls; Jr. King and Queen, 2 p.m., ages 6-9, boys and girls; Lauderdale County Jr. Miss, 3 p.m., ages 10-12; Miss Lauderdale County Teen, 5 p.m., ages 13-15; and Miss Lauderdale County, 7:30 p.m., ages 16-21.

All pageant winners will represent Lauderdale County at the 21st Annual Tomato Festival July 9th and 10th.

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

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

**Money won is twice as sweet as money earned.**  
 —Richard Price

### School Lunches Lauderdale County Schools

- Monday, March 1st**
- Pizza
  - Corn Dog
  - Potato Wedges
  - Carrot Sticks
  - Orange Sections
  - Fruit Mix
  - Chocolate Chip Cookie
  - Choice Of Milk

- Tuesday, March 2nd**
- Roasted Turkey
  - Chicken Nuggets
  - Lima Beans
  - Steamed Carrots
  - Peaches
  - Pear Halves
  - Roll
  - Choice Of Milk

- Wednesday, March 3rd**
- Southern Fried Chicken
  - Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
  - Whipped Potatoes
  - Green Beans
  - Applesauce
  - Pineapple Tidbits
  - Roll
  - Choice Of Milk

- Thursday, March 4th**
- Chili Pie
  - Deli Sandwich
  - Corn Nibbles
  - Green Peas
  - Peaches
  - Jello w/Fruit
  - Choice Of Milk

- Friday, March 5th**
- Turkey Sandwich
  - Chicken Fillet Sandwich
  - Corn Chips
  - Garden Salad
  - Grapes
  - Pear Halves
  - Brownie
  - Choice Of Milk

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 —Margaret Mead

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 635-1771, for more information!

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## Obituaries

### Mrs. Williams, Our Reporter

Harriette Pulliam Williams, 80, of 8408 Forked Deer Rd., who for many years wrote "Forked Deer Locals" for this newspaper, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home, burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Brownsville.

A member of Brownsville Baptist Church, she was the widow of W. H. "Red" Williams.

She leaves a daughter, Janice (Mrs. Allen) Bird, and a grandson, Will, of Forked Deer.

### Paul Brantley

Paul Brantley, 96, of Ripley, laborer and farmer, died February 17th, at Milan General Hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Matthew Baptist Church, in Ripley, with burial in the church cemetery. Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include two nephews, Steve Turner, of Ripley, and George Turner, of Danville, Ill., who cared for him.

### Hubert E. Criner

Hubert E. Criner, 76, of Ripley, former constable and retired garage owner, died Monday, at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, where he was a member, with burial in the church cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Smith Criner, two brothers, Rozelle Criner and Nolan Criner, and one sister, Louelle Jenkins, all of Ripley; and another brother, Leroy Criner, of Hemet, Calif.

### Martha Wesley

Martha Wesley, 82, of Ripley, homemaker, died Friday at her residence.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday at El Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, in Henning, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, in Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

The widow of Jessie Wesley, she leaves one son, Roger Wesley, and two daughters, Elsie Matthews and Katie Thornton, all of Ripley; another son, Howard Wesley, of Henning; two brothers, Dan Shaw, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Willie L. Shaw, of South Carolina; and one sister, Lula Andrews, of Marion, Ind.

### Mrs. Vowell

Ruby Nell Vowell, 64, sister of James Colvett, of Halls, died Thursday of last week in Huntingdon Health Center.

Rites were Sunday in Oakview Memorial Park near Alamo, Lawrence-Sorenson Funeral Home in charge.

She had owned and operated a dry cleaner business.

She was the widow of Jackie Vowell. Survivors include sons, James, of Henderson, and Toby, of Lexington; sister, Frances Bushart and Jill Colvett, of Brownsville; another brother, Dennis, of Moscow; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### William Lake

William Earnest Lake, 74, of Henning, died Sunday at his residence.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, in Henning, with burial in the church cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Boyd Lake, of Henning; one son, Bernard Lake, of Indianapolis, Ind.; one daughter, Lita Harris, of Chicago, Ill.; one sister, Gladys Vanhoose, of Chicago; and three grandchildren.

### James E. Rylee

James E. Rylee, 75, of Lafayette, La., husband of Donna Thompson Rylee, formerly of Henning, died February 16th, at his residence.

Services were at 11 a.m. February 19th, at Delhomme Funeral Home, in Lafayette, with gravesite services at 10 a.m., February 20th, at St. Paul Cemetery, Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge locally.

A LCDR retired U.S. Navy helicopter pilot, he flew and logged more than 11,245 hours in more than 25 different types of aircraft, including 7,800 hours in helicopters. He was the recipient of the National Defense Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, the Enlisted Good Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Aviation Writers Association Helicopters Heroism Award.

