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## Busy Election Year Begins This Friday

Candidates seeking County offices (Mayor, Commissioners (Districts 1-8), Sheriff, Trustee, County Court Clerk, and Register of Deeds) – plus a Circuit Court Judge, Circuit Court Clerk, General Sessions Judge, Juvenile and Probate Judge, State Rep. (Dist. 82) and District Attorney – face voters in the Aug. 3rd general election and state primary and the Nov. 7th state and federal vote.

August candidates may obtain qualifying petitions at the County Election Office, at 217 N. Main in Ripley, beginning this Friday.

Dead-line to qualify is noon, April 6th, dead-line to withdraw, noon, April 13th.

New voters must register before July 3rd.

For November voting, new voters must register before Oct. 7th.

With umpty candidates in view, note that this newspaper will publish a candidate's photo, if desired, and a few paragraphs of his claims to election, free of charge, if submitted four weeks before election day.

Longer or later statements will be charged as advertisements.

### ARBOR DAY POSTER

"Trees are terrific...in All Shapes & Sizes" is the theme for the 2006 Arbor Day poster contest announced by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) Division of Forestry and the National Arbor Day Foundation. Co-sponsored by Toyota Motor Corporation, the annual contest is open to all Tennessee fifth-graders.

Teachers in public, pri-

ivate, and home schools can participate in the contest by selecting a winning poster from their school for the state competition. Entries must be received, regardless of postmark, by 4:30 p.m. (CST) on March-10th.

Send posters to: Arbor Day Poster Contest, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, P.O. Box 40627, Nashville, TN 37204. Posters can also be hand delivered to the TDA Division of Forestry office located in the Bruer Building at Ellington Agricultural Center, 440 Hogan Rd., Nashville, TN 37204. Only posters that meet guidelines will be eligible.

For more information on the Arbor Day Poster Contest and to request a booklet of rules and guidelines, contact state urban forester Bruce Webster at (615) 837-5436 or email [bruce.webster@state.tn.us](mailto:bruce.webster@state.tn.us). More information about the national contest can be found at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

### COURTHOUSE SECURITY

A new state law, effective January 1st, could generate millions of dollars to bolster courthouse security in 94 counties without costing tax-

## Certified



**BRADLEY HARRELL, RN, BSN**, formerly of Halls, has attained the CCRN® qualification after completing the nationally recognized examination. Harrell is employed by the Elvis Presley Trauma Center at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

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Harrell also holds a position as a graduate assistant at the Loewenberg School of Nursing at the University of Memphis. He plans to graduate with a master of science degree in nursing in May 2006. He and his wife, the former Rachel Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Young, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chastain, of Covington, reside in Cordova.

payers a penny. Knox County opted out of the bill, which was enacted by the General Assembly during the 2005 legislative session.

## New Postal Stamps



**THE NEW 39¢ POSTAL STAMP**, left, and the new 2¢ stamp, right, will be used on mail, effective Sun., Jan. 8th after the United States Postal Service voted Nov. 14th to increase postal rates. The rate increase, the first since 2002, raises the cost of a first class postage from 37¢ to 39¢, which is an increase of 5.4%.

The postcard rate will increase to 24¢; money orders, 95¢; return receipt, \$1.35 for electronic or \$1.85 for original signature; delivery confirmation, 60¢ for first class parcels and 50¢ for priority; and certified mail, \$2.40.

The new 39¢ stamps were available for purchase Dec. 8th at the local post office, along with a 2¢ stamp to use with the 37¢ stamp. Both stamps are available in sheets of 20. The 39¢ stamp is available in booklets or rolls.

The statute also simplifies the system used by court clerks to collect fees in civil and criminal cases. Under the new law, most fees will become uniform across the state, shifting to flat fees applying to categories of judicial proceedings. The existing law, adopted in 1974, includes 120 different dollar amounts or percentages to be collected for various services performed by court clerks. Fees for the same services also vary from county to county.

The bill adopted this year was amended as it worked its way through the legislative process to add \$2 to continuance fees, raising the state-mandated fee to \$7. Beginning with the new year, the additional \$2 will be collected for every continuance in every court. The money will remain in the counties where it is collected and

must be used for courthouse security.

### FAMILY MEETING

The Lauderdale Community Living Center will host their Family Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the facility dining room. The program will be around Alzheimer's and Dementia related diagnosis with materials provided by Anna Beth Taylor, Volunteer Long Term Care Ombudsman. All family members, as well as community members, are urged to attend.

### Sick & Ailing

Ben Cherry, of Halls, is in Jackson Madison County General Hospital due to a heart attack.



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## Crime Watch

### Work-At-Home Scams Just Don't Pay

(NAPS)—Experts say offers to work at home that seem too good to be true probably are. According to the 2000 Census, over four million people in the U.S. work at home every day and the numbers are increasing. From stay-at-home moms to college students to retirees, work-at-home opportunities are an attractive option. So it should come as no surprise that scams offering work-at-home jobs that pay "big financial rewards" have also grown in popularity.

Proceed with caution, warn U.S. Postal Inspectors, because many "offers" don't deliver on their promises. Most "opportunities" will not guarantee regular salaried employment and many omit the fact you may have to work many hours without pay. Others require you to spend your own money for products or instructions before revealing how a plan works. And the "work" promised often continues the fraud by getting other victims involved.

Some of the classic work-at-home scams include: envelope stuffing; product assembly/fact work; medical billing; and, reshipping.

Reshipping—one of the newer scams—involves receiving items ordered by the scam artist often using stolen credit card information. The scam victim then repackages the merchandise for shipment to a foreign country.

Whether they're old or new, these scams have cost their victims thousands of dollars. Check out any offer before responding. Legitimate companies should provide information in writing about the program they are offering. Postal Inspectors offer these protection tips:

- Don't give out personal information to a person or company you don't know.
- Be suspicious of any offer that doesn't pay a regular salary or involves working for an overseas company.
- Check out the company with the FTC, Better Business Bureau, or state Attorney General.

There is no easy way to wealth. Operating a home-based business is just like any other business—it requires hard work, skill, good products or services, and it takes time to make a profit. For more information on work-at-home scams or to order a free DVD, visit the Web site at [www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors).

# PETS & PEOPLE

## Get Fit With A Fine Companion—Your Canine

(NAPS)—As millions of Americans make the commitment to lead a healthier lifestyle and lose weight, health and fitness trainer-to-the-stars Michael George, offers a new approach for success: team up with your dog and have fun getting fit together.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, one in three dogs may be overweight—a serious problem considering it can lead to the development of such other medical issues as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease and even some cancers. That's a major reason one approach gaining in popularity is to work your dog into your workout routine.

"Getting fit isn't easy no matter who you are but whether with dogs or humans, changing your habits is the secret to winning on the fitness front," said George, an accredited health and fitness expert whose clients include celebrities Meg Ryan, Reese Witherspoon and Christian Slater. "You've heard it time and time again but eating well and exercising are two keys to leading a healthier lifestyle and losing weight—and that's true for both you and your dog."

Tips From The Expert George recommends three basic steps for making the transition easier:

1. Start with diet—for humans, there's nothing wrong with the occasional treat now and then—all foods have a place in a balanced diet. Try

**Top Tips**

Together with PEDIGREE Food For Dogs, celebrity fitness trainer Michael George offers these tips for getting in shape with your dog:

- Eating well is key. A healthy eating plan can be the secret to success for both you and your dog.
- Exercise together. Teaching your dog a new game like fetch can help burn more calories.
- Start off slow. Check with your doctor or veterinarian before starting any weight loss plan for you or your dog.

to get the bulk of your daily calories from a tasty variety of lean meats, fat-free dairy, fresh fruits and vegetables and whole-grain products such as whole-grain breads, whole-grain pastas and brown rice. For your dog, research shows that a high-protein, low-carb diet helps dogs lose weight without losing lean muscle. An easy way to help your canine shed the extra pounds may be with the PEDIGREE 2-Step weight-loss program. Step One, Weight Loss is the highest-protein dry food formula on the market, and is designed to help dogs safely lose up to 10 percent of their body weight over 12-weeks. Step Two, Weight Maintenance, helps dogs maintain a healthy weight once they've achieved it.

When it comes to snacks, for both you and your dog, the rule is always all things in moderation. Additionally, keep in mind that dogs should not regularly eat table scraps—those quick bites add to his or her calorie count, too.

For more information on the 2-Step Weight Program and tips for keeping your dog active and healthy, visit [www.pedigree.com](http://www.pedigree.com) and take the Healthy Dog Test.

2. Exercise is critical for both humans and dogs. In fact, a recent study has shown that people who team up with their dogs to lose weight have more fun losing weight than those who diet alone. To help get an optimal workout for both of you, teach your dog a new active game like fetch or maneuvering an obstacle course. Mix up walks by changing routes or alternating a brisk walk with a short jog. Many health clubs around the country now offer classes that involve dogs, such as doggie yoga.

"I tell my clients to be a personal trainer for their dogs, since as an owner, you are responsible for making sure your dog not only eats right but also gets enough exercise," said George. "You can bring this to life in many ways. For example, joining or starting a neighborhood dog-walking club can be a fun way to catch up with neighbors while also keeping both you and your pup active."

