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Halls High Nominated For 2006 Blue Ribbon Award

Halls High School was among six nominees for the 2006 Blue Ribbon School Award.

The award is a program established under the federal *No Child Left Behind* legislation to reward high-performing schools. Nominated schools scored in the top 10 percent on state tests for reading and math for the past three years.

The State Department of Education notifies nominees in November that they have met the eligibility requirements to apply for the national recognition. The program requires a third of the schools nominated served at least 40 percent disadvantaged students. The U. S. Secretary of Education will announce the winners in September.

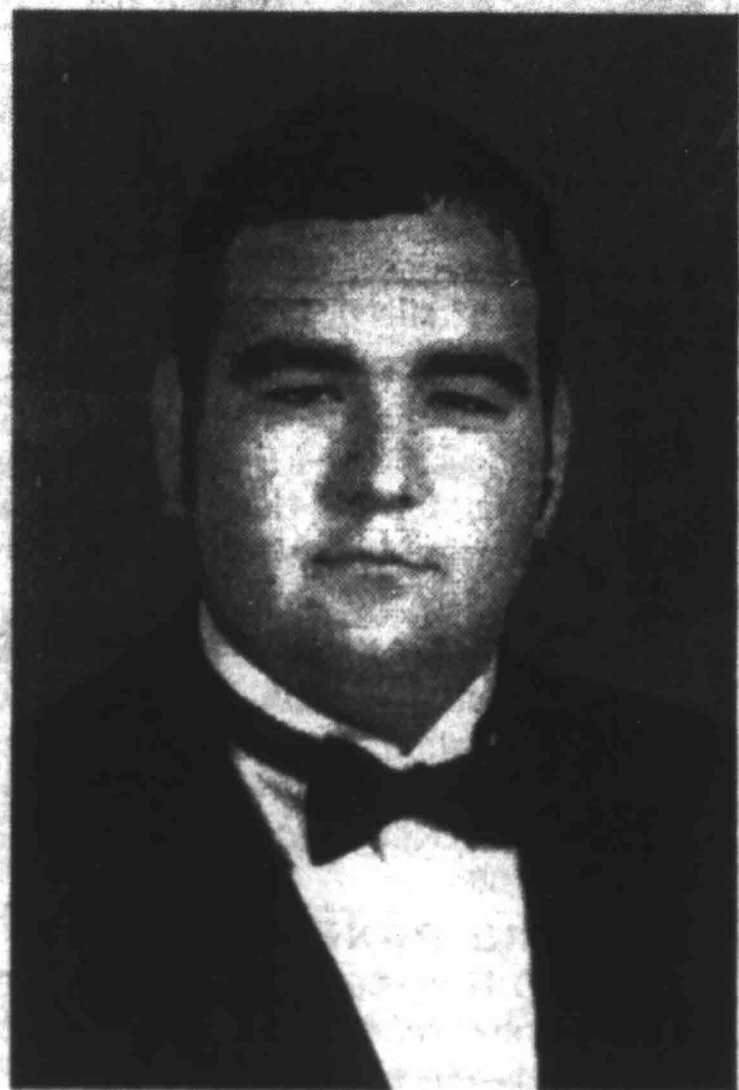
School's To Teach Anti-Meth In Class

The Tennessee Department of Education, a *Meth Destroys* campaign partner, and the State's District Attorneys collaborated to create the Teacher's Guide, which helps teachers and school counselors incorporate anti-meth messages into existing curricula. The guide is the newest education tool being used as an educational campaign by the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference to increase awareness about the highly addictive, destructive drug.

"It is critical that we provide teachers with the necessary materials to educate students about the inherent dangers of meth," said Education Commissioner Lana Seivers. "With the *Meth Destroys* Teacher's Guide as a resource, we have an opportunity to turn the tide on methamphetamine use in Tennessee."

Middle and high school students across the state will learn about the dangers of methamphetamine as part of their regular classroom work.

Selected



WADE C. PRIVETT, son of Glen and Robin Privett, of Gates, has been selected as president of the Zeta Pi Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Zeta Pi Chapter of ATO participates in many school and community activities, resulting in numerous awards. They are the current holder of the UTM Chancellor's Cup and the National Impact Award for community service resulting from their \$100,000 donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital. ATO has also just captured the UTM All Sport Award for Intramural Sports. Wade has served as Rush Chairman as well as Intrafraternity Coun-

Hankins Attends Expo



LISA HANKINS, left, executive director of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, worked with the State of Tennessee last week at the International Poultry Expo in Atlanta. The IPE has grown to be the largest show of its kind serving the leaders of the poultry and egg industry from all over the United States and throughout the world. It has become an integral point in the industry for business transactions, viewing the latest products, business-to-business networking, research and education.

The state has a booth each year at the show in hopes of reaching potential businesses, which might be willing to re-locate or expand their business in Tennessee. As a booth worker, you can give out information on your community and talk with potential businesses about what is offered in Lauderdale County; Hankins said, "The show was a great experience. I was able to talk with numerous companies in the poultry industry from equipment manufactures to packing plants, etc. and give out lots of information. I will be following up with packets for several businesses who expressed an interest in Tennessee." She is pictured with Tonja Anderson, right, Obion County Chamber.

cil Delegate. He has participated in Intramural Sports activities, and was a 2005 Pike Fight Boxing Champion. Wade is a senior and plans to graduate in December 2006 with a major in agriculture business and a minor in business administration.

Petitions Returned In August Election

Among those returning petitions for the August 3rd State Primary and County General Election include William C. Cole, Chancellor

Retires



CAROLYN MCBROOM, Lauderdale County Court Clerk, announced her retirement Monday. She issued the following statement.

"After much prayer and consideration, I announce my retirement at the end of my term, Aug. 31, 2006. I feel at this time in my life I need to spend more time with my family.

"I will forever be grateful to Vernon McBride, Jr. for hiring me in 1981 and given the opportunity to work with him and learn the duties of the County Clerk and the Lauderdale County Commission for appointing me County Clerk after Mr. McBride retired in 1997, due to illness in his family. Also, thank you, Violet Turner for helping to teach me the duties of the office.

"I will forever be grateful, also, to my family, to the voters and my many friends and supporters in the last two elections.

"To my employees, thank you for the great job you do for me and the people of Lauderdale County. Again 'Thank you' Lauderdale County for allowing me to serve you," said McBroom.

Part I, 25th District; Joseph (Jody) Walker III, Circuit Judge Part II, 25th District; Gary F. Antrican, Public De-

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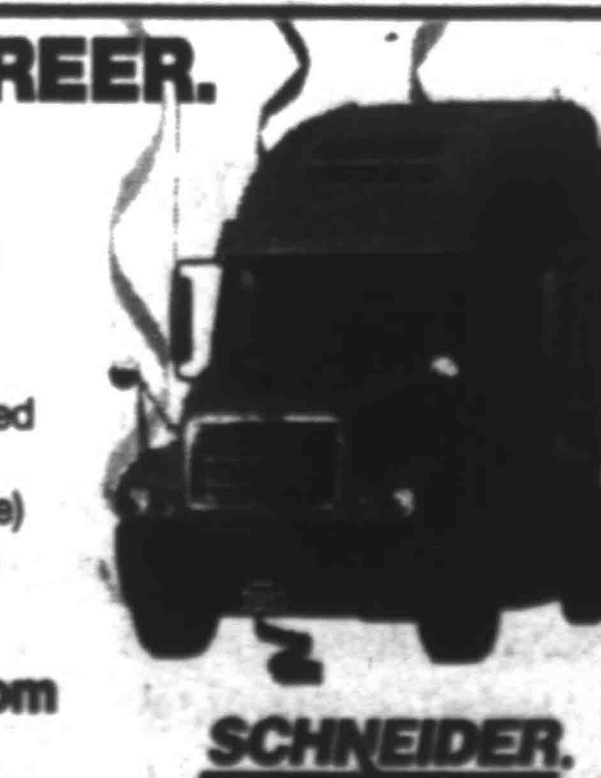
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS, of the Family Career Expo, include, in front, from left, Sue Toles, Renate Jennings, and Rachel Erwin, and in rear, Jana Parnell, Beaton Matthews, David Oakes, Gail Anglin, and Rick Tackett. The group met last week to continue plans for the upcoming event, scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. March 2nd at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. Hosted by the Lauderdale Department of Education Career-Technical Advisory Committee, local employers, from business and industry, will showcase careers within their organization. The event is geared toward helping students and families gain an awareness of preparing for careers and a better understanding of what employers expect. Mini workshops will be available during the Expo. For more information, call 635-9541 or 635-2941. The public is invited.

DSCC Adds To Staff



JAMIE TAYLOR, left, and Jane Pate Vondy, right, were introduced by Dr. Karen Bowyer, president of Dyersburg State Community College, as the new database manager and new director of public information, respectfully. Jamie's position, as database manager, was created to support the Banner administrative systems that will be implemented at DSCC over the next three years. She will be responsible for maintaining all institutional Oracle databases including applying upgrades, managing security, and performing backup and recovery. She will also apply upgrades to the new Banner administration software systems, which are integrated into the college's Oracle database. Jamie will also continue to be the technical support for the Human Resources Department. She has worked at DSCC as a programmer/analyst for the past 15 years. A graduate of Dyersburg High School, DSCC, and University of Tennessee at Martin, she is married to Billy Taylor.

Jane's position, as director of public information and instructor for the college, will involve overall coordination of publicity about the college and alumni affairs. She will also serve on the faculty teaching basic writing. A native of Newbern, she spent the last 21 years living in Burlington, N.C. During that time, she owned her own marketing and publication firm. She has served as an instructor for Elon University and worked as vice-president of membership development for the Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce. She holds a masters' degree from Duke University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She has won both CASE, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, and PICA, Printing Industry of the Carolinas, awards for her publication and packaging design work. Along with her daughter, Jill, Jane will reside in Dyersburg. Her oldest daughter, Jessica, is a student at North Carolina State University.

shall Langley and Joann T. Sawyer, Nancy L. Tuholski, Betty C. Adams, Gay T. Zervos and Sally A. Tuholski to Daniel Smith and Carla Smith, 130.755 acres.

Richard O. Douglas to Michael D. Dunavant, Dist. 2, 6.0 acres.

Donald J. Ammons, Charlotte Ammons, Aubrey Mitchell Ammons and Donna Ammons to Chris Fleming and Julie Fleming, Dist. 2, 1.132 acres.

Birthdays

Feb. 2 - Natalie Carpenter, Matt Berkeley, Patsy Stephens, Kaylyn Charles, Jimmy Patterson, Martha Miller, Brian Brodgen, Trent Ligeons II, Shirley G. Bryant, William Hopkins, Lauren Neal, Patsy Whitson, Stacy Unger, Amy Morris, Justin Hayles.

Feb. 3 - Susan White, Ivan Criner, Paul Douglas Spoon, Jr., Beau Simpson, James Hemby, Mary Ellen Racliffe, Rev. Lyle Larson, Jason Butner.

Feb. 4 - Jennifer H Caffey, Jerry Crichfield, Brittany Buckner, Rob Henry, Tommy White, Terry White, Tina White, Lee Cannon, Maddison Webb, Drew Hearnberger, Billy Ables, Charlotte Bryant, Quenton Reed, Nellie Ward Harrison, Clyde Garrett, Mark Dillard, Sr., William Herron.

Feb. 5 - Ned Poynter, J. F. (Jay) Chipman, Marley Sigman,

Dabney Maxwell, Prichard Norman, Jean Criner, Alice McCoy, Danny Simpson, Shea Lea Harris, Johnny Williams, Ronnie Moore, Angela Kent, Jane Coulston, Orville Van Duesen, Elizabeth W. Holde- man, Rob Wilder, Frances Crihfield, Will Coley, Ronnie Moore.

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

Feb. 7 - Kevin Mudd, Pam Fitzhugh, Kelly Kirby, Sandra Chisholm, Kelly Wade Maxwell, Cathy Toomes, Kathy Leadingham, Gary Drumwright,

Linda Barham, Robin Greaves, Ronnie Roberts, Randy Hargett, Oneal Kiestler, Melanie Moore, Dawn Chalk, Blake McAdams, Sandra Sauls, Pam Owen, Rachel Gibson, Bryson Ray.

Feb. 8 - Don Kirkpatrick, Buddy Haynes, Connie White, Stephanie Morris, Jimmy Hartman, Melinda Gillion, Terrence Mitchell, Bro. Thomas Eugene Sanders, Tammy Winchester, Anna Lauren Mills.

Land Transfers

Jan. 20 - Randall J. Harris and Virginia S. Harris to Roger Alan Meadows, Jr., Dist. 8, 22 acres.

Jan. 25 - Sonny Dean Vaughn and Hilton Dean Vaughn to Pete Maragos and Amelia Maragos, Dist. 15, 64.5 acres.

Jan. 26 - Tuholski Family Limited Partnership, Dou-

Obituaries

Lois Calvi

Lois Timmer Calvi, 46, of Lowell, Mich., died January 13th after a 14 year battle with cancer.

Rites were held at noon Monday, Jan. 16th, at the Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd., with burial in Bailey Cemetery.

She was a 1978 graduate of Ripley High School.

She is survived by her husband, Bart, for 25 years and children, Brad, Mary and Al; parents, Roger and Doris Timmer, of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Mary Timmer and Ed Bryan, of Byron Center, Mich.; brother, Jim Timmer, of Troy, Mich.; and sisters, Cathy Cotter, of Caledonia, Mich., Linda Kirby, of Fairbault, Minn., and Barb Schulle, of Missouri City, Tex.

Memorial contributions to Gilda's Club, 180 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504 would be appropriate.

Virgie Griffin

Virgie Mae Griffin, 76, of 386 King, Ripley, widow of Clinton Griffin, died Friday in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Morrow Cemetery near Henning, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a son Harold, of Ripley; another son, Clinton, a brother, Dennis Lyak, and three sisters, Eunice Griffin, Gertrude Wright, and Mary Williams, of Detroit, Mich.; other sisters, Cleoxie Jones and Lillian Williams, of Memphis; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



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DEAN DAVIS, left, president of the Lauderdale County FCE Clubs presented the annual donation Monday to, from left, Paula Moore, Lauderdale County Rescue Squad; Rick Adams, Tina Turner Family Center; Ann Coughlan Roote, Helen R. Tucker Adult Developmental Center; and Denise Smith, Northwest Safeline.

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Accepted



TANJANEKA McCADNEY, granddaughter of Mattie Johnson and the late Henry Johnson, of Ripley, and The Rev. and Mrs. W. L. McCadney, of Gates, has been accepted into the doctoral program of physical therapy at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo. She is the daughter of The Rev. Albert and Doretha McCadney, of Union City. A Union City High School honors graduate, she attended Middle Tennessee State University.

During her undergraduate years at Middle Tennessee State, she was active in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., NAACP student organization and made numerous appearances on the dean's list. Tanji graduated from Middle Tennessee State University Aug. 14, 2005 with a bachelor's degree majoring in wellness and exercise science and a minor in psychology.

While attending Union City High School, she was very active in many sports and clubs including, FCCLA, Spanish Club, DARE Role Model, Kiwanis Student of the Month, Senior Superlative, Rotary Club Scholarship, Vernhine Scholarship, Basketball Homecoming Queen, Key Club Sweetheart, Freshman Beauty, Co-Captain of the Cheerleading Squad, and captain of color guard were some of the many honors, awards, and leadership roles she received. She was named Miss UCHS during her senior year. She made the honor roll through her four years at Union City High School.

After not being accepted into any physical therapy programs last year, she did not give up; she worked harder. After retaking some classes and observing at Middle Tennessee Medical Center, Tanji

Royalty



MADDISON STANLEY, daughter of Brent Stanley, of Woodville, and Kelly and Mike Codega, of Prior Lake, Minn., was elected as royalty in the Prior Lake High School Snow Week ceremonies. The election is held to select one boy and one girl from each class to represent the school by classmates. She was elected as the freshman representative. The week-long celebration includes photo opportunities, school tours, Coronation ceremonies and the annual Snow Ball Dance. She has a 4.0 grade point average at school and is active in snow boarding and down hill skiing. She serves on the student council and is part of the Wave youth group at the Shepherd of the Lake Church.

Anniversaries

Feb. 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCaslin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Caldwell.

Feb. 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Haley.

Feb. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Finley Green.

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

Feb. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hayes.

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

reapplied to various physical therapy schools.

Her father is pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

Petitionsxxx

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fender, 25th District; Charles 'Sonny' Anthony, Jr., County Commissioner, Dist. 1; Lynwood Shoemake, County Commissioner, Dist. 2; Sammy L. Grantland and Larry McCoy, Sheriff of Lauderdale County; and Rebecca Carol Walker and Pennona J. Pittman, Register of Deeds.

New petitions, picked up, but not returned, include Gracie Bryson and Tommy Dunavant, County Commissioner, Dist. 3; Carolyn Herron Pilcher and Dwight Shoemake, County Commissioner Dist. 6; and Talamage L. Crichfield, County Commissioner Dist. 7.

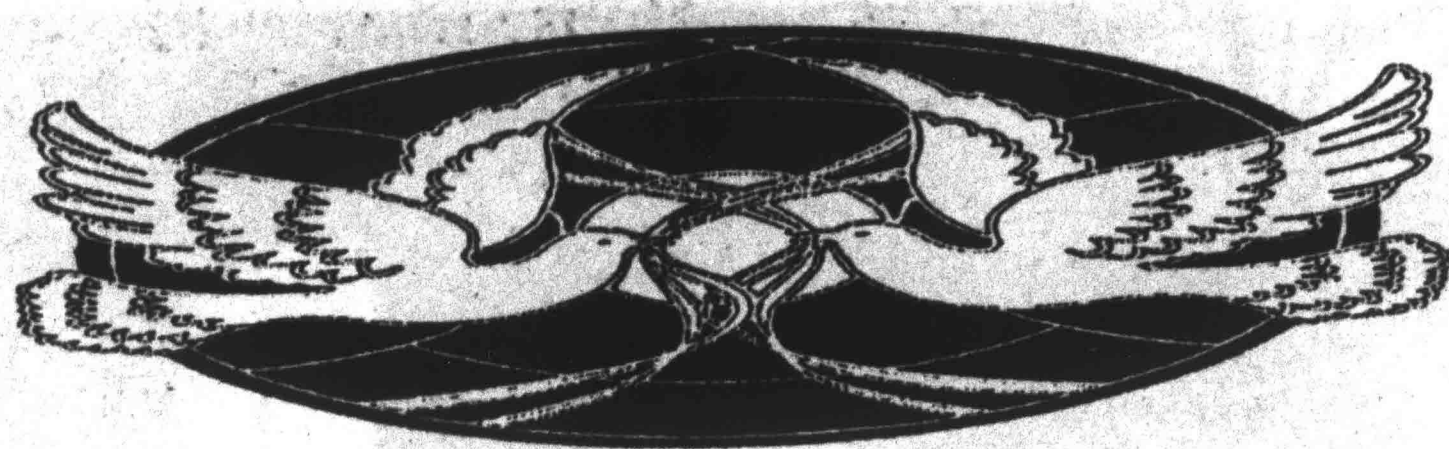
FOOD CHECK OUT

"Food in America is affordable, thanks in large part to America's productive farmers and ranchers," says Farm Bureau President, Talmadge L. Crichfield, Sr. "According to the latest Agriculture Department statistic, the average American devotes less than 10 percent of his or her disposable person income to pay for food. When applied to calendar days, the average American will have earned enough income to pay for his or her family's annual food supply in just five weeks. This year we will commemorate this fact during Food Check Out Week, January 29th - February 4th, 2006."

