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Stolen Items Found



ANNA WALLER, 9, daughter of Pam and Milton Waller, of Gates, was presented an Easter basket Monday from Gates Police Chief Jeff Crowder to show the department's appreciation for her efforts in recovering some of the stolen antique silverware, belonging to Bill Kelly, who is Anna's music teacher at Halls Elementary School. She found a box of silverware Thursday afternoon of last week in a ditch, near her home, while waiting on the ice cream truck. She ran to her house and informed her parents, who alerted the Gates Police Department. Some of the pieces were missing and if anyone knows of the whereabouts of the items, call Gates Police Department, 836-7501.

Completes Marathon



RANDY SMITH, in rear, of Halls, completed the Andrew Jackson 1/2 marathon in Jackson Sat., April 1st. Participating in the 5K were The Rev. John and Janet Compere, in front, right, of Halls, and Jeremy and Melissa Helton, left, of Ripley. Pictured with them are Elizabeth and Rachel Compere. All proceeds benefited abused children in the West Tennessee area.

Mega Site Focus Of Halls Meeting

Town of Halls Mayor Trent McManus informed the board of aldermen of progress on the Mega Site during the monthly meeting Monday. The town is submitting the last pieces of information on the Mega Site to determine whether its site meets all the necessary requirements. He expected to have an answer by the next board meeting. Mayor McManus reported on the Halls Industrial Board's two meetings last month, one a training session to help prepare to handle an industrial prospect, the second, to review and implement its plan to recruit industry.

The summer feeding program was discussed, to be run out of Kevan Ward Park and to provide youth with a free lunch. The Northside Advisory Board would need to meet and solicit help to run the program. The Movies in the Park program is planned to begin in May.

Halls Chief of Police Rod Ward and the mayor have been meeting to discuss solutions to the reports of loud music, stray dogs, and have been working together on a grant to upgrade the police department equipment.

Alderman James Tyus stated the Town of Halls should look into the possibility for obtaining a warning system for storms and disasters. Alderman Tyus estimated the cost between \$100,000 to \$150,000. Mayor McManus stated it was an excellent idea and he would work with Fire Chief John Meeks to research all the possible funding options.

A resolution was passed to amend the urban growth

Proclamation Signed



LAUDERDALE COUNTY MAYOR ROZELLE CRINER, center, City of Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic, left, and Town of Halls Mayor Trent McManus, right, signed a proclamation Monday declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month. Representatives of the Tina Turner Family Center, from left, Rick Adams, executive director, Angie Smith, family services assistant, and David Elkins, were on hand to witness the event.

LCLC HOSTS PROGRAM

Lauderdale Community Living Center will host a program on Home Based Community Service Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the facility dining room. Barbara Baker, of Lauderdale Department of Human Services, will present the informational program for different programs and services available. There will be a short Family Council meeting following the program. The community is invited.

boundary for the Town of Halls.

The meeting closed with Mayor McManus reading a proclamation he signed earlier in the day with Lauderdale County Mayor Rozelle Criner, and City of Ripley Mayor Jon Pavletic, proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and by leading a prayer for all the victims of the storms and their families.

Petitions Returned In August Election

Petitions returned for the August 3rd State Primary and County General election include Ronnie Etheridge, County Commissioner District 2; Leonard Wakefield and Judy Conrad, County Commissioner District 5; Don Fisher, County Commissioner District 8; Malinda Gause Russell, County Clerk; and Don Ray, School Board District 7.

Gladys D. Nance picked up a petition, but had not returned as of Tuesday, for County Clerk.

Candidates have until noon Thursday to turn in qualifying petitions and noon April 13th to withdraw.

Voters have until July 3rd to register and early voting begins July 14th through 29th.

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Divorces

Randy Thomas Pratt vs. Clara Diane Lowery Pratt.
Angela Vaughn Gean vs. Mark Lee Gean.
Kenny Wayne Theus vs. Tracey Magee Theus.
Virginia Lee Akins vs. Kim Cornelious Akins.
Carla Danetta Stroder Tart

vs. Ernest William Tart, Jr.
William Doyal Whitson vs. Patsy Sue Whitson.
John David Coston vs. Beverly Sue Jerden Coston.
Hazel Mae Johnson Humphrey vs. Dennis Humphrey.
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Newborn



ADDISON CLAIRE BECKER, 7 lb. daughter of James and Michelle Becker, of Ripley, was born at 12:18 p.m. March 18th at Methodist Le Bonheur Hospital in Memphis. Measuring 19 inches long, she is the granddaughter of Ricky and Denise Blankenship, of Halls, and Minnie Lane, of Ripley.

Birthdays

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

April 7 - Amanda K. Lane, Kelly Crawford, Caroline Cannon, Marion Ward, Wanda Brewer, David Elkins, Regina Fleming, Jimmy Goforth, Billie Crihfield, Lindsey Jones, Teresa White, Madison Walker, Tonya Joyce, Katie Brassfield, Payne Fullen, Matthew Swope, Michelle Jones.

April 8 - Andrew Belton, Ouida Belton, Thomas Terry, Kim Tyler Hyde, Cheryl Reynolds, Devona Temple Shaw, Greg Coughlan, William Massengill, Nancy Mooney, Joseph Henson, Ryan Reynolds, Milford Durham.

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

April 10 - Dr. Joe Hunt,

INCOME TAX FILING

Tax season is in full swing, and the April 15th deadline is fast approaching. Since the 15th falls on a Saturday this year, returns may be filed until April 17th. The Tennessee Department of Revenue reminds individual income tax filers that online filing of this tax, commonly known as the Hall income tax, is available on its website, www.Tennessee.gov/revenue. Like Revenue's other electronic applications, this option is a convenient, worry-free tax filing service that performs some or all calculations for filers.

This tax is imposed on individuals and other entities receiving interest from bonds and notes and dividends from stock. The rate is six percent of taxable income. A few exemptions exist. The first \$1,250 in taxable income received by a single filer is exempt. The first \$2,500 in taxable income received by a joint filer is exempt. People over 65 with total income less than \$16,200 for a single filer or \$27,000 for a joint filer are exempt. More information is available on the department's website.

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Deborah Morris, Katherine Anthony, Mackenzie Haislip, Joe Mason McDowell, II, Kim McAdams, Linda Lewis, Tracie Taylor, Penne Pickard, Scotty Holcomb, Cathy Hughes.

April 11 - Jeff Fitzhugh, Delton Jackson, Rhonda Owens, Gerrilynn Hayslett Halliburton, Amy Morris, James Sylvester, Maddy Moore, Abby Moore, Brian Jenkins.

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

Merit Scholarships Offered To Seniors

The Lauderdale County Education Foundation is offering two \$500 merit scholarships to graduating seniors, involved in the community. Applications are available at the guidance office at Ripley High and Halls High Schools and the office of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD. Deadline to apply is April 17th. Mail completed applications to Lauderdale County Education Foundation, c/o Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, 123 S. Jefferson St., Ripley, TN 38063.

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Obituaries

Mary Beard

Mrs. Mary Beard, 91, died Tuesday of last week in Ripley Healthcare, of cardio-pulmonary arrest.

Rites were Saturday in Henning Grove Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves a brother, Henry Nolen, of Lorain, Ohio; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a niece who looked after her, Mrs. Lily Adams, of Halls.

'W. C.' Braden

William Braden, 78, of Brownsville, brother of Gene Braden, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Northridge Woodhaven Funeral Home in Millington.

He had retired in 1980, as a captain, after 32 years in the Memphis Police Department.

Survivors include his wife, Doris; daughters, Penny Braden, of Nashville, Kerry Fleet, of Hickory Withe, in Fayette County; and Marsha Jessup, of Memphis; another brother, Elmer, of Alabama; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. T. J. Smith

Cleo Smith, 85, of Ripley, the wife of T. J. Smith, died March 25th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington, of cardio-pulmonary arrest.

Rites were Saturday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in the cemetery of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Tipton County, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Besides her husband, she leaves sons, Connell and Joe, of Ripley, James and T. J., Jr., of Memphis, and Billy and Terry Lee Smith, of Nashville; daughters, Anita Burnett, Arlene Reed, Earlene Barbee, Ella Caper, Hazel Rouser, and Shirley Sanders, of Ripley, Carrie Dell Glass, of Memphis, and Pearl Carter and Sarah Moman, of St. Louis, Mo.; 48 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

'Mike' Ammons Grogan Ran Dairy Queen

Michael Blane Ammons, 54, of Halls, brother of Barry and Neal Ammons, of Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Wednesday in Floyd's Chapel Cemetery in Crockett County, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include his wife for eight years, Sharon Nelson Ammons; a daughter, Michelle Ammons, of Henning; stepsons, Joey Stone and Robert Nelson, and step-daughters, Rachel and Sharon Stone and Stacie Watson, all of Halls; other brothers, Ray, of Gainesville, Mo., and Kevin, of Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Lillian Nye

Lillian Nye, 80, Ripley native, died Thursday of last week in her home in Cumming, Ga.

Rites were Sunday in Cumming's First United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Grave Memorial Gardens in Hudson, Fla., McDonald And Son Funeral Home, of Cumming, in charge.

A retired federal office manager, she had moved to Cumming 10 years ago, from Port Richey, Fla.

She leaves sons, David and Richard; sisters, Katie and Margaret Chisholm; three grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

Donald Ditto

Donald Ray Ditto, 56, of Ripley, truck driver, died Sunday in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Rites were Wednesday in Holmes Cemetery near Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife for 10 years, Pamela Dye Ditto; daughters, Amy Bennett, of Ripley, and Nikki Lynn Ditto, of Drummonds; a step-son, Ed Bagwell, of Oklahoma; step-daughters, Melissa and Tonya Bagwell, of Ripley; brothers, Jack, of Ripley, and Carl, of Burlison; a sister, Pat-Crook, of Ripley; and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Robeson Mrs. Walterhouse

Dorothy Mae Robeson, 82, wife for 61 years of Ray Robeson, of 160 Chickasaw, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

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

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

Survivors include children, Jackie, Mike, and Charles "Porky" Robeson and Lucy Harrison, of Ripley, Bobby Robeson, of Atoka, Charlotte Blythe, of Lakeland, Tommy Robeson, of Murfreesboro, and Kay Nix, Oxford, Miss.; brothers, Gene and James Olin Mullikin, of Memphis, Jerry Mullikin, of Buckhannon, W. V., and Bobby Mullikin, of Portsmouth, Va.; a sister, Margaret Hargett, of Dyersburg; 23 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Loudean Ward Cross Walterhouse, 79, of Memphis, sister of Jackie and Thomas Belton, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Methodist Healthcare University Hospital in Memphis.

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

She was the widow of Fred Ward and John Cross.

Survivors include her husband, George Walterhouse, and two sons, Douglas and Glenn Ward, of Memphis, a step-son, Johnny Cross, of Cordova; and a grandson.

APPLICATION FAIR

USDA Rural Development Area Director Harriet Cannon announced the Covington Area Office will be holding a Housing Application Fair to help eligible low to very-low income families achieve the dream of homeownership on Thursday, April 6th from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, located at 123 South Jefferson Street in Ripley.

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A. F. McBroom

Alfred Wayne McBroom, 45, of Ash Flat, Ark., brother of Diane Williams, of Ripley, died March 7th, at home.

Rites were March 18th in Dry Hill Cemetery, near Gates.

He was born Jan. 24, 1961, in the Lauderdale County Hospital in Ripley.

He was a construction worker, disabled since 1993.

Survivors include his father, Carl Alfred McBroom, of Brownsville; his mother, Ethel (Mrs. Eugene) VanDeman, of Cherokee Village, Ark.; one brother, Carl McBroom, of Dyersburg; and a half-brother, Tony VanDeman, of Newark, Ark.

Peggy Goolsby

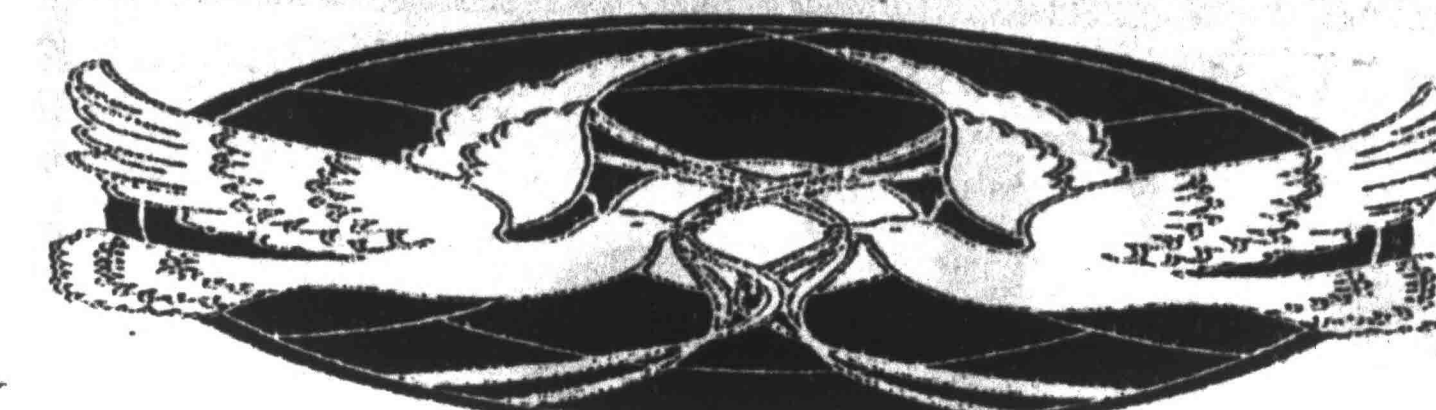
Peggy B. Goolsby, 79, of Memphis, mother of James Robert Roberson, of Ripley, died Friday in Methodist Healthcare University Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

She had retired after 36 years of federal government service.

Survivors include her husband for 42 years, Carl A. Goolsby, retired captain in the Memphis Police Dept., and seven grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to St. Jude Hospital would be appropriate.



Church Happenings

Halls First Baptist Church's student ministry will hold a free children's Easter celebration from 10 a.m. to noon Sat., April 8th at Crichfield Park in Halls with food, games, prizes, and egg hunts. In case of rain or cold weather, the celebration will be held at the church. For more information, call the church, 836-7116.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church will conduct its annual youth revival at 6:30 p.m. April 10th through 12th at the Halls Community Center, located on College St., in Halls. The theme for the week is "Scream Tour 2006", Searching Concepts Ruling Every Authority In Mind. Speakers for the week include Andre T. Beatty, Rodney Patrick, and Jamelle Patrick. The public is invited.

The Halls First Baptist Church's Median Adult Sunday School class will sponsor a benefit spaghetti supper for the Chris Sills family from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sat., April 8th in the Family Life Center. All proceeds will benefit the family to help with the care and expenses of their critically ill daughter, Chloe. Tickets are available at Arnold's Drug Store, Bank of Halls, Lauderdale County Bank, and various other businesses in Halls. For additional information, call Carmon Reece or Jean Belton at 731-836-7960 or Carol or Jerry Lewis, 731-836-9685. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church will present its Easter Cantata, Amazing Grace, at 6 p.m. Sun., April 9th. Trent Bullock, pastor, invites the public.

Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church, at Three Points, will hold a mission workshop for the West Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Association Women's Department from 9 a.m. to noon Sat., April 8th. Mrs. Cora Hughes, of Tiptonville, will serve as one of the presenters. Mrs. Ola Mathis, of Morning Star, Humboldt, is the women's president, and Mrs. Ethel Hayes, of Ripley, is vice-president. The Rev. William Jarrett will serve as moderator of the association. The public is invited.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Henning, will hold a Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sat., April 8th at the church to check blood pressure, sugar levels, cholesterol and offer aerobics. Contact Barbara Manns, 738-2459, for more information. A Good Friday concert will be held at 6 p.m. Fri., April 14th featuring Sr. Mark MB and New Hope CMB Young Adults. A spring revival will be held at 7 p.m. nightly April 23rd through April 28th with The Rev. Clarence Williams, of Walnut Grove Church, Jackson, as guest speaker.

Elon Baptist Church, 240 Double Bridges Rd., Halls, will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., April 8th featuring the Silver Eagle Band, of the Edith community, to kick off its spring revival. Services will begin at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sun., April 9th and continue at 7 p.m. nightly through April 12th with Bro. Don Williams as speaker. The public is invited.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., Halls, will present its Easter production, Crucified with Christ, at 6 p.m. Sun., April 9th and 7 p.m. Mon., April 10th. The public is invited.