3. George stresses that it's important to start off slowly if you and your pooch aren't used to exercise. Just as you would check in with your doctor before embarking on a weight loss program, be sure to check in with your veterinarians before beginning a weight loss program for your dog.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Phillips

Sherry Jean Timbes Phillips, 53, grandmother of Dallas Pendergrast, of Ripley, died Saturday in the home of her mother, Josephine Timbes, in Brownsville.

Rites were Monday in Oakwood Cemetery in Brownsville, Brownsville Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a son, Johnny Lynn Pendergrast, of Maury City; a brother, Michael Timbes, of Collierville; a sister, Vickie Farmer, of Bartlett; and two step-grandchildren.

Z. T. Moore

Zachary Tyler Moore, 3-month-old son of Jonathan and April Moore, of 4668 Old Brownsville Road, Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Nut Bush.

Survivors include a brother, Jonathan, Jr., of Ripley; grandparents, Martha Moore and Danny and Kathy Patterson, of Ripley, and Danny Moore, of Halls; and great-grandparents, James and WaveDean Moore, of Halls, Henry and Rose Patterson, of Ripley, and Bertha and Billy Savley, of Henning.

Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Queen E. Wilson, 89, of Memphis, former Riplian, died Thursday of last week in Methodist Hospital South.

Rites were Tuesday in Healing Center Full Gospel Baptist Church, with burial in Canfield Cemetery in Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She had been a nurse's aide.

She leaves daughters, Doris Avery, of 167 Lincoln, Ripley, and Annie L. Gardner and Ella D. Burnett, of Lansing, Mich.; sons, Willie Bradford, of Memphis, Albert, of Lansing, and Frank Burnett, of Chicago, Ill.; a sister, Geneva Cahill, of Detroit, Mich.; and 24 grandchildren.

Mrs. Williams Was Teacher

Annie Demetra Williams, 96, who taught in Forked Deer School, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Manor Nursing Home.

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

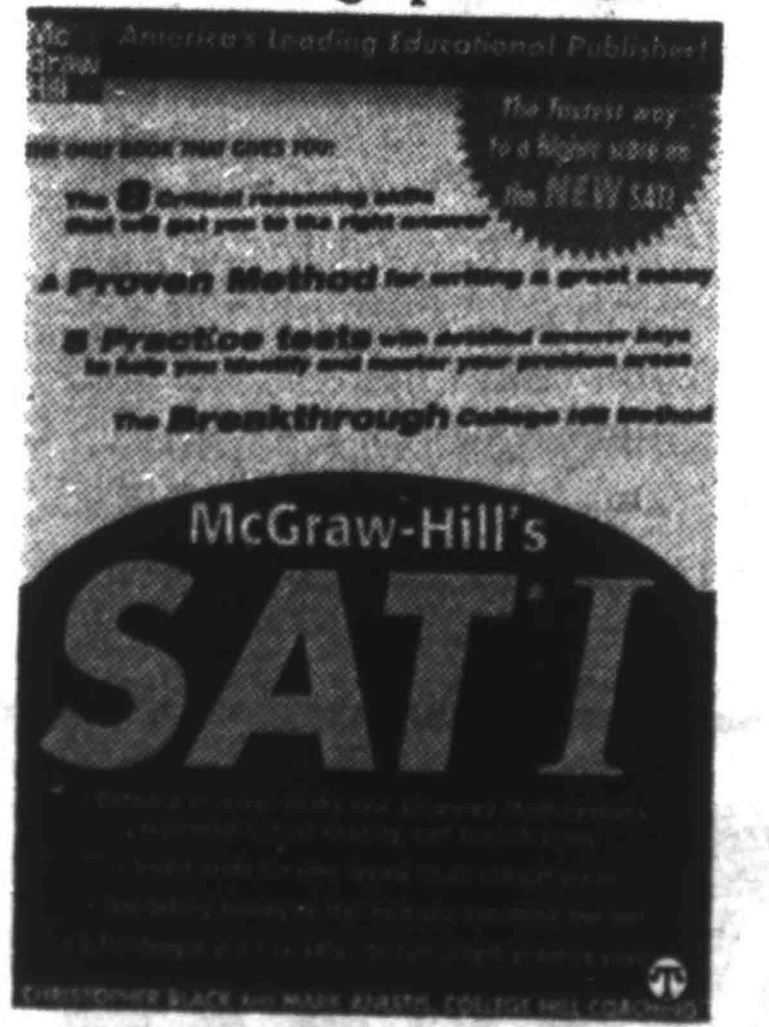
She was a member of the Curve Church of Christ.

Widow of Guy Samuel Williams, she leaves sons, Davis Wilford Blakley, of Ripley, and Steve Williams, of Dyersburg; daughters, Martha Davis, of Ripley, and Daisy Milan, of Memphis; a brother, Winston Carmack, of Gates; sisters, Fay Williams, of Ripley, and Burnice Forrester, of Oxford, Ala.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

BOOK NEWS & NOTES

Taking The New SAT

(NAPS)—High school students graduating in the year 2006 will have to take a new version of the SAT—but educators say there's no reason to get testy about the exam. In fact, many say the new SAT is just as coachable as the old one, and doing well on it is simply a matter of learning to reason through problems.



Study guides may help students who take the new SAT.

That's the idea behind a strategy known mnemonically as MAPS-CATCH. The approach, which is featured in a book called "McGraw-Hill's SAT I" (McGraw-Hill, \$12.95), teaches students to replace habits and thinking that could impede effective problem solving with creativity, awareness and flexibility.

The book also provides complete coverage of new SAT topics, such as Algebra II and the English Essay—includes five full-length simulated SATs, 20 full length practice essays, flash cards covering all sections of the test, and a flowchart to help students manage study time. For more information, visit [www.books.mcgraw-hill.com](http://www.books.mcgraw-hill.com).

Healthy Ideas

(NAPS)—The National Institutes of Health define metabolic syndrome as having three or more of the following conditions: a thick waist, high blood pressure, low HDL (good) cholesterol, insulin/sugar resistance and high blood sugar. To stem the rising tides of obesity and the metabolic syndrome, work out and eat healthy. Eating healthier does not mean you can't enjoy a treat now and then. There are health-conscious foods to satisfy your sweet tooth. Nestlé® Crunch®, one of America's favorite candy bars, has recently introduced Nestlé® Crunch Carb Select™ Sugar Free, which uses a sugar substitute and has less than four net carbs per serving. For more information, visit [www.nestlecrunch.com](http://www.nestlecrunch.com).

Efforts have been made to stop marketing campaigns that some say are specifically geared toward getting minority children to smoke new kinds of flavored cigarettes. According to the American Legacy Foundation, such marketing strategies are in violation of the Master Settlement Agreement, which prohibits marketing of tobacco products to minors. The group cites various tobacco industry promotions and products that it says reveal the industry's intention. To learn more, visit [www.americanlegacy.org](http://www.americanlegacy.org).

If you will protest courageously, and yet with dignity and Christian love, when the history books are written in future generations, the historians will have to pause and say, "There lived a great people—a black people—who injected new meaning and dignity into the veins of civilization."  
—Martin Luther King Jr.

NEWS OF JOBS Working On Your Own Time

(NAPS)—A number of professionals now work to keep time on their side. That's the news from the job front, where experts say careers with flexible schedules and jobs that let people set their own pace have become hot commodities.

For instance, the real estate profession has become popular with people across the U.S. Because of its flexible nature, people can generally work as agents on a full- or part-time basis and often, they set their own schedules.

People who want to start a career in real estate generally do so by working through a brokerage firm. The companies can provide leads, contacts and, perhaps most importantly, training. For example, Century 21 Real Estate Corporation has an award-winning training program called the CENTURY 21 Learning System®. The learning platform leverages the latest technology to deliver career-long learning opportunities to its network of professionals.

The system is designed to help new agents learn real estate essentials and to help more seasoned agents continue to hone their skills and business sense.



My Time—Jobs that let people manage their own time have become popular in the U.S.

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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, beginning Jan. 8th and continuing 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.

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.

January Vows Set



BEVERLY FELICIA DIXON, daughter of Anna Thompson, of Ripley, and the late Joe Lee Thompson, of Gates, will marry Andre' Bryon Belmont, son of Annie Hudelston, of Dyer, at 1 p.m. Sat., Jan. 14th in Mt. Zion Worship Center Church, in Bradford with Roy Wade, pastor, officiating the ceremony. All family and friends are invited, only out-of-town invitations will be sent. A reception will be held in the church's fellowship hall afterwards.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Halls High School. The groom-elect is a graduate of Gibson County High School.

They are employed by Excel Polymers in Dyersburg. The couple plan to honeymoon in Gatlinburg.

Marriages

Dec. 22 – Stephen Gary Buckner, 23, to Abby Lillian Pankey, 19, by James Larry Howard.

Dec. 27 – Randy Lewis Tucker, 42, to Teresa Ann Craig Elam, 39, by Janice C. Craig.

Dec. 29 – Alan Robert Woodard, 23, to Jacquelin Michelle Hutcherson, 23, by James L. Howard.

Mark William Rea, 48, to Mary Elaine Carmack Alston, 40, by Herman L. Revierre.

Dec. 30 – James Milo Vanness, 65, to Mary Marie Scallions Daniels, 67, by Virgil Presley.