Compared to other expenses facing America's families, food is a bargain. While Americans must work until early February to pay for their yearly food supply, last year they had to work until mid-April to pay for their taxes.

America's farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world. According to Mr. Crichfield, "Producing safe, quality food is our job. We are proud of our contribution to society

and we hope that consumers take note of Food Check Out Week and join us in this celebration."



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 hold a special winter Bible study, The Book of Nehemiah, each Sunday through the month of February. Service times will be 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. worship, noon meal, and 1 to 2 p.m. afternoon Bible study. The afternoon Bible study will replace the evening services, normally held at 5:30 p.m. Roy Harkness, pastor, will conduct the Bible study. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Feb. 5th featuring the Frog Jump Quartet. The public is invited.

A benefit gospel singing will be held at 7 p.m. Fri., Feb. 3rd at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 11022 22nd Ave., Humboldt, to aid Jerry Arrington, DJ for FM 93.1 and 1500 AM radio stations. Groups scheduled to appear include Under Grace, Joan Gregory, Heart's Song, Jeremy Arrington, The Father's Four, Judy Hudson, the Mistonaires, and the Joylanders. Jerry has been diagnosed with serious heart and vision problems. He faces ongoing tests and medical expenses. He has participated in several benefits for others, now it's his turn. The public is invited. For more information, call 731-693-3132.

A benefit gospel singing, featuring Under Grace, will be held for Tony Bradford, who was burned in a fire at his job site, Nov. 4, 2005, at 6 p.m. Sat., Feb. 4th at Victory Baptist Church, 275 Faye Barfield Rd., near Henning. Modern Woodsmen of America will match proceeds raised, up to \$2,500. Proceeds will go toward medical bills and expenses. The public is invited. For more information, or to make a donation, call 738-0301.

St. Mark M. B. Church, 465 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold a Black History program at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 12th with The Rev. William Jarrett, of St. Mark M. B. Church, Henning, as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Beasley's Chapel, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold a southern gospel singing at 5 p.m. Feb. 12th with Gaylon Austin's Silver Eagle Band and local singers. Thomas Gibson, pastor, invites the public.

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

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Tennessee General Assembly House of Representatives Rep. Craig Fitzhugh - House District 82

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The House of Representatives ended the second week of the General Assembly's special session on ethics by moving to keep the proposed state ethics commission independent from the State Registry of Election Finance. An amendment submitted the previous week had merged the agencies. After further review, however, members decided to reinstate the commission as a separate unit with full enforcement powers.

The State Subcommittee on State and Local Government also considered measures that moved the legislature closer to a policy of full disclosure by lawmakers, lobbyists and political action committees. The ethics reform bill is one step closer to a House floor vote, as the legislation now goes before the full committee.

"The ethics bill is still a work in progress, but the committees are centering on the needs of the state and our citizens in an efficient, appropriate and equitable way. The goal is to encourage responsibility and accountability for individuals and institutions involved in the governing process," asserted Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, D-Ripley. "Loopholes are being closed, resulting in greater government transparency."

By splitting the newly created Tennessee Ethics Commission (TEC) from the state's Registry of Election Finance, members threw their support behind an independent watchdog agency with authority over both the legislative and executive branches of government.

Presently, the Registry of Election Finance only monitors and posts on the internet statements of contributions and expenditures filed by state and local candidates, political action committees and lobbyists. Under the ethics bill as it now stands, the Registry would continue these duties, plus monitor organized political caucuses in the General Assembly. Reports will be electronically filed and accessible to the public through the internet.

The TEC, however, has been granted powers to investigate, subpoena and punish through civil penalties alleged conflict of interest and income disclosure violations. In addition, the proposed ethics commission will consist of six appointed, unpaid volunteers who operate freely without political influence. Commission appointees will serve four-year terms, as the bill now stands.

The subcommittee also appended a provision to the bill that protects defendants from frivolous ethics lawsuits brought by citizens or other political candidates. This measure requires the complainant to reimburse the innocent defendant all reasonable costs and attorney fees incurred in court.

Members also let stand two provisions in the bill that automatically trigger audits by the Registry of Election Finance. One measure requires an audit if more than 30 percent of reported campaign contributions totaling \$5,000 or more are not itemized. The other provision mandates random audits chosen by legislative district of records kept by incumbents and challengers alike, regardless of who won the seat.

"This is fair, since only 10 percent of legislative districts will be audited yearly. The random sampling keeps the audits free from political bias," explained Fitzhugh. "Unlike

audits for probable cause, random audits do not presume guilt, rightly or wrongly, of candidates."

The full text and summary of the bill as proposed by the joint House-Senate Committee on Ethics in Government may be accessed by visiting www.legislature.state.tn.us. Click the button for "Joint Ethics Bill" from the menu on the left side of the screen.

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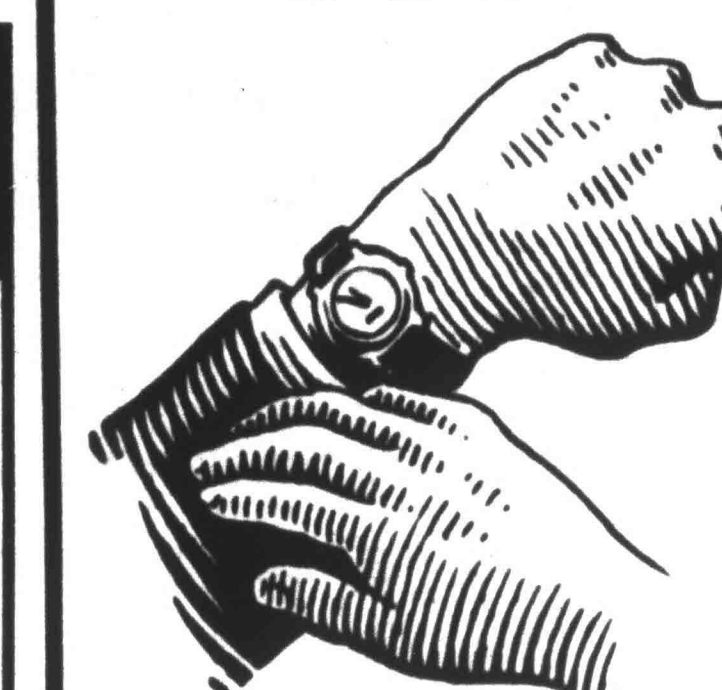
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We All Understand The Meaning Of Affordable Food

Back during the past holiday season, Aunt Sadie had stopped by the local post office to buy a few stamps for her Christmas cards. She only visits the post office once a year, which is during the holiday time of the year, due to the fact that she no longer has the ability to do a lot of writing.

A nice young man at the counter offered to help her, which Aunt Sadie really appreciated. She told him she needed about 40 stamps.

The young man answered her and asked, "In what denominations do you want those Miss Sadie?"

Aunt Sadie was totally confused by the young man's question and said, "My goodness things have changed here since last year. I didn't know we had gone this far in our government. I guess I need about 20 Baptist and 20 Methodist stamps if that will work."

It is real easy to confuse a lot of us with certain terminology just like Aunt Sadie and her stamps, but one thing for sure, you cannot confuse us when it comes to eating. We all know when we are hungry and what

tastes good and what does not.

In fact, we now even have a term called "functional foods" that defines foods that provide health benefits. I don't know if the foods I eat are functional or dysfunctional, but I do know that food in America is affordable.

In just five weeks, the average American will have earned enough disposable income to pay for his or her food supply for the entire year, according to the Tennessee Farm Bureau. As a result, the Farm Bureau is celebrating Jan. 29 - Feb. 4, 2006, as Food Check-Out Week.

The latest statistics compiled by the Agriculture Department's (USDA's) Economic Research Service indicate American families and individuals currently spend, on average, just 9.5 percent of their disposable personal income for food. Applying the current statistic to the calendar year, it means the average household will have earned enough disposable income - that portion of income available for spending or saving - to pay for its annual food supply in just five weeks.

Not only is America's food supply the world's safest, but it's also the most affordable, said Joan Fussell, chairman of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Women's Com-

mittee. "Our nation's increasing standard of living would certainly be reduced without the safe, abundant and affordable domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers." Food Check-Out Week tracks the amount of income needed by Americans to purchase food on an annual basis, according to Fussell.

In comparison to Food Check-Out Week, most Americans worked until mid-April to pay their taxes in 2005, according to The Tax Foundation. Fussell said the high-quality, affordable food we enjoy is a product of our successful food production and distribution system, as well as America's farmers retaining access to effective and affordable crop protection tools.

This week should hold meaning for most Americans, Fussell said. As food producers, we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, but we are proud of the role Tennessee farmers play in making our food supply more affordable for all.

The percent of disposable personal income spent for food has declined over the last 34 years. According to USDA, food is more affordable today due to a widening gap between growth in per-capita incomes and the amount of money spent for

food.

This overall decrease is made more notable by the fact that trends indicate Americans are buying more expensive convenience food items for preparation at home, as well as more food away from home.

The Agriculture Department's latest statistic, compiled for 2004, includes food and non-alcoholic beverages consumed at home and away from home. This includes food purchases from grocery stores and other retail outlets, including food purchases with food stamps and vouchers for the Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) program. The statistic also includes away-from-home meals and snacks purchased by families and individuals, as well as food furnished to employees.

Thanks to Tennessee's farmers for our safe food supply, as well as making it very affordable.

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Pettus L. Read is editor of the Tennessee Farm Bureau News and Director of Communications for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation. He may be contacted by e-mail at pread@tbf.com

FOOD CHECK-OUT



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True Bills Returned By February Grand Jury

Dontae Lamont Brown, 24, was indicted Monday by the February term of the Lauderdale County Circuit Court Grand Jury for attempted first degree murder and aggravated assault in the May 25, 2005 shooting of Stacy Campbell on Gay Street in Ripley. Deandre D. Maben, 21, and Y.Z. Stocklin, 21, were indicted for attempted first degree murder and aggravated assault, two counts, in the Nov. 5, 2005 shooting of Rodney Mitchell, Jr., near Keeley's Club in Rice Park. They allegedly chased Mitchell in a vehicle and shot several rounds in the air in the vicinity of the club.

Other indictments include Timothy Hal Ammons, statutory rape.

Jack Daniel Green, possession Schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams.

Terrance Barnes, unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon.

Terrance Barnes, felony evading arrest, endangering others.

Carthan Gregory Bates, aggravated burglary; theft \$1,000-\$10,000.

Jimmy M. Boone, DUI; violation of implied consent; violation of open container.

Andrew Demar Boyd, aka Nathan Lorenzo Carter, aka Lorenzo Boyd, burglary, 2 counts; theft \$500-\$1,000; theft less than \$500; fraud use of credit card, two counts.

Andrew Demar Boyd, aka Nathan Lorenzo Carter, aka Lorenzo Boyd, theft \$1,000-\$10,000; forgery, 17 counts.

Jeffery Wayne Brown, aggravated burglary; theft \$1,000-\$10,000.

Christopher Shane Greer, aggravated burglary; theft \$1,000-\$10,000; felony failure to appear.

Marshall Allen Burks, aggravated burglary, two

counts; theft \$1,000-\$10,000, two counts.

Jose Campos, violation HMVO order.

Johnny Oneal Carroll, theft \$10,000-\$60,000.

John Kenneth Hayes, theft \$10,000-\$60,000.

Stephanie Kay Caviness, forgery; theft less than \$500.

Allison Nicole Charles, introduction of contraband into penal institution; possession Schedule VI (marijuana); possession drug paraphernalia.

David Claybrook, aggravated assault; felony reckless endangerment.

Henry Hershell Cox, Jr., theft \$1,000-\$10,000; felony failure to appear.

Misty Watson, theft \$1,000-\$10,000; felony failure to appear.

Danny Deberry, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (marijuana).

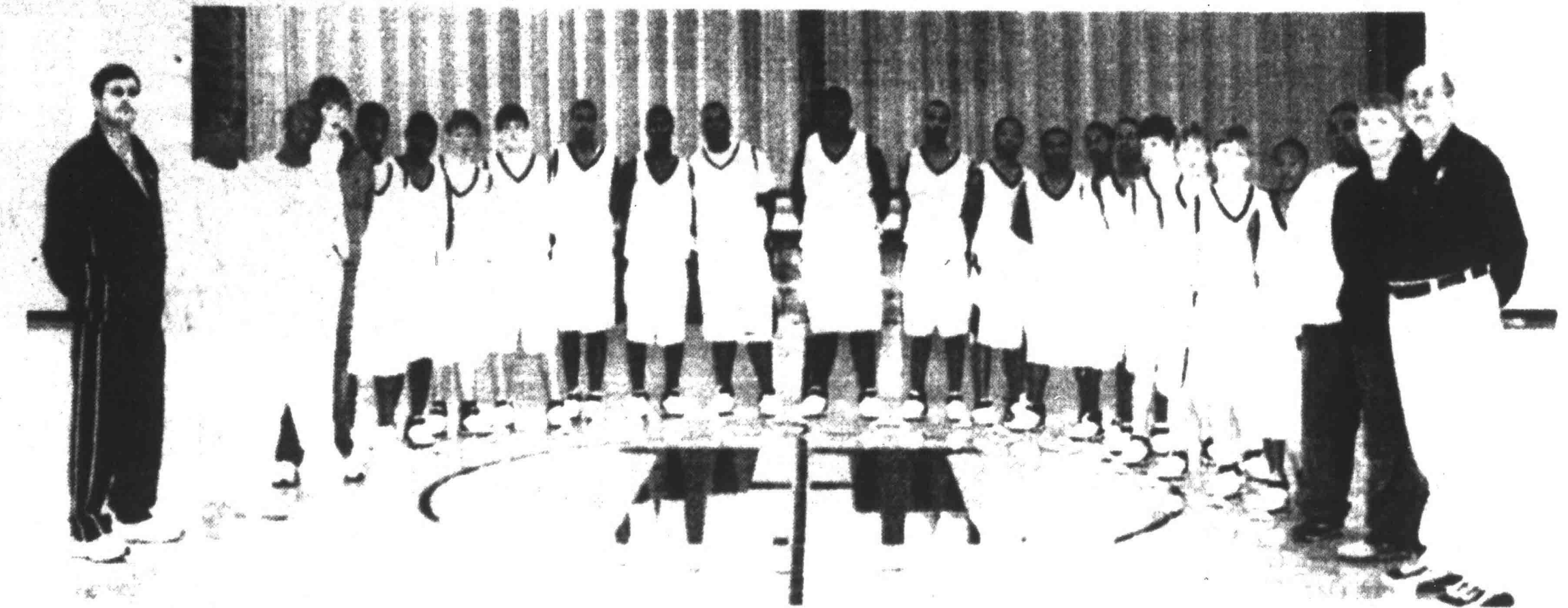
Justin Lamar Figgs, aggravated assault.

Anthony Lawrence Gooch, violation HMVO order.

Linda Faye Hall, aggravated assault.

Walter Daniel Harrison, possession Schedule VI (Alprazolam) with intent to deliver; DUI; prior DUI.

Justin Bradley Haynie,



MEMBERS of the Halls Junior High School Tigers basketball team, from left, Assistant Coach Johnny Olds, managers Steven Blackwell, Cory Walker, and Cody Curran, Javion Stenson, Quaylon Smith, William Van, Sammy Williams, Josh Thorpe, Deon Higgs, Brandon Blackwell, Cedric Janes, Deshawn Johnson, Tristan Robinson, Kenya Brown, Brandon Bradley, Ira Bradley, Cody Olds, Corey Clevenger, Hollis Belton, Preston Roberts, managers Albert Nelson and Cody Perry, and Coach Paul Climer, pulled out a Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association tournament win, 57-56, with just 6.8 seconds left in the game Saturday night at Rose Hill Middle School in Jackson. After trailing the host school, by as much as 13 points, during the entire contest, the Halls team was able to maintain their one point lead for the last 6.8 seconds. In the last seconds, the Raiders drove the length of the court and put up a shot that finally went in after bouncing around on the rim several times. Both officials ruled the shot took place after the time had expired.

The Tigers traveled back to Rose Hill Middle School Wednesday to face Fayette East at 8:15 p.m. Halls represents the Northern Division of the West Tennessee Athletic Association as the basketball conference titleholder.

possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (Alprazolam) with intent to deliver.

Johnathan Anthony Morris, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (Alprazolam) with intent to deliver.

Judson L. Ouzts, aka Fitzpatrick J. Outz, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (Alprazolam) with intent to deliver.

Alonzo Irvin Howard, felony evading arrest; DUI; prior DUI; violation of implied consent; DRL; resisting arrest.

Paul T. Hudson, felony failure to appear.

Donna Hulme, criminal

simulation; theft less than \$500.

Karen Lynnette Jones, forgery; theft less than \$500.

Donald Lawson, Jr., forgery; theft less than \$500.

David Allen Lane, aggravated assault.

Joe Wayne Langley, theft

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Petitions Returned In August Election

Petitions returned for the August 3rd State Primary and County General election include John Wilderson, seeking the seat of State Executive Committeeman, 32nd District; J. Weber McCraw, Circuit Court Judge, Part I, 25th District; Craig Fitzhugh, Tennessee House of Representative, 82nd District; Debra R. Moody, Republican, State Executive Committeewoman, 32nd Dis-

trict; Gary F. Antrican, Public Defender, 25th District; and County Commissioners, Billy Poe Brandon, Dist. 1, Coy Summar, Dist. 2, and Dwight Shoemaker, Dist. 6.

Petitions, picked up but not returned as of Tuesday, include Rozelle Criner, County Mayor; Linda Summar, Shekita T. Walker, Randy White, and Phillip Warwick for the position of County Court Clerk, currently held by Carolyn McBroom, who is retiring at the end of her term; Talamage L. Crichfield, County Commissioner, Dist. 7; and School Board members, Austin Thompson, Dist. 4, Melinda A. Hutcherson, Dist. 7, and Paul Hankins, Dist. 3.