After the service, he flew more than 10,000 hours in offshore oil-field support missions, and was awarded the Helicopter Association International Pilot Safety Award for 5,000 hours civilian helicopter time without an accident or violation.

He was a member of the Association of Naval Aviation, Inc., Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Military Officers Association of America, Naval Airship Association, Inc., the Tailhook Association, Distinguished Flying Cross Society, Helicopter Association and VFW Post 3798.

Other survivors include three sons, James E. Rylee, III, of Memphis, John Michael Rylee, of Grapevine, Tex., and Patrick Lee Rylee, of Millbrae, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

### R. R. Hannah

Roland Richard Hannah, 64, step-father of Phyllis Evans, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Alden Nursing Center in Chicago, Ill.

Rites were Tuesday in the cemetery of the Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He was the widower of Thelma Bernice Hannah. Survivors include daughters, Anita, Cynthia, and Rollette Hannah, and a sister, Beverly Bobanon, of Chicago, Ill.; brothers, Reginald, of Chicago, and Stanley, of Las Vegas, Nev.; and 14 grandchildren.

### Morris McAlister

Morris Hill "Bad Eye" McAlister, 70, of Halls, retired truck driver, died Thursday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

He leaves his wife, Sharon A. Sanders McAlister; sons, William, of Clarksville, Scott, of Nashville, Kenton, of LaSalle, Ill., Brian, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jeffrey, of Denver, Colo.; daughters, Denise McAlister, of Halls, Vicky Floyd, of Dyersburg, Pam Higley, of Clarksville, and Cheryl Payton, of Madisonville, Ky.; a brother, Sterling, of Halls; sisters, Betty Hughes, Helen Kirkpatrick, and Jennette Gilliland, of Halls, and Myra Buford, of Alamo; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Mrs. Barlow

Kathy Ann Reed Barlow, 46, wife of Ronald Dean Barlow, of 174 Spring, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Sunday in Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Haywood County, with burial there, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She had been employed by Todd Uniform.

Survivors include her mother, Lue Birder Reed, and a daughter, Cynthia Reed, of Brownsville; a son, Elliot Reed, of Memphis; a step-son, Ronald, Jr., of Ripley; sisters, Cordie S. House, of Gates, Debra Jones, of Ripley, and Lunnie B. Tyus and Toni Y. Simmons, of Brownsville; brothers, Richard Dwayne Crew, of Ripley, and Archie, Bennie, Oliver, Warren, and Willie Reed, of Rockford, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

**After I'm dead I'd rather have people ask why I have no monument than why I have one.**

—Cato

**Where there is great love, there are always miracles.**

—Willie Cather

### William Kyser

William Anderson Kyser, 64, of Somerville, brother of Emily Staggs, of Ripley, died Feb. 16th, at Methodist Hospital in Germantown.

Services were at 3 p.m. February 17th, at Peebles Funeral Home, in Somerville, with burial in Hood Cemetery, in the Warren Community.

He was a truck driver for Custom Transportation Company and enjoyed fishing and vegetable gardening.

Other survivors include his wife, Brenda J. Henley Kyser; two sons, Kenneth D. Kyser and Kevin Kyser, both of Somerville; three daughters, Ann Kyser and Tracey Kyser, of Oakland, and Cynthia M. Kelly, of Collierville; two brothers, Jerry Kyser, of Somerville, and Thomas Kyser, of Williston; four other sisters, Marie Watson, Darlene Rosson and Sue White, all of Brownsville, and Earlene Kyser, of St. Louis, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Fayette County Chapter of the American Heart Association.

### Mr. Beard

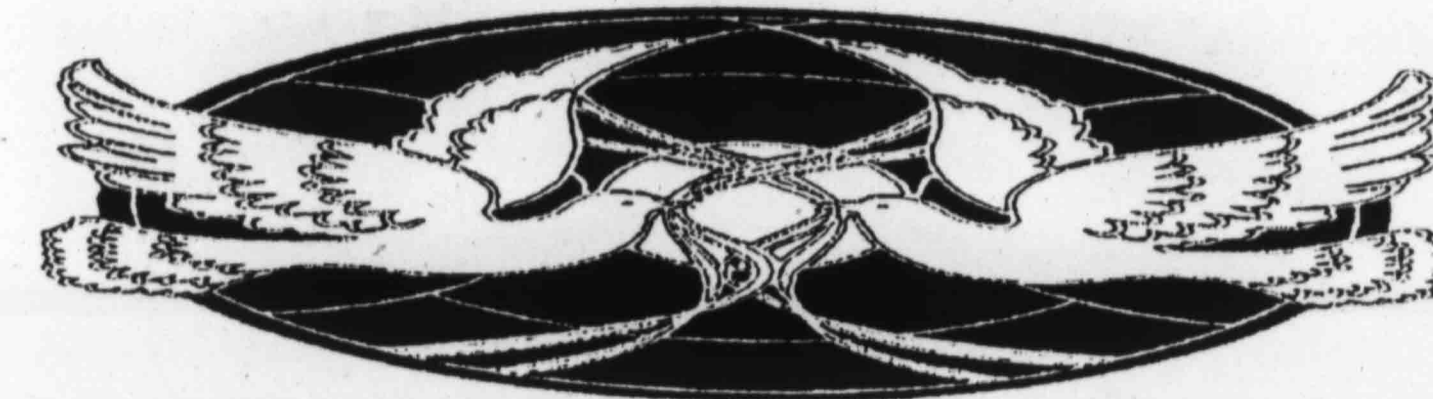
Montgomery Beard, 98, of Gates, farmer, died Friday, at Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Services were at noon Tuesday at St. Luke Baptist Church, in Ripley, with burial in the church cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