Birthdays

Jan. 5 – Bob Pasley, Pam Rizzoto, Colby Baker, Danielle Sanders, Anna Carol McDowell, Douglas Woods, Bobbi Younger, Heidi Strong, John Thomas Sammons, Chris Hurt, Deborah Layne, Amy Fullen, Logan Robinson, Sonja Pipkin, Linda Maxwell, Matthew Williams.

Jan. 6 – April Lankford, Charlie Roberts, Linda Hilliard, Martha Ruth Britt, Josh Waggoner, Crystal McAlister, Hollie Mitchell, Haylee Pittman, Marie Bing, Martha Scofield, Steve Brown, John Michael Johnston.

Jan. 7 – Jennifer M. Webster, Kelly Carmack, Samantha Novie Price, Connie Nelson, Jennifer Fee.

Jan. 8 – Shane Morgan, Erika Alexis Lane, Zina Hamlet, Lisa Hendren, Jerri Langley, William E. Moore, Heather Davis, Bronwyne Bain, Vance Brewster, Jr., Lindsey Carrington, Molly White.

Jan. 9 – Monica Burlison, Christopher Morris, Annette Maxwell, Summer Scott, Randy Lankford, Annie Summar, Benjie Moore, Dana Moore, Phyllis Mayfield, Hope Smith, Dena Dew, Tanner Christian Patterson, Amber Shands.

Jan. 10 – Amanda Powers, Sara Pilcher, David Dunaway, Carmon Reece Belton, Robert Steelman, Sheryl Belton, Al Hamilton, Jason Baynes, Ronnie Rickard, Amber N. Dowling.

Jan. 11 – Lori K. Finney, Memory Gaines, Stephanie Etheridge, Jeff Ezekiel, Rachel Clark, Mary Bernard, Kim Sweat Patterson, Taylor Rice, Nell Miller, Rob Cherry, Lily Kate Carmack.

Land Transfers

Dec. 27 – Wells Fargo Bank to Roger Bryan Byrd and Roger Lynn Byrd, Dist. 2, lot.

Charles A. Scallions and James W. Scallions to Barbara Vogeler, Dist. 7, 52.293 acres.

Tennessee Housing Development Agency to Delois J. Adams, Dist. 2, lot.

Ida Wilson Turner and Sherrylon Bolden to Will A. Lewis, Dist. 3, 0.5 acres.

Cold Creek Conservancy LLC to Steven Love and Cynthia Love, Dist. 4, lot.

Dec. 28 – James T. Sullivan, Haley L. Sullivan, Michael P. Sullivan, Cynthia Sullivan, Scott A. Sullivan, and Cassandra Sullivan to United States of America and Commodity Credit Corporation, Dist. 5, 155 acres.

Dec. 29 – New Bethel Baptist Church Board of Trustees to Shirley Gaines and John Gaines, 2 tracts.

Leslie Lightfoot to William G. Rhodes and Pamela Rhodes, Dist. 11, 2 tracts.

Donald Blackwood, Judy Blackwood, Kenneth Blackwood, and Beaton Black-

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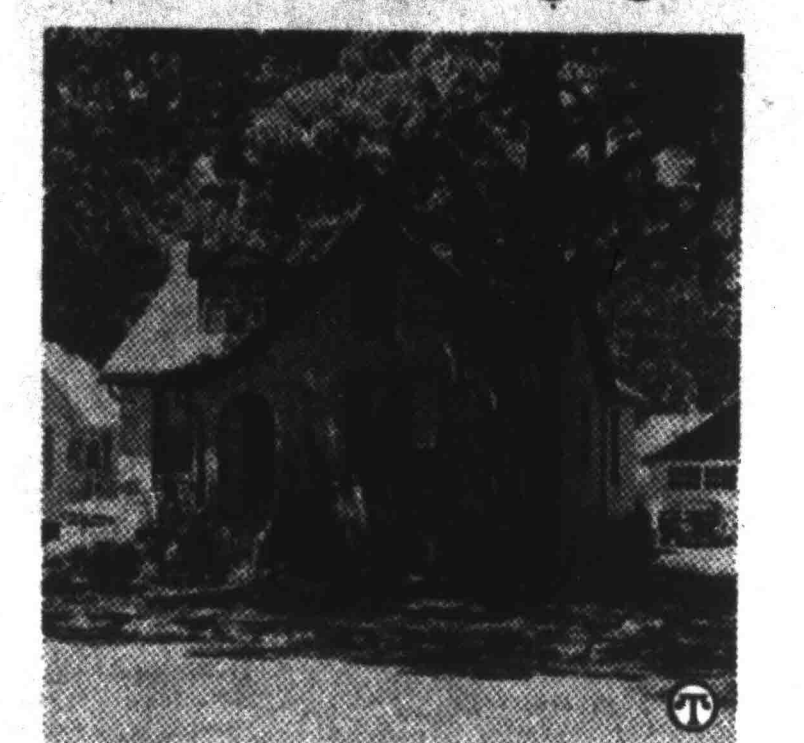
- You can smooth the approval process by gathering as much documentation as possible before you apply. Some important things to have are W-2's and income tax returns from the last few years, copies of pay stubs, a copy of your credit report and bank statements for all accounts (checking and savings) for the last several months.

- Compare lenders before you make a commitment. You don't get a bonus for speed—in fact, haste could cost you hundreds or even thousands of dollars over the life of the mortgage. Be sure you're comparing loans with equivalent terms and other considerations.

- Get as much information as possible. Talk to friends and relatives who have recently secured mortgages or look for books and Web sites that can help you find out more about the process or certain lenders.

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wood to Jon Robert Binkley and Cindy C. Binkley, Dist. 2, 0.639 acres.  
Victor L. Lee to Victor L. Lee and Sandra Lee, Dist. 2, lot.

Divorces

Shirley Ann Phillips Carroll vs. Johnny Oneal Carroll.  
Jeannie T. Peele vs. Eric L. Peele.

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### Disease and Bomb Detecting Wasp For The New Year

"What will they think of next?"

How many times have we uttered that simple little statement when something totally new has been shown to us in the last year? If you are anything like me, and may heaven forbid that you are, then it is possible that you are surprised with something new almost everyday.

New inventions and modern day marvels seem to be in the news everyday. Some placed on view for the general public are good and some are not what they are supposed to be.

I saw a list the other day of some inventions that just never really made it and just their descriptive names easily explains why their 15 minutes of fame never happened.

For example, there was the glow-in-the-dark sunglasses that never made it. Not many sunny evenings, I guess, to make sales go off the charts.

Then there was the inflatable dart board that just didn't hold air. It was way up on the list with cordless extension cords.

There was even a solar powered flashlight that didn't make muster. If they ever come up with one that operates on moonlight, then they may have something.

Others on the list were a book on how to read, a waterproof tea bag, a dictionary index, an ejector seat for helicopters and powdered water. None of these made it and the world is certainly better off because they did not.

However, there are some new things on the horizon that

do show promise of changing the way we live. A group of researchers at the University of Georgia, along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, have come up with a trained wasp that maybe one day can be used to find hidden explosives, plant diseases, illegal drugs, cancer and even buried bodies. The American Chemical Society (ACS) recently reported that the trained wasps are contained in a cup-size device, which they call a "Wasp Hound," that is capable of sounding an alarm or triggering a visual signal, like a flashing light, when the wasps encounter a target odor.

Before you get concerned about swarms of wasps being turned loose in airports to locate terrorists and bombs, you need to know that the wasps are a tiny parasitic species that are not capable of stinging humans. They can be trained in as little as five minutes to detect certain odors by associating the odors with a food reward. It works sort of like teaching your child to clean their room with a reward of cookies after they are finished. But, the child usually takes more than five minutes to train.

ACS says the "Wasp Hound" contains a tiny camera that is linked to a computer to record the movement of the wasps. When the wasps detect the targeted odor they are trained to look for, they move around the device's odor inlet. Their movement is what determines the alarm signal to indicate the presence of whatever researchers are looking for.

The program initially started from research to use the insects for locating plant diseases so farmers could use less chemicals in food production. However, the same research found numer-

ous other uses for the "Wasp Hound" to target. The wasps can also detect chemical odors that are associated with certain human diseases reports the American Chemical Society.

They said the detection of lung cancer, skin cancer and stomach ulcers may be possible in the future for the wasps to locate. The group of researchers has recently been looking into the possibility of using the wasps to detect odors associated with hidden bodies from murder victims to victims of disasters the ACS reports.

It is good to read reports from solid science organizations that are making a difference in our lives. The American Chemical Society is a nonprofit organization, chartered by the U.S. Congress, with a multidisciplinary membership of more than 158,000 chemists and chemical engineers. They report only the facts and are not influenced by movie stars, millionaires or extremists. Just like Sergeant Friday on Dragnet used to say, "Only the facts ma'm, nothing but the facts."

Someday, the relatives of the very insect that we all fear during the summer on our back patio, may be the tiny insect that could save our very own lives from cancer or even a bomb. Isn't science wonderful?

"What will they think of next?"

### Anniversaries

Jan. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phagan.

Jan. 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Hargett, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rose.

Jan. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jordan.

Jan. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kiestler, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Burks.