Candidates have until noon, April 6th to qualify 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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less than \$500.

Billy Joe Sanderson, theft less than \$500.

Roderick Lanier, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (marijuana).

Franklin Williams, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (marijuana); DRL; prior DRL.

Jamaal Wright, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (marijuana).

Christopher R. Laster, felony evading arrest; DUI; prior DUI; violation open container.

Dexter Lattimore, forgery, two counts.

Judy Webber Martin, introduction of contraband into penal institution; possession Schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 ounce.

Hubert Antonio Mays, introduction of contraband into penal institution.

Brian Patrick McCarver, DUI; prior DUI; possession Schedule VI (marijuana); DRL; violation open container.

Ulus Norfolk, robbery; assault.

Willie Sam Roberts, aka "Buster", possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 ounce.

Kevin Terrell Rogers, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (Alprazolam); possession drug paraphernalia.

Raymond Savage, aggravated sexual battery.

James Taylor, Jr., aggravated assault; assault.

Rickey Clyde Taylor, aka "Big Rick", possession Schedule II (Cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams;

possession drug paraphernalia.

Alkithen Deon Thomas, possession Schedule VI (marijuana) with intent to deliver greater than 1/2 ounce; possession drug paraphernalia; reckless endangerment.

Steven Deshun Thompson, introduction of contraband into penal institution, two counts; possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver less than 0.5 grams.

Steven Deshun Thompson, aggravated assault; aggravated burglary; possession of weapon by felon.

Corey Jermaine Turner, possession Schedule II (cocaine) with intent to deliver greater than 0.5 grams; possession Schedule VI (marijuana); possession of drug paraphernalia.

Reba Sauls Prier Vilsek, DUI; DUI per se.

Albert Douglas Weldon, Jr., burglary; theft \$1,000-\$10,000; possession drug paraphernalia.

Thomas Christopher Winbush, carrying weapon on school property.

Henry Dewayne Wright, attempted burglary.

PRIORITY DEADLINES

Critical dates are coming and going, and many prospective college students are completely unaware. They are called the financial aid priority deadlines. Practically every college has one, and missing them can cost college students thousands of dollars in available money.

The financial aid priority deadlines are the dates colleges want their prospective students to have all their financial information forms filed by. These forms can include FAFSA forms, CSS Profiles, and the school's own forms. This can be confusing to families because many of these deadlines are before they have their income tax returns completed or even have their W-2 forms from their employers. Consequently, the deadlines pass

and the forms are not filed on time.

Parents and students should not wait for complete tax information for two very important reasons. These forms are designed to be completed with estimates for your 2005 income. These priority dates are the dates upon which the colleges begin disbursing money to students.

A few colleges have financial aid priority deadlines as early as January, but most colleges have deadlines in February and March. Their deadlines can be identified by going to the financial aid sections of the colleges' websites; carefully checking the college information sent to your student in the mail; or checking college guides from sources such as collegeboard.com or Barron's.

Making sure to get your financial paperwork in by the priority deadlines is just one step parents and students can take to minimize their costs for college. Other steps to minimizing costs can include: lowering the expected family contribution; identifying the generous colleges that are far more likely to give students money; positioning students with colleges to increase their appeal; and utilizing smart cash-flow management techniques.

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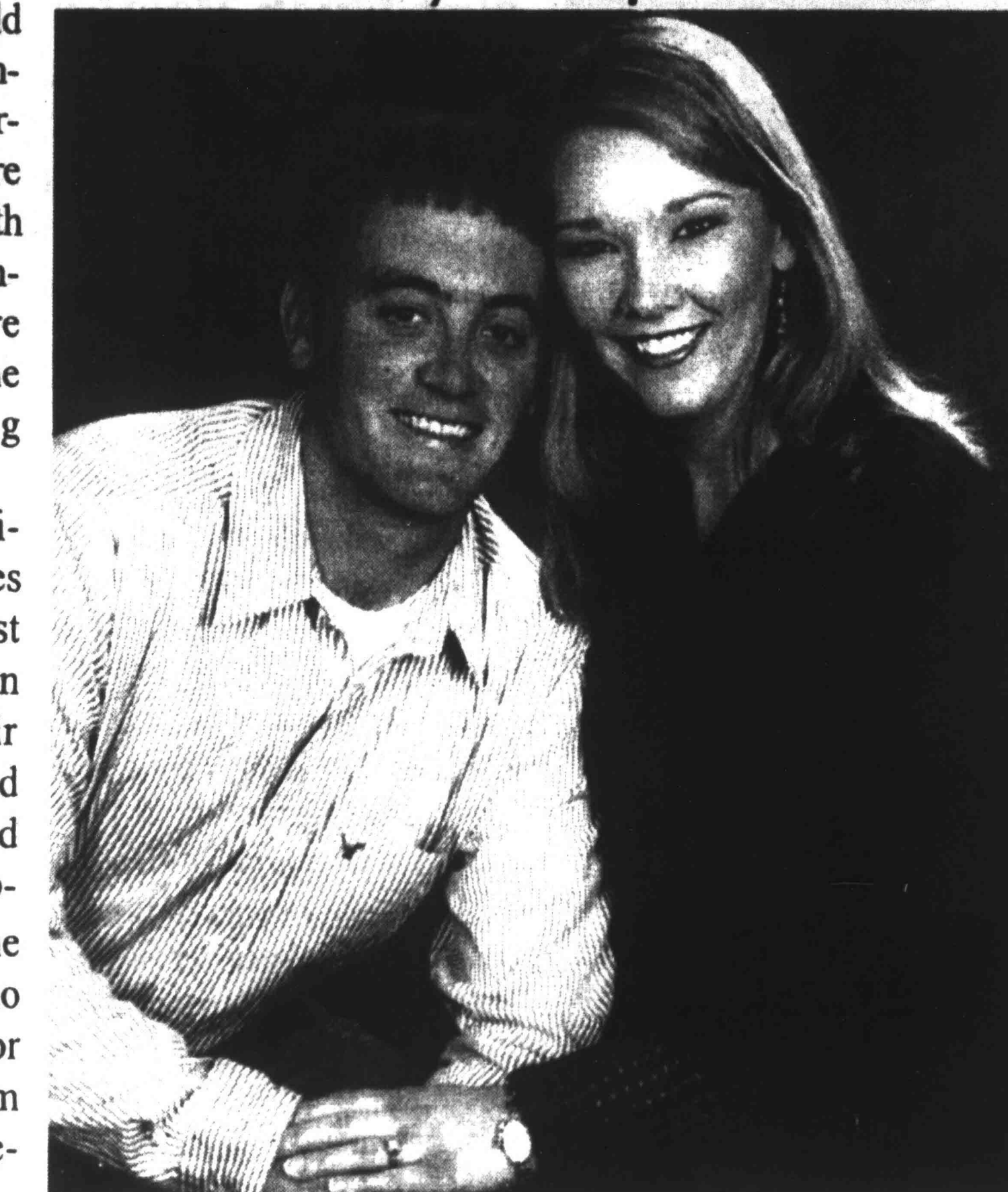
PRESIDENT'S LIST

Allyson Leigh Jennings, of Halls, was named to the fall President's List at Union University, in Jackson, for achieving a 4.0 grade point average. She was among 205 students named to the list.

Marriages

Jan. 18 - Robert Kevin Hall, 36, to Myrna Michelle Edmundson Hall, 24, by Robert Henry.

February Nuptials Set



JAMI KAY NOLEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Nolen, of Alamo, and Debbie Nolen, of Halls, will marry Roger Alan Meadows, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Meadows, Sr., of Halls, at 5 p.m. Feb. 25th in Halls First Baptist Church, without formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ray and Kay Nolen and Don and Brenda Ward, all of Halls.

A 2001 graduate of Halls High School, she was a member of the student council, Close-Up, National Honors Society, and a cheerleader. She was a 2005 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Leon and Margaret Faye Meadows and Paul and Rose Hogue, all of Halls.

A 1999 graduate of Halls High School, he was a member of Future Farmers of America, National Honors Society, and student council. He was a 2001 graduate of Dyersburg State Community College.

The couple plan to reside in Halls.

Anniversaries

Feb. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tims.

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

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

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

Feb. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. James Vaden, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coughlan, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smothers.

Feb. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Halpin, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rose.

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

Obituaries

Ruby Pennington

Ruby M. Pennington, 92, who once owned a general store in Gates, died Thursday of last week in Martin Health Care Center.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Gates Cemetery.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was the widow of A. T. McKinnon and H. J. Pennington.

She leaves only nieces and nephews, including Dorris Daniels Irvin, of 247 Lake Drive, Ripley, mother of Dan Irvin, of the same address.

Memorial gifts to Halls' First United Methodist Church would be appropriate.

Margie Ungerecht

Margie Dot Ungerecht, 76, of Memphis, sister-in-law of Dorris Ungerecht, of Ripley, died February 6th at St. Francis-Memphis.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a retired bookkeeper for Proctor and Gamble and a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

She leaves a sister, Carolyn Fisk, of Escondido, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

'Faye' Reviere

Lafayette Ernestine Douglas Reviere, 92, widow of Richard Clinton Reviere, died Monday in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Rites are set at 10 a.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where she had been a choir member, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She had been a member of the Do-Sew Club and a volunteer in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

She leaves daughters, Kathy Cuyler, of Cordova, Sandra Fountain, of Memphis, and Pam Lee, of Robbinsville, N.C.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Dr. Edmondson, Lazure Served Nut Bush Pastor F. Deer Co-Op

Dr. James Howard Edmondson, 74, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church at Nut Bush from 1973 until last April, died Friday in his home in Jackson.

Rites were Tuesday in Smith & Sons North Chapel in Jackson, followed by military rites in Ridgecrest Cemetery.

Born in Sylacauga, Ala., he took a master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1961, a doctor of philosophy degree from Louisiana State University in 1971, and a law degree in 1996.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he later served as a chaplain in the Reserves, promoted to colonel in 1976 and retiring in 1987.

He taught history in Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Ga., Middle Tennessee University in Murfreesboro, Lane College in Jackson, and Union University in Jackson (1965-92), serving as department chair, 1971-1990.

He had served on the Madison County Board of Commissioners, as a 1971 delegate to the state Constitutional Convention, for three terms on the state Democratic Executive Committee, and as a member of the state Historical Commission.

He leaves his wife for 51 years, Frances; a son, Dr. James D. Edmondson, of Corinth, Miss.; daughters, Betsy (Mrs. Dwight) Porter, of Jackson, and Dr. Deborah (Mrs. Kevin) Thoni, of Orlando, Fla.; sisters, Cecil Jean Robinson and Helen Brand, of Columbiana, Ala.; and 14 grandchildren.

Willie Oldham

Willie Lee Oldham, 36, of Brownsville, brother of Eric Oldham, of Henning, died Wednesday of last week in Haywood Park Hospital.

Rites were Monday in Refuge Temple, with burial in Mercer Cemetery in Haywood County, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his mother, Ora Lee Beasley, of Brownsville; another brother, Clyde, of Jackson; and sisters, JoAnna Oldham, of Brownsville, Lula B. Phillips, of Jackson, and Flora M. Reed, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Richard Glenn "Rick" Lazure, 52, of Halls, who had served on the board of the Forked Deer Electric Co-Operative, based in Halls, died Sunday in Germantown Methodist Hospital.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Melville United Methodist Church near Halls, where he taught Sunday School. Burial is set in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was a Mason.

He leaves sons, John Harold Lazure, of Halls, and Richard III, of Brighton; his mother, Ann Lazure, of Halls; sisters, Connie Lynn Strassburg, of Atlantic Highlands, N.J., and Deborah Talbot, of Tampa, Fla.; and one grandson.

KeJuan Gaylor

KeJuan Wade Gaylor, 4-day-old son of Keundra Miller, of Henning, and Franklin Gaylor, of Dyersburg, died Thursday of last week in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

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

He was the grandson of Kent and Belinda Bernard and Thomas Dean Copeland, of Henning, Kenneth Gaylor, of Dyersburg, and Linda Yarbro, of Kennett, Mo., and the great-grandson of Carolyn Howard, Elizabeth Johnson, and Shirley Copeland, of Henning, and Carl Gaylor, Sr., of Dyersburg.

Jerry Baggett

Jerry Lynn Baggett, 57, of Memphis, died Monday, Feb. 6th, at his home.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10th, at Garner Funeral Home.

He leaves his wife, Mamie Baggett, daughter, Crystal Baggett, and step-daughter, Amie Liscome, all of Memphis; another daughter, Joanie Lane Baggett, of Clarksville; sisters, Martha Marcum, of Bartlett, Linda Lenahan, of Cacey, Miss., and Twila DeVaughn, of Olive Branch, Miss.; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Jerry Davis Was Gold Dust Pastor

The Rev. Jerry Wade Davis, 65, of Bells, former pastor of Gold Dust Baptist Church in this county, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Bells Funeral Home, burial in Robertson Cemetery.

Son of the late Hollis and Ruby Davis, he began his 40-year ministry in 1967.

Other churches served were South Side, Humboldt; First Baptist, Forsythe, Mont; Holly Grove, near Bells; and, until his death, Mercer Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife for 45 years, Lois Eggleston Davis; sons, James and Paul; daughters, Sally Davis, Hollie (Mrs. Steve) Watkins, and Kellie (Mrs. Gary) King; his brothers, William and Venis; a sister, Nora Nanney; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Partnership Ministries, c/o Eddie Smith, 1019 Wortham Cemetery Road, Bells, TN 38006.

Tom Henderson

William Thomas Henderson, Jr., 73, of 126 Wardlaw Place, Ripley, died Friday, of heart failure, in the emergency room of Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Tuesday in Rose Hill Cemetery in Humboldt, Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He was born at Humboldt, Jan. 7, 1933, to the late Thomas and Flossie Todd Henderson.

An Army veteran, he had retired from Colonial Fiber.

He was a member of Living Word Lutheran Church, Raleigh.

He leaves a daughter, Courtney Nix, of Ripley; a son, Allan, of Brighton; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Mrs. Wardlaw

Matilda Wardlaw, 93, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

She leaves daughters, Lavern

Lexie McMahan, Florist In Ripley

Lexie Hamby McMahan, 92, former Ripley florist, died Friday in the Randolph County Nursing Home in Pocahontas, Ark.

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

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Pocahontas.

She was the widow of J. T. McMahan, a partner, in the late 1940s, of the late William Greenlee (father of Ellen (Mrs. Ned) Poynter, of Ripley) in the Jeff Davis Dodge agency on South Washington in Ripley, just east of the Blue and White Café.

McMahan, a partner, in the late 1940's, of the late William Greenlee (father of Mary Ellen (Mrs. Ned) Poynter, of Ripley) in the Jeff Davis Dodge agency on the South Washington in Ripley, next door to the Blue and White Café.

She leaves two daughters, Joy Pope, of Pocahontas, and Ann Andrews, of Valparaiso, Ind.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

'Luke' Ditto

Charles Luther "Luke" Ditto, 72, of Halls, retired from 22½ years as a maintenance technician for Tenn. Diecasting in Ripley, died Thursday of last week, in his home.

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

He was born Dec. 25, 1933, to the late Guy Marshall Ditto and the late Myrtle Savage Ditto.

He was a member of Hutcherson Chapel Church of God.

He leaves his wife for more than 50 years, Frances; daughters, Teri McPeak and Tina Kiestler, of Halls; brothers, Donald and Jack, and a sister, Patricia Crook, all of Ripley; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Anderson, Shirley Whitfield, and Vesta Bennett, of Ripley, Lela Malone, of Akron, Ohio, and Helen Thompson, of Detroit, Mich.; sisters, Emma Lou Moton, Sadie Leake, and Thelma Barlow, of Ripley; persons she reared, Zandra Wardlaw, of Ripley, Patrick Dewart, of Jackson, and Vincent Wardlaw, of Lake Cormorant, Miss.; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hill-Ealy

Barbara Hill-Ealy, 54, of Covington, sister of Alex Hill, Jr., of 425 Griggs, Ripley, died Jan. 19th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were Jan. 28th in Canaan Grove Baptist Church in Tipton County, burial in Malone Cemetery at Mason, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include daughters, Chrys Hill, of Martin, Celestyo and Larecia Ealy, Carletta Gaines, and Sharekia Burns, of Covington, and Quiana Ealy, of Memphis; other brothers, Alex Hill III, of Covington, JDesham Hill, of Memphis, and Siaica Hill, of Charlotte, N.C.; sisters, Cara Yarbrough, Cassandra Alston, Clarissa Williamson, Felicia Williams, and Marjorie Norfolk, of Covington, Celeste Hubbard, of Brighton, Cleothrie Vanderbilt, of Mason, and Tulesia Montgomery, of Atoka; and 12 grandchildren.

USDA Announces NAP Feb. Deadline

The deadline for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage of eligible crops will be February 28th.

Producers must pay applicable service fees and provide a certification of prior crop years production for the applicable crop. There are no late-file provisions for submitting an application for coverage.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers for eligible crop losses and prevented planting due to natural disasters. Eligible crops are those for which the catastrophic level of Federal crop insurance is not available and include those produced for food, livestock feed, fiber, mushrooms, floriculture, honey, maple sap, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), Christmas tree crops, ginseng, ornamental nursery and turfgrass sod.

For more information contact United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 301 Lake Dr. in Ripley or call 635-7686.

Student Of The Month



SARAH BETH WARREN, left, Halls High School senior, daughter of James and Betty Warren, was introduced as the Lauderdale County Exchange Club's Student of the Month for January. Exchangite Steve Carmack, right, is pictured with her.

HHS HONOR ROLL

Principal List students at Halls High School for second nine-week period include freshmen, Bradley Belton, Carley Cherry, Craig Davis, Heather Hill, Cody King, Kristen McCallister and Dana Smith; sophomores include, Kayla Akin, Cody Dew, Christi Meeks, Britany Moore, Phylcia Richmond and Tania Steel; juniors include, Rebekah Angotti, Rachel Clark, Kristin Crihfield, Heather Fitzhugh, Tiffany Gitchell, Anna Hartman, Sara McBroom and Hailey Watts; and seniors include, Andrea Barnes, Krystal Canada, Colin Clendenin, Brandi Doyle, Rachel Fitzhugh, Caitlyn Hurt, Erin Hutcherson, Angel Scott, Seven Shands and Sarah Beth Warren.

Mega Site Project Passes First Level

Mayor Trent McManus discussed the Mega Site progress Monday with the Town of Halls Board of Aldermen, during the regular board meeting. The project has met all the qualifications in the first level and they are now working on completing the second level of qualifications in order to be approved as a Mega Site by the State of Tennessee. Halls officials are working with members of the Lauderdale Chamber/

Economic and Community Development organization. ymous at 7 p.m. on Mondays. Phil Meeks, as park director, has entered into an engineering agreement with J.R. Wauford and Company in relation to the town's \$500,000 water loss grant, and agreed to have a well inspected by Layne-Central for the price of \$3,900 to determine the cause of the presence of sand in the well.