Survivors include four sons, Alonzo Beard, of Ripley, Lazell Beard and Henry Beard, of Gates, and Dwight Beard, of Nashville; seven daughters, Vernerdean Tyus, Tenthly Pounds and Martha Fields, of Ripley, Genora Flagg, of Nashville, Hetty Jones, of Savannah, Ga., Mary Napier, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Laura Holloway, of Chicago, Ill.; and one sister, Vera Sprow, of St. Louis, Mo.

**Be faithful to that which exists nowhere but in yourself—and thus make yourself indispensable.**

—Andre Gide



## Church Happenings

Halls First United Methodist Church, 110 Gate 6 Rd., will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly March 7th through the 10th with Jackie Fincher as guest speaker. The Fincher Family will perform gospel selections at 4:30 p.m. Sunday with a spaghetti supper to follow. The public is invited.

Halls Westside Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 28th featuring Under Grade and the Halls Westside Puppets of Worship. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call Kirby Ogden, 286-2179 or 589-2178. The public is invited.

Faith United Methodist Church, 8301 Hwy. 87 W., Henning, will sponsor an afternoon of singing at 1:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 29th with the Calvary Echos, Alex Powell, Rick Adams, and Arlene Palmer as special guests. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church, 102 E. Tigrett St., Halls, will continue the '40 Days of Purpose' study of *The Purpose Driven Life* at 9:45 a.m. Sun., Feb. 29th. The public is invited. For more information, call 836-7116.

North Jackson Baptist Church, in Jackson, will sponsor Revival America Crusade with Jeff Steele and the gospel group, The Steeles, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sun., Feb. 29th and continuing at 6 p.m. Sunday night and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday nights. Good News 93.1 FM radio station is co-sponsoring the event. For more information, call 731-663-3931. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life Church of God in Christ, 315 Ann St., Halls, will sponsor a Black History Program, *Embracing the Past, Heading Towards A Brighter Future*, after morning services Sun., Feb. 29th. An old fashion dinner will be held after the program. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 197 Drake St., Ripley, will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 28th featuring the Reeds, Frog Jump Quartet, and Witness. The public is invited.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, at Durhamville, will hold a spring revival Sun., Feb. 29th through Wed., March 3rd with Jackie Fincher as the guest speaker. Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly with a pot luck supper to be held at 6 p.m. Sunday night. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ will hold a pre-anniversary service at 7:30 p.m. Fri., Feb. 27th for Supt. L. C. Hayslett and his wife's, First Lady Frankie, 31st anniversary. The public is invited.

The Grace Bible Baptist Church, Hwy. 51 N. By-Pass, Halls, will hold a special youth night at 5 p.m. Sat., Feb. 28th with activities, singing, preaching, and supper for those attending. The public is invited. For more information, or for a ride, call 731-836-5501.

Ripley Church of God will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Feb. 29th featuring Southern Heritage. Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the

Edith Methodist Church, located on Edith Nankipoo Rd., will hold a spaghetti supper and gospel singing beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sat., March 6th. The Reed Family will perform gospel selections beginning at 7 p.m. 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.

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—Anatole France

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The United Methodist Men will hold a spaghetti supper afterwards in the fellowship hall,

donations accepted.