Curve School Classmates Reunion



MEMBERS of the 8th grade class at Curve School, from 1961, gathered Sat., April 1st at Olympic Steak House, in Ripley, for a reunion. Among those attending were, in front, from left, Terry Ford, Roy Lynn Colvin, and Jim Coffman, of Ripley, and Judy Lawson Young, of New Mexico, and in rear, Jane McWilliams Vaden, of Ripley, Marsha Carmack Owen, of Tupelo, Miss., Janet Langley Colvin, of Ripley, Brenda Moore Williams, of Dyersburg, and Carolyn Broadstreet Simpson and Judy Smith Maclin, of Ripley, plus, not pictured, Gerty Mooney Wiseman. Judy Young was visiting relatives in Memphis.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 10th
Hot Dog
Pizza
Tater Tots
Carrot Sticks
Grapes
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 11th
Fish Fillet
Hamburger On Bun
Green Peas
Corn On The Cob
Jell-O w/Fruit
Pear Halves
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 12th
Southern Fried Chicken
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits

Peaches
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 13th
Menu - School's Choice

Friday, April 14th
Good Friday
No School

Sick & Ailing

Mary Brown was transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale Monday with pneumonia.

Marriages

March 24 - Aaron Hugh Vaughan, 18, to Jenny Lynn Benjamin, 18, by Dan Holland.

March 25 - Chester Ray Lovette, Jr., 28, to Mandy Lee Raliff Edwards, 28, by Lyle P. Larson.

Dustin Colt Henson, 24, to Katrina Danac Smith, 23, by Jason Smith.

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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Tennessee's Cattle ID Program Does Not Need To Go Backwards

Special news alert! Not really. I just thought I would say that like CNN and Fox News, because everything the news agencies report these days always begins with that lead. It seems to work for them, so I thought I would try it. In fact, they say it so much I have quit looking around every time I hear it. It has become sort of like the boy who cried wolf too often.

Anyway, I heard the other day that Ms. Rita Jo Neuter was buying a bag of mulch down at the local House Depot and pulled out her credit card to pay for it.

When the clerk began to process her purchase she asked him, "Do you need to see some kind of ID before running that through?"

The young man behind the counter answered without even looking up and said, "I don't think so. We don't have many thieves buying one bag of mulch with stolen credit cards."

Of course, Ms. Neuter never existed and I got the jest of this story from "Pastor Tim's Clean Laugh List," but the general theme of the story is why I put this funny at the front of this column.

Since 9/11 our world has changed from what it was on September 10, 2001 to what it is today. We have become a world, not a county, not a state, not a nation, but a world of accountability.

In today's world, everything we do has to be backed up by record. We should now have some

form or method of identification to identify what we do whenever we transact commerce in some way. Photo identification is required when we travel, cash a check, make a purchase with a credit card, enter our

place of employment and even at some entertainment venues. We have entered the world of accountability and we need to get use to it.

During the week of March 27th, a news story from Associated Press relayed happenings in our state capitol among our legislators, that questions the national electronic cattle-tracking system. By the use of ear tags placed in a cow's ear with the animal's number imprinted on the back, information on the cow's age, farm where it was born and other data about the animal can be retrieved by using a radio frequency scanner as the animal passes through working chutes.

The voluntary program was implemented over a year ago and to this date more than 8,500 Tennessee sites where livestock are kept have been identified. The program is under the guidance of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, where it should be administered, and can trace within 48 hours an animal's identification in the event of a disease outbreak.

The program is designed for tracing movement and to give information for protecting our national food supply. It is not intended for production management, marketing cost or income, and most certainly is not intended for the government to keep an "eye-the-sky" on where all our farmers live and what they do. The tags do not send out transmissions or signals that can be read by computers at a distance or by satellites overhead as some folks may think. They are designed to be read by handheld scanners just like your groceries are at the grocery store.

There are three events that require animals to have ID tags. They are when cattle enter commerce, when they cross state lines, and when they are commingled with other animals.

During a House Ag Committee meeting at the legislature recently, State

Representative Frank Nicely suggested using "no-tech metal tags that are cheap, dependable and can't be monkeyed with." He is looking into amending legislation to use the metal tags rather than the radio frequency ID ear tags currently in the ears of thousands of cattle around the state. Metal tags were last used over 10 years ago during the successful efforts to remove brucellosis from cattle herds around the state.

My question on the proposal to use the metal tags is do we return to technology of yesterday or do we continue to keep Tennessee cattle production in the main stream of world commerce? To remove Tennessee cattle from the national program and put in our own inadequate metal tag, pencil and paper record keeping system would place our 1,110,000 head of beef cattle at the low end of the nation's and world's cattle market.

Electronic tracking adds value to Tennessee beef. Why? Because today's markets and consumers demand to know the origin of their beef.

With the concerns of BSE, the electronic ID program is crucial to the livestock producer and their industry. In a statement by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns on March 30th, he cited a recent report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that found BSE cases are declining worldwide at a very rapid rate. These results are proving the effectiveness of safeguards adopted in the United States and being used around the world.

"It is critical that the U.S., like other nations, have this (electronic ID) in their trade arsenal," Johanns said. "Australia is aggressively marketing traceability to gain an advantage. Competitors are out there saying, 'We've got I.D. They don't.'"

Because of retail markets and foreign competition, Tennessee can not afford to step backwards on

this program and our farmers can not afford to be left behind. Let's not "monkey" with the current ID program, but instead lead the nation and the world in electronically tracking our cattle.

The era of accountability is here, so now let's be accountable.

Land Transfers

March 24th - March 30th
Eugene White to Larry Dale Western, 5 acres.
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Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Gary N. Konkle, Dist. 12, 1.011 acre.
Regions Bank to Martha Jackson Drumwright, Ronnie W. Jackson, and Stephanie Jackson, Dist. 3, lot.
Stephen D. Toarmina to Nickey Hazlerig, Dist. 2, 5 acres.
Bank of Ripley to Manson Younger, Dist. 2, tract, and Dist. 2, tract.
Mark Gean to Angela Gean, Dist. 12, lot.
John Kaiser and Linda Kaiser Drew to Dell R. Travis, Dist. 4, 2 tracts.
David Rester and Peggy Rester to Logan and Associates Builders, Inc., parcel.
Yarbrough Funeral Home,

Inc. to Austin Thompson and Vernerdean Thompson Tyus, Dist. 2, 6.0 acres.

Gary N. Konkle to Truman J. Hodge, Dist. 12, 1.011 acres.

Donald Blackwood, Judy Blackwood, Kenneth Blackwood, and Beaton Blackwood to Thomas J. Davis and Judy K. Davis, Dist. 2, 5.3 acres.

Larry Wysocki and Connie Wysocki to Brenda Hall, Dist. 2, lot.

Bennie R. Barcroft, Sr. to Johnny W. Crowder and Stephanie Crowder, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Mary Oletta Winn to Martha W. Williams, Dist. 13, 2.353 acres.

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YARBROUGH FUNERAL HOME building, located at 150 Volz Rd., Ripley, has been sold to Thompson's Mortuary, owned by Austin Thompson and Vermerdean Thompson Tyus, expected to open May 1st. Alonzo Beard's Insurance will also be located in the new facility. Thompson's has operated at 126 Randolph since 1965.

Governor Cannot Confiscate Weapons

Legislature limiting the Governor's power to both confiscate firearms and restrict the sale of ammunition during declared emergencies passed the Senate Monday by a vote of 28 to 2.

Senate Bill 2928, sponsored by Senator Mark Norris (R-Collierville), prohibited the governor from confiscating weapons from law-abiding citizens or restricting the ability to purchase guns and ammunition during times of natural disaster or declared emergency.

"The Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is never more precious than during natural disasters or declared emergencies when self defense can be the key to survival," stated Norris.

In New Orleans, governmental confiscation of citizens' arms sparked outrage in the aftermath of Katrina. A federal judge later enjoined the City of New Orleans from violating Second Amendment rights after the National Rifle Association (NRA) filed suit.

Norris said emergency preparation is important, including the option of self defense measures.

"We never know when disaster will strike. Tennessee is vulnerable in many ways, and citizens may have to fend for themselves,"

stated Norris. "In the event of a mandatory Avian Flu quarantine, the ability to defend one's home place and family in the absence of adequate law enforcement is essential."

Insurance For The Uninsured

Governor Phil Bredesen unveiled a new strategy he called 'Cover Tennessee' to provide affordable and portable health insurance to more than 600,000 uninsured Tennesseans. At an average monthly cost of about \$50 for an individual and with no high front-end deductibles, the plan is affordable and it can follow working Tennesseans no matter where they work, making it portable.

Cover Tennessee, which is a voluntary program, has three main components: CoverTn, CoverKids and AccessTN. CoverTN, is a partnership between the state and small businesses to help working Tennesseans buy affordable health insurance. The average cost for an individual is expected to be about \$50 a month. The state and employer each will kick in about \$50 a month as well, for a total monthly cost of \$150. In cases where an employer doesn't participate, the individual will have the op-

Scholarship For Students Offered

Residents of Lauderdale County, for at least five years, who are enrolled as a fulltime student in an accredited college, university, or technical school, may be eligible to apply for the 2006 Paris Memorial Scholarship, provided by the late William M. and Hilda H. Paris, through the Bank of Ripley Trust Department.

Applicants may be in any field of study with other guidelines for eligibility outlined on the application forms, which are available at any Bank of Ripley location. The deadline to submit an application is June 15th. The scholarship recipient is selected by a random drawing from the pool of qualified applications.

For further information, call Katherine Meadows or Beaton Matthews, at the Bank of Ripley, 635-1230, or email, service@bankofripley.com.

Anniversaries

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

April 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gibbons.

April 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Taylor.

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

April 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fragale.

April 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Brian Apperson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Edwards, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Jr.

tion of paying the employer's share. CoverTN will not require high deductibles on the front end, just modest copays.

CoverKids will provide health insurance to uninsured children in homes with incomes up to \$50,000 a year for a family of four.

AccessTN will provide health insurance to adults

Students Of The Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, of Christ Classical Academy, in Dyersburg, named as students of the week, include, in front, from left, Hannah Manning, 4th grade, daughter of Ritchie and Jean Manning, of Halls, and Hannah Morris, 2nd grade, daughter of Paul Morris and Libby Morris, of Ripley, and in rear, Hollie Wilson, 6th grade, daughter of Gary and Kim Wilson, and Aaron Morris, 8th grade, son of Paul Morris and Libby Morris, all of Ripley.

who can afford to buy it but who may not be able to obtain it due to pre-existing medical conditions. The state provided a health insurance plan "like this more than a decade ago, but discontinued it after launching TennCare.

"Once we prove our concept, we will be in a strong position to seek a partnership with Washington," stated Bredesen. "If we can bring in the federal government as a partner, it would be a big win indeed."

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Commissioners Agree To Settle Scallions' Lawsuit

County Commissioners voted, unanimously, Monday to settle the lawsuit filed by Chris Scallions, after he was injured in June 2004 by sheriff's officers from Dyer County and Lauderdale County. He was paralyzed from the neck down and is being provided 24-hour nursing care, estimated at \$1,000 a day. Dyer County settled with Scallions for an undisclosed amount, after the \$100 million lawsuit was filed naming Dyer and Lauderdale counties as defendants. County Attorney J. Thomas Caldwell and Attorney Kemper Durand, of Memphis, advised commissioners that Lauderdale County had a 50% chance of winning and suggested that a jury award of \$20 million was possible.

A settlement was agreed upon with a payment of \$25,000 a month, beginning May 10th, and continuing for 12 years, or until Scallions succumbs to his injuries, whichever comes first, with a maximum amount of \$3.6 million; payment of attorney fees, estimated at \$400,000; and payment of current TennCare medical bills, approximately \$1,542,000, totaling approximately \$5,542,000.

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Mayor Recognized



GATES MAYOR BOOKER J. NANCE, SR., right, was the Lauderdale County recipient of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 98th Founder's Day Hall of Fame award. The ceremony was held at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Halls. Dr. Monique Boleba-Casey, left, presented the award. Soror Phillis Barlow awarded donations of over \$10,725 to various organizations and institutions in Dyer, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, Shelby, and Tipton counties, and national organizations and missionaries working in Africa.

Mayor Nance was born into a family of sharecrop-

Mock Crash Set For Halls High

Members of the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, along with local law enforcement and fire department personnel, will present a mock DUI crash at approximately 10 a.m. Wed., April 19th, for the junior and senior classes at Halls High School.

The Halls High School junior/senior prom will be held Saturday, April 22nd. During prom week, it is the goal of local emergency officials to present all the facts to the students in Lauderdale County about drinking and driving. Research shows that young drivers are more often involved in alcohol-related crashes than any other comparable age group. During prom/graduation weekends in 2000, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data revealed that there were 215 traffic fatalities in the United States during the first week of April, 137 of which were alcohol related.

For more information about the mock crash, call Eric Newman, 635-3242.

pers. He loved farming so much that through the years, he worked hard and elevated himself to landowner and ultimately to land renter. In 1973, with the support of family and friends, he ran for office and was elected the first black alderman in his hometown. He held that position for 16 years. Following the death of the mayor in 1995, he was elected by the Board of Aldermen to fill the vacancy and became the first black man to hold the office of Mayor of Gates. He remained in office for two terms and in 2005, at the urging of supporters, he ran again and was re-elected to office. Ac-

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Candidate Seeks Votes



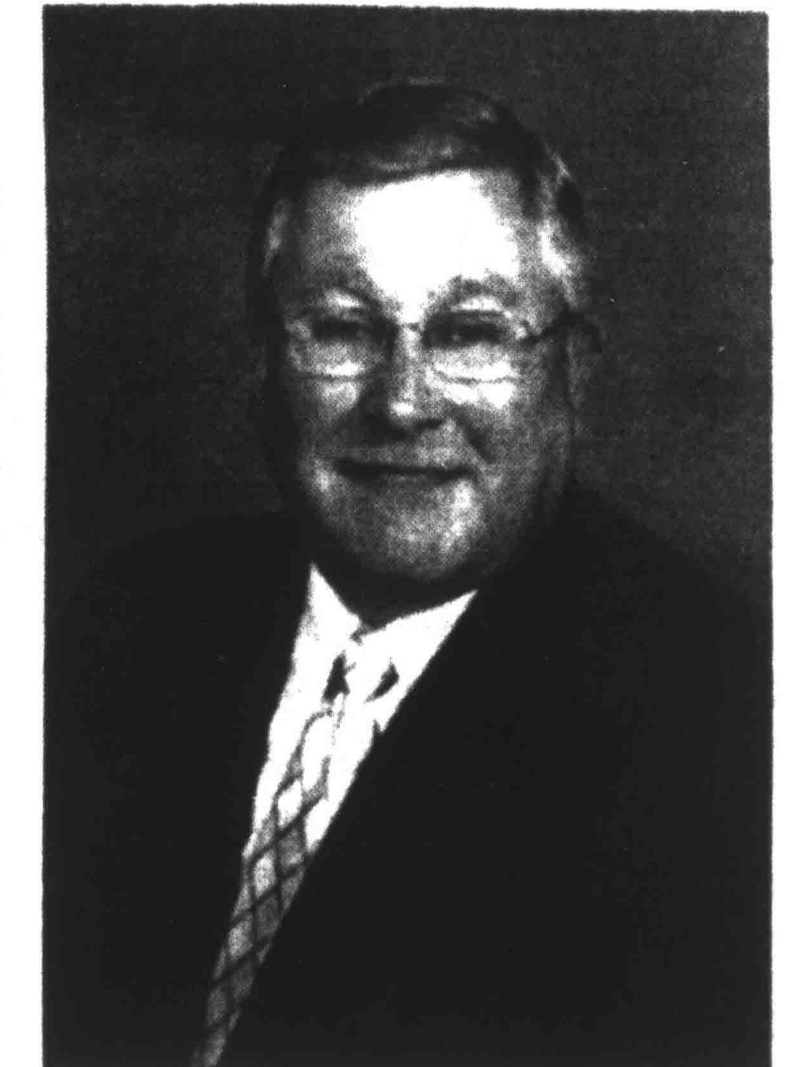
SHEKITA T. WALKER has announced her candidacy for the office of County Court Clerk in the August 3rd election. She issued the following statement.