Imagination Library Receives Donation

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, with offices in Dyersburg and Covington, presented a two-year pledge of \$40,000 to the State's Imagination Library. The donation will enable the Library to continue its service of providing books to children, from birth to five-years old.

Imagination Library was created in 1996 by Dolly Parton and offers one hardcover, age appropriate book each month to children at no cost to the family.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car provides rental vehicles to several businesses and citizens in Lauderdale County.

Buckner Signs With DSCC



ASHLEY BUCKNER, 18, center, Halls High School senior, daughter of Bobby and Teresa Ward and Scottie and Amanda Buckner, all of Halls, signed a commitment Tuesday to play softball at Dyersburg State Community College. She has been playing softball for ten years at first base and as pitcher. She is pictured with, in front, her mother, Teresa, and her father, Scottie, and in rear, Molly Meeks, assistant HHS coach, Joey Tettleton, HHS coach, and Randy Hulme, DSCC coach.

Friday and Narcotics Anonymous at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

Several community leaders joined the Mayor as the Tupperware building was shown to a potential industry and the companies' engineer's were reviewing the blueprints to ensure that the logistics were appropriate for their manufacturing process.

Grants for the Town of Halls are being sought for the replacement of the tennis courts, building a skateboarding park in Crichfield Park, and to tear down the Northside Community Center and replace it with a bigger activity center, which would be used to house the summer feeding program and provide a place for activities for the youth.

Overcomers Outreach, a support group for drug addiction, has meetings at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the community center. Halls Church Of Christ hosts the meetings of Alcohol Anonymous at 8 p.m. on

Hunter Kills Deer



CHAD REED, 12, son of Larry and Tammy Ditto, of Gates, killed a doe during the juvenile hunt in Brownsville. This is his second deer for the season.

Birthdays

Feb. 9 - Michael Anthony Myracle, Steve Carpenter, Andrea Castellaw, Terri Maples, Carol Pham, Kelvin Lyles, Anna Mills, Bengie Boucher, Carol Woodley, Wakeshia Lyles Mitchell, Sandy Haggard, Jerry Sue Carihfield, Elizabeth Tyler Niel, Ray Willis, Stacey Gaines, James White, Emily Katherine Fisher, Andrea Joseph, April Dowell, Malissa Hughes.

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

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

Feb. 12 - Bud Young, Paul Spoon, Mark Bryant, Shannon Williams, Mary Ellen Jones, Bill Prescott, Larry Shelby, Marley Elizabeth Trospen, Mickey Arwood Hamlin.

Feb. 13 - Jill Hawks Sullivan, Amy Mills, Janie Burris, Jerry Don Trospen, Brenda Olds, Bunnie Fullen, Mike Currie, Brenda Marshburn, Judson Vaden, Tammy Horner, Franklin Garner, Andrea Baynes, Rivers Nelson, Janice Grigsby, Anna Moffatt, Larry Cain, Eli Larson, Darrell Smothers, Venus Crowder.

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

Feb. 15 - Justin Ford, Myrna Ambrose, Adam Akin, Janet Steelman, Jonathan Hill, Richard Gibbons, Wayne Douglas, Marrison Simmons, Jimmy H. Jones, Ana Maria Summar, W. D. Drake, Lynda Butler, Frances Mueller, Robert Maxwell, Clay King, Beverly Sellers, Valeri Scott, Janet Grantland.

Assists Food Supplies Gathered



TESSIE M. SNAVELY, daughter of Thomas and Audrey Hastings, of Halls, is a logistics management specialist, who works in the product clothing and individual equipment, logistics support office in Philadelphia. She makes sure that today's American soldier has everything he or she needs to fight on the battlefield.

A 1977 graduate of Halls High School and a 2004 graduate of Wayland Baptist University in San Antonio, Tex., she catalogs new items and updates clothing bag uniforms. "My job as a logistics management involves fielding equipment to soldiers and units, participating in transitioning newly developed clothing to the new universal camouflage pattern, and requisition of rapid fielding initiative items," said Tessie.

She was a supply sergeant in the Army for over eight years and then joined the civilian service as a supervisory supply technician and has moved from Baumholder, Germany as the property book officer of the Central Issue Facility to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex., where she was a supply systems analyst.

Land Transfers

Jan. 27 - Willie R. Atkins to Laura Mae Sangster and Jerry W. Sangster, Dist. 2, lot.

Sandra Hopper Pettit to Billy Belew and Judy Belew, Dist. 10, 7.538 acres.

Carolyn White Moore to John Beasley and Kristen Beasley, Dist. 17, 18.22 acres.



JOHANNA CARMACK, right, with the Lauderdale County Farm Bureau, and **Rebecca Carmack-Summar**, director for Region 2 of the Lauderdale County-Ripley Junior Auxiliary, gathered food supplies to help celebrate Food Check-Out Day. The food will go to a family in the county to show the bureau's support of the agricultural community.

Harold Wheatley to Ray King, Dist. 2, 0.5 acres.

Carter Custom Homes LLC to Jacqueline Blackwell, Dist. 2, lot.

Lynnwood Hathcock and Elizabeth Jane Hathcock to Donald R. Smith and Sylvia A. Smith, Dist. 2, 3.0 acres.

Jan. 30 - Raymond Young and Kay Young to Michael Norfolk and Angela Norfolk, Dist. 3, 5.10 acres.

Jan. 31 - Austin M. Prescott to Michael W. Braden and Jennifer B. Braden, Dist. 7, 2 tracts.

Linda E. Love to Georgia M. Wright, lot.

Jimmy Norman Hastings and Beverly J. Hastings to Diane Belle Martin, Dist. 12, lot.

Feb. 1 - Latham Homes LLC to David S. Alston, Dist. 2, lot.

Feb. 2 - Coy B. Carihfield and Jennye Carihfield to Vondell Miller, Dist. 2, lot.

Rose Marie Hostetler to Amy Elder, Dist. 2, 1.0 acres.

Shirley Spiller Warpool to

Bryan Hyde and Ashley Dupree, Dist. 6, lot.

Dale Hutcherson to Kevin Mudd, Dist. 16, 5.0 acres.

DSCC Presents Spring Drama

The Dyersburg State Community College Theatre Department will present its spring theatre production, *Keeping Up With the Joneses*, by Nate Eppler, at 7 p.m. Fri., March 3rd and Sat., March 4th in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium in the DSCC Student Center.

The play tells the story of a family of geniuses, named Jones. The father works as a physicist for the U.S. Defense Department, the mother, a renowned ornithologist, and the sons are each well advances in their respective educations. Problems arise as the elder son, Alexander, 20, leaves his doctoral program and upsets his father's master plan.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 13th
Hamburger
Pizza
French Fries
Vegetable Sticks w/Dip
Apple Slices
Orange Sections
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 14th
Valentine's Day
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Lima Beans
Jell-O w/Fruit
Pear Halves

Sweetheart Cake
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 15th
Spaghetti
School's Choice - Entrée
Green Beans
Corn Nibbles
Pineapple Tidbits
Applesauce
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 16th
Steak Fingers
Baked Ham
Broccoli Bites
Black-eyed Peas
Fruit Mix
Peaches
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 17th
BBQ On Bun
Deli Sandwich
Baked Beans
Sandwich Trimmings
Banana
Applesauce
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Divorces

Aimee Miller Mathias vs. Robert H. Mathias.

Jamie Dee King vs. Kevin Joe King.

Rickey Joe Ridley vs. Sherry Gale Fawcett Ridley.
Amelia Sanders Cooper vs. Tetorian Darvando Cooper.

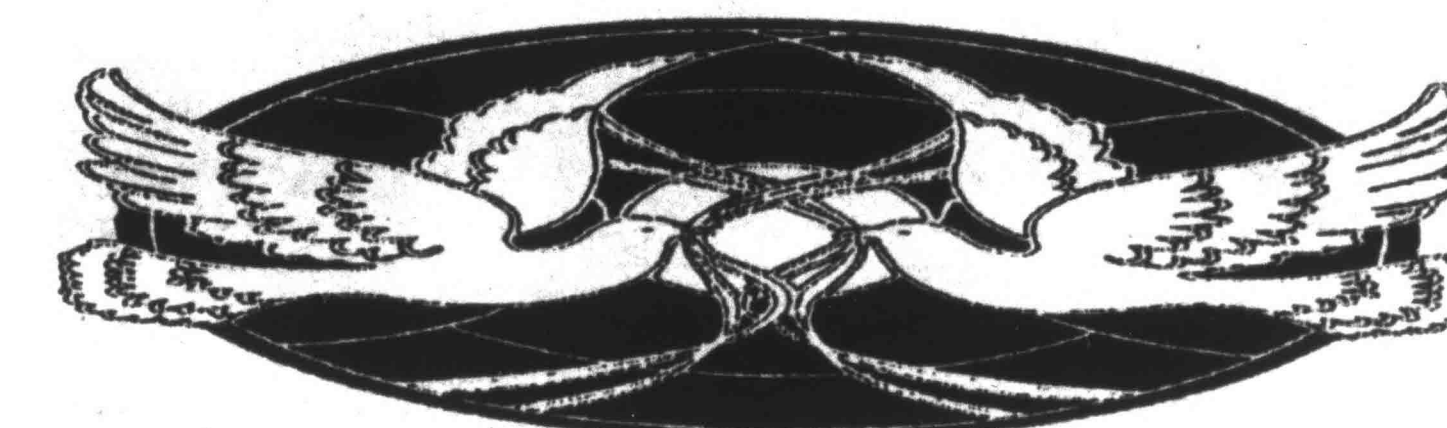
Kevin Dale Mosier vs. Brandy Marie Wilson Mosier.

DSCC BLACK HISTORY

Music, soul food, and a step-show are among the events scheduled for Dyersburg State Community College's celebration of Black History Month. Events will take place on the Dyersburg Campus, as well as the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington, and Gibson County Center in Trenton.

The Gibson County Center in Trenton presented a display of African American achievements on February 1st. The Joyce Cobb Trio performed a free concert on Thursday, February 2nd in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium in the Student Center on the Dyersburg Campus, and the Minority Association of Successful Students will host a Homecoming Dance in the E. H. Lannom Gymnasium on Friday, February 17th. A Middle School Step-Show and High School Exhibition on Saturday, March 4th will close out the month's activities.

For more information about DSCC's Black History month activities, please contact event chairman Dorothy Bond at 731-286-3332.



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 hold a special winter Bible study, The Book of Nehemiah, each Sunday through the month of February. Service times will be 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. worship, noon meal, and 1 to 2 p.m. afternoon Bible study. The afternoon Bible study will replace the evening services, normally held at 5:30 p.m. Roy Harkness, pastor, will conduct the Bible study. The public is invited.

Gates Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 18th featuring Under Grace. The public is invited.

Halls Community Center, College St., Halls, will present a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Feb. 25th featuring Anchored-N-Him and Royal Harvest. The public is invited.

St. Mark M. B. Church, 465 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold a Black History program at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 12th with The Rev. William Jarrett, of St. Mark M. B. Church, Henning, as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Beasley's Chapel, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., will hold a southern gospel singing at 5 p.m. Feb. 12th with Gaylon Austin's Silver Eagle Band and local singers. Thomas Gibson, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

COLLEGE GOAL

The Dyersburg campus of Dyersburg State Community College will be the only Northwest Tennessee site for the state's first annual Tennessee College Goal Sunday. This event will assist students and parents in finding state and federal financial aid for their college or technical school education. DSCC is one of 19 sites state-wide participating.

College Goal Sunday will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. on February 12, 2006 at the DSCC Student Center on the Dyersburg Campus. The college will hold its annual

College Day, where interested students can get a taste of college life at DSCC, on Saturday, February 11th, 2006.

For complete information on College Goal Sunday - Tennessee and the participating sites, visit www.CollegeGoalSundayTN.org. Students are encouraged to review the information on the website prior to arriving to insure they bring all of the necessary documentation, including each individual's 2005 federal tax information in order to completely fill out their FAFSA forms. For those planning to attend, it would be helpful to register on the website.

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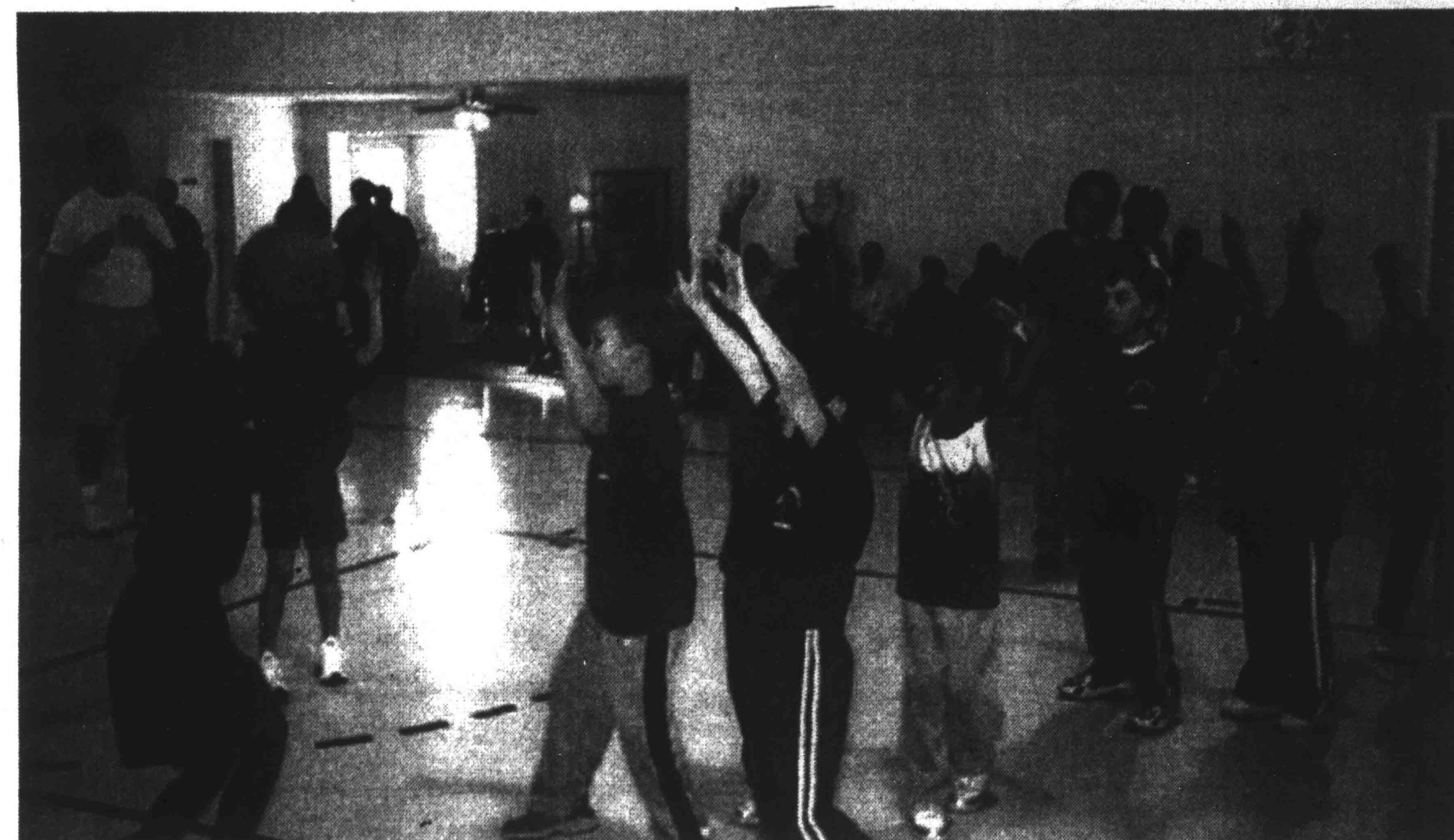
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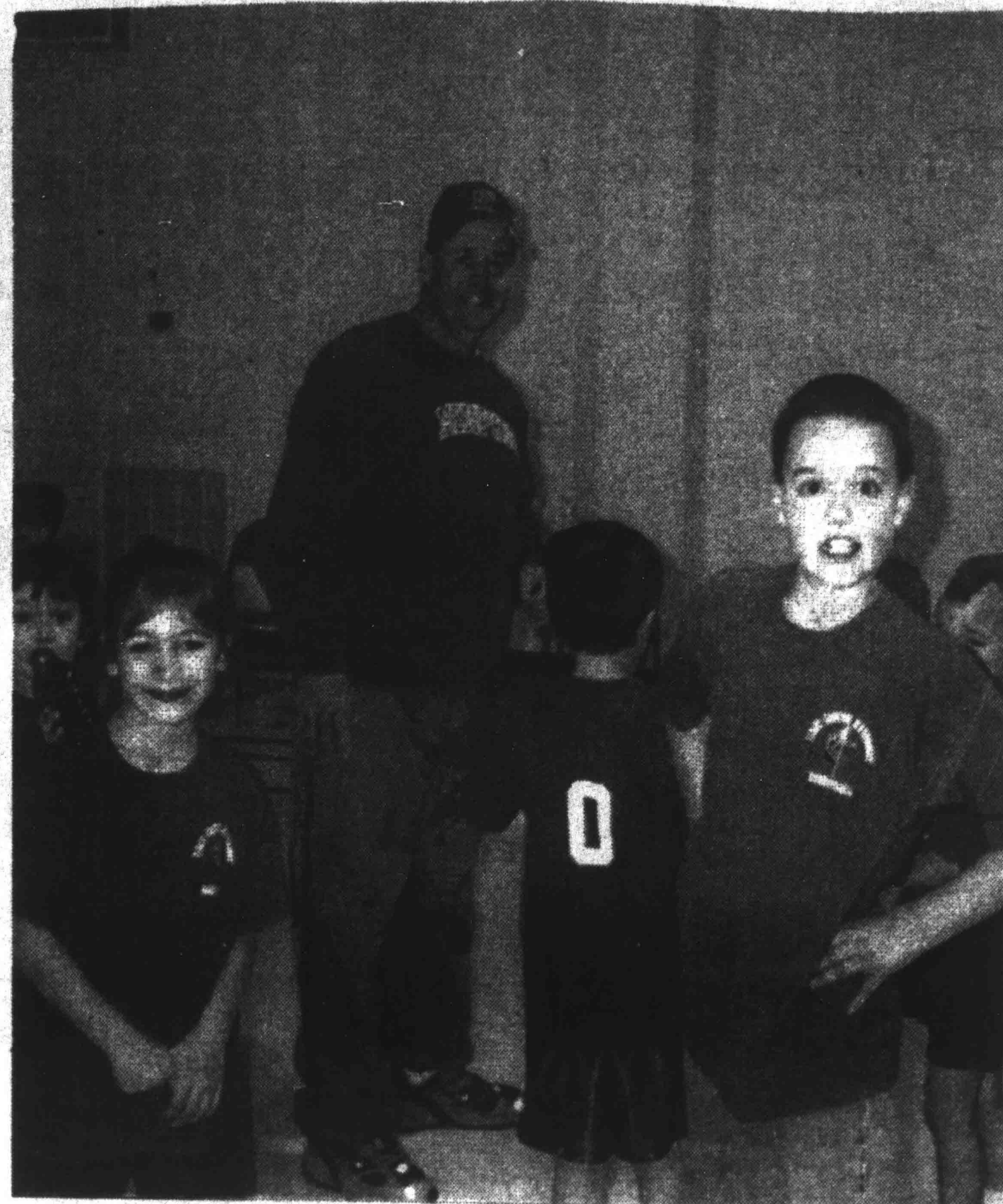
Halls Youth Basketball



BASKETBALL teams, sponsored by the Halls First United Methodist Church and its administrative council, practice each Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. With 17 organized co-ed teams, the church offers basketball for youth in

first through sixth grade. The group of 140 plus players are divided into age appropriate categories. Each team has matching team shirts in a variety of colors, complete with the United Methodist emblem, the cross and flame. Jeff and Karen Hill, in lower photo, members of Halls First United Methodist Church, are coordinators for the event and also provide officiating at the games. Due to the large number of participants, the 5th and 6th grade teams have been moved to the Halls High School gym, with high school coach, Phil Meeks, assisting. This is the second season for the program with 94 children participating the first year.