**The public is invited.**

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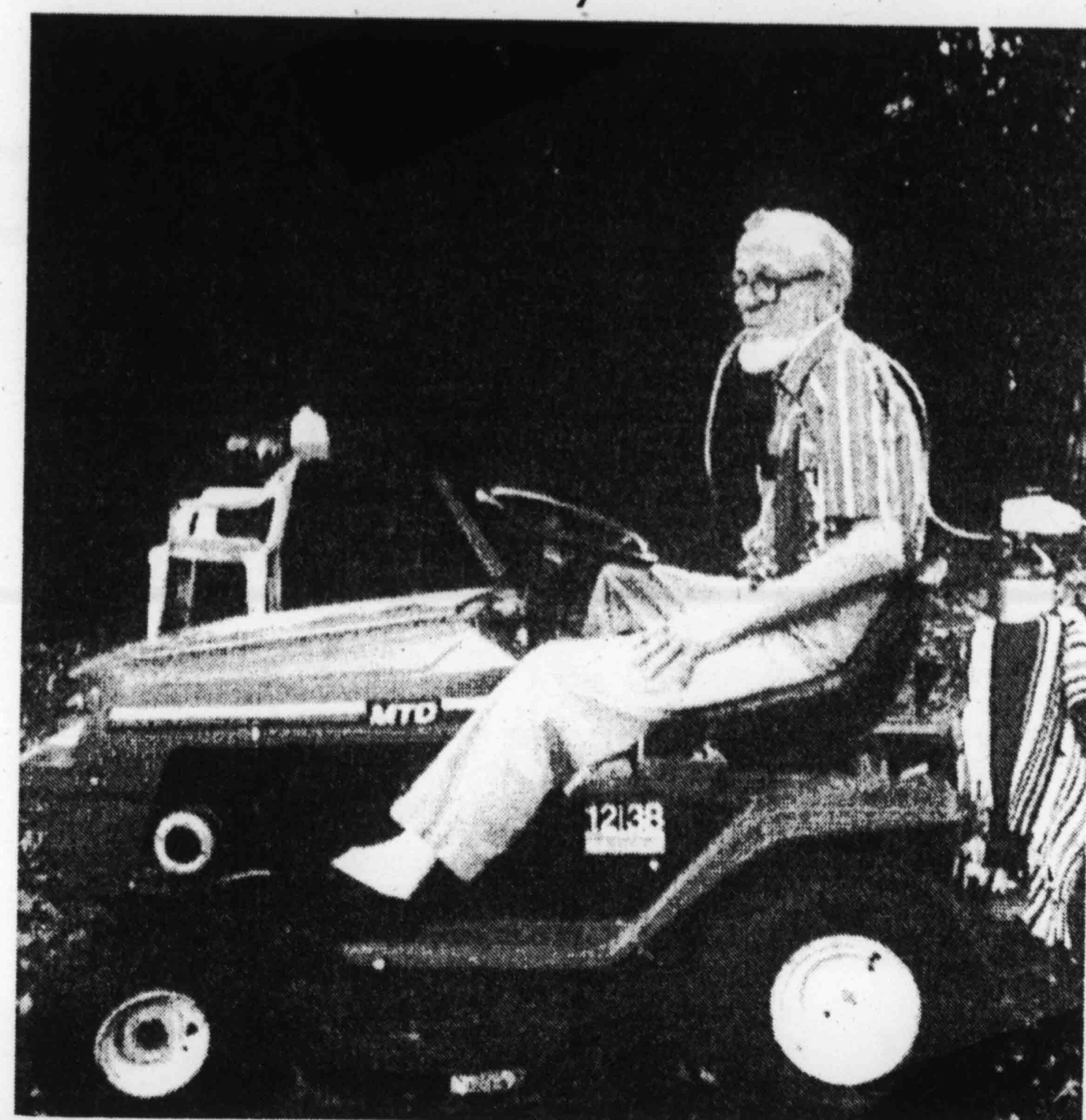
Principal List students at Halls High School for the second term include seniors, Jessica Benjamin, Heather Cowan, Sallye Rae Hartman, Cassie Hinson, Amanda Hunt, Whitney Kee, Julie Pratt, Felicia Thomas and Kevin Ward; juniors, Ashley Adkins, Brooke Barnes, Amanda Bell, Jennifer Buntin, Bailey Hutcherson, Niki Lee, Rachel McCaslin, Erin Shands and Derrica Simmons; sophomores, Lisa Cherry, Colin Clendenin, Mildred Everth, Rachel Fitzhugh, Kellianne Hardee, Jeremy Hudson, Caitlyn Hurt, Allorie Smith, Audra Smith, Anna Spray, Sally Jo Turner and Sarah Beth Warren; and freshmen, Alex Aitken, Leamond Arthur, Bree Burns, Rachel Clark, Kristen Crihfield, Heather Fitzhugh, Anna Hartman, Rachel Isaak, Corbin Lee, Sara McBroom, Michelle Meeks, Latorya Patrick, Kyle Ray, Daniel Sanders, Krystal Ward and Hailey Watts.