### School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Jan. 9th  
Hot Dog  
Pizza  
Tater Tots  
Carrot Sticks  
Grapes  
Orange Sections  
Rice Krispie Treat  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 10th  
Fish Fillet  
Hamburger On Bun  
Green Peas  
Corn On The Cob  
Jello w/Fruit  
Pear Halves  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 11th  
Southern Fried Chicken  
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Peaches  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Jan. 12th  
Menu - School's Choice

Friday, Jan. 13th  
Tacos  
Chicken Fajitas  
Cup Of Trimmings  
Corn Nibbles  
Applesauce  
Banana  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

## Paying for College

The Early Bird Gets the Worm: January is Time to Apply for Money for College

(NAPS)—For families of high school seniors, January 1 brings more than just New Year's resolutions. As National Financial Aid Month, January marks the time when college-bound students and their families determine how they will pay for higher education.

"Paying for your child's dream school is easier than you think," said Martha Holler, spokesperson for Sallie Mae, the nation's leading paying-for-college company. "Now is the time to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), because the closer to January 1 you apply, the better your chances of getting free or cheap money to pay for college."

More than \$122 billion in financial aid is available, and it comes from multiple sources—the federal government, states and higher education institutions. Some 13 million students apply for money for college annually, so by submitting the FAFSA early, students put themselves at the head of the line. A late application may cause families to miss out on free money.

Every high school graduate with a Social Security number is entitled to free or inexpensive money to pay for college. That is why even those families who think they do not qualify for financial aid should still apply. You cannot make too much or too little money. Families can stay ahead



Filling out FAFSA forms can save parents money. Don't assume you won't qualify.

of the deadlines and speed the entire process by applying online at the Department of Education's Web site, [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The online FAFSA also will alert applicants to missing or inaccurate information.

For tips on how to complete the FAFSA, as well as other resources, students and parents should visit [www.CollegeAnswer.com](http://www.CollegeAnswer.com). The site offers a checklist to help families gather the appropriate documents needed to complete the application, such as information related to income, investments and taxes. College Answer also offers access to the largest scholarship database containing more than 2.4 million scholarships worth more than \$14 billion in funds, and interactive calculators to estimate what a family may be expected to contribute toward the cost of college.

Completing the FAFSA should take about two hours and this is one case where time really can be money.



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## Halls Board & Mayor Candidate Welcomes Businesses

Mayor Trent McManus welcomed two new businesses to the Town of Halls during the monthly Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting Monday. Nu Growth Hair Salon and Barbershop, located in down-town Halls, next to Simmons' Men's Shop, owned and operated by Rodney and Pamela Patrick and Dr. Ravinder Machra, located at 103 N. Church Street. Dr. Machra practices internal medicine. The mayor thanked these businesses for locating in Halls and stated that the presence of businesses in the downtown area makes the town more attractive to industry and helps bring consumers into Halls.

He also stated that recruiting small businesses to Halls would remain a top priority by meeting with the owners of empty properties and matching them with small business. McManus reported in regards to recruiting industry that one had expressed interest in the Tupperware building and that they would tour the building at the end of January. A site in the Town of Halls and Gates had been submitted as a potential Megasite to the state for approval.

The mayor reported that he and Chief of Police Rod Ward continued meeting on a weekly basis to formulate and implement Chief Ward's plan to combat the presence of drugs in the community.

The town approved a resolution to apply for a Local Park and Recreation Grant to resurface the town's tennis courts. Mayor Mc-Manus reported that the tennis courts had fallen into such a poor condition that the high school team could no longer play it's home games on the courts. The same grant would also be used to build a skateboarding park to provide a safe place for people to skate board.

There was a lengthy discussion on needed improvements to Kevan Ward Park and to the Northside Community Center. The mayor stated that the Northside Advisory Board would meet and set priorities and list specific improvements that needed to be made.

Alan Cherry, Public Works Director, warned residents to budget for next month's gas bills as he expected them to be very high due to the cold weather and the high price of natural gas. The town accepted a bid from Baskin Truck and Tractor to purchase a dump truck from the town for \$1,852.99. The town also approved a resolution for the TDOT relocation contract located on Highway 88.

## Committee Reappointments Focus Of Lauderdale County Commissioners

Lauderdale County Commissioners approved the re-appointment of William G. 'Jerry' Parker to a three-year term on the Planning Committee; Robert J. Reviere, Jr. to a six-year term with the Solid Waste Regional Planning Board; Carlton Gay to a three-year term with the Water Sys-

(Continued On Page 7.)



**WILLIAM C. COLE**, 45, attorney, of Tipton County, has announced his candidacy for the position of the Chancery Court Judge for the 25th Judicial District of Tennessee, which is comprised of Tipton, Lauderdale, Fayette, Hardeman and McNairy counties. The Chancery Court is a court of general civil jurisdiction that handles cases such as contract disputes, divorces, adoptions, workers compensation and property suits.

Cole has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he graduated with honors in 1983. He graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Law in 1986. He worked as an associate for the law firm of Gordon, Forrester, and Whitaker until becoming partner in 1991. He began solo practice in 1992 and has practiced continuously in the 25th Judicial District since 1986.

He is married to Martina Tracy Cole. They have two children, Elise, 14, and Ellery, 12. His parents are Charles E. "Bub" and Mary Cole, of Drummonds. The family attends the Munford First United Methodist Church, where he is active in the praise band.

## Rash Of Fires Investigated



**A FIRE**, on the property of Gary and Ann Brown on Rucker Farm Rd. in Halls, began late Sunday night. The Halls Fire Department and The Tennessee State Forestry Division arrived at approximately 12:30 a.m. Other fires were fought by the departments along the bluff earlier in the evening due to possible arson.

Lauderdale County had six fires reported from 11 a.m. Sunday through 11:30 p.m. Monday night.

## Petition Returned In August Election

Annie Laura Jennings has returned her petition for the position of Register of Deeds in the August 3rd State Primary and County General Election.

Petitions, picked up, but not returned as of Tuesday, include Juvenile and Probate Judge, Rachel Jackson Anthony; Circuit Court Clerk, Richard Jennings; County Trustee, Steve Carmack; School Board District #3, James G. Douglas; Circuit Court Judge, Joseph (Jody) Walker III; General Sessions Judge, Janice C. Craig; Register of Deeds, Rebecca (Carol) Walker and Dennona J. Pittman; Dist. Attorney General 25th District, Mike Dunavant; Sheriff of Lauderdale County, Louis Craig, Steve Sanders, Matt T. Bates, and Larry McCoy; and County Court Commissioners, Dist. #1, Charles Anthony, Jr. and Billy Poe Brandon; Dist. #2, Lynnwood Shoemaker; Dist. #3, James (Charlie) Moore and John Snead; Dist. #4, Terry Jordan and John Gaines; Dist. #5, Louis C. Ruff and Judy Conrad; Dist. #6, Jesse Edwards, Billy J. White, Elvis (Don) Moore, and Robert J. Reviere; and Dist. #8, Monty C. McWilliams and Don Fisher.

## HHS 1961 Reunion

Halls High School class of 1961 will have a meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. January 12th in the home of Elizabeth Alsbrook Horner located at 907 Wade Hampton Rd., in Dyersburg.

Seven members met in the home of Roger and Lynne Harris December 29th to make plans for the 45th class reunion. Attending were Larry Keen, class president, Maxine Burrough Hardy, Patricia Baker Mountjoy, Jean Waddell Belton, all of Halls, and Elizabeth Alsbrook Horner, of Dyersburg. They are seeking email and other addresses for all persons who attended school with the 1961 class at either Halls Elementary, Halls Junior High or Halls High School.