Win together, lose together, play together, stay together.
—Debra Mancuso



DSCC Students Acknowledged

Dyersburg State Community College recognized its fall graduates, from Gates, Rhonda L. Co-hill, *cum laude*, and from Henning, Andrew Neil Johnson. Students were recognized with the designation of *cum laude* with a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.49; *magna cum laude* with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74; and *summa cum laude* with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

Students named to the fall dean's list, with a grade point average of 3.50 and higher, include Tamara Marshea Pearson, of Gates; Rachel Leann McCaslin, Megan Kathleen Moore, and Julie Diane Pratt, of Halls; Jenna Elizabeth Garrett, of Henning; and Jessica L. Arwood, Kathy Cox, Brittany Elizabeth Delaney, Rhonda Renee Hale-Morgan, Ryan Lee Hamilton, Shirley Ann Johnson, Jessica Nichole McLemore, Lewis Todd McWilliams, Julia Gail Olds, Krystal Lynn Privet, Gregory Chaisson Tillman, and Stephanie Castro Tims, all of Ripley.

Students named to the honor roll, with a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.49, include Lisa R. Dunham and Angela H. Stokes, of Gates; Marquita Rochell Hol-

loway, Ravan Lachelle Arnold, Leslie J. Hughes, Carrie Renae Moore, Meagan Nichole Ward, and Sara Ellen Wright, of Halls;

Danita Levette Barbee, of Henning; and Joshua Hollis Alexander, Adrienn Monique Bates, Christey A. Braden, Amanda Jean Craft, Candice Lynn Garrett, Rachel S. Helwig, Kim May Neill, and Brittany Nicole Schneider, all of Ripley.

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Candidate Casting Electronic Votes In The County's Future



LINDA F. SUMMAR, of Ripley, announced her intention for candidacy for the office of County Court Clerk in the August election.

She issued the following statement. "Born in Halls to the late Roosevelt and Ollie Mae Jones, I graduated from Halls High School and have lived in Lauderdale County all of my life. My husband, Jerry Don Summar, a native Lauderdale countian, is a line construction foreman for Forked Deer Electric Cooperative, and we have two children, a son, Greg, who is employed at Arnold's Drug Co., in Halls, and a daughter, Melissa, who works with The Cuttin Edge, in Ripley, and one grandchild.

"Having been employed as a deputy clerk in the County Court Clerk's office for almost 23 years, I am knowledgeable and capable of handling the many various duties of the office, including issuing automobile license tags, marriage license, hunting and fishing license, titling automobiles, filing County Probate Court cases, Juvenile Court matters, ordering notaries and maintaining minutes and files for these courts.

"My desire is to work diligently to secure your confidence and your vote, and to serve and be available at any time to all of the people of Lauderdale

Lauderdale County Commissioners approved paying the balance of the cost for 55 new electronic voting equipment and software, to be in place for the upcoming August 3rd election. The punch card system, which has been used for years, will be replaced with the new machinery in all precincts and the Election Commission Office, with at least two machines in each precinct. After calculating the cost of the 55 machines, for a total cost of \$226,550, the State of Tennessee provided \$212,200, leaving \$14,350 remaining. "With approximately 15,000 registered voters in the county, the Election Commission officers feel the extra machines in each precinct is necessary, to avoid long lines and shutting down the voting if one machine doesn't work properly," said Memory Crain, Election Commission Administrator.

In other business, commissioners agreed to approve the State's retirement rate from 6.85% to 8.18%, effective July 1, 2006. A communications tower, to be placed on the water tower property, was approved, as directed by Homeland Security.

Phillip Jackson, Lauderdale County School Superintendent, reported on the utilities and fuel used by the school system to date and the possible need for a budget transfer for the diesel use, due to the rising cost of fuel. Commissioner Rob Reviere asked Jackson to inform the group about the discussion at the School Board meeting of the need for a new track at Ripley High School. The current track is insufficient for track meets and the football field area is too small. A new location, close to the school or at the Ripley City Park, is needed for a proper track. "The softball boosters are building a state of the art field, near the Board of Education office, without cost to the school or school system, maybe that would be something to consider in the future," said Jackson.

County. A vote on my behalf will secure the continued friendly service of the office of County Court Clerk to which you expect and deserve. I look forward to meeting and talking with all of the voters, and to a fair and honest campaign," said Summar.

Petitions Returned In August Election

Rozelle Criner and Rodney Schuh have returned petitions for the seat of County Mayor in the August 3rd State Primary and County General election. Other petitions returned include Randy White,

Linda Summar, Shekita T. Walker, and Barry Ray for County Court Clerk, and Paul Hankins for School Board Dist. 3.

Petitions, picked up but not returned as of Tuesday, include Terry Sellers, School Board Dist. 3, and County Commissioners, Gregory A. Hartsfield, Dist. 4, and Gene Edwards, Dist. 1.

Candidates have until noon, April 6th to qualify and noon, April 13th to withdraw.

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

Halls Boys Spurt In 14-A Tourney

Halls High School's boys Saturday led Trenton, 58-42, in the District 14-A basketball tournament in South Fulton, to face Lake County at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Lake County won the slot with a 58-30 rout of Greenfield.

Halls' girls won Thursday of last week from Bradford, 50-44, but lost Saturday to Gleason, 62-20.

New Sign Donated



A NEW SIGN at the East Lauderdale Volunteer Fire Department was donated by Kenny Phillips, right, of Phillips Design in Halls. Expressing their appreciation were, from left, Chief David Newman and Assistant Chief Douglas Matthews.

Officers Arrest Would Be Thief

Bobby McElrath, 43, of Dyer County, is being held in the Lauderdale County Jail after officers apprehended him following an attempted armed robbery at Gates Banking and Trust at 11:52 a.m. Wednesday of last week, according to Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig.

After an armed black male entered the bank and handed a teller a note, de-

manding money, another employee entered the bank and startled the robber. The man turned and ran from the bank. Officers with the Halls Police, Gates Police and the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Departments responded.

Kenneth Richardson, LCSD, and Jeff Crowder, Gates Police Chief, apprehended a suspect matching the description.

According to Sheriff Craig, McElrath is suspected of another bank robbery in Dyer County several days earlier.

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CORRECTION

Jacob Clark, #41, Halls Junior High School, was omitted from the list of basketball team members, published in last week's issue.

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Top Speller Students Of The Week



SHAMARI GOOCH, 6th grade student at Halls Elementary School, son of Gina Gooch and Ceasear Cooper, was the winner Thurs., Feb. 2nd in the Lauderdale County Spelling Bee for grades 4th to 6th. He spelled *heirloom* and *mountain* to win.

Dustin Stephens, 6th grade, Lauderdale Middle School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephens, placed second; Stone Taylor, 5th grade, Ripley Elementary School, son of Misty Pittman and Garrison Taylor, third; Samantha Scott, 8th grade, Lauderdale Middle School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Keck, fourth; Nicholas Logan Reynolds, 8th grade, Halls Junior High School, son of Cheryl Reynolds, fifth; Mandy McClennan, 5th grade, Halls Elementary School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McClennan, sixth; Emilee Ann Hartman, 7th grade, Halls Junior High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hartman, Jr., seventh; and Peter Glass, 4th grade, Ripley Elementary School, son of Latonya Ray and William Glass, eighth.

Alternates were Wesley Jenkins, 4th grade, Ripley Elementary School, son of Terri Beth Griggs; Marqueston Hall, 6th grade, Halls Elementary School, son of Dalaunda Hall; Lucas S. Carver, 6th grade, Lauderdale Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carver; and Javion LaShun

LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, at Christ Classical Academy, Dyersburg, named as students of the week, include, from left, Kaylan Vanfredenberg, second grade, grandson of Patsy Langley, and Hailee Ballard, kindergarten, daughter of John and Kathy Ballard, all of Ripley, and Beth Booker, pre-kindergarten, daughter of Casey and Laura Booker, of Halls.

Stenson, 8th grade, Halls Junior High School, son of Marnatha Harrell.

Maddie Hutcherson, 3rd grade, Halls Elementary School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hutcherson, won the primary spelling bee by spelling *cannot* and *sorry*. Lauren Massongill, 2nd grade, Ripley Primary School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Massongill, placed second; DaShun Duffie, 3rd grade, Halls Elementary School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Brown, third; Mady Newman, 3rd grade, Ripley Elementary School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Newman, fourth; Tristan Pittman, 3rd grade, Ripley Elementary School, daughter of Tanya Bagwell, fifth; and Briana Hoye, 2nd grade, Ripley Primary School, daughter of Shauna Hoye, sixth.

Primary spelling bee alternates included Kianna Dye, 2nd grade, Ripley Primary School, daughter of Udine Jones and Keith Dye; Justin Harrell, 3rd grade, Ripley Elementary School, son of Jeffery Harrell; and Grayson Morris, 3rd grade, Halls Elementary School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morris.

All contestants received a lamp of knowledge me-

UT Extension

By Rachel Erwin, FCS Extension Agent



Family Issues :

Family Meals Are Important

Families who eat together are healthier than those who grab fast foods on the run or eat in separate rooms watching television or playing video games. Unfortunately, today's hectic lifestyles have led to many families eating few meals together around the table.

In 2003, less than half of teens (42%) ages 12-17 reported eating a meal with their families six or seven days a week. Nearly one-third of teens reported eating with their families zero to three times a week.

Why are family meals important? Hear is what researchers have to say.

* In a recent study by Harvard Medical School, children who ate often with their families were more likely to eat the recommend servings of fruits and vegetables and less likely to eat fried foods or drink soft drinks than were those who ate few meals as a family.

* In a 2004 study of teens, those who ate at least seven meals a week ate fewer snack foods in their overall diet and ate more fruits, vegetables, grains, and high-nutrient foods.

* A 2003 study of teens by CASA, (Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse), revealed that teens who ate dinner with their parents twice a week or less had doubled the risk of substance abuse as teens who had five to seven dinners per week with their families.

* The CASA study also revealed teens who ate dinner two times or less weekly with their parents were twice as likely to report that they had high levels of stress and were bored than compared to teens who five or more meals weekly with their families.

*Teens who ate dinner with their families five or more times weekly were almost twice as likely to receive As in school when compared with teens who ate two or fewer times together as a family.

The verdict is in- family meals are important. Make one of your resolutions for 2996 to increase the number of meals you eat together as a family.

WORKSHIOP TO BE HELD

Teachers (K-12) can learn more about aviation science at both the annual Basic and Advanced Aerospace Workshops to be held in June at the University of Memphis.

Workshop students will take field trips to aviation sites and facilities, as well as attend daily classes at the University. "We hope teachers will incorporate some of the information into their classes the next year," said Dr. J. F. Crabtree, University of Memphis professor of instruction and curriculum leadership.

For more information or to apply, call 901-678-3435.

Halls Locals

By Ellen Jackson

Trey Tillman, of Memphis, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Aline Smith, Thursday of last week. Ray and Kay Nolen and Mrs. Smith visited Mrs. Willie Cook, at Nankipoo Saturday to celebrate her 96th birthday.

dallion and winners also received a trophy.

Obituaries

Margaret Ellis

Margaret Louise Ellis, 66, of Ripley, retired factory worker, the widow of Lois Wayne Ellis, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Monday in Concord Cemetery near Gates, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Joseph Ellis, of Brownsville, and Brandon Tucker and Terry Caviness, a brother, G. K. Ballard, and a sister, Dottie Ledbetter, of Ripley; a daughter, Clara Caviness, of Florida; a brother, Ray Ballard, and a sister, Deborah Fain, of Henning; other brothers, Bobby Leon Ballard, of Boonville, Ind., and Tony Ballard, of Paragould, Ark.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Chritchfield

Robert Richard Chritchfield, 80, of Horn Lake, Miss., who was born in this county, June 26, 1925, to the late Hobert and Sadie Lee Cribfield Chritchfield, died Monday in Baptist Hospital DeSoto, Miss.

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

He had retired as a truck driver for ABF and East Texas Motor Freight.

He leaves his wife, Tiny Sunshine Chritchfield; a daughter, Belinda Bradley, of Senatobia, Miss.; a brother, Leaman, of Memphis; sisters, Betty Peden, of Atoka, Johnnie Koonce, of Mumfords, and Laura Robins and Margaret Yarbrough, of Memphis; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

CORRECTION

Walter Thomas Lazure, of Germantown, the brother of the late Richard Glenn "Rick" Lazure, of Halls, was omitted from Rick's obituary, published last week.

We regret inaccurate information.

Cless Shirley

Cless Shirley, 75, husband of Georgia Shirley, of 427 Michael St., Ripley, died at 10:50 p.m. Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites will be at noon Saturday in Faith Deliverance Church in Brownsville, with burial in the Veterans Cemetery in Memphis, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Born in Haywood County, he had resided in Decatur, Ill., for about 30 years, retiring as a crane operator for Wagner Casket Co., before he moved to Ripley about 18 months ago.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include sons, Adrain Shirley and André Simmons, of Jackson, and Cless, Jr., of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughters, Grumuel Anthony, of Ripley, Annette Tomlin, Bertha Hunt, Gloria Boykin, and Gladys McKinney, of Jackson, Margaret Montgomery, of Humboldt, Sharon Shirley and Madlene McNeal, of Memphis, Tony Bufford, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Monica McClellan, of Milwaukee, Wis.; a brother, Sidney, of Chicago, Ill.; sisters, Mary Chapman and Willette Reid, of Brownsville and Alice Morgan, of Detroit, Mich.; 31 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

C. L. Johnson

The Rev. Claudis L. Johnson, 73, former Riplian, died Saturday in Saginaw, Mich.

Rites are set at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mount Pleasant Baptist Church near Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves sons, William O. Johnson, of Ripley, and Daniel L. Johnson, of Jacksonville, Fla., and a brother, Tom Johnson, of Jacksonville.

CLARIFICATION

The Jamal Wright, indicated by the Lauderdale County Grand Jury last week, is not the Jamard Wright, who lives in Meridian, Miss., son of Angela Wright Flowers, of Ripley.

Annie E. Jansen, Grocery Owner

Annie Elizabeth Jansen, 72, of 214 S. Church, Halls, retired owner of Forked Deer Grocery, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Concord United Methodist Church near Gates, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of Jack Johnson and Ronald Jansen.

She leaves daughters, Karen Hill, of 1180 Lawrence Road, Gates, and Shirley Spiller, of Memphis; sons, Jerry Jansen, of Atlanta, Ga., Linn Jansen, of Austin, Tex., and Scott Jansen, of Charlotte, N.C.; one brother, J. D. McNeill, of 4707 Concord Road, Gates; sisters, Aunita Emerson, Evelyn Escue, and Juanita Stanley, of Gates; and 12 grandchildren.

Louie Bradley

Louie D. Bradley, Jr., 43, former Riplian, died Wednesday of last week in the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

Rites were held Wednesday in the Hamlett-Isom Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago, with burial next day in Park Holm Cemetery in La Grange, Ill., Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He had been a security officer.

Survivors include parents, Louie D. Bradley and Versa T. Jarrett Pullen, and a sister, The Rev. Stephanie Bradley, of Broadview, Ill., and brothers, Kermit A. Pullen, of Broadview, Joshua Bradley, of Pine Bluff, Ark., Christopher Bradley, of Washington, D.C., and Charles Laymon, of Beltsville, Md.

TURKEY QUOTA HUNT

The U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service announces application procedures for the 2006 turkey quota hunts to be held at Reelfoot, Lower Hatchie, and Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuges. On Reelfoot Refuge, the Long Point and Grassy Island units' hunt dates will be April 7th - 9th.

Charles Gatlin

Charles Robert Gatlin, 56, of Ripley, retired from the Lauderdale County Highway Department, died Saturday at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig.

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

He leaves his wife, Beth Gatlin; a son, Charles Daniel Gatlin, of Halls; daughters, Brittney and LaDonna Davis, of Ripley, and Patricia Gatlin, of Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, James Lynn Gatlin and William Bryant "Bubba" Nichols, Jr., of Ripley; sisters, Deborah Kay Maness, of Ripley, and Lisa Marie Stobing, of Brighton; and a grandchild.