Gold List students include seniors, Braden Burns, Jessica Crihfield, Trina Curington, Charvareta Dennis, Kristina Edwards, Pam Frazier, Angela Green, Allison Howell, Holly London and Diane Vaughn; juniors, Jessica Bentley, Jessica Matthews, Tiffany Patrick, Eric Spangler, Kristina Willette, Samantha Wright and Ryan Young; sophomores, Chase-ton Dudas, Jamelle Patrick, Steven Shands, Tina Shands, Amber Smith, Samantha Stafford, Zach Webb and Marty Wright; and freshmen, Rebekah Angotti, Ashley Blakely, Sarah Beth Cherry, Rachel Crutchfield, Logan Davis, Chad Hardy, Christina Hutcherson, Quila Smith and Justin Terry.

**Happiness comes only when we push our brains and hearts to the farthest reaches of which we are capable.**

—Leo Rosten

### Creativity Noted



**ROBERT BUTTS**, of Ripley, tired of being caged in his house, used his ingenuity and put a rack on the back of a riding mower to hold his oxygen tank, creating a mobility device, allowing him to travel outside his home. A former plumber, he has a serious case of emphysema and is virtually housebound. The photograph was submitted by Ainslie and Judy Young, of Los Alamos, NM. The Butts home was across the road, on Curve-Woodville Rd., from the Buford Lawson farm. Mr. Butts acquired the riding mower after Mr. Lawson was moved to a nursing home.

### Divorces

Deborah Cox Mills vs. Gregory Howard Mills.

Donna Jo Childress Edenfield vs. Daniel Earl Edenfield, Jr.

Anthony Dewayne Mabins vs. Myra Denise Barbee Mabins.

William Donald Wright vs. Misty Denise Leek Wright.

Jimmy Ray Merriman, Jr. vs. Robin Michelle Jenkins Merriman.

### Anniversaries

Feb. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Tutor, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Rivera, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Everett.

Feb. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lynch.

March 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Don

### Marriages

Feb. 14 - Gregory William Hallock, 32, to Tracy Diane Summar, 25, by Lajoy D. Currie.

David Brian Hardy, 27, to Crystal Gail Wakefield, 23, by Leonard Wakefield.

Mark Wayne Coker, Sr., 34, to Shelia Jean Calvario, 34, by Don Medford.

Feb. 20 - Ray Field Washington III, 26, to Laskoshia Charmaine Graves, 22, by Tracy Henson.

Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horner.

March 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Connell, Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Kiestler.

March 3 - Mr. and Mrs. John Blakley.

The best way to keep one's word is not to give it.

—Napoleon Bonaparte

### Land Transfers

Feb. 13 - Ronald Vernon Roberts, John Wilkes Roberts, Donna Lou Roberts Ewell, and James O. Ewell to G. Ladd Roberts and Shelby J. Roberts, Dist. 8, 2 tracts.

S. N. Anthony, Jr., William Maxwell, and John B. Anthony to William D. Taylor, Sr. and Julie G. Taylor, Dist. 6, 2 lots.

Pamela Neal and Thomas Neal to John Stephen Neal, Dist. 1, 1.0 acre.

Feb. 17 - Randy Lankford and Charles S. Cherry, Sr. to Charlotte Bates, Dist. 2, 1.00 acres.

Nathan A. Bridges, Linda Bridges, and Dorothy J. Carmack Bridges to David K. Bridges and Donna J. Bridges, Dist. 14, 4.5 acres.

Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation to Samuel N. Laxton and Mary S. Laxton, Dist. 17, 0.33 acres.

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

Jonathan Alan Gay and Susan Marie Gay to Jennifer L. Ziemianin, Dist. 4, lot.

Feb. 18 - Maurice Gaines, Jr. and Memory Gaines to Samuel M. Edwards, Linda Edwards, Danny R. Tillman, and Pam Tillman, Dist. 2, 2.78 acres.

Mamie Wright to Teresa Ann Robinson, Dist. 2, lot.

Barbara J. Goff and Barbara J. Shoemake to Jacquelyn Broadnax, Dist. 2, lot.

Feb. 19 - William B. Simpson and Barbara J. Simpson to Barbara J. Goff, Dist. 14, 0.347 acres.

Jeremy Prater and Carla Prater to Jerry Buckner and Donna Buckner, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Michael Alan Miller, Mauryne Joy Fenton, Geoffrey Scott Miller, and Floy Carolyn Sachritz Miller to

Mark Olds, Jerry Olds, Mary Olds, Bryan Olds, Julia Olds, and Melinda Olds, Dist. 10, 69.202 acres.

Phillip D. Fleming and Shelia S. Fleming to Farm Credit Services of Mid-America FLCA and T. Mike Estes, trustee, lot.

Feb. 20 - John Eskridge, Joseph Eskridge, Heather Eskridge, and Eskridge Brothers Properties to Dale Hutcherson, Dist. 12, 3 tracts.

Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Ed Crowell, Dist. 2, 0.667 acres.

Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Jim Pickens, Dist. 2, 0.225 acres.

### Birthdays

Feb. 26 - Stephanie Young, Jean Hansford, Anna Beard, John Paige Hendren.