"I have been a resident of Lauderdale County since I was 11 years old. I am a 1995 honor graduate of Ripley High School and have attained two diplomas from Ripley's Tennessee Technology Center as an accounting assistant and an administrative assistant. My husband, John Walker, Jr., is employed by Nordyne in Dyersburg, and our son, Walter, is a student at Ripley Elementary School. My step-daughter, Rebecca Taylor, is also a student at RES.

"I am employed in the County Clerk's office as a deputy clerk. Since beginning as a deputy clerk, I have learned a majority of the functions of the County Clerk's office. I have the ability to learn the additional duties of the County Clerk so that I will be able to serve the great citizens of this county.

"I strive to be a person of integrity, honesty, and an encouragement to others. I love working and helping each person that I have met in the office. I have some great ideas that I would like to implement in the County Clerk's office

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ROD SCHUH has announced his candidacy for the position of County Mayor. He issued the following statement.

"In this year's election, you have a choice and I believe it's time for change in Lauderdale County. My wife, Carolyn, and I have lived in Lauderdale County since 1980 and our three sons graduated from Ripley High School. We have been married for 39 years and have four grandchildren.

"I feel my business background in industrial management has prepared me for the challenges of this office. I have worked under pressure, been responsible for budgets and have worked with large numbers of associates. I understand that teamwork, consensus and being sensitive to individual needs along with a passion for improvement are key ingredients of this position. I also understand that the County Mayor's job has very little authority and no vote on issues but everyone looks to the office for leadership.

"My objective as County Mayor will be to improve the quality of life for all citizens through efficient government that considers the need of all its citizens. I want to be a part of improving our schools and creating job opportunities. Quality of life also includes

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, by deed of trust dated June 9, 1997 and recorded in Record Book 383, page 81 and by deed of trust dated September 17, 2002 and recorded in Record Book 475, page 687, Register's Office of Lauderdale County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made, **BENGY CHERRY AND SPOUSE, KATHY M. CHERRY**, did convey in trust to Jerome P. Crihfield, Trustee for Lauderdale County Bank, beneficiary, the hereinafter described property to secure indebtedness represented by certain promissory note as fully described therein; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and the holder of said indebtedness having requested me as Trustee of said deed of trust to foreclose the same;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006 AT THE HOUR OF 2:00 P.M. at the East door of the Courthouse in Ripley, Tennessee, the undersigned as Trustee will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property:

Lying, situated and being in the 8th Civil District of Lauderdale

County, Tennessee, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a double poplar, it being the corner of W. H. Tucker, Mrs. Saulsbury's and Mrs. Hooper's; thence south 8° east 133 poles to a stake in the field; thence south 88° east 72 poles to the public road, J. H. Jones' northwest corner; thence east with said road 50-1/4 poles to a stake; thence north 6° west 95 poles to a stake, with iron wood and sassafras pointers, in W. H. Tucker's south boundary line; thence west 107 poles to the beginning, containing 81 acres, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Bengy Buford Cherry by deed of John Wilkes Roberts and wife, Norma H. Roberts, recorded in Book 246, page 143 of the Register's Office of Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

Also being Map 15, Parcel 6.00 according to the Tax Assessor's Office of Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

EXCLUSIONS: Included in the above boundaries and excluded from this conveyance is a small part of this tract which is a part of a 75 acre tract conveyed by W. H. Tucker, Jr. and wife, to J. T. Gean by deed of record in Deed Book L-3, page 34 of said Register's Office, to which reference is made. Also 5.5 acres conveyed to Tansil Phillips in Book 204, page 5 and Book 221, page 338 of the Register's Office of Lauderdale County, Tennessee. After all exclusions this conveyance contains 75 acres, more or less.

Purchaser will assume all unpaid real estate taxes. The title to said real estate is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey said property as Trustee only.

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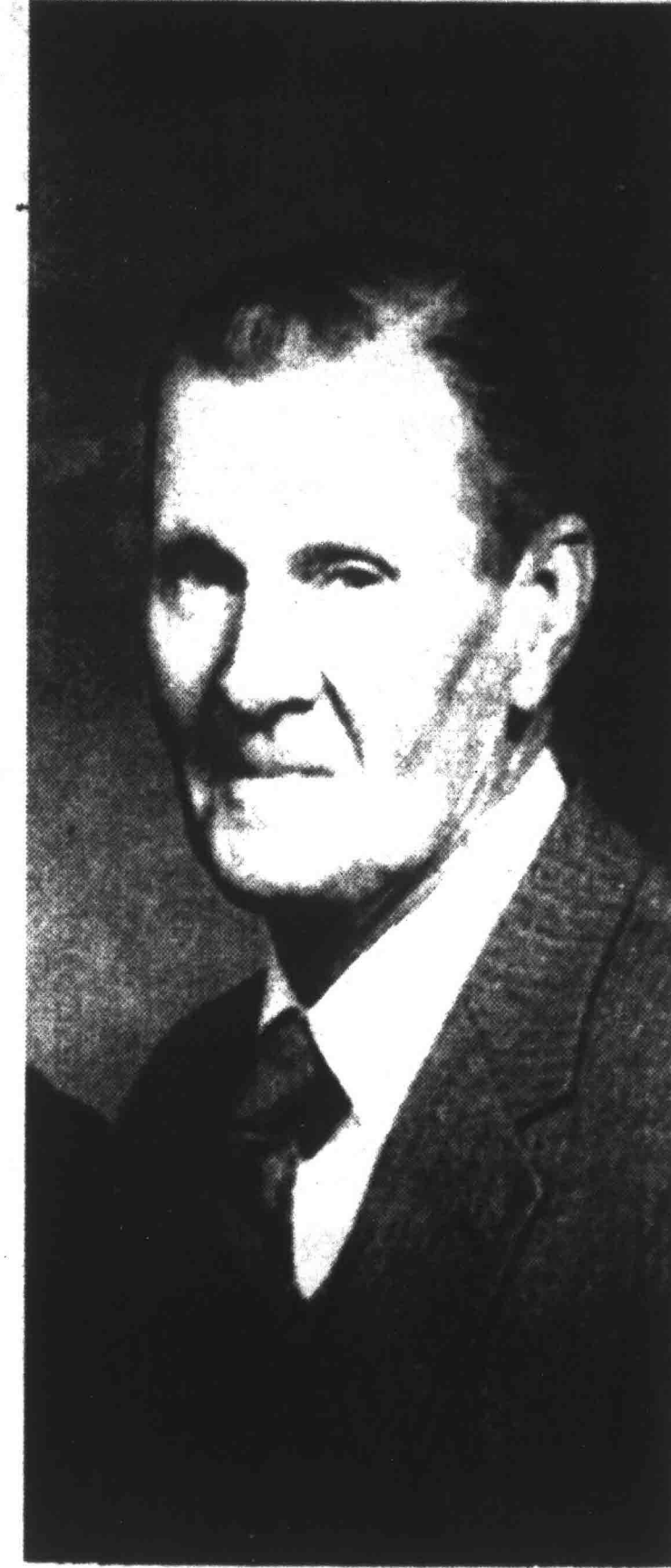
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Birthdays

April 13 - Kathy Spoon, Jerry Temple, Jr., Deana Gammon, Dennis King, Jean Belton, Jonathan Scarse, Nancy Brewster, Julie Pickard, James Beasley, Luke Caldwell, Phyllis Schwinn, Will Carmack.

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

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

April 16 - Ty Spoon, Myles

Anniversaries

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

April 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mills.

April 15 - Mr. and Mrs. James Sylvester.

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

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

April 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Smith.

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

Marriages

March 31 - Jonathan Michael Scott, 20, to Crystal Nichole Lenderman, 17, by Tracy Henson.

April 1 - Jonathan Jordan Nicks, 18, to Amber Nichole Thomen, 19, by Anthony Kemp.

Calvin Lee Wooten, Jr., 32, to Kimberly Marie McClain, 27, by Jerrell Dawson.

April 3 - Franklin Lavell Dees, 32, to Latisha Lataya Coleman, 30, by Tracy Henson.

Benjamin, Chad Neal, Cliff Floyd, Kristin Nicole Hinton, Ray Hurt, Sandra Steelman, Lawanda Martin, Haweni Keskessa, Fisher Carmack, Noah Fain.

April 17 - Michelle Vaughn, Robin Porter, Brandon Vowell, Pat Smith, Rusty Kesler, Brad Williams, Brittany Lane, Faye Braden, Cynthia Holland, Autumn Crowder, Dalton Crowder, Ryan Crowder.

April 18 - Jean McDearman, Rickie Kerley, Laura Jennings, Laticia Turner, Brian Bailey, Jo Turner, Beth Poyner, Linda Turner, Shelbi Stewart, Scotty Oates, Patience Correll, Blaine Smith, Tommy Adkins, Ginna Lee Cherry, Camdyn McLemore.

April 19 - Celeste Kiestler, Hannah Kelly, Lisa Dunham,

Land Transfers

March 31st - April 6th
Randall Moore to Eugene White, Dist. 7, 24.80 acres.

Terry W. Uelton, Sr. and Anita F. Uelton to Archie Kirby, Dist. 6, lot.

S. N. Anthony, Jr. and Barbara Anthony to Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Gwendolyn S. Morris to Betty S. MacPherson, 0.72 acre.

JP Morgan Chase Bank to Tom Greaves, Dist. 2, tract.

US Bank NA to Gary N. Konkle, Dist. 2, tract.

Gregory Lott and Nancy Lott to Dana Vaughn, Dist. 8, lot.

William R. Douglas to Celina Colvin, Dist. 2, lot.

Regions Bank to Jill Clemons, lot.

Tom Greaves and Jesse Edwards to Barry Griffith and Robert Jamison, Dist. 2, 3.741 acres.

Stella Criner Keltner, Sharon Elaine Keltner Arthur, and Clayton Ashley Keltner to Open Lake Sporting Club, Dist. 5, 2 tracts.

Jimmy Wayne Carroll and Rebecca Jane Carroll to Timothy Comeaux and

Houston Haynes, Martha Land, Laura Layne, Beverly Taylor, Dennis Jones, David King, Jack Oates, Sam Cannon, Jamie Jones, Alex Dunaway, Jane Burnett, Mark Hargett, Beck Pipkin, Helen Tackett, Shelby Drumwright, Brian Bain, Amy Stanton, Randy Schwinn.

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Rachael Comeaux, Dist. 12, Siebert to Robert Dennis, 1 acre, Dist. 12, lot.
Billy R. Ballard, James Nadine L. Taylor to M. Council, and Lucille Stanley Taylor, Dist. 6, lot.

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Obituaries

Sue Besharse

Sue Besharse, 73, of Southaven, Miss., mother of Cindy Walsh, of Gates, died Saturday in Germantown Methodist Hospital.

Rites were Tuesday in Twin Oaks Funeral Home in Southaven, with burial in Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her husband, Don; another daughter, Deborah Green, of Horn Lake, Miss.; a sister, Peggy Taylor, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Ozment

Mary Elizabeth Kerby Ozment, 65, of Newbern, a 1958 graduate of Halls High School, died April 9th.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

She leaves a son, Steven, of Newbern; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kerby, of Concord; and brothers, Johnny Kerby, of Ripley, and Ronnie Kerby, of Concord.

Donations Received By Cancer Society

Donations received for the American Cancer Society, in memory or in honor of loved ones include:

In memory of Patsy Burke McQuirter, Bill Pratt, Leigh DeVore, and Wesley Duvall by Billy and Jackie Poston.

In memory of Jessie Castella by Katherine Walpole.

In memory of Chester T. Nipp by Janet and Gary Newman, Joe and Kathy Bridges, Tut and Bobby Cain, and Shirley C. Warpool.

In memory of Betty Diane Land by Catherine McBroom.

In memory of Jessie Mae Castellaw by Kitty Crowder.

In memory of Inez S. Hendren by Annie Laura Jennings, Tressie Crutchfield, Debra Danley, and Jim and Angie Koonce.

In memory of Dorothy Robeson by Jean Taylor, Todd and

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 17th

Cheeseburger
Pizza
Oven Fries
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Apple
Orange Sections
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 18th

BBQ Pork Riblet
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Peaches
Pear Halves
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 19th

Chicken Breast Fillet
Sloppy Joe On Bun
Lima Beans
Steamed Carrots
Applesauce
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 20th

Chili Pie
Deli Sandwich
Corn Nibbles
Carrot Sticks
Fruit Mix
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, April 21st

Tacos w/Trimmings
Chicken Fajitas
Corn Nibbles
Applesauce
Banana
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tracie Taylor and boys, and Mike and Tonya Jacobs and girls.

In memory of Ralph Tate and Inez Hendren by Junior and Evangeline Newman.

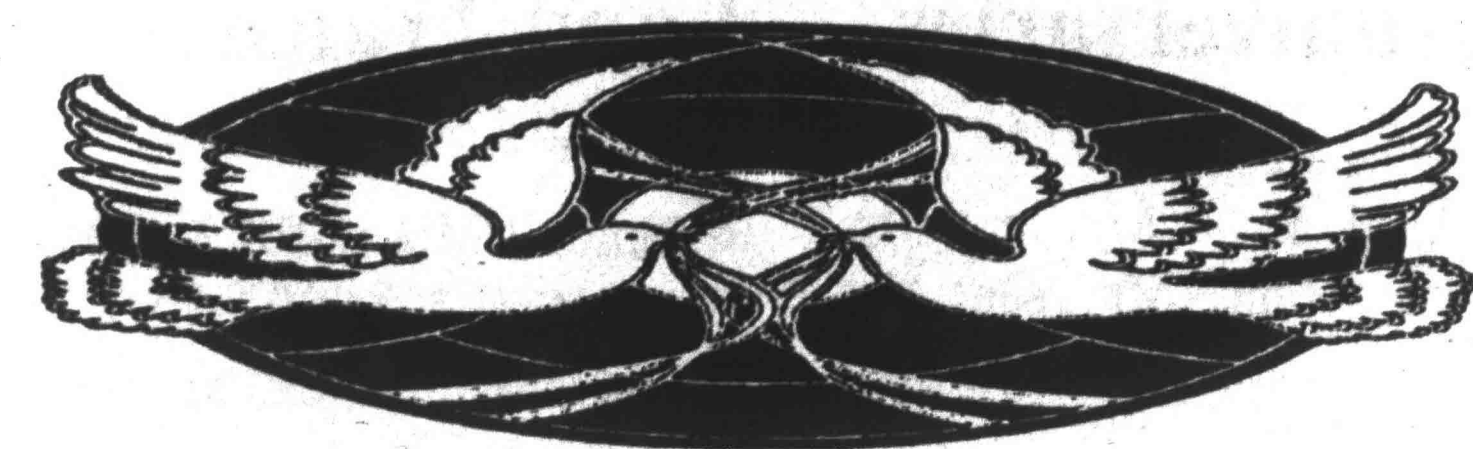
In memory of Ittie Sue Crowder by Allison Turnbow and Debra Danley.

In memory of Lee Feist by Bobbye, Tam, and Sam Feist.

In memory of Lee H. Berg by Bobbye Feist.

In memory of Helen Hilliard by Don Hilliard

Donations to the American Cancer Society can be given to Annie Laura Jennings in the Register's Office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse.



Church Happenings

The list of churches is published the first week of each month, if your church is not included, please call to have it added. If the phone number and/or address is not correct, please call with the correct information.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold a special Easter service Sunday, April 16th with sunrise services at 6 a.m., fellowship breakfast following, Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., and worship at 10:45 a.m. with a cantata, *A Simple Easter*, by the CrossView choir. Roy Harkness, pastor, will deliver the Easter message, *Jesus Lives*. No evening services will be held. The public is invited.

Halls Full Gospel Lighthouse Church, Fenton St., will hold special Easter services, Sun., April 16th, morning and evening, with The Rev. Jeremy Cullum and his wife as guests. Special singing will be featured. The public is invited.

St. Mark M. B. Church, 465 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold an Easter extravaganza gospel music program at 7 p.m. April 15th with The Rev. Joe Nance, Jr. and the New Sensational Southerners, as guests. A fish fry will held from noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. An appreciation program for Sister Dorothy Pitts will be held at 2:30 p.m. April 23rd. The public is invited.