Jennie V. Bonds

Jennie V. Bonds, 95, of 405 W. McFarlin, Henning, retired house-keeper for Howard Johnson, died Feb. 4th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

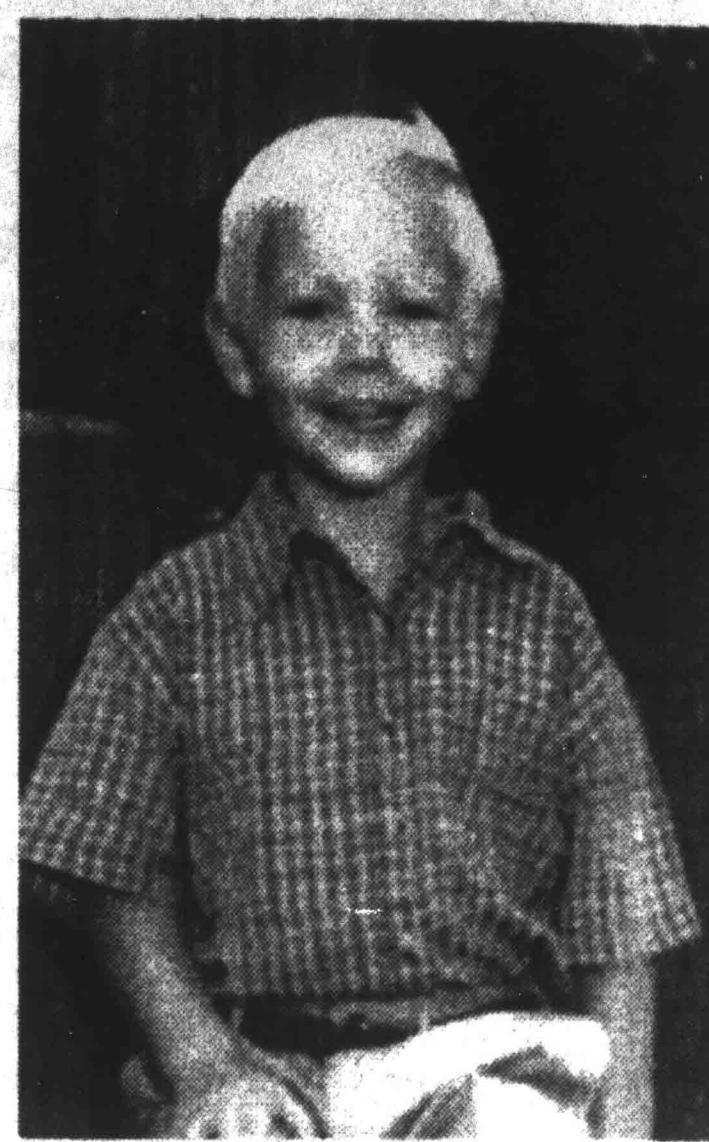
Rites were Saturday in the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Tipton County, where she was an usher, with burial in its cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She was the widow of Bluchard Bonds. Survivors include a son, Craig Smith, and an adopted son, Abraham Friend, both of Henning.

Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie Refuges will have three hunts: first hunt; April 7th - 9th, second hunt; April 14th - 16th, and third hunt; April 21st - 23rd. Applications will be accepted during the month of February. In March, a computer drawing will be used to randomly select 25 permittees each for the Grassy Island and Long Point units of Reelfoot Refuge and 25 permittees for each of the three hunts for Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie Refuges.

For further information on a particular refuge turkey quota hunt, contact numbers are: Reelfoot - (731) 538-2481, Chickasaw - (731) 635-7621, and Lower Hatchie - (731) 738-2296.

He's Four



CAYDEN VOSS MICHAELS, son of Ricky and Diana Michaels, of Ripley, celebrated his fourth birthday Feb. 6th with a Power Rangers party at the Ripley home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Voss. He is also the grandson of Butch Michaels, of Henning, and the great-grandson of Daisy Stewart, of Halls, and Margaret Nolan, of Covington.

U of M's 14th Annual Fair

The University of Memphis will hold its 14th annual Education Career Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, in the Michael D. Rose Theatre.

The fair is free to all University of Memphis students and alumni who are seeking jobs or career-related information. Those who attend should bring copies of their resume and portfolios. Professional dress is required.

For more information, call Clay Woennel, assistant director of the Office of Career and Employment Services, at 901-678-2239.

Sweetheart Pageant Reset Due To Snow

The 2006 Lauderdale County Mr. and Miss Sweetheart Pageant has been rescheduled to Sat., Feb. 25th at Halls Junior High School, beginning at 10 a.m. The pageant was canceled after snow began falling Fri., Feb. 10th.

Birthdays

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

Feb. 17 - Dr. Wayne Dudley, Diane Kiestler, Wade Mathis, Keith Smith, Larry Wright, Linda Thurmond, Ricky Cribfield, Kay Hansford, Allison Renee Hurt, Angie Layne Briggs, Linda Jetton, Patricia Turner, Hailey Holcomb, Lindsey Moffatt, Brad Cain.

Feb. 18 - Pam Rhodes, Marilyn Garrett, T. J. Green, Barry Wakefield, Shawn Rivera, Jr., Austin Crutchfield, Elaine Barcroft, Judy Crook,

February Nuptials Set



AMANDA DELENE SPRAY, daughter of Frankie Spray and Becky Spray, of Ripley, will marry David Alan Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, of Ripley, at 8 p.m. Feb. 17th in Elim Baptist Church, Ripley.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Clois Spray and Delene Spray, of Ripley, and Doris Land, of Henning.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Neal, of Ripley, and Donna Faye Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis, of Halls.

The couple plan to reside in Ripley.

Marriages

Jan. 22 - Paul James Stutsman, 46, to Brandy Dawn Welton, 29, by Charles Edward Stutsman.

Feb. 4 - Andy Eugene Nelson, 51, to Sharon Dianne Owens, 54, by Stan Young.

Feb. 9 - William Thomas Prater, 19, to Jamie Dee Crowder King, 28, by Tracy Henson.

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

Feb. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Huffman.

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

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Feb. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Todd White, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scallions.

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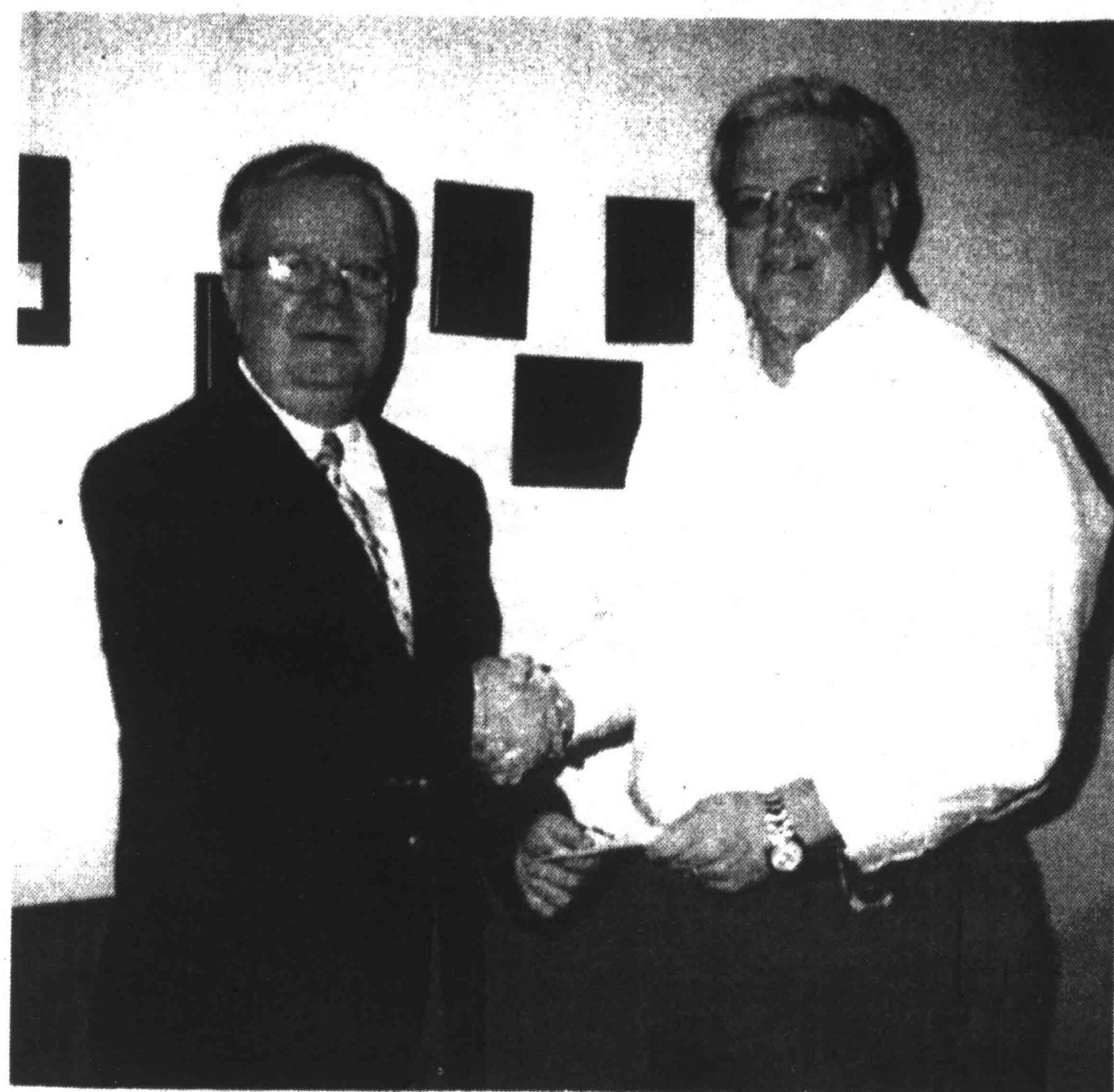
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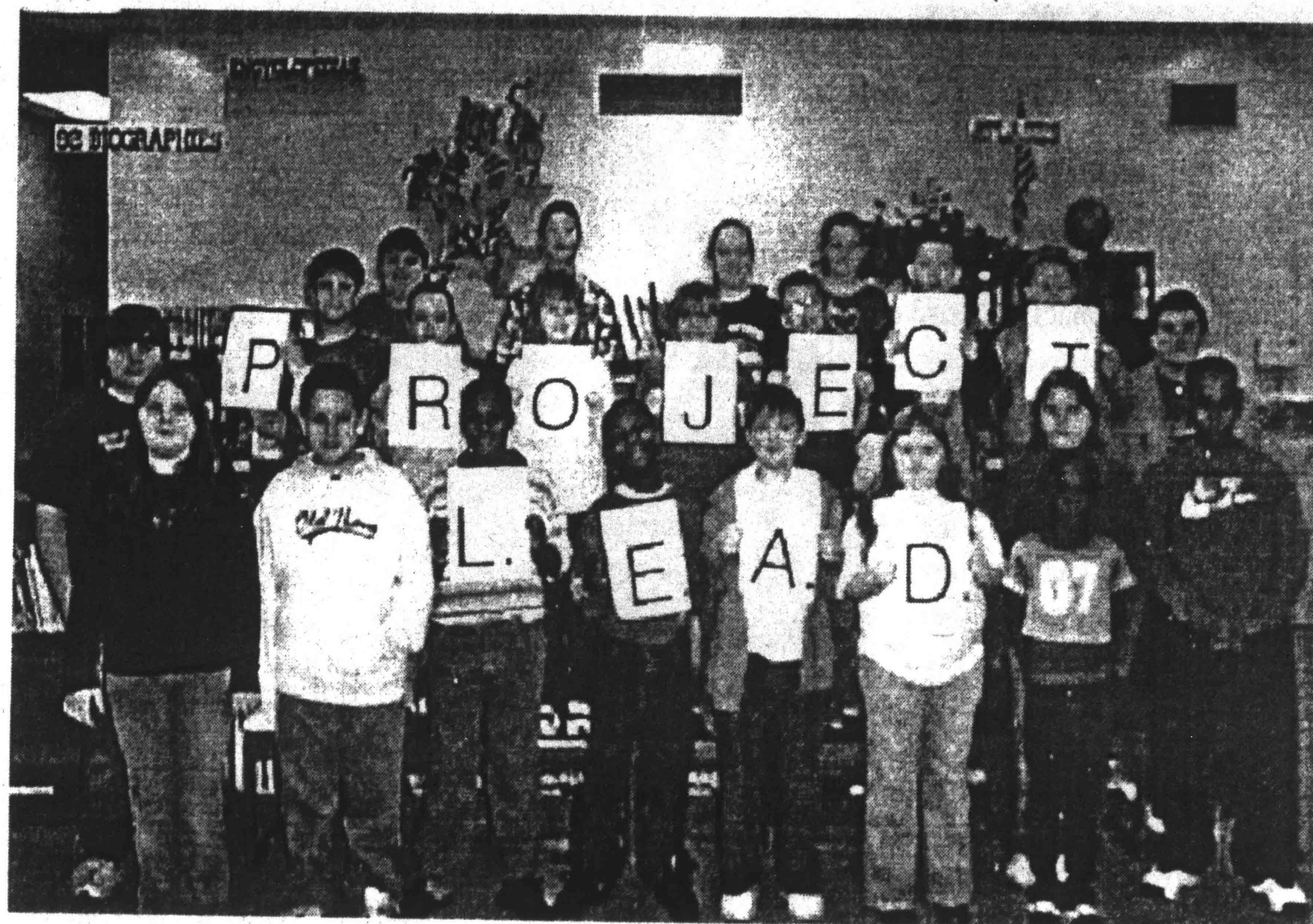
PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 05.465, APPLICANT: State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation, Environmental Planning and Permits Division, Suite 900, J. K. Polk Bldg., 505 Denderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243-0334, 615-253-2441. LOCATION: SR-88 (L.M. 12.56) Unnamed Branch, Lauderdale County PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to replace the existing SR-88 bridge over an unnamed tributary to Mill Creek. The replacement would require relocation of an intermittent roadside field drainage channel. At Station 60+60+ (R.L.) to Sta. 63+50+ (R.L.) the existing 310 ft. of open intermittent channel would be relocated into a channel 305 ft. in length matching the existing stream morphology and flow. A short drainage tributary at Station 61+80+ (R.L.) would have 23 ft. of channel length eliminated. The applicant also proposes to mitigate stream impacts by paying \$5,600.00 to the In-lieu Fee Stream Mitigation Program. PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534 USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Fowles, TN (421-NW) TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108. The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered. Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f). After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying. In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

Komatsu Donates Check



GERRY LOVELL, left, general manager of Komatsu America Corp., Ripley, donated \$5,000 Monday to Philip Jackson, right, Lauderdale County School Superintendent, for the purchase of laptops for students in the school system. "With their help and others, we will be able to purchase 125 laptops. Our plan is to start by placing a cart with 15 laptops in each school. The mini lab will be available to teachers to checkout for special class projects with their students," said Jackson.

Project L.E.A.D. At Halls



HALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has 31 students enrolled in the early morning Project L.E.A.D. (Let Each Achieve Daily), which offers an one-hour before school program designed to enhance student's academic skills in math, reading, science and social studies in a safe, supervised environment.

Teachers participating in the program include, Mrs. Robin Naifeh, Mrs. Kay Hansford, Mrs. Allison Moore, Mrs. Vanessa Spoon and Mrs. Nita Taylor.

TSEA Discussions



MELANIE KEEN, of Halls, Probation and Parole employee and a vice-president of the Shelby County chapter of TSEA, Zoyle Jones, of Nashville, left, president of the Tennessee State Employees Association, and Jim Tucker, right, of Nashville, acting executive director of TSEA, attended the compression pay discussions with the State of Tennessee Administration. TSEA is asking the governor to include in his budget proposal funding to address the salary compression issues identified by the Joint Study Group of TSEA and the Department of Personnel. The Joint Study Group was directed by the 2005 General Appropriations Act as the first step to implementing a meaningful comprehensive pay plan.

Halls Elementary 'Bear' Parade



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School celebrated the letter 'B' Friday by bringing bears of all shapes and sizes to school. The students paraded the halls with their bears and must have done a snow dance, too. School was dismissed for snow 30 minutes later.

HES Spelling Winners



WINNERS of the annual spelling bee at Halls Elementary School include, in upper photo, in front, from left, grades 2-3, Grayson Morris, daughter of Paul and Lisa Morris, alternate; Dashun Duffie, son of Sylvester and Mary Brown, second; and Maddie Hutcherson, daughter of Randy and Melinda Hutcherson, first; and in rear, grades 4-6, Marqueston Hall, son of Delaunda Hall, alternate; Mandy McClellan, daughter of Rodney and Tammy McClellan, second; and Shamari Gooch, son of Gina Gooch and Ceasear Cooper, first.

In lower photo, Maddie, left, placed first in the county for grades 2-3, and Shamari, right, placed first in the county for grades 4-6. Shamari will compete in the Mid-South Spelling Bee in March.

Land Transfers

Feb. 3 - Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Gary N. Konkle, Dist. 2, lot. Tennessee Housing Development Agency to Ronald A. Fisher, Dist. 2, lot.

Ersell Hyde Hardy to Letitia Wells and William Timothy Wells, Dist. 6, 1 acre. Feb. 6 - Douglas Nelson and Connie Nelson to Lauderdale Lumber and Hardware, LLC, Dist. 2, 0.247 acres. Colleen Flowers to Teresa Flowers Strickland, Dist. 10, 2

tracts and Dist. 10, 2 tracts. J. C. White to William W. Cothran and Angeline F. Cothran, Dist. 5, 35.70 acres. Pamela C. Hastings and Pamela C. Wong to Cindy Greaves, Dist. 2, 3 lots. Pamela C. Hastings and Pamela C. Wong to Jeremy Helton and Melissa Helton, Dist. 2, 2 lots. Gary N. Konkle to William M. Harmon III and Brenda Lynn Harmon, Dist. 2, lot. Beauton Matthews to Cynthia L. Ray, Dist. 6, 4.78 acres. Feb. 7 - Luther Sanders, Jr. and Betty Jane Sanders to Kenneth Danos, 2 lots. Tony Wayne Doss, Mindy Ann Joyner Doss, and Mindy Ann Joyner to Bonnie Webb, 1.0 acre. Anthony Waldon and Karen Waldon to Phillip E. Coleman and Vicki Coleman, Dist. 2, lot. Daniel Hendrix and Brandy Hendrix to Christy Flores and Jose Flores, Dist. 2, lot. Johnny Kerby to Clay Conrad and William Shannon Conrad, Dist. 7, lot. Andrew C. Gay and Maxine S. Gay to Timothy A. Hathcock and Susanna G. Hathcock, Dist. 2, lot. Feb. 8 - Gailon Smith and Carolyn Smith to Jodie York, Dist. 2, lot. Feb. 9 - Marvin W. Searce to Thomas Wright and

Dangers Of Meth



COLIN A. CAMPBELL, Assistant District Attorney General serving Lauderdale County, was the guest speaker of the Early-Morning Project L.E.A.D. program Thursday of last week at Halls Junior High School.

Mr. Campbell delivered the message being sanctioned by the Governor's Task Force about the "Dangers of Methamphetamines (Meth) use".

Tommy Durham, Project Director of L.E.A.D., indicated that the students also viewed a video of actual cases in Tennessee where the meth drug had destroyed the lives of those individuals who had used this harmful drug. Tennessee ranks second in the nation as to the number of Meth users behind the state of Missouri.

DSCC Campus Commodities To Day Has Changed Be Distributed

The Dyersburg State Community College Campus Day has been changed to Saturday, April 1st, due to the snow.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served at noon and the program will begin at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call 731-286-3347.