Feb. 27 - Jennifer McNeill, Roque Rubio, Cindy Schuh, Bobbie Wilson, Bobby Cain, Jon Hargett, Neil Dyer, Dena Harden, Daniel Pruitt, Danny Pruitt, Bryan Bomar, Will McCullough, Phillip Glenn, Shirley Garton.

Feb. 28 - Jeff Shelton, Nadine Cannon, Bennett Bailey, Rhonda Edmondson, Allyson

Hartman, Sallye Rae Hartman, Carley Cherry, Beth Avery Dancy, Jenny Clark, Murrey Wakefield, Gregg Brown, Melissa Hurt, Jeanette Hamby, Jim Lockschmidt.

Feb. 29 - Kim Rhodes, Sandy McLemore.

March 1 - Chris Rhodes, Danny Young, Christopher Reynolds, Billy Green, Ricky DeSpain, Nick Nunn, Brooke Cole, Leon Hargett, Will Glenn, Terry Garrett.

March 2 - Bryan Harris, Kelly Harrison, Michael L. Gaines, John Austin, Susan Scott, Kay Steelman, Kenny Parham, Felicia Klutts, Kaleb Hamlet, Jack Newman, Clois Spray, Harrell Nation, Guilford Williams, Maxie Ferguson, Jonathan Lee Randolph.

March 3 - Kim Young, Larry Hawks, Ashley Hamby, Stacy Beard, Charlotte Cooper, Van Thompson, Taylor Rai, Geraldine Chipman; Seal Elder, Denise Prescott, Crystal Belew, Ivan Criner, Sharon Permenter, Kimberly Wood, M. L. Hudson.

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—A. Neilen

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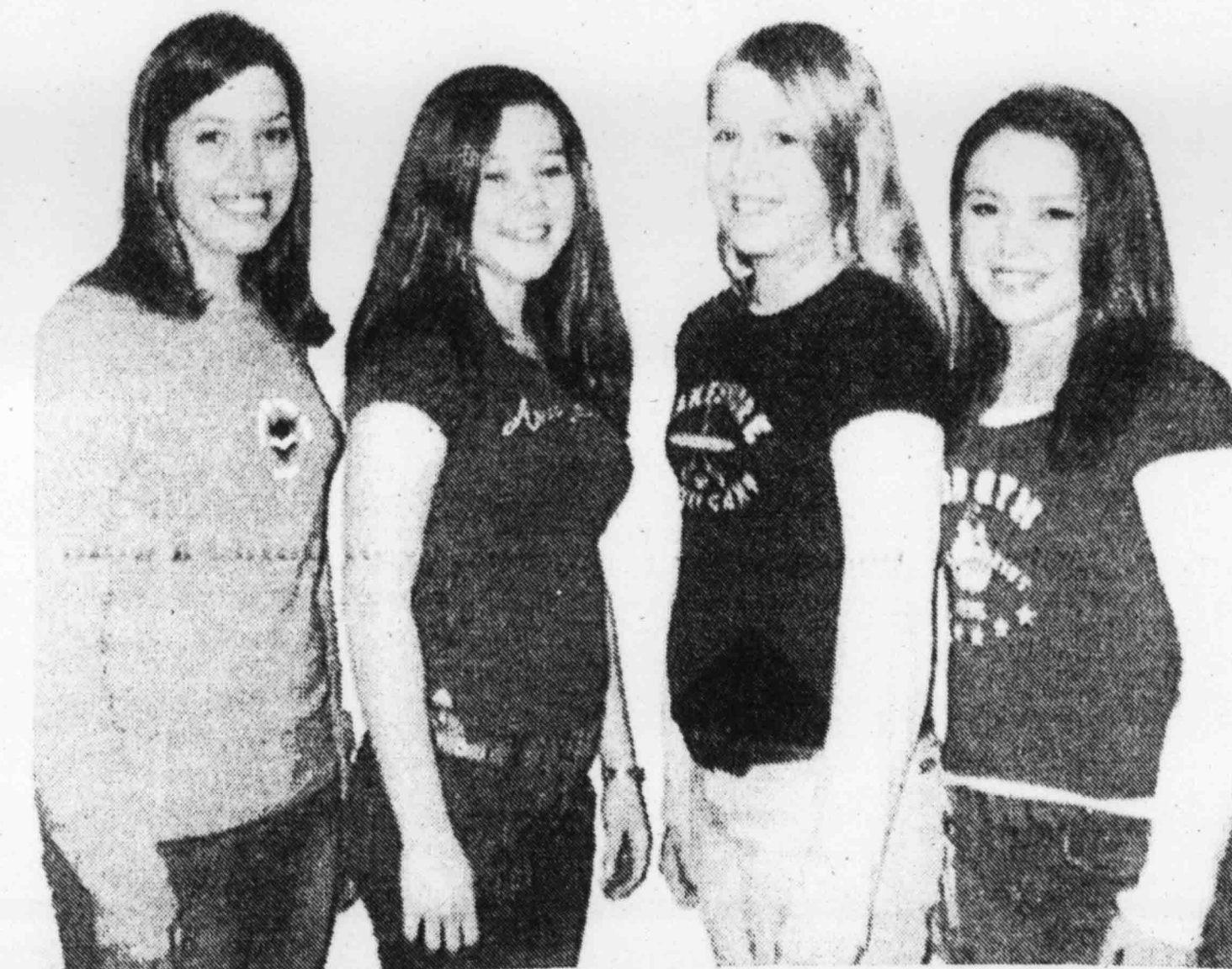
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### Jr. Miss Pageant