Elam Baptist Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., Ripley, will conduct a three-night revival, at 7 p.m. nightly April 18th through 20th with The Rev. Lajoy Currie, pastor of New Hope, Cherry, as guest speaker Tuesday, The Rev. W. L. McCadney, pastor of Pilgrim Rest, Dyersburg, Wednesday, and The Rev. Johnny D. Johnson, of Snipes Grove, Brownsville, Thursday. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public.

Crockett Mills Christian Church, located beside the community center in Crockett Mills, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sun., May 7th featuring the Frog Jump Gospel Quartet. Curtis Lents, a member of the quartet, will give his testimony. Curtis survived being impaled by a 7 inch round tree back in 2003. For more information, call Bro. Travis Smith, 731-677-2678. The public is invited.

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, located in Arp, will hold a Good Friday worship service, at 7 p.m. Fri., April 14th. The public is invited.

First Apostolic Church will hold its second annual Community At The Ripley Park event, at 10 a.m., Sat., April 15th, with a limited amount of hot dogs and drinks available, on a first come, first served basis, free of charge. The public is invited.

The Forerunner Baptist Church, 361 Eastland Ave., Ripley, will hold a mission celebration beginning at 10:45 a.m. Sun., April 23rd and continuing at 6 p.m. nightly April 24th through April 26th with different guest speakers each night. The speakers have served in areas of mission work and will provide information on their experiences. The Rev. Thomas Bester, pastor, invites the public.

Macedonia Baptist Church. 6950 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley,

CARD OF THANKS

The Halls First Baptist Church would like to extend a very special Thank You to everyone that helped make the benefit spaghetti supper for the Chris Sills family such a great success. God's love was shining through His people. Again, if you worked, donated money, donated food, bought a ticket, or just said a special prayer, thank you.

Members of the Median Adult Sunday School Class Adv.

will hold a gospel singing at 6:30 p.m. Sun., April 30th featuring *New Spirit*. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of God will continue its revival services at 7 p.m. nightly through April 14th with Dr. Tony Ritchie as guest speaker. Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the public.

Elam Missionary Baptist Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., Ripley, will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly April 18th through the 20th with guest speakers each night. Guest churches include New Hope Church, Cherry; Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Dyersburg; and Snipes Grove Baptist Church, Brownsville. The Rev. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public.

A benefit gospel singing for Jerry Don Trosper will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 28th at Mary's Chapel Baptist Church featuring local singers, the Barnett's, Finchers and TNT. The event is sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. The public is invited.

Henning First Assembly of God will hold revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 23rd, and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly Monday through Wednesday, April 24th through 26th, featuring Josh Franks as guest evangelist.

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

BMH Annual Easter Service

The volunteer chaplains of Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale will hold their annual Easter service at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 13th, in the cafeteria of the hospital.

How To Keep Easter Eggs Safe

Submitted by Bessie Cherry

The first signs of spring are budding all over Lauderdale County. Blooming Yellow Bell bushes, buttercups, and blades of green grass bring a new sense of life to the land that seemed eternally barren only a few weeks ago.

As our natural surroundings celebrate a new season of life, fellow Lauderdale Countians plan the celebration of the first spring holiday: Easter. Traditionally, our families congregate to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and after returning to our homes for Easter dinner, we enjoy watching the small children hunt Easter eggs.

Hunting the brightly colored, hard-boiled eggs is the center of excitement for all children on Easter Sunday, and eating the eggs seems to be just as fun as the hunt itself. But with all the fun associated with Easter, food safety can be easily overlooked, resulting in possible food poisoning. Tainted food can make your children extremely sick, and though rare, food poisoning can be deadly. Ensuring the health of your children is simple if you know how to prepare and keep hard-boiled eggs. Following these simple preparation instructions for perishable food items from kidsnutrition.org will help keep your children safe from the dangers of food poisoning.

First, you must note that perishable food items can only be stored for a maximum of two hours in temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Left out longer than two hours, bacteria begins to grow on perishable foods. If boiled eggs are left out for more than two hours, they must be thrown away. Also, you must thoroughly wash your hands before and after handling both raw and cooked eggs to rid yourself of any bacteria you could come in contact with, such as salmonella, while handling eggs.

Next, kidsnutrition.org says that the safest way to cook large eggs is to cover them in an inch of water, bring to a boil, let stand 15 to 17 minutes, rinse with cold water and then refrigerate unless decorating immediately. When coloring eggs, make sure to use food coloring or only dyes that are safe for use on food.

When hiding eggs, you should make sure to hide eggs where they are safe from animals, insects and lawn chemicals. After the hunt, do not eat eggs that are cracked or those left out for more than two hours in temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Always remember to refrigerate the Easter eggs, they should be good for up to seven days.

For more information on Easter egg safety, go to www.kidsnutrition.org.

HALLS EGG HUNT

The Halls Community Club will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15th, at the Halls Community Center on College Street. Ages walking through 5 will begin their hunt at 10:30 a.m. Ages 6-8 will have their hunt at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring their basket and join in.

County Art Winner



BRITTANY CHIPMAN, daughter of Peggy Chipman and H. B. Chipman, of Ripley, was named the 2006 Lauderdale County Congressional Art Competition winner. A senior at Halls High School, she submitted a charcoal artwork, entitled "Self-Portrait", which will be entered in the district judging Fri., April 28th at the First United Methodist Church, Jackson. The district winning artwork will hang for one year in the corridor leading to the United States Capitol with the work of winners from all over the country.

Sarah Beth Warren and Sally Jo Turner, Halls High School students, received recognition for their submissions. Sarah Beth placed second with an acrylic on canvas entry, "Tranquil Epiphany", and Sally Jo, third, for her acrylic on plywood.

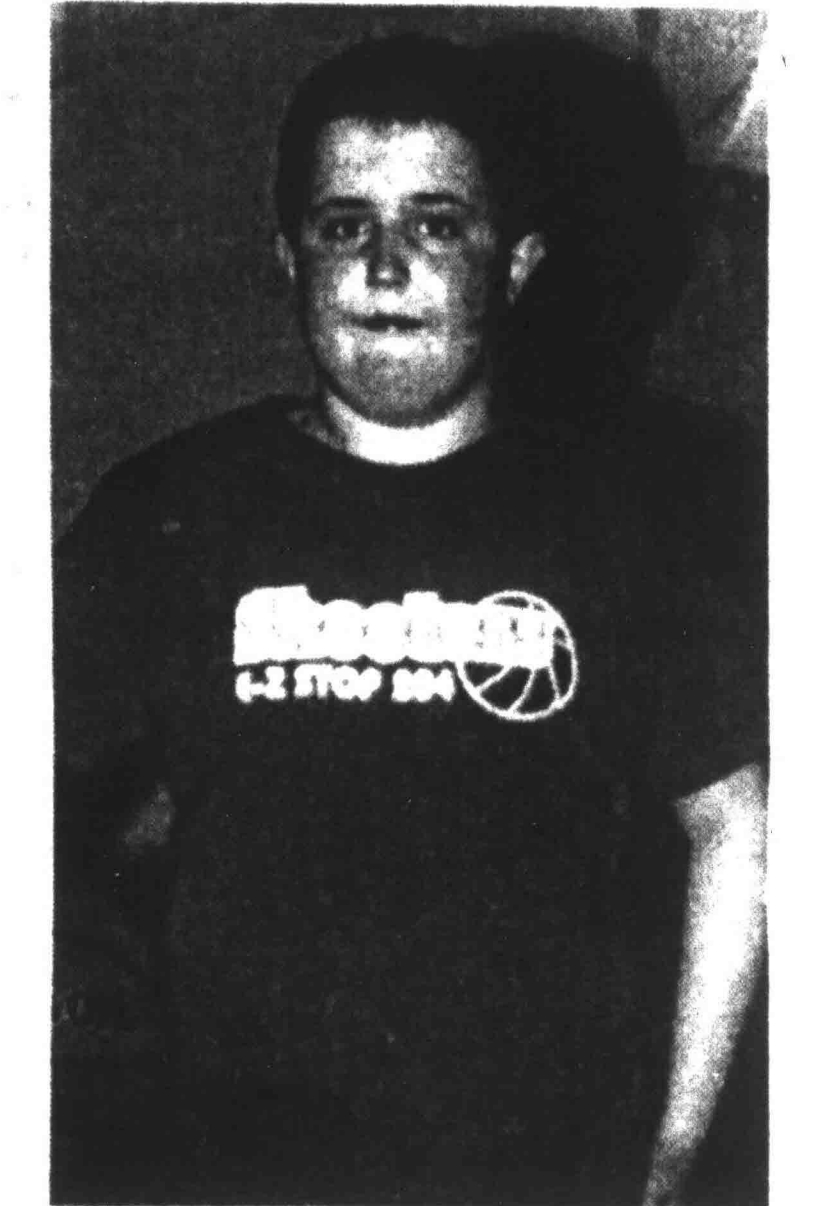
TCAP TESTING

Lauderdale County students in grades 3rd through 8th will take the TCAP Achievement Test during the week of April 17th through 21st. Parents can help their children during test time by following these suggestions: ensure children arrive at school on time, receives plenty sleep the night before each test day, has breakfast

each morning, make child aware of importance of test without being anxious and encourage the child to do their best and not check children out of school early for appointments on test days.

The TCAP test is a multiple choice test designed to measure student achievement by certain skills in five subject areas: reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Selected



JERRID BURROUGHS, 12, of Ivanhoe, Va., grandson of John N. and Margo Burroughs, of Halls, was named an all-American Scholar in the United State Achievement Academy program. He is the son of Heath Burroughs, of Clearwater, Fla., and also the grandson of Carly and Anita Pearman, of Ivanhoe. The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award program to offer recognition to students who excel in the academic disciplines. Students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

New Website For Lauderdale Schools

The Lauderdale County Department of Education is in the process of developing a new website, in addition to sending out an E-newsletter.

If you would like to be on the mailing list, send your email address to jarwood@MAIL.LCED.NET.

REUNION

Helens Bluff Reunion has been set for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23rd, at Olympic Steak House, Hwy. 412, Bells.

For more information call Lottie Floyd, 731-779-2126, or Nelson Young, 731-836-7806.

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The trial was scheduled to begin Monday, a postponement was granted to allow commissioners to vote on the settlement. If the case proceeded to trial, a jury could award medical bills incurred, \$1,542,000; attorney fees, \$400,000; money to satisfy a life plan for his care, \$11,171,804; and money for pain and suffering, undetermined amount; totaling possibly more than \$20 million. If the county lost the suit, they would be forced to pay, by raising taxes and if the commissioners refused, they could be found in contempt of court and jailed.

The settlement would save the county approximately \$14,458,000 if Scallions lived for 12 years. He would not build an estate and the money would go into a trust, monitored by First Citizens National Bank, Dyersburg, for his medical care and bills. Being disabled, he will be eligible for TennCare for the remainder of his life. At his death, any money remaining in the account will go to reimburse TennCare. This would settle the issue and release the county from future lawsuits in this matter.

Other business included appointing Eric Newman as director of the Ambulance Authority, replacing Benny Jones, who resigned. Newman was named temporary director until applications for a director were reviewed by the ambulance authority committee.

Phillip Jackson, school superintendent, reported the purchase of 15 laptop computers and a cart for each school, made possible after donations from local businesses and industries. He also stated the school board had agreed to a two year contract extension.

COMMISSION PLANS

While the arrival of spring has many folks pulling out the gardening gear and mowing lawns, the new Halls Town Beautiful Commission is busy formulating plans to improve the overall charm of their town. The commission has adopted a new slogan –

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supporting youth programs, reducing crime, helping senior citizens, and maintaining top-notch emergency care. I will monitor the day-to-day operations and efficiency of this county, follow up on requests and suggestions and work in cooperation with our County Commission.

"I grew up in southern Illinois, worked my way through college, graduated with a business degree in 1969 from the University of Evansville and worked toward an MBA at Ball State University. I was employed at General Motors in management for 10 years before moving to Ripley. I was the plant manager at Siegel Robert (SR) for 26 years. As a result of my involvement in Ripley youth baseball for 25 years, I was honored with the FOP "Man of the Year" award and a key to the city. I have sat on various boards involving church, Economic and Industrial Development, and Park and Recreation.

"I sincerely seek your vote. I have the drive and determination to lead Lauderdale County. I promise to work hard, listen, keep an open door policy, be honest, and respect all citizens of Lauderdale County. This election year, you have a choice," said Schuh.

Working for a Better Community – that will encourage all citizens to take pride in their town by working to enhance their own property and by volunteering on many new community-wide efforts.

Commission plans include restoring the Beauty Spot of the Month Program (with an emphasis on individual neighborhoods); establishing a Saturday Neighborhood Clean-Up Project; participating with the country in the Keep Tennessee Beautiful Project; establishing a plan to beautify the avenues into town, as well as the business/school areas; and keeping the community well informed and compliant with current ordinances and

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to help improve our service to the citizens of Lauderdale County.

"My goal and desire is to make each person that walks through the doors of the County Clerk's office feel welcomed each time he or she may enter out doors. Your vote will ensure improved service for the citizens of Lauderdale County," said Walker.

projects. Pamela Cherry Keby, chairman of the commis-

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sive in his church, Mayor Nance serves as treasurer, Sunday School teacher, and chairman of the deacon board. In 2005, the church honored him for 50 years of service on the deacon board. He and his wife, Everlena, have been married for 53 years and have six children, 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

sion stated, "These efforts will certainly involve numerous volunteers working cou-

ntless hours to accomplish goals. However, the reward will come from the pride we have in the enhancement of

our community and the attractiveness it offers to prospective business and industry."

The Halls Town Beautiful Commission is currently working on a list of community volunteers and encourages

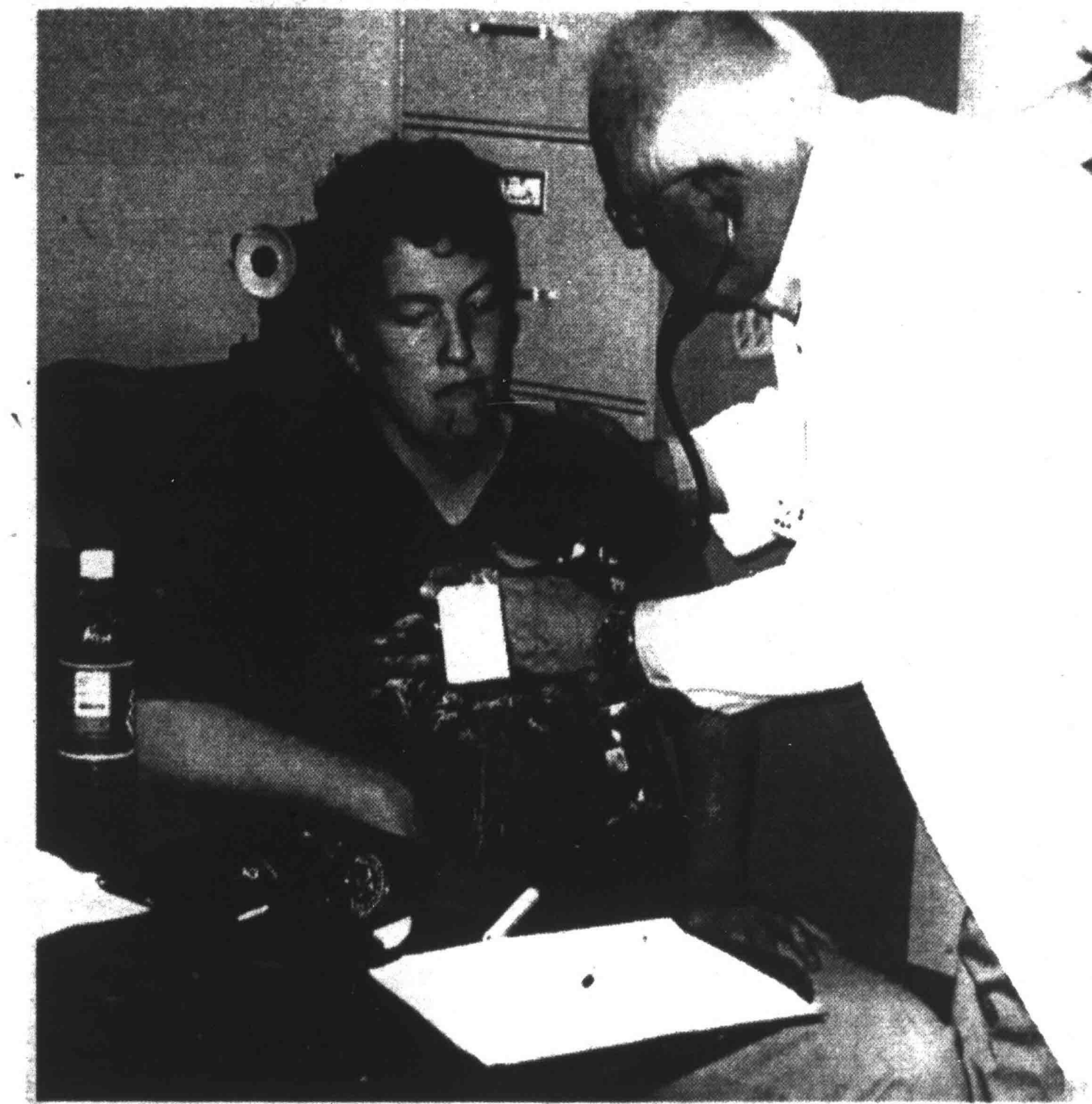
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Special Olympics



MICHELLE WILLIAMS, seated, received a physical from Dr. William Tucker, right, March 31st in preparation for the upcoming Special Olympics to be held April 28th in Brighton. Dr. Tucker, of Medsouth, Halls, volunteers his services each year to provide physicals to the Helen R. Tucker Center service recipients in Ripley and Covington.