USDA commodities will be distributed by the Delta Human Resource Agency funded by Department of Human Services (DHS) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, at the following locations: Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson St., Ripley; Rice Park, Watkins St., Ripley; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St., Halls; and Henning City Hall, 105 Main St., Henning.

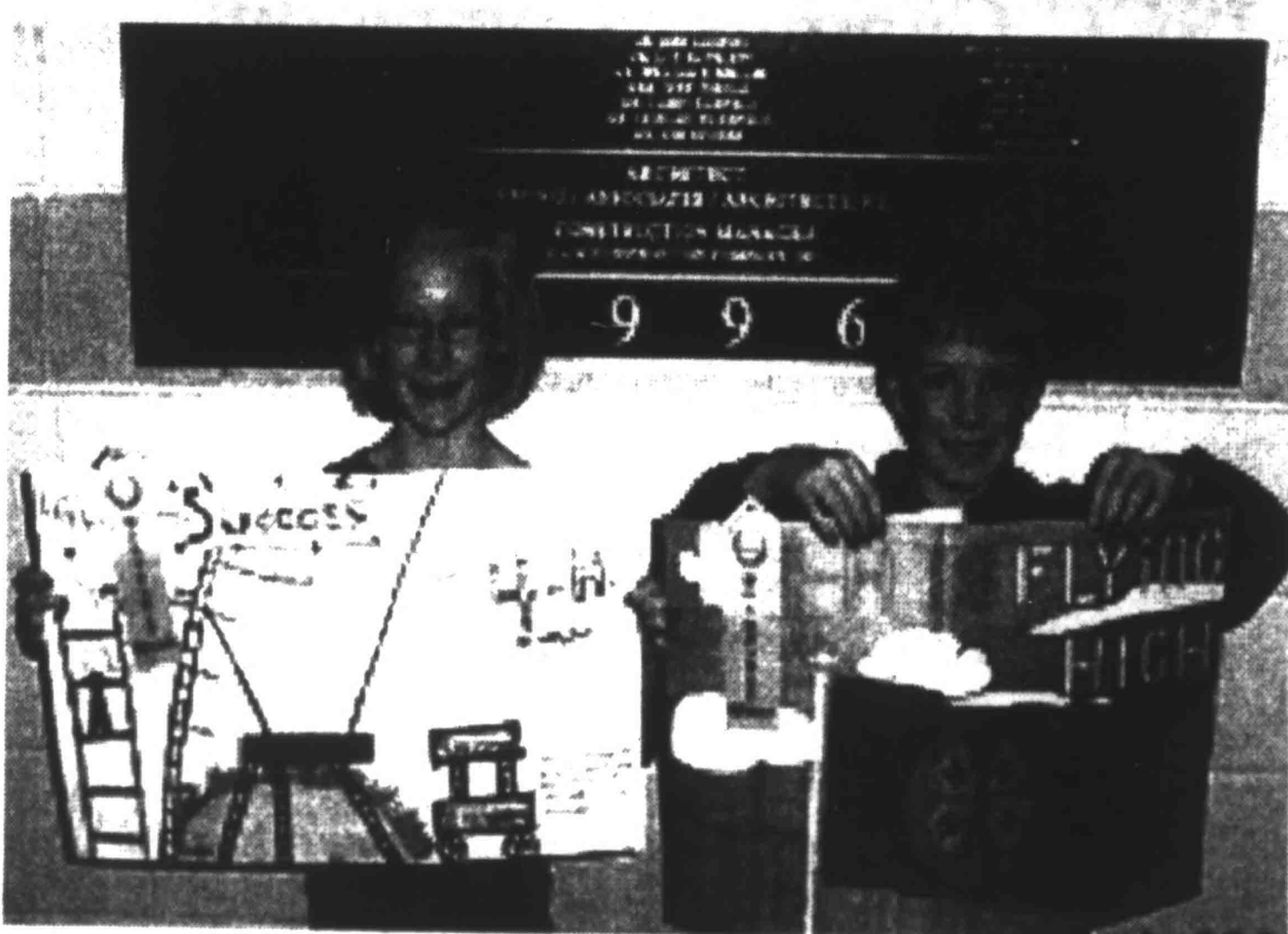
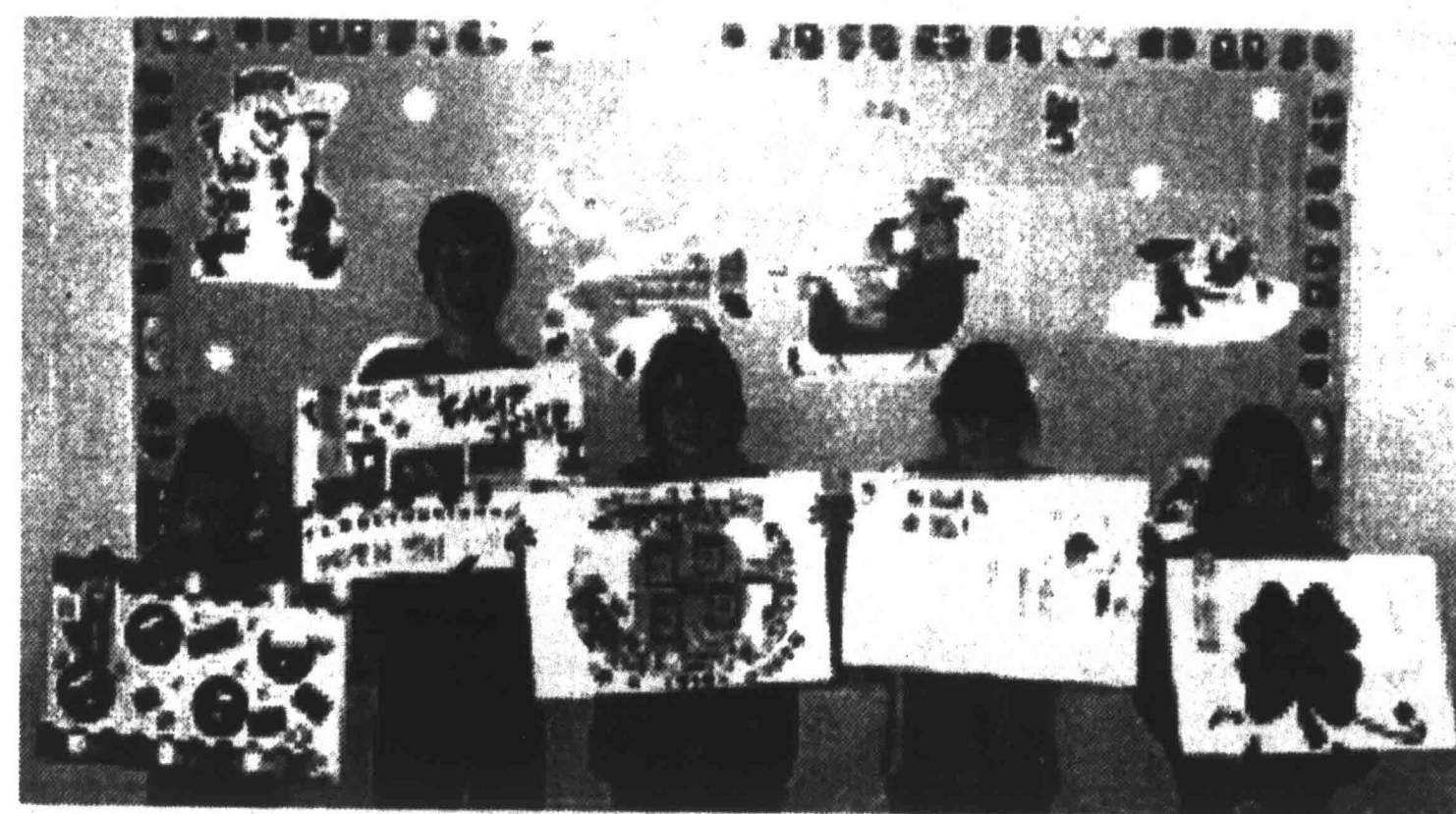
You must bring proof of income if you do not have a card, the use of the Food Stamp EBT card as proof of eligibility is no longer accepted. All eligible households will be served but persons with cards will be served first. You must have someone to carry the bag to your car.

Divorces

Queimeka Shanell Rogers Glass vs. Curtis Alexander Glass. Jenny Edens Clark vs. Ray Williams Clark. Christina McClurkin Buchanan vs. Samuel Brady Buchanan. Brandon Hays Carmack vs. Chalise Lavone Carmack. Barbara Wright, Dist. 8, 7.94 acres. Pamela C. Hastings and

Pamela C. Wong to Ryan Whiteside and Sandra Whiteside, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

4-H Poster Participants Graduates



4-H MEMBERS, in the 2006 Lauderdale County 4-H Poster Contest, participated in the local poster contest. The county poster contest judged 42 selections. The state contest will be held in April in Nashville. The top-ten poster winners include, in upper photo, Madison Smith, 1st place, 4th grade, Halls Elementary School; Logan Taylor, 7th, 6th grade, HES; Ryan Street, 4th, 5th grade, HES; Destiny Street, 5th, 5th grade, HES; and Autumn Fields, 10th, 4th grade, HES.

In middle photo, Olivia Winters, 2nd, 6th grade, Tennessee Trailblazers; Abby Winters, 6th, 8th grade, Tennessee Trailblazers; and Megan Winters, 3rd, 10th grade, Tennessee Trailblazers; pictured with JC Dupree, extension agent.

In lower photo, Kolby Herron, 9th, 4th grade, Ripley Elementary School; and Kevin Seaton, 8th, 4th grade, RES.

Madison, Olivia, and Megan, with the top three posters, will compete in the state's 4-H poster contest in April.



TABATHA BROWN, of Halls, graduated from the Tennessee Technology Center in Newbern, Administrative Assistant program. After 11 years with the KAZ Home Environment, the company closed and dislocated its staff.

Brown received a diploma in January and accepted employment with the Lauderdale County Bank in Halls as a customer service representative.

"I want to thank my parents, Brenda and David Olds, who always told me I could do anything that I wanted to and my husband, Phillip, who encouraged me to achieve my dreams, and my son, C.W., who was very understanding when I had homework of my own to do," said Brown.

DSCC To Hold Auditions In Gym

The Dyersburg State Community College Department of Music will hold auditions to include: jazz choir, instrumental, vocal and keyboard for music scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18th, at E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium, in Room #L182, on the DSCC campus.

For more information, call Dr. Carol A. Feather at 731-286-3256 or email at feather@dsc.edu.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 20th
President's Day
No School

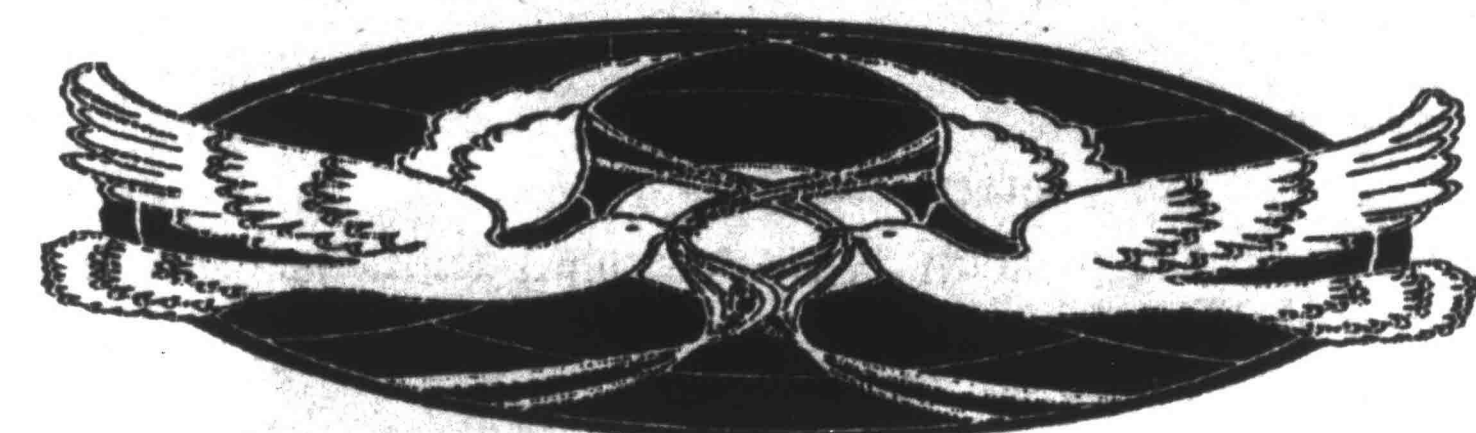
Tuesday, Feb. 21st
Hot Dog
Pizza
Tater Tots
Carrot Sticks
Grapes
Orange Sections
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd
Southern Fried Chicken
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans

Pineapple Tidbits
Peaches
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 23rd
Fish Fillet
Hamburger On Bun
Green Peas
Corn On The Cob
Jell-O w/Fruit
Pear Halves
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 24th
Tacos w/Trimmings
Burritos
Corn Nibbles
Applesauce
Banana
Cookie
Choice Of Milk



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 hold a special winter Bible study, The Book of Nehemiah, each Sunday through the month of February. Service times will be 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. worship, noon meal, and 1 to 2 p.m. afternoon Bible study. The afternoon Bible study will replace the evening services, normally held at 5:30 p.m. Roy Harkness, pastor, will conduct the Bible study. The public is invited.

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow St., will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Feb. 18th featuring Under Grace and Stairways, of Ripley. The public is invited.

Halls Community Center, College St., Halls, will present a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Feb. 25th featuring Anchored-N-Ilum and Royal Harvest. The public is invited.

The Firm Foundation Quartet will perform at 11 a.m. Sun., Feb. 19th at Enon Baptist Church, Nankipoo. The public is invited.

Abundant Life Assembly of God Church will present Evangelist Randy Lainhart Sun., Feb. 19th during the morning and evening services. The public is invited.

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

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

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Miss 2006 Sweetheart Queen Crowned



BETH COOK, fourth from left, senior at Halls High School, daughter of Jennifer and Jared Olds, was crowned queen of the Halls Miss Sweetheart pageant Feb. 11th. Her court included, from left, Kayla Heath, freshman, daughter of Vicki Austin and Zack Heath, Miss Congeniality; Hillary Steelman, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steelman, best interview; Erin Hutcherson, senior, daughter of Connie and Thomas Hutcherson, fourth maid; Kelly Crook, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Crook, third maid; Carley Cherry, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cherry, second maid; and Whitney Akin, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Akin, first maid.

Ricky McWilliams Jury Locks At 9-3

A Circuit Court jury in Ripley, Thursday of last week, trying Ricky McWilliams, of Halls, for drunken driving, locked up at 9-3 for conviction. Judge Joe H. Walker III ruled a mistrial. Prosecutors may re-try the case, but it would probably not be heard before September.

At issue is whether McWilliams, with a blood alcohol content tested at .16, was arrested by Highway Patrolman Michael Arguello, on Jan. 14, 2005, while driving erratically on his family's property or on public lands (including private lands "frequented" by the "public at large.")

He was arrested on Oscar Brewer Road, a we-

nessean as saying that more proof of the road being "frequented" would have produced a guilty verdict.

Assistant Dist. Attorney Colin Campbell produced a deed indicating transfer of property not including Oscar Brewer Road.

Highway Commissioner Roland Henderson testified that the county is not maintaining Oscar Brewer Road.

Halls mail carrier Patricia Stanley testified that she delivers mail to two addresses on Oscar Brewer Road.

One is that of Joel Frazier, telephone listed at 1014 Oscar Brewer Road, Halls.

James Paris, of Edith, testified that while flying model air-planes on the air

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Halls Boys Drop 14-A Consolation

In the District 14-A basketball tournament in South Fulton, Halls High School's boys, victors over Trenton, 58-42, lost Thursday of last week, in the semi-finals, to Lake County, 63-50, and dropped Monday's consolation game to Union City, 76-46.

Against Union City, De-Marcus Patrick scored 25 points, Darius Ivory 10. Each had a 3-pointer.

In the final, Lake County led Humboldt, 74-70.

In the girls' tourney, Halls led Bradford, 50-44, before losing to Gleason, 62-20.

Semi-finals: Gleason led Lake, 42-33, and Union City topped Greenfield, 32-30.

Consolation game: Lake 45, Greenfield 43.

Final: Gleason 45, Union City 38.

Petitions Returned In August Election

Angie Phillips has returned her petition for the seat of County Commissioner Dist. 4 in the August 3rd State Primary and County General election.

Petitions, picked up but not returned as of Tuesday, include County Commissioners, Annette Sanders and Quentin V. Dixon, Dist. 3; and Danny Hartsfield, Dist. 5; Mark Holder, County Court Clerk; and Mike White, Register of Deeds.

Candidates have until noon, April 6th to qualify and noon, April 13th to withdraw.

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

Jury Convicts Razor Slasher

A Circuit Court jury in Ripley last week convicted Devonna Barbee of felony reckless endangerment for cutting Latisha Morgan with a razor, June, 25, 2005, after a fight broke out at a party.

Juries Convict Drug Holders

Circuit Court juries in Ripley last week convicted:

Cassandra Dennis, observed by drug officer John Thompson (arriving to serve a search warrant at 113 Cedar, Halls) throwing down a bag in the yard. She was charged with possession of 2.8 grams of cocaine and marijuana. She was on probation from a drug case in Dyer County.

Anthony McKinnis, who left a sack beside a building when officer Greg Land accosted him about a warrant (for another person of same name). The sack held three bags of marijuana, a marijuana cigar, beer, and a handgun. McKinnis, with more than \$3,000 cash on his person, was held for possession of 74.7 grams of marijuana with intent to deliver.

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NOTICE - Ellen Jackson is writing locals for the Halls area. Please call 836-9622 with any information. 17-tf

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Career Expo Committee Reviews Plans



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Department of Education Career-Technical Advisory committee, including Dr. Pam Sirmans, Johna Arwood, Gail Anglin, Stacy Manley, Angie Koonce, Jana Parnell, Renate Jennings, Mary Jo Crihfield, Sue Toles, Carlos Hardy, Brian Collins, Donnell Baltimore, James 'Art' Arwood, Rachel Erwin, Linda Jennings, Bill Maxwell, Rick Tackett, and Chris Hoffman, plus, not pictured, Phillip Jackson, met last week to review the plans for the upcoming Career Expo, scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. March 2nd at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. The event will showcase local career opportunities in education, industries, businesses, and non-profit agencies. The public is invited. The newest electronic voting device will be demonstrated at the expo as well as attendees may register to vote. The new machines will be used county-wide in the August 3rd election. For more information, call 635-9541 or 635-2941.

Beta Club Distributes Valentines



MEMBERS of the Halls High School Beta Club distributed Valentine's Day cards to residents at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Feb. 14th.