**THE LCEA SCHOLARSHIP JR. MISS PAGEANT** is set for Fri., Mar. 5th, 7 p.m., in the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater at Ripley High School. Proceeds will fund the Lauderdale County Education Association Scholarship for seniors from Halls High School and Ripley High School.

Pageant contestants are, in front, from left, Devin Blankenship, Koralee Langley, Kate Harris, Catelyn Meadows, Catherine Midkiff and Monica Crowder; in middle, from left, Chasity Ashmore, Reunte Copeland, Demetria Currie, Brooke Mays, Meghan Thompson, Mallory Fleming, Danielle Kirkpatrick, Anna Mills, Lori Leigh Ferguson, Jennifer Nelson, Adrian Wilson, Hayley Harber, Tiffany Anderson, Paulita Edmondson, Whitney Austin and Natalie Schneider; and, in rear, from left, Leslie Hardee, Krystle Holmes, Britney Herron, Kim Thompson, Tabitha Starnes, Emilee Dennison, Catherine Carpenter, Caitlyn Harrison, Paige Emerson, Mallory Pipkin and Brittany Hudson.

In lower photo, Halls contestants include, from left, Kristen Hinton, Kelli Reynolds, Kristen McCallister, and Maddison Stanley.

Truth that has merely been learned is like an artificial limb; it adheres to us only because it is put on. But truth acquired by thought of our own is like a natural limb; it alone really belongs to us.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

### FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The State of Tennessee Dept. of Human Services reported that \$66 million dollars in food stamp benefits were issued to Tennessee families in January, compared with \$58 million in January 2003.

For the last state fiscal year, the average household size was 2.3 persons, and the average household monthly benefit was \$172.

The Food Stamp program benefits are 100% federally funded through the United States Dept. of Agriculture, and administered by Human Services, providing nutritional assistance benefits to children and families, the elderly, disabled, unemployed and working families. For more information to view a county breakdown of food stamp participation issuance, visit website <http://www.state.tn.us/humanserv/fs-participation.htm>.

Force without mind falls by its own weight.

—Horace

People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

—Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

### Friday Vows Slated



**KELLY NICOLE GRIGGS**, daughter of Raymond and Michelle Simpson, of Henning, and Tommy and Jean Mills, of Ripley, will marry Michael Brian Moore, son of Ricky and Jackie Moore, of Ripley, and Steve and Teresa Roberson, of Halls, at 6 p.m. Fri., Feb. 27th at the Tulip Tree Wedding chapel in Jackson in a private ceremony.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Ripley High School and a 2003 graduate of Dyersburg State Community College with a degree in nursing. She is employed by Dyersburg Regional Medical Center in the Med-Surg Unit as a registered nurse.

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Butler High School in Huntsville, Ala. He is employed at Quebecor World in Dyersburg.

The couple will reside in Ripley.

### Attends Conference



**LISA HANKINS**, left, Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, attended the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives Legislative Reception and Conference last week in Nashville. While there, Hankins met with State Senator Mark Norris, right. The TCCE group also met with several of the State Commissioners and Rebecca Paul, head of the new Tennessee Lottery program.

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**COTTON REFERENDUM**

State Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens announced that a referendum of West Tennessee cotton growers has been set for 10 working days, beginning Mar. 8th, to decide the continuation and refinancing of the boll weevil eradication program.

"The referendum will give cotton growers a chance to have their voice heard in the future of the program and to reduce their assessment," said Givens.

Under the proposed reauthorization and refinancing plan, growers would pay a single assessment rate of \$12.25 per acre for all of West Tennessee, based on a ten-year payback..

Farmers are currently assessed \$20 to \$32.25 per acre of cotton growing, depending on the program area. If the referendum fails, the current rates would remain in effect.

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.

Average cotton yields have increased 154 lbs. per acre since the program began in 2000, and insecticide use for boll weevil control has been drastically reduced.