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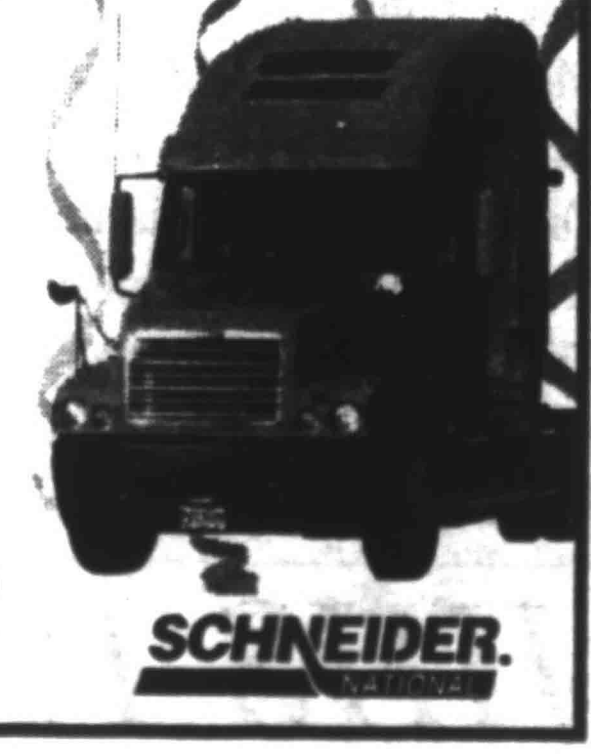
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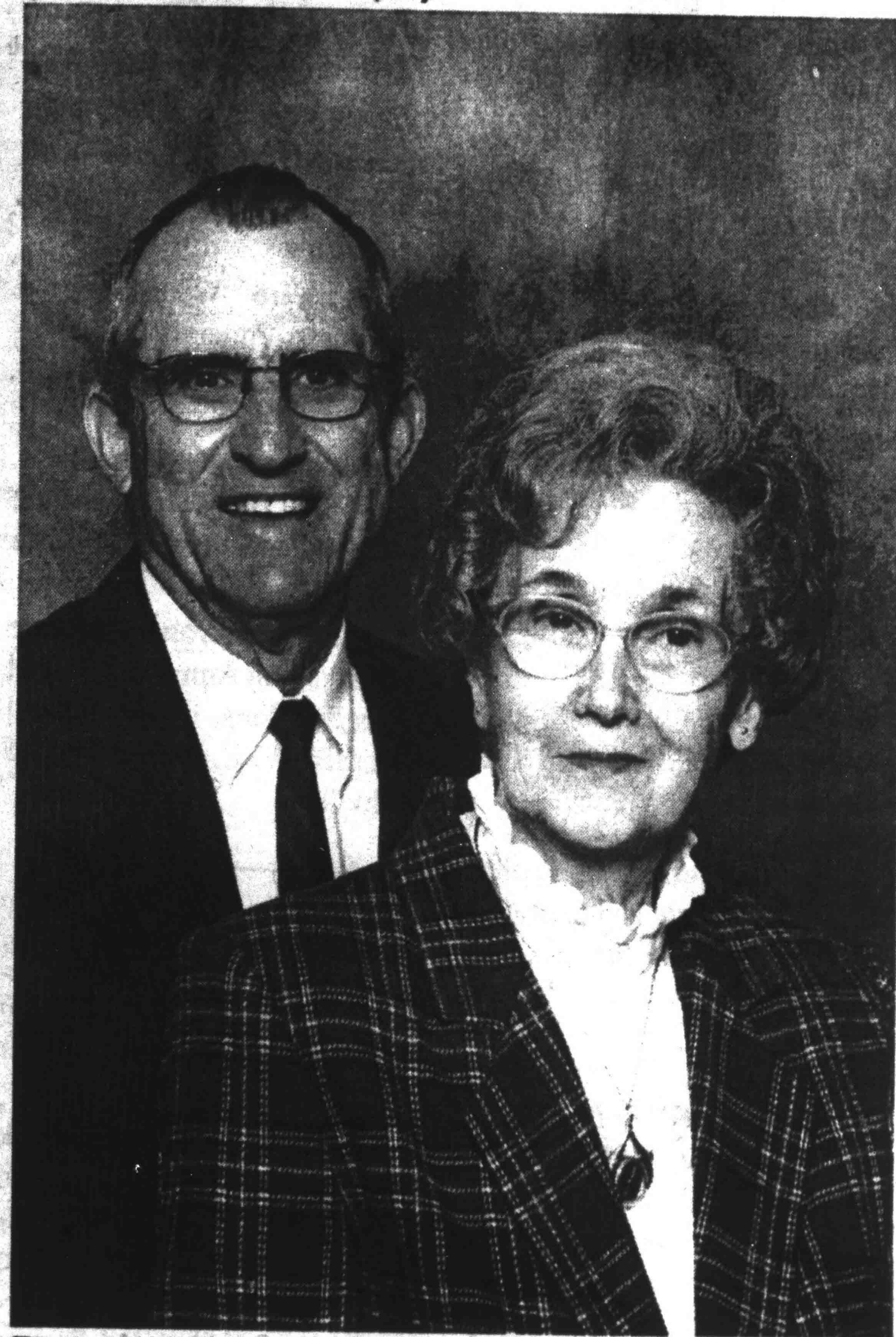
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## Golden Anniversary Anniversary Celebration School Lunches



- Lauderdale County Schools**
- Monday, Jan. 16th**  
Martin Luther King Day  
No School
- Tuesday, Jan. 17th**  
Cheeseburger  
Pizza  
Oven Fries  
Garden Salad w/Dressing  
Apple  
Orange Sections  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 18th**  
BBQ Pork Riblet  
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Peaches  
Pear Halves  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 19th**  
Chili Pie  
Deli Sandwich  
Corn Nibbles  
Carrot Sticks  
Fruit Mix  
Jello w/Fruit  
Choice Of Milk
- Friday, Jan. 20th**  
School's Choice Sandwich  
Corn Dog  
Vegetable Soup  
Green Peas  
Banana  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

**D. L. AND ROSE GILLILAND**, of Frog Jump, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sat., Jan. 21st at Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, at Frog Jump, with all family and friends invited.

Mr. Gilliland was born and reared in Crockett County. The former Rose Voss, she was born and reared in Lauderdale County. The couple have a son and five grandchildren.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN MOORE**, of Curve, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21st, at the banquet hall on Volunteer Drive, directly behind Christian Family Medicine, hosted by their children, Debbie Moore, Calvin Moore and Patricia Sanchez, all of Ripley. All family and friends are invited to attend.

## Anniversaries

- Jan. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman.
- Jan. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gabbard.
- Jan. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sneed, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Crihfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kiestler.
- Jan. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lankford.
- Jan. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Best.
- Dec. 30 - Phillip Eugene Ezekiel, Sr., 45, to Judy Diane Underwood Crowder, 51, by Bobby Mooney.
- Dec. 31 - Collis Ennis Brown, Sr., 40, to Cassandra Jones, 37, by John W. Payne. Edward Shane Latham, 26, to Frances Nichole Prier, 19, by Rocky Gilliam.
- Jan. 1 - Craig Anthona Sanders, 45, to Stephanie Denise Parker, 43, by Tom Sanders.
- Allison Alton Dawson, 52, to Willie Mae Bond, 42, by Willie Crews, Jr.
- that our home was saved, we can't begin to understand why someone would intentionally set these fires. To destroy someone else's property and put people's lives at risk is an act of stupidity that I can't even begin to put into words.
- I thank God for watching over us and our home. We send a special thank you to Herman Smith with the Forestry Division, who broke his arm while fighting fires earlier that night, and still stayed until morning protecting our home. And to all the firemen and volunteers that helped the fire.
- May God bless each and every one of you. He certainly has us.
- Gary & Ann Brown

## Readers Speak

Dear Editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the firemen and volunteer firemen who risk their lives especially during this fire season. On Sunday night, several fires were started in our county. One of these fires was a near miss of our home. When the officer came to our door and told us to get out of our home immediately, my heart sank. It sank even deeper when he told us that the fire was moving very quickly and all the fire trucks were already dispatched to other fires in the county (started intentionally). Soon the fire trucks arrived, just in the nick of time and began to water down our outside sheds and property that was close to the fire. Not long after that, the dozer came and things began to get under control.

Although we are thankful



## Obituaries

### Charlotte Rush Served At S-R

Charlotte Hubbard Rush, 70, of 201 Highland, Ripley, former personnel director for S-R of Tennessee in Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in LifeCare Center in Bruceton.

Rites were Saturday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley.

She was born June 19, 1935, to the late Johnny and Margaret Lightfoot Hubbard.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Ripley.

She leaves one son, Eddie Anderson, of Memphis; one daughter, Karen Bryan, of Tacoma, Wash.; brothers, William Hubbard, of Ripley, and John Wayne Hubbard, of Hollow Rock; a sister, Carolyn Tanner, of Nashville; and three grandchildren.

### Eula B. Blakley

Rites Saturday in Halls Funeral Home mourned Eula B. Blakley, 79, of 1225 Lawrence Road, Halls.

She leaves sons, Danny Ray Blakley and William Thomas Blakley, of Halls; a daughter, Janice Marie Rose, of Dyersburg; sister, Thelma Blakley and Linda Lewis, of Halls; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

### Jerry W. Choat

Jerry Wayne Choat, 33, of 164B Lafayette, Ripley, disabled, died Dec. 30th in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Jan. 1st in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Nance Cemetery near Alamo.

He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

He leaves his father, James Choat, brothers, Neal and Kenneth, and sisters, Judy Mooney, Tammy Lambirth, and Terry Sandlin, all of Ripley.

### Mrs. Russell

Nina Crockett Turner Russell, 97, of Pine Bluff, Ark., formerly of Ripley, died Thursday of last week at her home.

Services were held Monday at Lakeside United Methodist Church, where she was an active member, with burial in Graceland Cemetery, Ralph Robinson and Son Funeral Directors in charge.

Born Nov. 2, 1908 to the late Robert Peryl Crockett and Lula Williamson Johnston Crockett, she was reared and received her early education in Ripley, graduating from Ripley High School.

Married March 12, 1930 to Yancey B. Turner, in Ripley, they were owners and operators of Turner Marine Service, Inc. Mr. Turner preceded her in death in 1962.

She married Dr. Allen Russell in June 1967 in Pine Bluff. He passed away in 1980.

She served on the finance committee for her church, honorary member of the administrative board, United Methodist Women, and was a member of the Lakeside Board of Trustees. She was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue Trotter, of Pine Bluff; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials to Lakeside United Methodist church, 1500 Olive St., Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601 would be appropriate.

### Evelyn Powell

Evelyn Vantec Powell, 78, retired beautician, died Wednesday of last week in Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were Friday in Walnut Grove Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of James William 'Billy' Powell. She leaves daughters, Cheryl Chism and Nancy Beard, a brother, Lynaco Smith, and sisters, Martha Ann Coleman, Rachael Keck, and Rosa Webster, of Ripley; another sister, Agnes Miller, of Arlington; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### David Fincher

David Lee Fincher, 47, of 118 Parker Bower Rd., Ripley, employed by Todd Uniforms, died Monday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Wednesday in Yarbrough Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Whitefield Cemetery.