TORNADO SAFETY MARTIN REGISTRATION

Due to the unpredictable nature of tornadoes, it is especially important to take time, before a tornado threatens your home and family, to prepare for this possibility. Allstate Insurance Company offers the following tips to help minimize property damage and personal injury: create a tornado safety action plan. Take weather watches and warnings seriously. Keep emergency supplies on hand during the tornado season, including a battery-operated radio and flashlights with extra batteries. Know where to seek shelter. If you're driving when a tornado hits, stop, get out of your car and take cover. Abandon mobile homes during threatening conditions.

Divorces

Cheryl Kay Herron Howard vs. Richard Charles Howard, Jr.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of Reelfoot Council is partnering with Tennessee Technology Center at Newbern (TTCN) and Automotive Youth Education Systems (AYES) to offer a new program to local young women ages 11 – 17. Partially funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, "In The Driver's Seat" will offer opportunities for participants to learn about the responsibilities of car ownership and operation as well as the many career paths available within the automotive industry. The program will serve young women in Dyer County and the Halls area of Lauderdale County.

"In The Driver's Seat" has

SPANISH OFFERED

"Spanish for Everyone" will be offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) from 6 – 8 p.m., on Tuesdays, from May 2nd – 23rd, at the UT Martin Ripley Center, located in the Tennessee Technology Center, Ripley.

Instructional material for the class includes the book, "Spanish in 10 Minutes a Day," by Kristine K. Kershul which includes effective study aids such as flash cards, sticky labels, games, and quizzes to help you learn your new language. The instructor is Ron Ramage, UT Martin adjunct instructor and Obion County Central High School Spanish teacher.

For more information or to register, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199, 731-881-7082, or 731-221-8778.

courses," stated Youlanda Jones, Director of the UT Martin Ripley Center.

If you have any questions about classes or registration, please call 221-8778 or email Youlanda Jones at yjones@utm.edu or Vicki Coleman at vcoleman@utm.edu.

three interactive program components that will span the months of May and June 2006. The program will kickoff on Saturday, May 13th at the Dyersburg Fairgrounds with an event for registered participants and their families featuring interactive displays from area dealerships and businesses

related to the automotive industry. Interested young women may obtain a brochure at their school, contact Girl Scouts of Reelfoot Council at 731-668-1122, or visit www.gsreel-foot.org to download a brochure. Participation is limited to the first 100 applicants received before May 1st.

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Community Responds



VOLUNTEERS, of United Methodist Committee of Relief, including The Rev. Dan Leslie, of Paducah, Ky., and Lloyd Collier and Barbara Collier, both of Dyersburg, were served a sack lunch during clean-up efforts in Millsfield, provided by employees of Southern Lease Management Company, Halls, after they organized a fundraiser to aid in relief efforts for Dyer County tornado victims. Co-workers, Angie Meeks, Maggie Cherry, Teresa Chisholm and Loretta Hammock raised approximately \$700 by encouraging Halls and Gates local businesses and townspeople to donate to the survivors of the storm, which hit Dyer County Sun., April 2nd. They and several other volunteers, prepared and distributed over 300 sack lunches Sat., April 8th, to the survivors and disaster relief workers from all over West Tennessee, including members of the United Methodist Committee of Relief, in the Millsfield and Newbern communities.

Non-perishable food items, bottled water, bath, laundry items, medical supplies, baby products, hand sanitizer, anti-bacterial wipes, toothbrushes and other personal hygiene products were bought with the monetary donations. Supplies were given along with meals. Leftover food was given to the Red Cross and excess supplies were taken to the Dyer County fairgrounds.



HOME of Paula Price on Cobb Rd., in Millsfield.



DESTRUCTION in Millsfield and Newbern.



VICKI CURRAN, Halls local volunteer, prepares to deliver lunches.



CO-WORKERS, Teresa Chisholm and Maggie Cherry, prepare lunches.



MEMORIAL flowers of those who lost their lives.

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Chamber Awards Presented



THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held its annual membership banquet Tuesday at the Rolling Hills Country Club. The theme this year was "Mexican Fiesta". Awards were presented for large and small business of the year, citizen of the year, and honorary chamber members. Those recognized include, in middle, from left, David Oakes, of American Greetings, large business of the year award; Shea Harris, Lauderdale County Bank, small business of the year award; Paula Phillips, honorary member; Mike Moore, citizen of the year; Carlos Hardy, honorary member; Becky McWilliams, Lauderdale County Bank; and in rear, Greg and Jerry Crihfield, Lauderdale County Bank. They are pictured with, in front, Greg Hartsfield, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board, and Lisa Hankins, executive director of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce.

Carlos Hardy was named an honorary member of the Chamber. He was born in Lauderdale County and graduated from Halls High School. He started working at a local plant before moving to American Greetings. He and his wife transferred to American Greetings in Ohio for eight years before returning to Ripley. He is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Lauderdale and an avid advocate for education in Lauderdale County and has worked for Relay for Life. He is the Pre-Press Manager at American Greetings where he has worked for 27 years. He has been married to Sandra for 22 years and has one son and two grandchildren.

Paula Phillips was named an honorary member of the Chamber. She is a life-long resident of Lauderdale County. She graduated from Halls High School in 1966. She is an active member of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club where she helps organize fundraising activities, golf tournaments, and more. She has been married for 39 years to Kenny and they have two daughters and five grandchildren. Phillips and her husband, Kenny, own Phillips Designs in Halls.

Mike Moore is the 2006 Chamber Citizen of the Year. He graduated from Halls High School in 1972. He is currently serving on the board of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD; is chairman of the Halls Community Center Board; is serving his second term as chairman of the Halls First United Methodist Church Administrative Board; is serving on the Lauderdale County Foster Care Review Board; is a board member and past chairman of the Halls Business & Merchants Association; and serves as an Alderman for the Town of Halls.

The Lauderdale County Bank was presented with the Small Business Award. Shea Harris, Becky McWilliams, Greg Crihfield, and Jerry Crihfield accepted the award. The bank was founded in 1979 by a group of forward-thinking individuals from Halls who saw a need for another financial institution in the community. C. N. Armour became the founding chair-

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Graduation

Candidate Smith Arrested In Drug Search



Chandra Bostic Smith, mid-30's, of Halls, was arrested Thursday of last week after officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, including Sheriff Louis Craig and Chief Deputy Ted Sutton, Lauderdale County investigators, and drug officers raided her house at 426 N. Wilson St. in Halls, according to Sheriff Craig. Officers confiscated approximately 30 bags of marijuana, one large brick, and various drug paraphernalia, including scales and cutting materials.

JANICE CRAIG has announced her candidacy for re-election to the position of Lauderdale County General Sessions Judge. She issued the following statement.

"I have had the privilege of serving as your judge since Sept. 1, 1998. During that period of time I have strived to do my very best. I humbly ask that I be allowed to continue. I have attended numerous seminars about the court system and ways to improve the operations of the courts. Each year, I complete continuing legal education credits to enable me to stay abreast of the laws. During my judgeship, I have implemented ways to enhance the courts including a misdemeanor probation service to monitor payment of fines, costs, restitution, and following court orders at no cost to the taxpayer and created a traffic school to assist with traffic offenders. The school allows non-serious offenders a savings in fees and at the same time learn important information which ideally would protect us all and make the roadways safer. Also, we have utilized the computers more efficiently in the courts.

"I am a native of Lauderdale County and am the daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. Odean Craig. I received a valedictorian scholarship to then Lambuth College where I graduated with a bachelor's degree. I taught school for a short time before returning to school to get my law de-

Friday, officers raided a house at 611 Pickens St., in Halls, and confiscated various drug paraphernalia.

Titans Announce Scheduled Visit

The Titans Caravan IX will be traveling across Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky. The free public stops have become town square-type events where neighbors gather in all sorts of venues to meet players, radio broadcast team, T-Rac, cheerleaders and staff.

A scheduled stop will be from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at Halls Elementary School, in Halls. Due to security reasons, the school visits will not be open to the public.

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WHEREAS, by deed of trust dated June 9, 1997 and recorded in Record Book 383, page 81 and by deed of trust dated September 17, 2002 and recorded in Record Book 475, page 687, Register's Office of Lauderdale County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made, **BENGY CHERRY AND SPOUSE, KATHY M. CHERRY**, did convey in trust to Jerome P. Crihfield, Trustee for Lauderdale County Bank beneficiary, the hereinafter described property to secure indebtedness represented by certain promissory note as fully described therein; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and the holder of said indebtedness having requested me as Trustee of said deed of trust to foreclose the same;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on **MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006 AT THE HOUR OF 2:00 P.M.** at the East door of the Courthouse in Ripley, Tennessee, the undersigned as Trustee will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property:

Lying, situated and being in the 8th Civil District of Lauderdale

County, Tennessee, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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Being the same property conveyed to Bengy Buford Cherry by deed of John Wilkes Roberts and wife, Norma H. Roberts, recorded in Book 246, page 143 of the Register's Office of Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

Also being Map 15, Parcel 6.00 according to the Tax Assessor's Office of Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

EXCLUSIONS:

Included in the above boundaries and excluded from this conveyance is a small part of this tract which is a part of a 75 acre tract conveyed by W. H. Tucker, Jr. and wife, to J. T. Gean by deed of record in Deed Book L-3, page 34 of said Register's Office, to which reference is made. Also 5.5 acres conveyed to Tansil Phillips in Book 204, page 5 and Book 221, page 338 of the Register's Office of Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

After all exclusions this conveyance contains 75 acres, more or less.

Purchaser will assume all unpaid real estate taxes.

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Thursday, April 27th
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Fishing Tourney For St. Jude Set

The annual St. Jude Bass Classic is scheduled for May 28th at Sardis Reservoir near Batesville, Miss. One of the oldest and largest charity fishing events in the United States, they have raised \$1,971,000 over the last 33 years for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event will be dedicated to the memory of two past directors of the event, Charles Stephens and Jimmy Dickson, who both passed away in 2005.

Prizes will be awarded based on the total weight of a five fish limit. The grand prize is a fully-rigged Ranger 519 boat powered by a 200 Mercury Optimax engine, and a deluxe Ranger Trail trailer. A Lincoln Navigator will be given away, only 1,000 tickets available, with proceeds to benefit the hospital.

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

UT-M HONORS

Leah Simpson, of Gates, received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award at the annual University of Tennessee at Martin Who's Who awards ceremony. Simpson was a senator in the students gov-

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ernment association and a member of Chi Omega Sorority. The who's Who award is one of the most prestigious honors given to students who have proven strength and character in academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community services.

CCA HONOR ROLL

Lauderdale County students, at Christ Classical Academy, Dyersburg, named to the all A's honor roll include Elizabeth Burks, first grade; Hannah Morris, Megan Olds, and Kaylan Vanfredenberg, second grade; Craig Meadows, and Nolen Mooney, third grade; and Luke Wilson, fourth grade, all of Ripley, and Mary Compere, first grade; Brianna Burse, second grade; and Hannah Manning, fourth grade; all of Halls.

Students named to the A/B honor roll include Morgan Martin, third grade; Caroline Mills, fourth grade; Taylor Martin and Brooklyn Simpson, fifth grade; Hollie Wilson and John-Curry Burks, sixth grade; and Mallory Martin, eighth grade, all of Ripley, and Andrew Manning, sixth grade, of Halls.

Students with perfect attendance include Hailee Bal-

lard and Claire Mills, kindergarten; Kaylan Vanfredenberg, second grade; Craig Meadows, Nolen Mooney, and Morgan Martin, third grade; Luke Wilson, fourth grade; Hunter Talley and Hollie Wilson, sixth grade; and

Mallory Martin, Aaron Morris, and Justin Olds, eighth grade, all of Ripley, and Beth Booker, pre-kindergarten; Mary Compere, first grade; Brianna Burse, second grade; Hannah Manning, fourth grade; and Andrew Manning, sixth grade, all of Halls.

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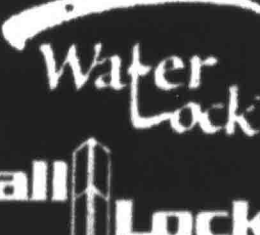
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Obituaries

James Hoggard, Recording Star

James E. Hoggard, 79, of Twin Lakes, Wisc., former Riplian who was an original member (on guitar and mandolin) of the Cotton Choppers, whose recordings at the Sun Studios in Memphis, in the early 1950s, are collector's items, died Monday in Centegra Medical Center in Woodstock, Ill.

Rites were set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Haase-Derrick-Lockwood Funeral Home in Twin Lakes, with burial, with military rites, in Mound Prairie Cemetery.

Born at Chetnut Bluff, Oct. 10, 1926, to the late Clarence and Ruby Lee Jenkins Hoggard, he was a para-trooper in World War II.

He had been a heavy equipment operator in Chicago, Ill.

He had resided in Twin Lakes for three years.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Marie Bung Hoggard, whom he married April 21, 1961, in Franklin Park, Ill.; two sons, Michael Hoggard, of Ripley, and Walter, of Cave Creek, Ariz.; daughters, Paula (Mrs. Stephen) Durante, of Itasca, Ill., and Suzanne (Mrs. Rich) Wasilowski, of Franklin, Wisc.; brothers, David, Dennis, and Roy, of Fennville, Mich., and Robert, of L'Anse, Mich.; sisters, Charlotte Jensen, Debbie Scurino, and Frances Martin, of Fennville, and Robbie Dordan, of Holland, Mich.; four grandchildren; two-step-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Betty Goodman

Betty Lou McKee Goodman, 62, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in St. Paul Cemetery near Ripley.

She leaves a son, Jim Goodman, Jr., of Henning; daughters, Pam Floyd and Paulette Maners, of Ripley; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Alfred Evans

Alfred W. Evans, 85, of Bartlett, who was born in Ripley, Feb. 1, 1921, the tenth child of George Robert and Anna Moriah Evans, died Tuesday of last week in the home of his son, Thomas B. Evans, in Lakeland.

Rites were Friday in Forest Hill Funeral Home East in Memphis.

He moved to Memphis when he was nine years old.

During infantry service in the Army, 1940-45, in New Guinea and the Philippines, he earned a Purple Heart (for suffering a wound in action) and a Bronze Star (for heroic or meritorious achievement).

Having retired after 32 years with Arkansas Best Freight, he was a member of Egypt Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Florence J. Evans; other sons, Hal Evans, of Bartlett, and Eddie Crume, of Memphis; a daughter, Caroline Carpenter, of Collierville; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

C. H. Jackson

Charles H. Jackson, Jr., 59, of Chipley, Fla., son of Chirstine C. Jackson, of Ripley, and brother of Earl and Ernie Jackson, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in the Chipley Hospital.

Rites were held Tuesday in Chipley.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; sons, Tommy, of Chipley, Charlie and Johnny, of Waverly, Jerry, of Virginia, and Lawrence, of Washington State; one daughter, Christine Jackson, of Chipley; another brother, Donald, of Clinton, N.C.; and a sister, Ruthie, of Key Largo, Fla.