All eligible cotton growers will be mailed an official ballot Mar. 1st. Ballots can be mailed or returned in person to the local USDA Farm Service Agency, beginning Mar. 8th through Mar. 19th, during normal business hours.

The referendum requires a two-thirds majority of growers voting in order to pass. Results will be announced Mar. 25th.

There are approximately 4,000 cotton growers in Tennessee, and according to statistics, the state's cotton yield

averaged 792 lbs. of lint per acre in 2003, up 51 lbs. from 2002, and a new state record.

A yield record has been set for two of the last three years in Tennessee. The value of farm receipts from

cotton was \$179 million in 2002, making it second only to soybeans as a leading cash crop in Tennessee.

Further information and a sample ballot are available by visiting [www.tennessee.gov/agriculture](http://www.tennessee.gov/agriculture), then clicking the Cotton Referendum link.

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**He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.**

—Richard Brooks

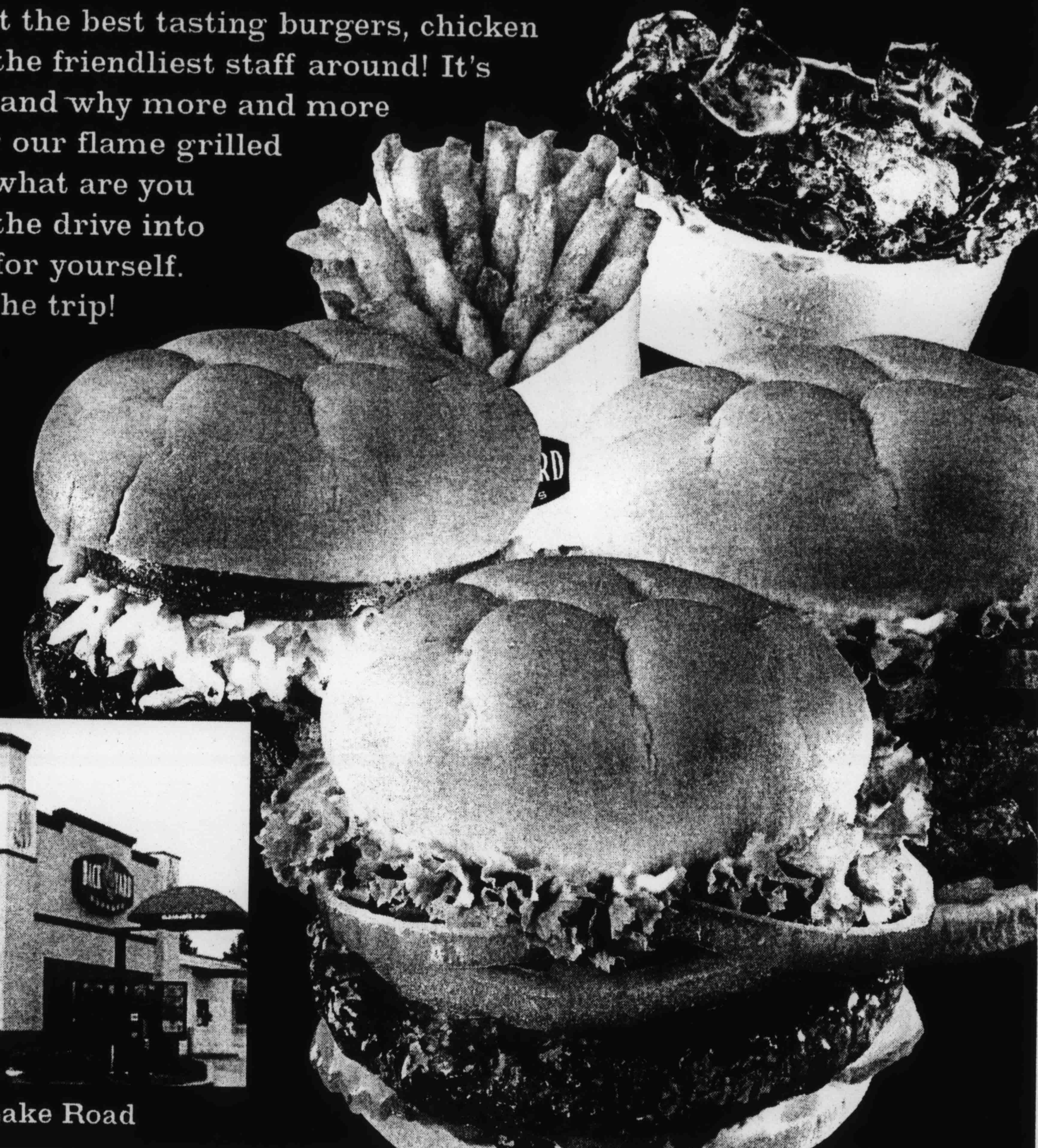
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