NOMINATIONS

The Tennessee Historical Commission is accepting nominations for its Certificate of Merit Awards, which will be presented to individuals or groups who have worked to preserve Tennessee's cultural heritage during 2005.

The awards program is part of Historic Preservation Month set for May 2006 with the theme, 'Sustain America: Vision, Economics and Preservation'. Sponsors are the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Tennessee Historical Commission and other preservation organiza-

tions. To make a nomination for a Certificate of Merit Award, please forward documentation by March 20th to the Tennessee Historical Commission, 2941 Lebanon Rd., Nashville, TN 37214. For more information, call 615-532-1550.

Benefits Offered To Veterans By VA

The Veterans Administration offer veterans the following benefits: applications for disability compensation or pension; medical treatment at VA Hospital; medicine with a small co-pay; applications for certificate of home loan; compensation for dependents (spouse or children); life insurance; death benefits for veterans; death compensation payable to spouse or children or both; and aid and attendance for nearly helpless veterans who cannot care for themselves.

The Lauderdale County Veterans Service Office, 200 Crain St., Ripley, can prepare applications during its business hours of 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday or 8 a.m. until noon Wednesday.

Divorces

Angela Elaine Mabins Herring vs. Donald Herring. Joe Lewis Patrick, Jr. vs. Dottie Ann Hurt Patrick.

RETIRED TEACHERS

The Lauderdale County Retired Teachers will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 1st, at Ripley Elementary School. The program will be given by Johanna Carmack on the new Medicare supplements. All retired teachers are urged to attend.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Feb. 27th
Cheeseburger
Pizza
Oven Fries
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Apple
Orange Sections
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 28th
BBQ Pork Ribblet
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Peaches
Pear Halves
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 1st
Chicken Breast Fillet
Sloppy Joe On Bun
Lima Beans
Steamed Carrots
Applesauce
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 2nd
Chili Pie
Deli Sandwich
Corn Nibbles
Carrot Sticks
Fruit Mix
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, March 3rd
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Corn Dog
Vegetable Soup
Green Peas
Banana
Pineapple Tidbits
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

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Obituaries

Mourned



GLADYS KELLEY, 64, of Somerville, daughter of Milford Barlow, of Ripley, and sister of Ruth (Mrs. Bobby) Pittman, of Halls, died Wednesday of last week in the home of a daughter, Connie K. Doyle, in Somerville.

Rites were Friday in Peebles West Funeral Chapel near Oakland, with burial in Somerville City Cemetery.

Born in this county, she had resided in Fayette County for 45 years, serving as substitute teacher, as an employee of the Arlington Developmental Center, and as a saleswoman in Maxine's Dress Shop in Somerville.

Memorial gifts may appropriately go to Warren Community Church, Somerville, on whose hospitality committee she served.

Survivors include her husband, long-time Fayette County Sheriff Bill Kelley; sons, Gerald and Darell, of Somerville; and five grandchildren.

Myrtle B. Allen

Myrtle B. Allen, 84, former Riplian, widow of James Allen, died Thursday of last week in Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland, Fla.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley.

She leaves a son, Charles "Mike" Allen, of Elyria, Ohio; a sister, Frances Trosper, of Memphis; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Allan Levy, First Eagle From Halls

Allan M. Levy, 60, San Francisco, Calif., architect who was Halls' first Eagle Scout, died Thursday of last week, of cancer, in his home in Oakland, Calif.

A memorial service is anticipated in San Francisco, several months hence.

He was the first of four children of Emily Levy (now Mrs. James Davis, of Memphis) and the late Louis Levy, who operated Levy's Dept. Store in Halls.

He moved to Memphis in 1960, was graduated from White Station High School, and took a master of architecture degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

Enlisting in the Army Reserves, he served in Anchorage, Alaska and, beginning in 1969, in San Francisco.

Discharged, he worked for more than six years in designing the new airport there before he founded his own firm.

Clients included George Lucas, originator of *Star Wars*, and singer Linda Rondstadt.

Besides his mother, he leaves his wife, Pamela Pierson Levy, whom he married in 1994; brothers, Donald and Steven, of Germantown; and a sister, Diane (Mrs. Arnold) Eger, of Moon Township, Pa.

Pansy Green

Pansy Odell Green, 79, of 1325 E. Dry Hill Rd., widow of William Green, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in Hutcherson's Chapel Church of God near Ripley, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, William, Jr., of Forked Deer, and Timmy, of Ripley; daughters, Janice Green and Denise Richardson, of Halls, Kay Johnson, of Gates, and Annette McCaslin, of Dyersburg; brothers, Billy and Rob Nelson, of Ripley, Douglas Nelson, of Gates, Talmadge Nelson, of Halls, Neil Nelson, of Brownsville, and Albert Nelson, of Henderson; and sisters, Frances Reynolds, of Ripley, and Joyce Neal, of Brownsville.

Bobby Hudson

Bobby Lee Hudson, 57, of Henning, laborer, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

He leaves brothers, Roger, of Henning, and Tommy Wayne Hudson, of Allentown, Pa., and sisters, Barbara Brooks, of Ripley, Bonnie Sue Avritt and Eva Lucille Rivera, of Allentown, and Sharon Mae Hudson, of Pennsylvania.

Billy Conrad

Billy Decatur Conrad, 65, of Ripley, West Tennessee State Penitentiary employee, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Mamie Thompson Conrad; daughters, Beth Conrad, Paula Criffield, and Stacey Maynard, of Ripley, and Kim Cook, of Childress, Tex.; a brother, Ron Rickard, of Ripley; sisters, Evelyn Marcy, of Ripley, and Ruby Russell, of South Carolina; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Fred Brantley

Fred Douglas Brantley, 88, former Riplian, died Wednesday of last week in Barton's Nursing Home in Detroit, Mich.

Rites are set for 1 p.m. Thursday in Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, east of Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves a son, Elbert, of Oklahoma; a daughter, Lula Scott, of Ripley; a brother, Ruben, of Detroit, Mich.; a sister, Geneva Mosley, of Henning; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Joyce Tyus Fatality In Head-On Crash

Joyce Tyus, 48, of 350 North Brandon, Henning, was fatally injured Thursday of last week in a head-on collision on U.S. Hwy 70, near Dickson.

Highway Patrolman Jeff Alexander says she was not wearing a seat belt when the car she was driving was struck head-on by a pickup truck, driven west by Eric J. Bell, of 105 Louise Drive, Dickson, which crossed a double line and struck her car head-on.

Her son, Mitchell Bursey, 29, of Henning, wearing a seat belt in the front passenger seat, and his pregnant wife, Christie L. Bursey, 27, of Covington, lying in the back seat without seat belt, were injured.

Rites were held Friday in the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, burial in Hamlett Temple Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel Tyus; another son, Spencer, of Henning; daughters, Crissy Cobbins, of Henning, and Sheena Tyus, of Ripley; sisters, Juanita Garrison, of Ripley, Sandra Hunter, of Nashville, Paula Edmonds, of Dayton, Ohio, Annette Whitelaw, of Hammond, Ind., and Annie Ruth Harrison, Ester Prewitt, and Sarah Clark, of Detroit, Mich.; and brothers, Michael, of Springfield, Tenn., Earnest and Ricky, of Nashville, Walter, of Madison, Ill., Robert, of Chicago, Ill., Billy, Jerry, Roosevelt, and William, of Detroit, and Reginald, of Maryland.

Eugene Meeks

Eugene Meeks, 86, of 1814 Meeks Road, Halls, retired farmer, died Wednesday of last week in Regional Hospital in Dyersburg.

Rites were Friday in Halls Funeral Home.

He leaves daughters, Gloria Carnack, of Halls, Patricia Martin Patrick, of Bartlett, and Victoria M. Kaaz, of Memphis.

Mrs. Smithson

Dorothy Frances Smithson, 81, of Halls, a retired beautician, died Thursday of last week in the Regional Hospital in Dyersburg.

Rites were Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, burial in Dyer County Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church.

Nelda Bishop, of Halls, had looked after her care.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Senior activities at 605 Airport St., Halls, begins Thursday, Feb. 23rd, from 1 to 2 p.m. a computer class; from 11 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. an art class with Ruby Clevenger; and at 2 p.m. FCE TEA by invitation only.

Friday, Feb. 24th, at 10:30 a.m. 'Get Fit Stay Fit'; at 9:30 a.m. a trip to Burger King and the Dyersburg Mall; and at 1 p.m. bingo.

Saturday, Feb. 25th, pick-up Angel Food.

Monday, Feb. 27th, at 10:30 a.m. 'Get Fit Stay Fit'; at 12:30 p.m. movie and popcorn; at 5 p.m. a caregiver support session will be held.

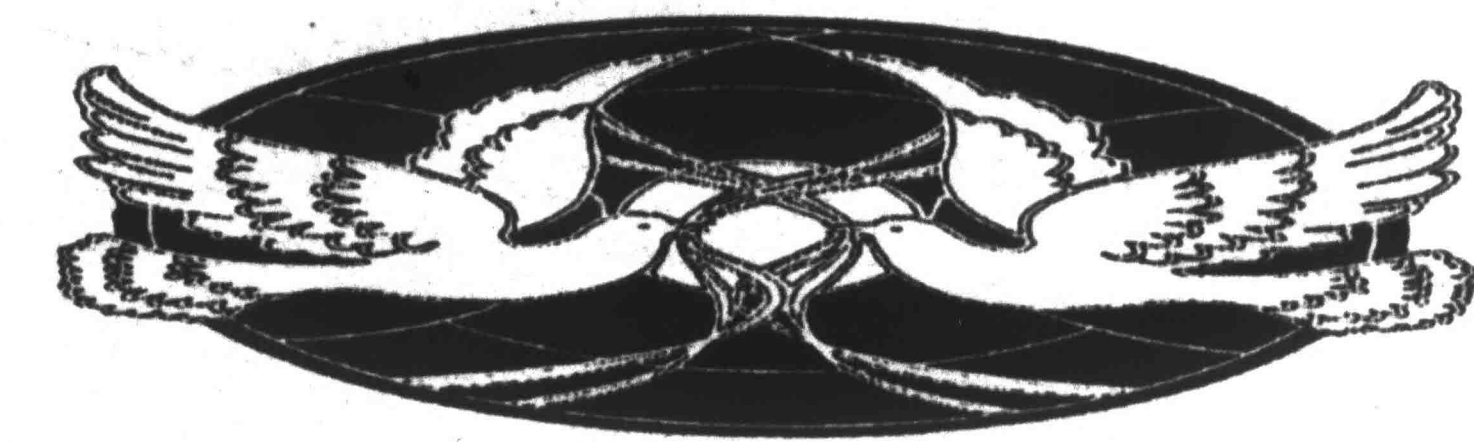
Tuesday, Feb. 28th, at 10 a.m. blood pressure checks will be given; a fun day; and from 11 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. an art class with Ruby Clevenger.

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging operates from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, for more information call 836-5444.

Father-Daughter Banquet



LAUDERDALE COUNTY fathers and daughters, who are students at Christ Classical Academy, in Dyersburg, were treated to a banquet. Snow canceled many things during the weekend of Feb. 11th, except the banquet. The young ladies enjoyed dinner, played games, and received an opportunity to dance with their favorite man. Among those attending were, in upper photo, Greg Mooney, center, and daughters, Marlee and Nolen, of Ripley, and from Halls, in middle photo, Rob Martin, and daughter, Lauren, and in lower photo, Gary Burse and daughter, Brianna.



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 hold a special winter Bible study, The Book of Nehemiah, each Sunday through the month of February. Service times will be 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. worship, noon meal, and 1 to 2 p.m. afternoon Bible study. The afternoon Bible study will replace the evening services, normally held at 5:30 p.m. Roy Harkness, pastor, will conduct the Bible study. The public is invited.

Victory Baptist Church, 275 Faye Barfield Rd., near Henning, will hold a program, Momentum, for college, high school, junior and middle school students and the young at heart, at 7 p.m. Sat., March 4th at the church. The program's focus will be "empowering a generation to live out the dreams and visions God has creatively designed for us." The public is invited.

Halls Community Center, College St., Halls, will present a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Feb. 25th featuring Anchored-N-Him, of Dyersburg, and Royal Harvest, of Hayti, Mo. The public is invited.

The New Hope C. M. E. Church, Henning, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sat., Feb. 25th featuring The Echoaires, of Moscow. The public is invited, no admission charged, a love offering will be taken for Corey Boyce, son of The Rev. and Mrs. Joe Dowell, who is a Beautillion contestant.

Halls First Baptist Church will join Billy Kelly, Dyersburg First Baptist Church, and Hillcrest Baptist Church in the Mission's Festival of Songs at 2 p.m. March 5th at Hillcrest Baptist Church. "The Festival of Songs comes at the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It's a celebration of new life and the new year," said Jim Ewell, mission's director of development and volunteer coordinator. Area churches are participating to help the Union Mission in its homeless prevention efforts. Each choir will present two numbers and Bill Kelly will perform three solos. The program will close with a performance by all choirs.

Donations of \$5, to benefit the homeless-prevention efforts, is requested. Tickets are available at participating churches, the Mission office, 213 W. Cedar St., Dyersburg, and the Halls Union Mission, 113 W. Main St., Halls.

New Hope C.M.E. Church, Henning, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sat., Feb. 25th featuring the Echo Aires. The Rev. Joe Dowell, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

COURSE OFFERED

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering a limited license residential contractors course from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28th and 29th. A contractor's exam review course for the Tennessee Contractor's Business Law and Commercial/Industrial/Residential Exam will be from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 30th and 31st.

For more information or to register, contact Youlanda Jones, director, UT Martin Ripley Center at 731-221-8778.

Land Transfers

Feb. 10 - James Vaden and Elisabeth Vaden to James Edward Vaden, Jr., Dist. 12, 1 acre.

Feb. 13 - Sharon K. Freeman to Dana Rhea Freeman, Jr., Dist. 6, tract.

Karen Anderson Bryan and Embra Edward Anderson III to Swartz & Brough, Inc., Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas to Sonja Pipkin, Dist. 2, lot.

Scott Barnard Fullen and Rose Fullen to Dan P. Meadows, Dist. 2, lot.

Jerry Buckner and Donna Buckner to Johnny Hutcherson and Regina Hutcherson, Dist. 17, lot.

Feb. 14 - Pamela C. Wong Hastings to Larry Braden and Lucille Braden, Dist. 6, lot.

Jesse F. Edwards and Linda M. Edwards to Rev. John C. Lewis and Barbara Lewis, Dist. 2, lot.

Feb. 16 - James F. Scallions to Thomas Stewart and Patsy Stewart, Dist. 7, tract.

Lynn Colvin and Celina Colvin to Douglas Construction LLC, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Billy J. Bell and Becky J. Bell to Clayton A. Kenny, Jr. and Cynthia A. Kenny, Dist. 17, 2 tracts.

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base, he has often observed traffic on Oscar Brewer Road.

Three members of the jury were not convinced that the road was public or that it was "frequented" by "the public at large."

Thomas Caldwell, of Ripley, represented McWilliams.

Marriages

Feb. 13 - Oliver Dwaine Stutts, 74, to Betty Jean Goodman Barnhill, 68, by Harold Craig.

Feb. 14 - Arthur Toomes, 38, to Rhonda Lynn Mires, 31, by Tracy Henson.

Adam Shane Kilzer, 29, to Lisa Beth Arwood Cartwright, 29, by Tracy Henson.

John Charles Bates II, 31, to Donna Jean Carpenter Goforth, 40, by Paul Duncan.

James Franklin Apperson, 58, to Theresa Ann Jones Carpenter, 51, by Don Prescott.

Parks Jerome Kirkpatrick, 40, to Rhonda Jean Wakefield, 38, by Tracy Henson.

Frankie Lowe Dunivan, 73, to Barbara Ann Batchelor Dunivan, 69, by Douglas Clinton.

David Alton Booker, 26, to Lindsey Nicole Carroll Rhodes, 21, by Tracy Henson.

Birthdays

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

Feb. 24 - Perry Garrett, Jr., Jerry Temple, Sr., J. C. Hendren, Sandra Carter, Terry Cook, Carol Caldwell, Marvin Land, Kevin Haislip, Brent Prescott, Dennis Weaver, Sr., Diane Clarke, Sarah Cherry,



EXTENSION NEWS

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Ext. Agent - Laud. Co.
Cooperative Extension Program

Income Stretched Too Far?

With the higher prices for auto fuel and home energy bills, many families are feeling added financial pressure. You may have to make more choices about where your monthly income will go. It's almost like your income had dropped.

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When any type of financial hardship strikes you, there are immediate and constructive steps to take. Obviously, you will need to reduce spending and develop a spending plan to help you pay your bills. If the hardship will last for more than a couple of months, alter your spending practices to maintain control of your finances over an extended period of time.

Financial affairs are still in the family's control. The following tips are offered to help you survive:

- Don't default on payments. Talk to your creditors, explain your circumstances, and work with them to make adjustments.
- If you plan carefully, you can still manage your financial situation.
- Speak with your family about the reality of your financial hardship. Decide what is important and choose a plan of action.
- Be prepared to alter your standard of living, at least in the interim, so you don't have to give up essentials.
- Begin to make plans for the future, whether it is finding new employment or adjusting to a reduced standard of living.

Contact your County Extension Agent, Christene S. Anderson at 200 Crain Ave., Ripley, TN or phone: (731) 635-3101 Fax: (731) 635-3483 for additional information.

Doyle Moss, Paul Galloway, Eddie Evans, Anna Read Kennedy, Ellen Parker.

Feb. 25 - Bruce Little, Kaye Connor, Angela Oswald, Rubin Jones, Ricky Rose, Nicolas Smith, Katlyn Moffatt, Charles Robbins, Kim Williams.

Feb. 26 - Stephanie Young, Jean Hansford, Anna Beard, John Paige Hendren, Erica Deberry, Barbara Mann, Shirley Holley, Christie Belton.

Feb. 27 - Jennifer McNeill, Roque Rubio, Martha Hunter, Cindy Schuh, Bobbie Wilson, Bobby Cain, Jon Hargett, Neil Dyer, Dena Harden, Bryan Bomar, Will McCullough, Phillip Glenn, Shirley Garton, Valerie Stephenson, Violet Williams.

Feb. 28 - Jeff Shelton, Nadine Cannon, Bennett Bailey, Rhonda Edmondson, Allyson Hartman, Sallye Rae Hartman, Carley Cherry, Beth Avery Dancy, Jenny Clark, Murrey Wakefield, Gregg Brown, Melissa Hurt, Jeanette Hamby, Jim Locks Schmidt, Anthony Binkley.

Feb. 29 - Kim Rhodes, Sandy McLemore, Charlotte Matthews, Paul Duncan.

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

Anniversaries

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

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

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

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

Feb. 28 - Dr. and Mrs. Art Poisal.

March 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Homer.

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