He was born at Ripley, Sept. 18, 1958, to Betty Kent Fincher, of Ripley, and the late William E. Fincher.

Other survivors include daughters, Jo Ann Fincher and Susan Scallions, of Ripley, and a brother, W. E. Fincher, Jr., of Nashville.

### Carlos I. Guinn

Rites for Carlos Ingram Guinn, 38, of Alamo, brother of Jimmy Guinn, of Ripley, were held Dec. 23rd in Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery at Frog Jump.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry, and sons, Nathan and Spencer Guinn and Branson Simpson, of Alamo; and his father, Eddie Skelton, of Gadsden.

### Nathaniel Starks

Nathaniel Starks, 53, of Covington, brother of John Starks, Jr., and of Eugene, Jessie, Mammie, and Mary Starks, all of Ripley, died Jan. 1st in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were Saturday in Wilton Grove Baptist Church in Tipton County, with burial in Townsend Cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

He had been employed by the Tipton County Co-Op.

Survivors include sons, Glenn Starks, of Covington, Greg Starks, of Brighton, Jerry Starks, of Nashville, Earnest Maclin, of Brownsville, and Shelton Maclin, of Covington; daughters, Lanita Smith and Sandra Mason, of Covington; other brothers, Joe Starks, of Mason, and Edgar Williams, of Covington; other sisters, Donna Sherrill, Elnora Harvey, and Susan Dean, of Covington, Essie Tipton, of Brighton, Lillie Taylor, of Atoka, Willie Mae Johnson, of Mason, and Eliza Starks, of St. Louis, Mo.; and 27 grandchildren.

### Mr. Flowers

Clarence "Katie" Flowers, 87, of Covington, father of Avery Flowers, of 156 Elm, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites were held Saturday in the Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life near Covington, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

He was a retired mechanic. Survivors include his wife, Georgia Mae Flowers; another son, The Rev. Percy Flowers, of Covington; daughters, Alma Morris, Arlene Williams, and Betty Moore, of Covington, and Kate Williams, of St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Robert, of St. Louis; 34 grandchildren; and 94 great-grandchildren.

### R. E. Shirley

Robert Earl Shirley, 66, of Mount Pleasant, father of Troy Dewayne Shirley, of Henning, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Veterans Cemetery, Bartlett Funeral Home in charge.

A Marine Corps veteran, he had retired as a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; sons, R. E., Jr., of Hickory Flat, Miss., and Christopher, of Memphis; daughters, Kimberly Eble and Tonya Sing, and a brother, Lonnie, of Memphis; sisters, Linda Carol, of Memphis, Rena Wilson, of Tennessee, and Virginia Rowe, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Sandra Morgan

Sandra Kay Morgan, 45, of Omaha, Nebr., niece of Teresa Bishop, of 50 Blue Bird Hill Spur Rd., Ripley, and of Terry McWilliams, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week.

Rites were Monday in Concord Cemetery, east of Gates, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was born at Wayne, Mich., Nov. 3, 1960, to Elwood Haynes Morgan and Patricia Ann McWilliams Morgan.

Survivors include a daughter, Evangeline Renée Nibecker, of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Gary Morgan, of New York; and a sister, Diane Michelle Hedgepeth, of Springfield, Va.

### 'Bo' Warpool, D-Day Veteran, No. 2 At Prison

John Calvin "Bo" Warpool, 81, former deputy warden at Fort Pillow State Prison, died Wednesday of last week at his home at 5388 Chisholm Lake Road of a gun-shot wound, to all appearances self-inflicted.

Rites were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley.

Son of the late Richard and Inez Chisholm Warpool, he was a retired land-owner and farmer.

During four years of Army service in World War II, he was among 29th Infantry Division troops landing on Omaha Beach in Normandy in the Allied invasion of Europe, winning four battle stars.

He was a member of Edith United Methodist Church.

His first wife, Dorris Balingier Kirkpatrick Warpool, died in 1979.

He leaves his wife, Shirley Cribfield Spiller Warpool; stepchildren, William Cribfield Spiller, of Memphis, Shelia Spiller Gober, of Collierville, Laura "Betsy" Kirkpatrick Barfield, of Brighton, Doris Kirkpatrick Bevis, of Dallas, Tex., and William Lackey Kirkpatrick, Jr., of Studio City, Calif.; a sister, Blanche Richardson, of McAlister, Okla.; 10 step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

### Z. T. Moore

Zachary Tyler Moore, 3 month old son of Jonathan and April Moore, of 4668 Old Brownsville Road, Ripley, died Dec. 29th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Monday of last week in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Nut Bush.

Survivors include a brother, Jonathan, Jr., of Ripley; grandparents, Martha Moore and Robin and Kathy Patterson, of Ripley, and Danny Moore, of Halls; and great-grandparents, James and WaveDean Moore, of Halls, Henry and Rose Patterson, of Ripley, and Bertha and Billy Savley, of Henning.

### Doug Robbins

Douglas Edward Robbins, 24, of Dyersburg, son of Mike and Bess Robbins, of Halls, was killed in a one-vehicle accident at approximately 6:27 a.m. Sunday. According to a Tennessee Highway Patrol report, he was traveling east on Unionville Rd., in Dyer County, and ran off the side of the road, as he overcorrected, his vehicle exited the other side and he attempted to correct. The vehicle began to rotate clockwise and exited the road on the left, rolled down the levee, and struck a tree on its way down. Robbins was ejected from the vehicle and landed several feet away.

Services were held Tuesday at Dyersburg Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in McCulloughs Chapel Cemetery, Dyersburg.

A member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church, he was a 2000 graduate of Halls High School, where he was on the football team. He was employed by Excel-Poly-One in Dyersburg.

Other survivors include brothers, Jeff Robbins, of Dyersburg, and Zack Russell, of Grand Forks, N.D., a sister, Autumn Russell, of Grand Forks, and his grandmothers, Earlene Lumley, of Dyersburg, and Lurline Robbins, of Halls.

### Stella Henson

Stella Fay Henson, 69, of 727 17th St., Belleville, Ill., mother of Tracy Henson, Beverly Perry, and Susan Lenderman, of Ripley, and of Donnie Henson, of Henning, died at 5:10 p.m. Jan. 1st in Calvin Care Center.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Ripley Church of God, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was born at Parsons, Dec. 9, 1936, to the late John T. Spence and the late Zula Mae Cantrell Spence.

Survivors include another son, Ricky, of Munford; other daugh-



### EXTENSION NEWS

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Ext. Agent Laud. Co.  
Cooperative Extension Program

### National Radon Awareness

The Tennessee State University/University of Tennessee County Extension is pleased to announce the kick-off to a month of activities promoting January as **National Radon Awareness Month**. Each week, the county agent will be involved in highlighting various components of radon and how to correct and even prevent radon from entering your home. Tune in to your local radio station for activities, which focus upon radon testing, radon mitigation and health effects of radon exposure.

Most people are aware that use of tobacco products is the number one cause of lung cancer. But did you know that exposure to radon is the number two cause of lung cancer and claims nearly 22,000 lives each year in the U.S.?

Radon is an odorless, invisible gas that occurs due to the decay of uranium. It is found in all soils and rocks. You become exposed to radon as it enters your home through cracks, holes and other openings in the foundation or basement. Radon gas is not a risk in outdoor exposure since it quickly dissipates.

As County Extension representatives, we want you to get involved in testing your home for high levels of radon. We are especially concerned about radon exposure in the winter months, when home are closed up to protect against the cold weather. Testing is easy and very inexpensive. You can purchase a test kit from the local county Extension office. Short-term test kits are \$7.00 and year-long test kits are \$15. Test kits are also available at some local hardware stores. The directions are easy and the results are sent directly to you from the lab. All test results remain confidential. If your test indicates high levels of radon, problems can be fixed by a qualified contractor for about the same cost as other home repairs such as painting or having a new water heater installed.

Large portions of Tennessee are rated in high-risk zones for radon. If you have any questions, call the Tennessee Radon Hotline at 1-800-232-1139 or the Extension office at 1-731-635-3101. The Lauderdale County Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or veteran status and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### CCA HONOR ROLL

Lauderdale County students, at Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, named to the all A's honor roll include, from Ripley, Elizabeth Burks, 1st grade;

ters, Darlene Stafford, of Covington, Rena Fitts, of Brownsville, and Patti Jo Thomas, of Knoxville; a sister, Helen Rainbold, of Paragould, Ark.; 32 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Hannah Morris and Megan Olds, 2nd grade; Craig Meadows and Nolen Mooney, 3rd grade; and Brooklyn Simpson, 5th grade; and from Halls, Mary Compere, 1st grade; and Brianna Burse, 2nd grade.