Norman G. Hall

Norman G. Hall, 65, of 1239 Eli Young Rd., Halls, self-employed storage operator, died Sunday in his home, after lengthy illness.

Rites were set for 11 a.m. Thursday in South Fork Baptist Church near Halls, where he was a member, with Halls Funeral Home in charge.

An Army veteran, he was a Mason.

He leaves his wife, Patricia Ann Turner; sons, Kedley and Kelly, of

Crash Victim



Maj. (Ret.) Robert Emmett Hicks Savage, 61, foster son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Feist, of Ripley, was fatally injured April 9th in a motorcycle accident in Cleveland, Tex.

Rites were Friday in the Community Christian Fellowship in Kingwood, Tex.

Retired from 20 years in the Army, which saw him serving with the First Special Operations Command, he had been a Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps instructor in Waltrip High School in Houston, Tex., for 16 years.

He leaves his wife, Terrie; daughters, Andrea (Mrs. Joe) Carter and Shannon (Mrs. Wade) Callison; siblings, Galyn Savage, Ira and William Abbott, Alice Conte, Carol Hoxie, and Colistia Sawyer; his mother, Margaret Hicks Savage, widow of Tim Savage, former Riplian; and four grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the Special Olympics would be appropriate.

Lawrenceville, Ill., and Henry, of San Antonio, Tex.; a daughter, Anna Arnold, and a brother, Wilber, of Robinson, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Michele Carmack

Michele Lynn Carmack, 25, daughter of Jason Melvin and Norma Holloway, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week at Malvern, Ark.

Sabine County authorities ordered an autopsy; results were unavailable Tuesday.

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

Survivors include children, Landon and Mariah Carmack, of Halls, and Marion Lee Holloway, of Ripley; brothers, Michael Ammons, of Halls, and

Martha McPhail

Martha Gail McPhail, 56, of Ripley, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Caruthersville, Mo.

She leaves sons, Ronnie Glass, of Dyersburg, and James Glass, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a daughter, Alicia Derbin, of Boca Raton, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Ricky and Thomas Ammons, of Memphis; step-brothers, Jason and Justin Holloway, of Knoxville; and her grandmother, Edith Madden, of Northlake, Ill.

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DAR Award Presented



CADET CAPTAIN MARQUITA TREADWAY, right, was awarded the Fort Prudhomme Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution JROTC award April 11th during the April meeting. Mary Helen Pugh, left, Chapter Regent, presented the award. The DAR JROTC medal is awarded to a graduating student cadet of outstanding ability and achievement in secondary school, junior college, college, or university ROTC program of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps and the Naval Sea Cadets Units. A student must have demonstrated qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training. Cadet Treadway is serving as the Tiger Battalion Executive Officer, the second highest position in RHS Army JROTC, and is a member of the varsity track team.

Readers Speak

Editor,
Every person in America has felt the pinch when it comes to health care and the costs associated with keeping themselves and their families healthy.

That pinch may be felt in the cost of premiums subtracted from your paycheck every two weeks; or in the frustrating process of securing affordable insurance when your company doesn't offer it; or the basic inability to pay for coverage even if you have access in the first place.

We've all felt the pinch in Tennessee. And we're not alone. The skyrocketing cost of health care is a national problem that deserves a national solution. Unfortu-

nately, that day — when America comes together to address the issue of health-care costs from a national perspective — has not yet arrived.

But as Governor of this state, I cannot in good conscience stand by and wait for the folks in Washington to act on a problem that today impacts the lives and livelihood of every hardworking man and woman in America. That's why, late last month in an address to the General Assembly, I presented my plan for what we can do here in Tennessee to offer a helping hand to our citizens — folks who work for modest wages, for small businesses, for themselves.

My proposal, which I call Cover Tennessee, is a moderate, fiscally cautious, down-

Retired Teachers



ETHEL HAYES, left, and Jean Jackson, right, are pictured with Nealey Savage, center, newly-elected president of the West Tennessee Retired Teachers Association. Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Jackson attended the WTRTA meeting April 13th at the Premier Place in Jackson. The next Lauderdale County Retired Teachers meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. May 3rd at Ripley Elementary School.

to-earth approach. It's not the "end-all, be-all" solution to our problem. It is not another big government entitlement program. It is not TennCare. What it is instead is a starting point that, if we're successful, will allow us to grow step-by-step in a fiscally-responsible way.

Cover Tennessee, at its most basic, is a partnership between the state, individuals, and small business that is rooted in two core principles: affordability and portability.

First, affordability. To me, that means no more than \$100 a month for an individual. We plan a benefit package that has a total cost on average of about \$150 a month. Of that, the state will pay \$50. Where an employer is willing to contribute, a \$50 contribution on their part will leave the employee to pay \$50. For perspective, a study the state conducted last year on this topic found that 70% of the small businesses surveyed that don't offer health insurance would take it up if premiums were \$100 or less a month.

Second, portability. What I mean by that is simple: I want the individual, not the employer or the government, to own his or her own policy.

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policy with you. As a result, you don't have to agonize over whether you can afford extremely expensive and time-limited COBRA insurance. This proposal represents a fundamental rethinking of the way health insurance works. Health insurance should follow the individual.

Implementation of Cover Tennessee means partnering with the private sector. From the state's perspective, we will set the major requirements, then bid it out to the private sector. Only allow established companies with financial strength and management experience to bid. And, finally, allow not one but two contracts to keep competition on the front burner.

Now, you may be asking, 'how are we going to pay for this thing?' Here's the an-

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swer: At \$50 per person, that translates to \$600 a year — meaning it will cost the state about \$60 million in today's dollars for each 100,000 people who sign up. We currently have in TennCare reserves enough money to fund the first three years, after that we'll have to make a decision on where the funding will come from permanently. One option is an increase in the tobacco tax, but in no way am I considering an income tax or anything like it to fund this program.

In summary: We're not setting up an entitlement program. We can set limits on the number of people who can enroll. We can modify the benefits if we need to. We can change the eligibility requirements. We can change the law.

Are these plans perfect? Do they cover every contingency? Will they answer every need? No. But is this a lot better than what is happening now? Does it help a great many people who truly need the help? Is it a foundation we can build upon? Absolutely, yes.

It comes back to personal responsibility — we don't have it in our power to promise everyone free health insurance without limits. But we do have it in our power to offer them access to affordable and portable health insurance, and then the choice is theirs.

If you have questions or comments about this issue or any other, please email me at phil.bredesen@state.tn.us.

PHIL BREDESEN
Governor Of Tennessee

Readers Speak

Editor,

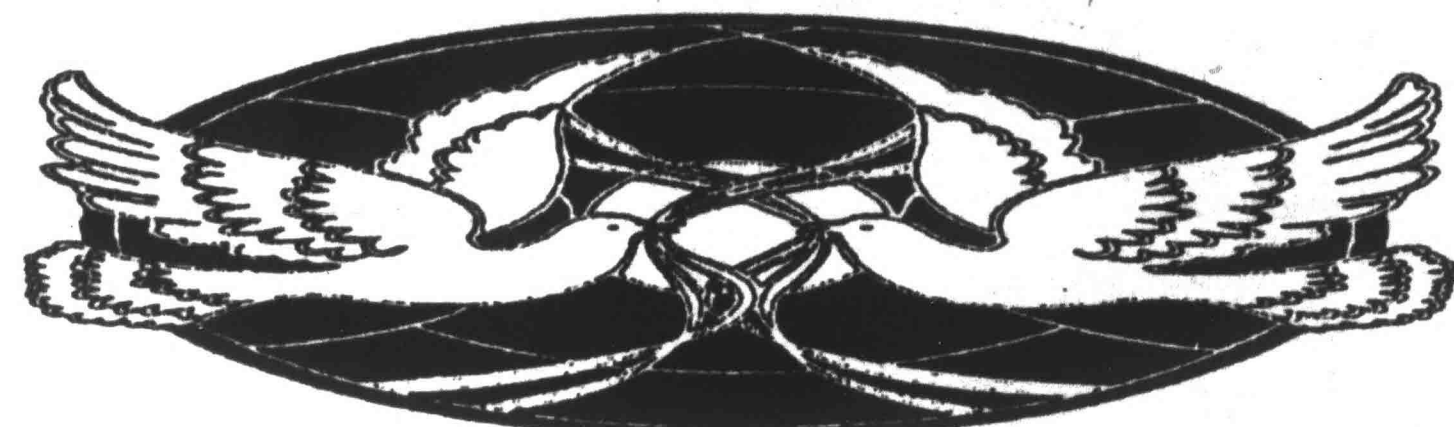
I know that it is early in the year to be talking about a fishing tournament but boat shows are rapidly approaching in Tu-

pelo, Jackson, Memphis, and Desoto County and anglers are planning their schedules for the upcoming year. We would like to make certain that the annual St. Jude Bass Classic is included in that schedule. The fishing tournament will be held May 28th 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. Thanks again, on behalf of the St. Jude Bass Classic and the children of St. Jude.

Dr. Bill Miesse, Jr.

**Church Happenings**

The list of churches is published the first week of each month, if your church is not included, please call to have it added. If the phone number and/or address is not correct, please call with the correct information.

Halls Community Center, N. College St., will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. April 22nd featuring Stairways and TNT, of Ripley. The public is invited.

Enon Baptist Church, at Nankipoo, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sun., April 23rd featuring Joan Gregory. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of Christ, 1499 Hwy. 51 N., will hold a ladies' day beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sat., April 29th with registration, program at 10 a.m. and luncheon to follow. Joan Dixon will deliver the message, "Here Am I, Send Me". Call 635-2936 for further information. The public is invited.

Elam Baptist Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., Ripley, will hold its annual choir day at 2:30 p.m. Sun., April 23rd. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public.

Crockett Mills Christian Church, located beside the community center in Crockett Mills, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sun., May 7th featuring the Frog Jump Gospel Quartet. Curtis Lents, a member of the quartet, will give his testimony. Curtis survived being impaled by a 7 inch round tree back in 2003. For more information, call Bro. Travis Smith, 731-677-2678. The public is invited.

Henning Grove Baptist Church, 10688 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will hold a three-night revival at 7 p.m. nightly beginning Wed., April 26th through Fri., April 28th with Learth Nicholas, pastor of Faith, Hope and Charity Church of God, Independent, St. Louis, Mo., as guest evangelist. Guest choirs will be featured nightly. Percy Flowers, pastor, invites the public.

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow St., Gates, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sun., April 23rd featuring TNT (The New Testimonies) with Ronnie Nelson, Tracie Taylor, and Scott Nelson. For more information, call Clay Newman, 836-1030. The public is invited.

The Forerunner Baptist Church, 361 Eastland Ave., Ripley, will hold a mission celebration beginning at 10:45 a.m. Sun., April 23rd and continuing at 6 p.m. nightly April 24th through April 26th with

different guest speakers each night. The speakers have served in areas of mission work and will provide information on their experiences. The Rev. Thomas Bester, pastor, invites the public.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 6950 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will hold a gospel singing at 6:30 p.m. Sun., April 30th featuring New Spirit. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life C.O.G.I.C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly April 26th through April 28th with the ministers delivering the message. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

A benefit gospel singing for Jerry Don Trosper will be held at 7 p.m. April 28th at Mary's Chapel Baptist Church featuring local singers, the Barnett's, Finchers and TNT. The event is sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. The public is invited.

Henning First Assembly of God will hold revival services beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 23rd, and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly Monday through Wednesday, April 24th through 26th, featuring Josh Franks as guest evangelist.

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.

LESSONS OFFERED

Piano lessons are being offered from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 16th, at the UT Martin Ripley Center inside the Tennessee Technology Center, Ripley.

David Haynes, of Ringgold, Ga., will be the instructor.

To register or for more information, call 800-482-5199 or 221-8778.

River Corridor Public Meeting

The Mississippi River Natural and Recreational Corridor (The Corridor), a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization based in Nashville, has scheduled a meetings for Lauderdale County from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 24th, at Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley, 127 Industrial Dr. Topics to be discussed include economic development, history and culture, conservation, recreation, health and wellness, education and transportation. The meeting is to increase public awareness of the project to promote tourism along the Mississippi River, pending completion of I-69.

The Corridor is made up of Lauderdale, Tipton, Shelby, Dyer, Lake and Obion counties that border the Mississippi River.

"We're trying to combine all six counties into one major historic, cultural and recreation corridor that we're going to market to tourists as they come off I-69," stated Diana Threadgill in a meeting at Reelfoot State Park.

For more information, call Diana at 901-278-8459, by email dianathre ad@aol.com or visit the website www.msrivertrn.org.

Anniversaries

April 20 — Mr. and Mrs. Ron Feakins, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Caldwell.

April 22 — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thebeau, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Ing.

April 23 — Mr. and Mrs. Stan Matras.

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

April 26 — Mr. and Mrs. Don Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Scearce, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Folger.

DSCC Scholar's Bowl Score Success Customers Of The Month

PARTICIPANTS, in the Dyersburg State Community College's Upward Bound Scholars' Bowl "A" team, including, from left, Jeremy Hudson, Demetrius Pierce, Quila Smith, of Halls High School, Latisha Benson, Donnetta Mays, Corbin Lee, of HHS, Samantha Wyrick, Zach Vaughn, captain, Ashley Swift, Levi Lancaster, Paulita Edmondson, Miranda Diebel, Ashley Morris, Jonathan Simpson, Marilyn Armstrong, counselor, Bob Jones, director, and Cord Lemons, placed second at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, March 18th. The exhibition team, of Benson, Pierce, Wyrick, Mays, Swift, and Diebel, placed third. Upward Bound is a federal TRIO program for first-generation high school students and has been a grant program at DSCC since 1992.

Land Transfers

March 7th — March 14th

City of Ripley Board of Mayor and Alderman Industrial Development Board to MacDonald Enterprises, Inc., Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Ellen Barfield to William S. Richardson, Dist. 15, 1.135 acres.

Geary K. Riley and Mary E. Riley to Celeste Conner Henry, lot.

Sec. Of Housing and Urban Development to Johnnie Frank Tyus and Vernerdean Tyus, Dist. 2, tract.

Jeremy T. Helton and Melissa Helton to Christopher Ales, Dist. 6, lot.

Aguster Adkin Hartsfield and Ruth Arwood Hartsfield to Aguster Adkin Hartsfield, Jr., Dist. 16, tract.

Agape Properties, LLC to William L. Carroll and Margaret Carroll, lot.

Jeremy Helton and Dana Freeman, Jr. to Marcus Jones and Candus Jones, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Billy Chipman and Ken-

neth Parham to Wilton Jones, Jr., Dist. 2, lot.

Swartz and Brough, Inc. to Cynthia Myers, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, trustee, to Destiny Ventures, LLC, lot.

Mary Frances Johnson and Leanne Emmons to Jeff McNeill, Dist. 17, lot.

John H. Dillard, trustee, and John H. Dillard Family Revocable Living Trust to Todd White and Carole White, Dist. 3, 2 tracts.

Johnnie T. Hudson to Al-len Sherrod, Dist. 2, lot.

Joseph N. Caldwell, Jr. and Melody C. Caldwell to Daniel Marsh, Dist. 2, lot.

Bobby E. Hines, Jr. and Debbie Hines to Jerry Steelman, Dist. 2, lot.

Ralph Sanford, Ann Sanford, and Ann Rhoads to Rita F. Moore, Dist. 2, lot.

Kenneth D. Laumer and Ruth A. Laumer to Donna Collum, Dist. 14, 5.054 acres.

Johnnie T. Hudson to Tammy Zalazar and Richard

Floyd, Dist. 2, lot.

Bobby Edison Ward and Gloria Jean Ward to Robbie R. Ward and Teresa A. Ward, Dist. 16, lot.

Fisher Enterprises, LLC to Mario Hayslett and Meeka Larece Hayslett, Dist. 6, lot.

Lester W. Poston, Jr. to Regina Wynn, Dist. 2, lot.

David Hughes and Mary Elizabeth Hughes to James M. Crook and Heather D. Crook, Dist. 6, lot.

T. L. Cihfield, Jr. and Kathy C. Holmes to The Conservation Fund, tract.

Divorces

Stephanie Michelle Dawson Helton vs. Gary Lynn Helton, Jr.

Melody Dyson King vs. Marion Joseph King.

Amanda Newman Etheridge vs. William Earl Etheridge.

Rosie Marie Williams Stewart vs. Johnny Scott Stewart.

Ernie Robin McCage vs. Shelia Green McCage.

Tanyan Jo Kirby vs. Thomas Rusty Kirby.



TALMAGE CRIHFIELD, right, and Jeff Cihfield, left, both of Ripley, were named customers of the month for March by Cargill Grain Elevator, Hales Point. Jeff Via, of Dyersburg, second from left, elevator manager, presented the Cihfields with Cargill winter jackets and a \$100 donation to the charity of their choice, the Katrina Relief Fund of Ripley's First United Methodist Church, accepted by The Rev. Randy Cooper, pastor.

Birthdays

April 20 — Beverly Hutcherson, Derry Newman, Don White, June Sapp, Sarah Brassfield, Sparkle Pitts, Donna Burns, Rev. Randy Jetton, B. J. Graham, Shirley Braden, Cecil Crowder, Sr., Irene Savage, Linda Edwards, Paula Buckner, Chandler Bolton, Jeff Hamilton, Brooke Burton, Ashton Platzke.

April 21 — Shannon Ray Walker, Paul Meadows, Lee Smalley, Bill Caldwell, Paige Murray, Keith Jackson, Jean Ward, Jeff Lawrence, Heath Elmer.

April 22 — Catherine Carpenter, Shelia Dillard, Diane Whitelaw, Michael Dew, Ann Campbell, Rosie Waters, Amanda Grivet, Elise Frost.

April 23 — Christie Woodard, Bill Lemons, Alene Boyd, Carmon Durham, Mike Robinson, Brantley English, Carolyn Mitchell, Autumn Hutchison, Jimmy Hutcherson, Danny

Belton, Natalie Hart, Madison Mountjoy, Elizabeth Burgess, Tammy Vaughan, Paul Thomas Newman, Brenda Osburn, Robert Echols, Dr. Robert Magee.

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

April 25 — Lex Sanders, Barbara Jennings, Becky Hilliard, Beth Deaton, Brenda Newman, Margie Halliburton, Becky Fain, Nathan Smith, Mike Fuller, Ruby Taylor, Kyle Loving, Teresia Walk, Yvonne Clay, Cindy Rosson, Gary Turner Jr., Addy Hume.

April 26 — Mary Meadows, Emily Elkins, Alfred Brassfield, Susan Pipkin, Billie Belton, Lewis Vaden, David Booker, Caroline Snell, Margaret Cep-parulo, Laverne Dunavant, Brian Maclin, Emma Crawley, Rebecca Lovelace.

There's a buzz around the Hive!
Beverly Hutcherson
is turning 45!
Happy Birthday! April 20th!
Love Sylvia, Regina, Kimberly, & Angela

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man of the Board and served in that position until his death in 1995 at the age of 101 when it passed to his granddaughter, Rebecca McWilliams. In 1989, the board of directors opened their second office in Ripley.

American Greetings was presented with the 2006 Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Large Business of the Year. The plant opened in 1972 and consolidated in 2002 with the Corbin plant to become the only American Greetings facility in the U.S. They are instrumental in the printing of the Walking Horse Classic program each year as well as the RHS Football program where they donate their printing services. The plant has been around in Ripley for 34 years but it has been a corporation for 100 years. They support many groups, clubs, and organizations in the community. Greetings had a staff increase of 20% in 2002 due to the consolidation. In 2005, the corporation invested over \$6 million into the Ripley plant with two new printing presses and other equipment.

TAXES PAY SUPPORT

The Federal Income Tax Refund Offset program is paying off for Tennessee children. The Department of Human Services has intercepted more than 17,000 tax refunds totaling more than \$22 million so far this year. Those numbers are expected to double in coming weeks as non-paying parents file their income tax returns. The state works with several federal agencies, including the IRS, to intercept tax refunds from parents who owe, but are not paying their child support.

The number of tax refunds the state is intercepting has increased nearly 15 percent over the last few years, and the refund checks have also increased. The Tax Refund Offset program has been in effect since 1981.

For more information on

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gree. I obtained my judicial degree at the now University of Memphis. After graduating, I was a law clerk for the Honorable Paul R. Summers at the Tennessee Court of Appeals. I worked as an Administrative Law Judge for the state for three years before returning home to Ripley to practice law. I worked as an associate in the law office of Caldwell and Fitzhugh until 1998, when I ran for office.

"I am a member of Ripley's First United Methodist Church where I have served on numerous boards and am president of the United Methodist Women. I am a past member of the Lauderdale County Business and Professional Women where I served as president. I have served on the board of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce and the Lauderdale County Education Foundation. I am a 1999 graduate of Leadership Lauderdale and received Outstanding Woman of the Year in 2000 from the local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police. I have participated in the job shadowing for several years. I am a member of the Fort Prudhomme Chapter of the Daughters' of the American Revolution and have held the position of regent twice. I am also a member of the Ripley Rotary Club, Ada Nixon Book Club, Memphis Scottish Society, and the Tennessee Bar Association. I serve as the vice-president for the General Sessions Judges Conference West Tennessee.

"I am married to Steven A. Koonce, a civil engineer technician for the Federal Government and we live on our farm in Durhamville. I am respectfully asking for your vote and support in the August 3rd election," said Janice.

the Tennessee Child Support Program, visit www.state.tn.us/humanserv/child-support.htm or for information on Federal Offset Programs, visit www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/nw/whire/fop/fop.htm.

Runner-Up Gates Easter Egg Parade



CARLEE JO KLUTTS, 1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Klutts, of Halls, competed in the 0-11 months category of the State Finals of America's Cover Miss and Cover Boy® at the Music City Sheraton® in Nashville April 14th. She placed fourth runner-up within the state for the beauty competition, first runner-up in photogenic, first runner-up in best fashion, first runner-up in the patriotic and hillbilly competitions, and second runner-up in the swimwear and casual wear competitions. She competed against girls from all over the state and qualified to go to the National Finals in Orlando, Fla. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Shirley Archibald and Charles Klutts, of Halls, and Mary Davis, of Houston, Tex.

PROGRAM EXTENDED

United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency has extended the deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to April 28th.

For more information, contact the Lauderdale county FSA office at 731-635-7686.

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/nw/whire/fop/fop.htm.



AN EASTER PARADE was held Thursday of last week beginning at Gates City Hall and ending at the Gates Community Center. Each age category was awarded a prize egg and hot dogs, drinks, and potato chips were served by the Gates Fire Department.

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Driver Survives Collision



ROBERT RICHARDSON, of Halls, driving a red pick-up, survived a collision with a train Wednesday of last week with only minor injuries, according to Tennessee Highway Trooper Michael Arguello. At approximately 10:30 a.m., Richardson was crossing on Shotgun Rd., Halls, near N. Church, when he told officers he did not see or hear the train. His truck struck the side of the train, causing minor damage to his vehicle. He refused treatment for his injuries, according to Trooper Arguello. Richardson was charged with violation of HMVO, driving on revoked license, fifth offense, and had no proof of insurance. He is scheduled to appear in court June 9th.

Candidate Seeks Votes



LARRY MCCOY has announced his candidacy for Sheriff of Lauderdale County. He issued the following statement.

"We need a new approach to law enforcement and a new respect for the

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GLADYS NANCE has announced her candidacy for the position of County Court Clerk. She issued the following statement.

"To the citizens of Lauderdale County,

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County To Observe National Prayer Day

Lauderdale County will observe the National Day of Prayer at 11 a.m. Thurs., May 4th on the north lawn of the Lauderdale County Courthouse. The day is set aside each year as time to pray for national, state, and local leaders, communities, churches, and families. The public is invited to participate. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Ripley City Hall Courtroom.

The theme is "America, Honor God".

Halls will observe National Day of Prayer at noon in front of Halls City Hall. In case of rain, the event will move inside.

Rogers Killed In Shooting Friday

Dannius Quantang Rogers, 20, of Ripley, died at approximately 12:25 p.m. Friday at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale of a gunshot wound, according to Ripley Police Chief Milford "Pop" Durham. Officers were called by emergency room personnel after his father, Danny Rogers, brought Dannius to the hospital with a gunshot wound to his left side. The father stated they were on Gay St., where he witnessed an argument between his son and the sister of Dannius' girlfriend. A shot was fired at approximately 11:50 a.m. from her van, with three or four other passengers. After the shooting the van, with a female driver, left the area at a high rate of speed.

Rogers' body was transported to Nashville for an autopsy.

Following the investigation,

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HHS Greenhouse Opens



MEMBERS of the Halls High School Future Farmers of America Chapter have a new greenhouse after the generosity of Ripley's Wal-Mart, which donated the building from their parking lot earlier this year. Many members of the community and county worked hard in preparing for the greenhouse. Members of the Lauderdale County Maintenance Department were instrumental in disassembling the structure and installing electricity. Ed Hunt and the Lauderdale County inmates helped to move and reassemble the building on school grounds. The Town of Halls was responsible for tearing down the old greenhouse to prepare a place for the new structure. Many students have worked long hours planting and transplanting the plants. Missy Hammond and Wendy Willette stated they feel very fortunate to have such a nice gift donated to their program. Sue Toles, vocational director, hopes to be able to help the students purchase the heating and cooling systems needed to operate next year. Plants, including Wave Petunias, Geraniums, Impatiens, Marigolds, Vinca, Wandering Jew, Purple Hearts, Tomato Plants, Coleus, Ivy Baskets, and Caladiums, should be available starting Friday.

Final Ballot For August Election

With last week's deadline to withdraw past, candidates on the ballot for the August 3rd State Primary and County General Election, include Roger W. Warmath, Democratic, and John Wilkerson, Republican, State Executive Committeeman, 32nd District; J. Weber McCraw, Circuit Court Judge Part I, 25th District; Steve Butler, and William (Bill) Cole, Chancellor Part I, 25th District; Colin A. Campbell, Mike Dunavant, and Ed Neal McDaniel, District Attorney

General, 25th District; Craig Fitzhugh, Democratic, Tennessee House of Representatives, 82nd District; Debra F. Moody, Republican, and Linda Roberts, Republican, State Executive Committeewoman, 32nd District; Joe H. Walker, Circuit Court Judge, Part II, 25th District; Martha B. Brasfield, Chancellor, Part II, 25th District; Gary F. Antrican, Public Defender, 25th District; Rozelle Criner and Rod Schuh, County Mayor; Charles (Sonny) Anthony, Jr., John L. Bates, Billy Poe Brandon, Charles Culbreath and Gene Edwards, County Commissioner, Dis-

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Little Miss L.C.E.A. Royalty



CHLOE NIPP, center, 3rd grade, daughter of Lisa Scoggins and Travis and Genia Nipp, was crowned queen in the Little Miss Lauderdale County Education Association pageant April 8th. Her court included, from left, Ambria Platzke, 4th maid, 4th grade, daughter of Travis and Gail Lane and Robert and Leslie Platzke; Sara Kirkland, 2nd maid, 3rd grade, daughter of Patrick and Christy Kirkland; Hayley Stewart, 1st maid, 4th grade, daughter of Vanessa Beasley and Chris Stewart; and Libby McBride, 3rd maid 3rd grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride III. The money raised will benefit two senior scholarships for Halls High and Ripley High students.

SCTP Team Wins



MEMBERS, from left, John Curry Burks, Danielle Kirkpatrick and Kyle Hendren, of the Lauderdale Scholastic Clay Target Program team, participated in a registered trap shoot April 22nd at the MSSA Memphis Gun Club. They were coached by Bill and Pam Rhodes and placed first in each of their classes including, Burks, in the junior high class, shooting 94 out of 100; Kirkpatrick, in the lady's class, shooting 96 out of 100; and Hendren, in the high school class, shooting 97 out of 100. The students were awarded a silver coin. The regionals will be the first weekend in May in Memphis, followed by state in Nashville and the grand in Ohio.

Lauderdale SCTP team hosted a local shoot April 9th at McArmour Gun Club in Halls, competing with trap teams from Brighton and Memphis. They placed first in the junior and high school competition, with Memphis taking second place.

rald and Billy Joe Harrald, lus Glynn Barnett and Jadie Jr., 2 tracts. Lee Barnett, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Mackie Orlena Love to Hassan Kaveh and Tommy Heard and Katrina Pouran Kaveh to Andra Heard, tract. Carter, Dist. 2, lot.

William L. Carroll and Page Latham to Delois Margaret Carroll to Theophi- Taylor, Dist. 2, lot.

PROGRAM OFFERED **RETIRED TEACHERS** **Land Transfers**

Girl Scouts of Reelfoot Council is partnering with Tennessee Technology Center at Newbern and Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) to offer 'In The Driver's Seat' program to young women ages 11 to 17.

The four-day program will begin Saturday, May 13th, at the Dyersburg Fairgrounds, for Dyer, Gibson, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion and Weakley counties to offer opportunities to learn about the responsibilities of car ownership and operation as well as the many career paths available within the automotive industry and is partially funded by a grant from the Department of Labor.

The Lauderdale County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2 p.m. May 3rd at Ripley Elementary School. The program will inform members about Comfort Keepers and UniServ. All retired teachers are urged to attend.

FREE BASIC CLASSES

All participants who have called in for the Word and Excel computer class at the Tennessee Technology Center - Ripley, need to contact Yvette Dixon or Cheryl Kaplan at 635-3368 as soon as possible to set up orientation.

For more information, contact Kim McFarland, chief operating officer, Girl Scouts of Reelfoot Council, 731-668-1122 or kimmcfarland@gssreelfoot.org.

Bank of Halls to James Williams, Dist. 12, 0.54 acres.

Curry A. Burks and Tom W. Greaves to Charles Steve Cherry, Dist. 6 and Dist. 14, 2 parcels.

Sherry Garrett Hayes and James Allen Hayes to Marvin Odell Terry and Carolyn Ann Terry, Dist. 7, 3.50 acres.

William T. Morris and Thelma Morris to William G. Rhodes and Pam K. Rhodes, Dist. 11, tract.

Barry Bates and June T. Bates to Russell Lewis Keith and Donna Marie Keith, Dist. 10, 38.378 acres.

Carter Custom Homes LLC to Shirley Robinson, Dist. 12, lot.

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Obituaries

Frances Alford

Frances G. Alford, 92, of Ripley, widows of Guy W. Wood and Allen Alford, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

She leaves a son, Charles W. Wood, of 5551 Asbury-Glimp Road; a daughter, Mrs. Hugh Lewis Brown, of 923 Williams Switch Road; a sister, Martha Lee Hunter, of Ripley; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

A. R. McBride

Anthony Robinson McBride, 35, of Memphis, grandson of Jessie Robinson, of 4320 Key Corner Road, Halls, died Thursday of last week in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in Salem Gilfield Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, with burial at noon Thursday in the cemetery of Henning Grove Baptist Church, at Halls.

Survivors include his mother, Betty F. McBride, his step-father, The Rev. Angelo McBride, a brother, Tacuma McBride, and a son, Quin-Show Johnson, all of Memphis.

Hugh T. Miller

Hugh Turner Miller, 75, of Ripley, retired chemist, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was the widower of Elsie Hendren Miller.

He leaves a son, Thomas Miller II, of 5470 Chisholm Lake Road; daughters, Mary Gene Sauls, of Ripley, and Laura Susan Dematti, of Memphis; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Jim McWilliams

James H. McWilliams, 70, of Ripley, retired master sergeant in the Air Force, died Saturday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Son of the late Tom and Bettie McWilliams, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Edward McWilliams and Tommy Joe McWilliams.

He leaves sisters, Annie Ruth Webb and Betty Jean Henderson, of Ripley; and brothers, John Robert McWilliams, of Burke, Va., and Jerry Franklin McWilliams, of San Bernardino, Calif.

Robert Scott

Robert James Scott, 80, of Ripley, retired from General Motors Corp., died April 13th, at home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Morning Star Baptist Church, with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves sons, Thomas E. Johnson, of Ripley, and James Thomas Scott of Dyersburg; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

D. F. Bradford

Donald Franklin Bradford, 74, of Newbern, who was born in this county, Oct. 28, 1931, to the late William Richard Bradford and the late Josie Ashworth Crowder Bradford, died Wednesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Friday in the cemetery of Grace Baptist Church at Central, Johnson Funeral Home, of Newbern, in charge.

An Army veteran, he was a self-employed painter.