Students named to the A and B honor roll include, from Ripley, Kaylan Vanfredenberg, 2nd grade; Curtis Pennington, Luke Wilson, and Caroline Mills, 4th grade; Taylor Martin,

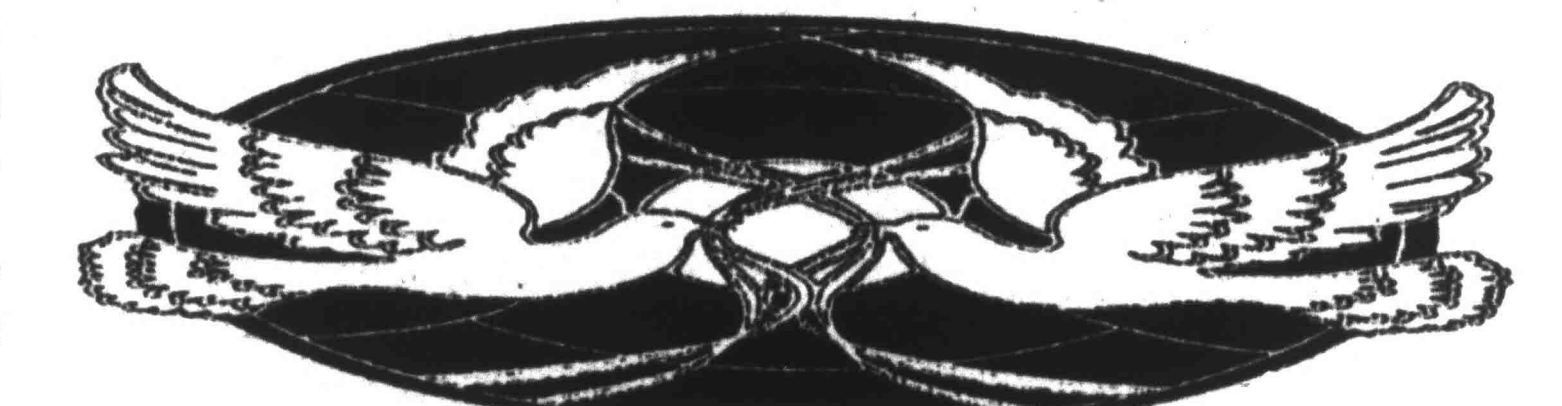
5th grade; Hollie Wilson and Hunter Talley, 6th grade; and Mallory Martin, 8th grade; and from Halls, Hannah Manning, 4th grade; and Andrew Manning, 6th grade.

Students with perfect attendance include, from Ripley, Claire Mills, kindergarten; Hannah Morris and Kaylan Vanfredenberg, 2nd grade; Morgan Martin, Craig Meadows, and Nolen Mooney, 3rd grade; Caroline Mills and Luke Wilson, 4th grade; Taylor Martin and Brooklyn Simpson, 5th

grade; and Mallory Martin and Aaron Morris, 8th grade; and from Halls, Mary Compere, 1st grade; Hannah Manning, 4th grade; and Andrew Manning, 6th grade.

### NOTICE

The Lauderdale County Department of Education web site is: [www.lced.net](http://www.lced.net) and is a link to each school's individual web site.



### 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.

Grace Bible Baptist church, located 3 miles South of Halls, on Hwy. 51 N. By-Pass, will hold its annual Missions Conference Jan. 15th through 18th with Bro. Robert Jenkins, of Nachez, Miss. Services will begin at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. nightly Monday through Wednesday. For more information, or for a ride, call 836-5501. Jerry Hickson, pastor, invites the public.

A gospel singing will be held at 7 p.m. Sat., Jan. 21st at Halls Community Center featuring the Barnettes and T.N.T. The public is invited.

A gospel singing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 22nd at Maury City Church of God featuring the Frog Jump Quartet and a testimony from bass singer, Curtis Lents, who survived being impaled by a tree. The public is invited.

Brendan McKinney, flutist, will be presented in concert at 6 p.m. Sat., Jan. 21st at Ripley's First Baptist Church. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken. The concert is sponsored by Ripley's First United Methodist, Asbury United Methodist, First Baptist, and Whitefield Assembly of God churches.

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.



## Kids "Quacking" Up

Part one of two.

By Rob Somerville

Anyone who believes that outdoorsmen in the Volunteer State are a bunch of uncaring 'Bubbas', need to read this article. It all began on a whim, but turned out to be one of the most gratifying experiences this old grizzled hunter ever had the pleasure of being involved in.

### The Beginning

It all began last March. I was in charge of the annual TOWA (Tennessee Outdoor Writer's Association) convention. We held it at the beautiful Buchanan Resort on Kentucky Lake. The owners were generous hosts. The convention broke all attendance records with over 120 members of Tennessee's outdoor media there for the weekend. Our folks went on guided turkey hunts and fishing trips for crappie, bluegill and bream. We had seminars on digital photography, a visit from Governor Bredesen and were treated to the expert skeet team of the Scholastic Clay Target Program. TWRA officials gave us reports on their new fish and game programs and we sampled awesome food from the staff at Buchanan's.

### The Awards Banquet

Part of my job was to acquire a quality speaker for the big awards banquet. This supper is where the individual members of the media were recognized by their peers for excellence in craft. I was fortunate to get not just one such speaker, but two of the most renowned outdoor icons in our state to speak. Kelley Powers is the most decorated goose caller in the world and Buck Gardner has won the Champion of Champions in duck calling competition. Then, master predator hunter, George Brint, came to the podium and orated a moving version of the poem, "The Touch of the Master's Hand."

The messages these men spoke on touched the hearts of all that were present. There was many a misty eye as all told of the importance of keeping today's youth involved in the positive lifestyle of the great outdoors. I mention all of this because these emotions carried over into a live auction, in which several outfitters donated hunts and fishing trips. One of these hunts was donated by Jeff Martin, owner and operator of Twin Rivers Guide Service, in Halls Tennessee. The hunt was to be a one day hunt for two adults. John Sloan was the auctioneer and the bid started out at \$100.

Gradually, the bid was bumped up in ten dollar increments. Then Jeff Martin stood up. For those of you who don't know Jeff, he is one of the greatest proponents of kids in the outdoors. Every year, he takes over 100 kids duck hunting, many from our West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree. Jeff said, "Tell you what I will do. Instead of a two person, adult hunt, I will change it to accommodate twelve kids and their chaperones.

### Do I hear \$400?

This got the crowd buzzing. Bids were raised. Buck Gardner stood up and said, "And I will supply a duck call for every kid on the hunt and personally join them." Not to be outdone, I chimed in, "And I will see to it that every kid gets a hat, face mask, fleece mask, hunting videos and more calls."

TWRA staff jumped in and promised to supply shotgun shells and vests. Eyes lit up at the generosity and the bids were raised even higher. Finally, the bids were closed and Marty Allison, who writes a column in the *Dickson Herald*, in Middle Tennessee, won the hunt.

### Teaching Extends Outside the Classroom

Besides being an outdoor writer, Allison is also a teacher at the Charlotte Middle School in Charlotte, Tennessee. As one of our many caring educators, he saw

a need for helping and interesting many of the children he taught in things outside of the regular school curriculum. Due to this, he started a turkey-calling contest at his school. A core of this group developed a deep interest in the outdoors, and many of these kids did not have the means to explore these interests. From this group, Allison selected a dozen kids, whom he felt needed this exposure.

He told me, "Not only were the kids excited, their parents were also. They told me that it was all the kids could talk about and that there was no way they could ever match this level of excitement with Christmas presents. I was barraged with questions from late March until we left."



**HUNGRY CREW** of young hunter, enjoying a huge country breakfast, prior to the hunt.



**TAJ MAHAL BLIND**, in Halls.

### Coming to Bat for the Kids

Word quickly spread about what we were doing and several leading outdoor companies came to our aid. Bass Pro Shops, Buck Gardner Game Calls, Knight & Hale, Drake Waterfowl, the TWRA, Sun-Rise Beverages and West Tennessee Outdoors Magazine all sent products or donations. Each kid was to receive a goody bag full of outdoor treasures.

West Tennessee Restaurant owner, Neil Henry, of Neil's BBQ in Dyersburg, invited us to have a banquet for these kids and donated the cost of dozens of delicious BBQ plate suppers on the night before the hunt. The number of kids soon grew to twenty!

At the banquet, we got to meet all of the kids and the parents that cared enough to make the overnight trip. I spoke to the kids about the wonders of the great outdoors, continuing their education, negative peer pressure and then recognized the sponsors. Jeff then got up and gave a talk on safety and the world of duck hunting.

### Lightening the Load

A few weeks prior to the hunt, I received a phone call from a friend of mine named Matt Powers. He told me about a 13-year old young man by the name of Mackenzie Curvin, from Clarksville, Arkansas.

This young man had been devastated by the tragic death of his step-dad and mentor in the outdoors three months previously. It seems that the only thing that elicited any interest at all to him was duck hunting. When I heard this heart rending story, I told Matt that whatever it would take, we would get Mackenzie on some hunts. A quick call soon followed to Jeff Martin, who told me bring him on, which sealed the deal.

### Motherly Love

I sat down with Mackenzie's mom, Christine, who also has a seventeen year-old daughter, named Kelsey. She told me that since her husband Jim's death, on September 13th, it has been extremely tough on the three of them.

She also knew in her heart, that for her son to keep on a constant level, his participation in the outdoor lifestyle was critical. She told me, "When Mackenzie was ten years-old, he and Jim were featured on a hunting TV Show. He and Jim also attended many Ducks Unlimited Banquets, with Jim being a committee member."

When I asked her what she hoped would come out of this trip, she replied, "I hope it helps him regain some equilibrium and balance in his life. He has kind of been drifting lately. He loves the outdoors and I bought him a 4-wheeler for Christmas. Times have been tough, but God has blessed us with meeting all of you and with this trip. I want him to have solace and peace. He needs closure with what happened, yet I want him to remember the good times with Jim, like trout fishing on The White River in Arkan-

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sas and crappie fishing on Lake Fork in Texas."