He leaves his wife, Retha; sons, Donald Richard Bradford, of Dyersburg, and Ron Terry Bradford, of North Carolina; a brother, Allen Buette Bradford, of Clearwater, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Marie Osborne

Marie M. Osborne, 74, of Ripley, former Tupperware employee, died Tuesday, April 25th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 1 p.m. Friday at Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She leaves two daughters, Joyce Cotton and Norma Noel, and three sons, Marcus Keeley, Douglas Cotton and Wilbur Cotton, all of Ripley; a sister, Dorothy Townes, of Memphis; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Crawford

Alvin K. "Fat Albert" Crawford, 44, of Memphis, former Riplian, died April 12th in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis

Rites were Saturday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

He leaves a son, Alvin, Jr., of Detroit, Mich.; a brother, Walter, of Memphis; and a sister, Fannie Mae Boyd, of Arlington.

Hazel D. Baker

Hazel D. Baker, 85, of Memphis, died Sunday in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, after long illness.

Rites were Tuesday in Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, where she was a member, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a daughter, Jo Ann Lynch, of Memphis; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Marvin Potter

Marvin Potter, Jr., 68, of Covington, father of Karen Potter, Donna Tucker, and Lisa Caswell, of Halls, died Monday in his home.

Rites were set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Halls Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include his best friend, Marcia Murray, of Covington; other daughters, Morgan Potter, of Covington, and Jackie Brown, of Hobe Sound, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Wildlife Seed Available



DWAINE JOHNSTON, right, soil conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for Lauderdale County, and John Helton, left, Quail Unlimited, are working in cooperation to promote wildlife habitat in the county. Johnston stated that the Great River Chapter of Quail Unlimited has donated 200 packets of wildlife seed mixture to be distributed, free of charge, to landowners in Lauderdale County this spring. The donated seed will do much to assist landowners to provide food for wildlife. Contact the USDA office, 301 Lake Drive, Ripley, to obtain a bag of free seed mixture. For information concerning establishing a wildlife food plot, call the office 731-635-7686, ext. 3.

Farmers Market Plans Opening

The Memphis Farmers Market is scheduled to open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, May 13th through October 28th, rain or shine, in the pavilion at Central Station, located at the intersection of Front St. and GE Patterson in the South Main District.

The market will feature locally grown produce and

CORRECTION

The winner of the jersey, donated by Raymond King, to the honor of Jerry Don Trosper for the Relay for Life effort, will be selected by a drawing, held the night of the Relay at the Ripley City Park.

handmade goods with an emphasis on small regional growers and purveyors.

For additional information visit www.memphisfarmersmarket.com.

NOTICE

A special called meeting of the Halls Planning Commission Board will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Halls City Hall.

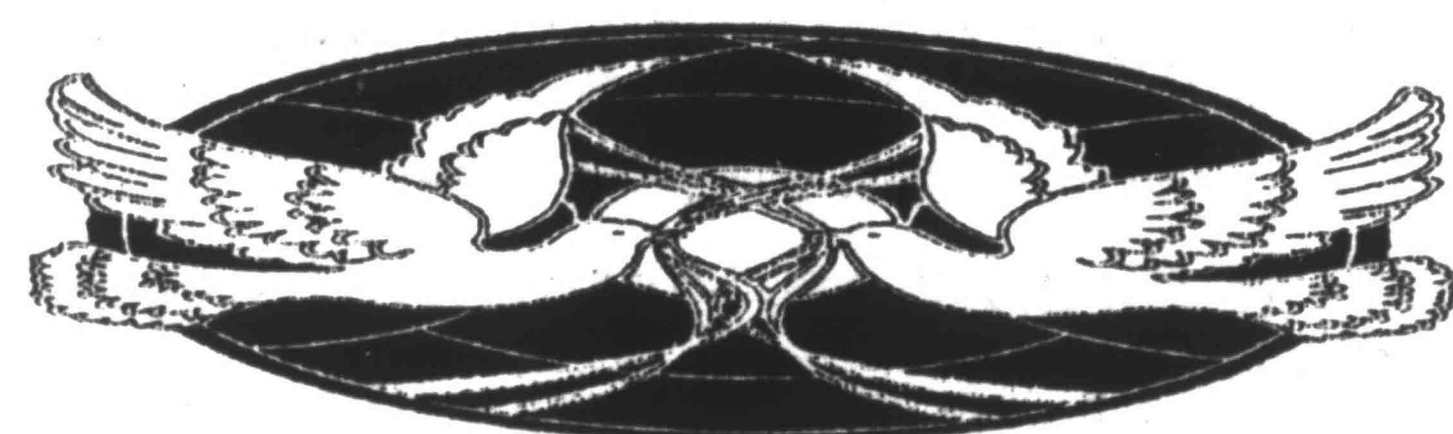
The purpose of this meeting is to review and consider site plans for Hurt Seed Co. and Forked Deer Electric Co-Op and any other properly presented business. The public is invited.

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Annual Tree Day



STEVE KOONCE, left, National Resource Conservation Service employee, Douglas Woodard, Lauderdale Soil Conservation District technician, and Walker Harmer, environmentalist with Marvin Windows, Ripley, participated in the annual tree day last month. A total of 6,000 trees were distributed to local landowners to assist with erosion control and promote land beautification in the county. Vernon McBride III, chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, stated the district is very proud of the assistance provided by Mr. Harmer during the 2006 Tree Day. Marvin Windows of Tennessee became a cooperative affiliate member with the Lauderdale SCD to assist with the tree day.



Church Happenings

The list of churches is published the first week of each month, if your church is not included, please call to have it added. If the phone number and/or address is not correct, please call with the correct information.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Highway 51 N., Ripley, will conduct special Sunday morning services beginning April 30th and continuing for five weeks in a Bible prophecy series concerning the release of "The DaVinci Code" book and movie. Radio Bible prophecy teacher and pastor, Roy Harkness, will be delivering the five messages, *The Words of Jesus*, *The Divinity of Jesus*, *The Celibacy of Jesus*, *The Resurrection of Jesus*, and *The Exclusiveness of Jesus*. The public is invited.

Elam Baptist Church will hold worship service at 9 a.m. Sun., April 30th followed by Sunday School Union at 11 a.m. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public. The church family will conduct a full worship service at the Lauderdale Community Living Center, located on Lackey Lane, at 6 p.m. Sat., May 6th.

Ripley Church of Christ, 1499 Hwy. 51 N., will hold a ladies' day beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sat., April 29th with registration, program at 10 a.m. and luncheon to follow. Joan Dixon will deliver the message, "Here Am I, Send Me". Call 635-2936 for further information. The public is invited.

Healthcare Access Personnel Week



STAFF MEMBERS at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale celebrated National Healthcare Access Personnel Week April 2nd through 8th with a special luncheon for the registration/admissions department. Attending were, in front, from left, Ying Bullard, Stephanie Yelverton (CPAR-PBX), Jacqueline Moore, Ronica Anderson (CPAR), and Teresa Lenderman, and in rear, Keon Falkner, administrator/CEO, Angelia Parrish (CPAR), Marcy Johnson, Donna McClish (CPAR), Sandra Yarbrough, director, and Josephine King (CPAR).

Salem Baptist Church, Henning, will hold a spring Bible study on Nehemiah from 10 a.m. until noon, Sun., April 30th with Bro. John Gilbert, of Cordova, as the Bible Conference teacher. A meal will follow and a short study will be held following the meal. The public is invited.

Crockett Mills Christian Church, located beside the community center in Crockett Mills, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sun., May 7th featuring the Frog Jump Gospel Quartet. Curtis Lents, a member of the quartet, will give his testimony. Curtis survived being impaled by a 7 inch round tree back in 2003. For more information, call Bro. Travis Smith, 731-677-2678. The public is invited.

Faith United Methodist Church, 8301, Hwy. 87, Henning, will hold an outreach, outdoor worship and praise service at 11 a.m. Sun., April 30th with lunch to follow. The public is invited.

The Women's Ministry Department of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Three Points Community, will hold its annual prayer breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to noon Sat., April 29th with Evangelist Rosie Mann as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold a spring musical at 2:30 p.m. Sun., April 30th with many guest choirs, including Forerunner Baptist Church, Heavenly Voices, Redeemers, Original Southernaires, and Gospel Divine, all of Ripley, Cannan Baptist Church, of Henning, Bluff Creek Baptist Church, of Brownsville, and New Hope Baptist Church, of Cherry,

along with others. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 6950 Edith Nankipoo Rd., Ripley, will hold a gospel singing at 6:30 p.m. Sun., April 30th featuring New Spirit. The public is invited.

Rose of Sharon Campgrounds, in Burlison, will hold a revival fire camp meeting at 7 p.m. Thurs., May 4th; 1 and 7 p.m. Fri., May 5th; and 9 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. Sat., May 6th featuring Gerald Crabb, of Hendersonville, Josh Franks, of Savannah, Brian Taylor, of Springfield, the Lovelace family, of Iuka, Miss., HeartFelt, of Covington, Betty Shaver, of Beaver Dam, Ky., and The Rev. JN Austil, along with many others. The public is invited.

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

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, May 1st
Hot Dog
Pizza
Tater Tots
Carrot Sticks
Grapes
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, May 2nd
Fish Fillet On Bun
Hamburger On Bun
Green Beans
Corn On The Cob
Peaches
Pear Halves
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, May 3rd
Southern Fried Chicken
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Pineapple Tidbits
Jell-O w/Fruit Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, May 4th
Menu - School's Choice

Friday, May 5th
Tacos w/Trimings
Chicken Fajitas
Corn Nibbles
Applesauce
Banana
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Marriages

April 13 - Herbert Malone, Jr., 52, to Josie B. Maben Winbush, 46, by Tracy Henson.

April 14 - Gregory Howard Mills, 32, to Felecia Leigh Castellaw Webster, 24, by Rocky Gilliam.

UT-M SCHOLARSHIP

Mildred Everth, daughter of Leo and Jilma Jones, of Halls, was awarded the McWhorter Freshman Scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Hankins Attends Business Seminar

Lisa Hankins, executive director of Lauderdale Chamber/ECD in Ripley, attended the TVA Advanced Business Retention Seminar March 29th in Jackson. The seminar, attended by business leaders throughout the Tennessee Valley, focused on enhancing existing business and industry programs in local communities. The seminar was conducted by Eric Canada, a partner in Blane Canada, Ltd., of Chicago, Ill. She also completed Session II of the Economic Development Institute (OU/EDI) conducted by the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, Okla. OU/EDI classes focus on business retention and expansion, real estate and finance as well as marketing, strategic planning and managing economic development organizations. Students complete 117 hours of instruction selected from more than 50 seminars, workshops and discussion groups. Mrs. Hankins plans to take the certification exam upon completion of the one-year program.

Birthdays

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

April 28 - Lauryn Emilee Caldwell, Frankie Bostic, Chris

Lauderdale Set To Observe Earth Day

Lauderdale County will observe Earth Day April 24th through 29th.

Bill Parker, vice-chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District (SCD), encourages citizens of Lauderdale County to remember the 36th anniversary of Earth Day. He asks everyone to take time to remember the Lauderdale County SCD motto, "With the right to use---Goes the duty to conserve" and to do their part to protect the environment today, for future generations.

Shoemake, George Grugett, Emily Anthony, Kevin Hogard, William Belton, Jim Jarrett, Ken Long, Brooke Mays.

April 29 - Julie Wright, Matthew Taylor, Patty Moore, Betty Chipman, Cynthia Harvey, Rebekah D. Ennis, Patty Sue Moore, Debbie Blankenship.

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

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

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

Shakandra Whitelow, Leon Patat, Libba Shoaf Burns, Barbara Thomas.

May 3 - Max Hutcherson, Bill West, Charlie Cherry, Louise Best, Barbara Anderson,

Stacy Warren, Chris Burrough, Garret Steelman, Jesse James, Zachary Vaughan, Florine Pierce, Steven Hensley, Molly Barcroft, Alan Swope, Dr. Lee Mockrin.

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Authorities Stage Mock DUI Crash



STUDENTS at Halls High School 'witnessed' a mock DUI crash at approximately 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 19th, staged by members of the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, Halls Police Department, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, and Town of Halls Fire Department.

Each year, the mock crash is presented to the junior and senior classes before the prom. Statistics, compiled by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, were read during the exercise in an attempt to make the students more aware of their driving choices and the consequences. In a span of one second, one heartbeat, their life can change forever. Teenagers account for 10 percent of the United States population and 14 percent of the

motor vehicle deaths. On the average, 6,000 teenagers die each year in alcohol related motor vehicle crashes, with 52 percent of crashes alcohol related.

One in ten Americans, aged 12 and older, drove under the influence of alcohol at least once in the year 2000. On any given weekend, one out of ten vehicles passed is being driven by a drunk or drugged driver. Two out of five persons will be hit by a drunk driver during their lifetime. A gun kills one person every hour, a drunk driver kills three people every hour.

April 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kitts.
May 1 - Mr. and Mrs. David Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Goss, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Castleman, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Best.
May 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes.
May 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Coy Summar.

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"With over 30 years experience at Ripley Police Department, I can implement several changes that need to be made. I need your help and support to accomplish this," said McCoy.

HEALTH FAIR

Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale and Sunstone Behavioral Health are sponsoring a Senior Health Fair from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29th, at Calvary Hill Baptist Church recreation building.

There will be free drinks, donuts, blood sugar checks, blood pressure and door prizes.

For more information or to set up a booth, call Lisa or Pam at 731-221-2500.

WORKSHOP OFFERED

A weeklong workshop will be held from July 9th through July 14th at Pickwick Landing State Park for teachers and others interested in learning about the natural resources of West Tennessee.

Teachers are able to get CEU credits as well as college credits (2 or 3 hours) for this workshop.

For more information call the Tennessee Forestry Association at 615-883-3832 or Preston Padgett at 731-689-1380.

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Voters have until July 3rd to register and early voting begins July 14th through 29th.

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tion, Cecil Andrew Thomas, 29, of Ripley, front seat passenger, admitted to firing the gun. Lakeal L. Allen, 26, of Gates, the driver, admitted to driving to Gay Street and having an altercation with Rogers. Further investigation found that Marcus Gene Moore, 32, of Ripley, was one of the four people in the van. They have all been charged with first-degree murder and are being held on \$150,000 bond each. Another female subject came to the police department and admitted to being the fourth person in the van. Her actual involvement in the incident is still being investigated.

Rites are set for 11 a.m. Saturday in New Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Henning, with burial in Canaan Cemetery, near Henning, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

Son of Danny Lee Rogers and Frances Louise Brown, of Ripley, he also leaves a sister, Elizabeth Brown, of Ripley; a brother, Bobby Gause, of Henning; his grandfather, Louie Brown, of Alamo; and grandmothers, Mary Rogers and Ethel Lawrence, both of Ripley.

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dale County, I take pleasure in announcing my candidacy for County Court Clerk. For more than 20 years, I have worked in a variety of positions throughout Lauderdale and Dyer County. I've had the pleasure of working for and with many of you. With the closing of the Tupperware Plant, I decided to become a small business owner, which has afforded me many opportunities within the public arena. Like Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, I too feel that "the greatest opportunities often disguise themselves in small tasks." Those who know me, know that I am a person who will help anyone who needs me, family, friends, co-workers, and even strangers. In our culture, greatness is equated with power, possessions, prestige, and position. Jesus, however, equated greatness with service. In Mark 10:43, he says, "whoever wants to be great, must become a servant". As your long-time unofficial servant, I solicit your vote of confidence in my ability to serve this county as Court Clerk. I promise to serve

to the best of my ability, above and beyond the call of duty. I will be a dedicated

Court Clerk with a focus on serving the needs of the citizens of Lauderdale County.

"I was born and reared in Lauderdale County and graduated from Halls High School in 1981. I then attended Dyersburg State Community College and Bethel College in McKenzie. I recently earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from DSCC. My son, Tyler, is a student at Halls Elementary School. I am the daughter of Mayor Booker and Everlena Nance, of Gates, and a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Gates.

"I am currently employed as a truancy prevention specialist for Lauderdale County. Prior to this position, I was employed as a teacher assistant with the Lauderdale County School System. I am also the owner and operator of the G Style Hair Design and Boutique, located in Gates.

"As your County Court Clerk, I will continue to give the citizens of Lauderdale County the service and support they deserve of this office. Your vote will be greatly appreciated," said Nance.



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