With tear-filled eyes she continued, "I told him with an analogy, that he is like a started Lab puppy and that Jim began his training to live life to its fullest by surrounding yourself with good friends, family and the outdoors. Then, when he reaches his finished stage in life he will have quality standards of Christian ethics, fellowship and conservation of our outdoor heritage. His championship stage will be when he is able to mentor others by example."

His mother beamed with love and concern over her young son and I ask you, our readers, to keep them in your continuous prayers, as I will.

### Summary

In part two of this series, we will take you on the actual duck hunt and bring you along for some "in your face action" with our youthful "quacker smack-ers."

We will also hear from Jeff Martin of Twin Rivers Guide Service, Lance Rider of the TWRA, and World Champion Duck Caller - Buck Gardner on why they take the time from their busy schedules to participate on hunts such as this one.

Until next time, be safe in the outdoors and always remember that our kids truly are our most precious natural resource. They are our future.

See ya, Rob.

### FOSTER PARENTS

Youth Villages, Inc. is in need of foster and adoptive homes for children and teenagers throughout West Tennessee. Orientations will be held at noon Jan. 11th and at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 12th and 17th at their office at 1365 Flowering Dogwood Lane, Suite F., Dyersburg. For more information, call 731-288-4613.

## Generosity Appreciated



**RONNIE HUNTER**, left, and Bill Newman, right, re-

sponded Sat., Dec. 10th to the plight of Wendell and Jane Wiley in Halls and built a handicap ramp to aid Mrs. Wiley, after a vehicle accident that fractured her spine. Mrs. Wiley said, "All it takes is a moment in time to change a life forever. When Wendell and I were injured in an auto accident, we faced many challenges. The surgeon had to graft a section of bone from my hip to the spine. I also had to have two metal rods and metal hardware installed to support the spine. The day we returned home, we faced another challenge. It took 30 minutes to make it up three steps. The trip up the steps left us exhausted."

Sat., Dec. 10th, Hunter and Newman arrived at the Wiley home, despite the severe cold and ice in some spots, to build the ramp. Mrs. Wiley, in lower photo, took her first steps on the newly constructed ramp. She and her husband expressed their appreciation to the men.

"The wind was sharp and cold and had no mercy for the two men, that would be working outside. They could have stayed in their warm homes and enjoyed the day with their families. But, they gave up all of this for a stranger. They worked from early dawn to late evening. They never asked for a thank you or for recognition. We see on TV and hear about everything that is wrong and bad news can be found everywhere. We need to give recognition to the good people around us, to the people that care. It only takes a moment to change a life, and an act of kindness can last a lifetime," said Mrs. Wiley.

Her sign-language students at Ripley High School sent her a Certificate of Appreciation for her hard work and to encourage her to get well soon. They also sent a book with their individual handprints on each page and informed her that they were praying for her speedy recovery.

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tem Board; and Roger Charest and Shirley Roberts to the Forked Deer Regional Library Board.

Commissioners also approved the expenditure of \$95,000 for compensatory damages as awarded by Judge Jon P. McCalla. The three plaintiffs, inmates at the Lauderdale County Justice Complex, originally were seeking \$200,000 per occurrence.

Steve Carmack, trustee, asked to move his office to the former election office in the basement. He stated the need for more room, privacy for taxpayers and office staff, and the need for more filing storage. He stated the office was looking into purchasing a printer for tax notices, which would be a savings from current state costs.

Carol Walker, chairperson of the building and grounds committee, reported that the Courthouse, which was built in 1936, has not had a major renovation since that time. Committee members toured the facility and approved a request to begin cosmetic improvements inside, with the repair and painting of the walls. At a later date, new windows and air conditioning would be considered.

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Each year, the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce works with the local school system to offer Youth Leadership to high school juniors in both Ripley and Halls. This program is patterned after Leadership Lauderdale and offers our youth the chance to learn more about their community and how it operates and their own leadership ability. In addition, it emphasizes the many future job opportunities that are available to them in Lauderdale County. The biggest drain on a community is the loss of its youth.

If you are interested in helping or for more information, come by the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce at 123 S. Jefferson St., Ripley or call 635-9541.



## Conference Attended



**WINDY WILLETTE**, left, Ag teacher at Halls High School, attended a sheep and meat goat training program Dec. 2nd and 3rd, hosted by the University of Missouri Extension Service. The program was held in Kirksville, Mo. Over 120 applications from across the United States and Canada were submitted with 30 people selected to participate and were educated by a group of speakers from across the nation. Areas covered were nutrition, breeding programs, marketing, and more. At the conclusion of the program, the conference was opened to the public and other livestock topics were covered. Approximately 1,500 people were in attendance. Windy is pictured with Bruce Lane, right, conference director.

## Birthdays

Jan. 12 - Greg Summar, Jeff Maclin, Crystal Land, Preston Gilliland, Tim Vincent, Wayne Alley, Kenneth Daniels, Gary Scheiblein, Melissa Stutzman, Carley Mills, Joyce Mills, Jody Murphey, Rodney McBroom, Jo Baker, Walt Nichols, Nicole Griggs.  
 Jan. 13 - Gloria Lake, Janet Brasch, Susan Patterson, John Whitley Francis, Cheryl Follis, Sharrion Cox, Hutch Dunavant, Charles Buckley Gooch.  
 Jan. 14 - Marcia Ivory, Scott White, Jr., Lisa Scott, Mark A. Brown, Tony Cannon, Maudie Gaters, R. C. Ward, April Jetton, Bob King, Lorie Lovelace Barnett, Ellis Graham, Virginia Holcomb, James Colvin, Sr., Dr. Courtney Hoffman, Thelma Williams, Bobbie Hunter, Patti Rowan.  
 Jan. 15 - Phillip Neal, Anita

Swinford, Maurice Waning, Mary Harrison, Michael Douglas, Scooter Hardee, Melanie Maxwell, Angie Smith, Phil Vestal, Chris Pegg, B. G. Robbins, Steve Arnold, Luanne Tillman, Louise Maners, Dr. Alice Scott.  
 Jan. 16 - Nina Carmack Hopkins, Rachel Taylor, Russell Langley, Jr., Bonnie Sanders, Alma Ward, Danny Bailey, Krishenna Patrick, Jerry W. Colvin, Brian Woodard, Paul Buckner, Charlotte Bartlett, Cheri Baynes, Doris E. Brown, Elaine McCoy, Brian Fiedler, Charlotte Hamilton, Stacy Manley, Aaleigha Buck, Gail Griffin.  
 Jan. 17 - George Rose, Leatha Nelson, Lucy Mullins, Alice Meeks, Connie Hutcherson, Reid Hilliard, Terry Trout, Lloyd Bernard, Drew Wright, James R. Weir, Barbara Savage, Melanie Jones, Tony Dew, Suzanne Hamby, Leasha Nelson,

## WTWP Annual Institute Deadline

The deadline for the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) annual invitational summer institute is Feb. 22nd. The institute will be held Monday through Thursday, May 20th and June 5th through 29th, on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Teachers, grades K-12, from all subject areas, are invited to apply for participation.

Teachers receive six hours of graduate credit, which may be used as part of a master's program in education at UT Martin, for re-certification, for points toward Highly Qualified Status, or for hours above a master's degree. Tuition is covered by grants from the National Writing Project. Participants cover incidental expenses associated with participation.

For more information, call Linda Arant, 731-881-7012, or larant@utn.edu. To request an application, call Margrethe Ahlschwede, WTWP director, 731-881-7290 or 731-881-7300, or wtwp@utn.edu.

Jon Ashton Welch, Rachel Criner.

Jan. 18 - Mary Nell Chisholm, Matthew Cutlip, Kenny Pilcher, Debbie Lloyd, Matthew Moore, Mary Jo Stanley, Pam Jones, Shelia Jurdak, Calvin Cooper, Kendrek Stowe, Parker Webster, Gayle Cooper.

## Land Transfers

Dec. 30 - Regional B. Bailey and Maie E. Bailey to Travis Lumley, Jr., Dist. 16, 4 tracts.

Jerry Bryant Hughes to Jesse C. Rush and Jennifer L. Pearson, Dist. 8, tract.

Kathleen Carnell Signorelli to Dr. Michael Signorelli, Dist. 8, 23.6 acres and Dist. 8, 41 acres.

Robert Terrell Hightower, Billy Mark Hightower, Katie Louise Hutcherson, Martha Ann Webb, and Carolyn Jean Lewis to Judy A. Heinrich, Dist. 6, 2 tracts.

Jim K. Scott to Marcus Keeley, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Norma Summar, Jimmie

## Check Presented



**BILL SWEAT**, left, Regional Bank President of First Citizens National Bank, presented a check to Halls High School Honor Society members, from left, Zack Kelley, Sarah Beth Warren, and Sally Jo Turner, for the St. Jude fund raiser held at Christmas.

Summar, and Jimmy "Hut" Summar to Brenda S. Campbell, Dist. 2, 1,259 acres.

Jan. 3 - Tuholski Family Limited Partnership, Doubleton Associates, Inc., Lynn T. Sawyer, Nancy L. Tuholski, Betty C. Adams, Gay T. Zervos, and Sally A. Tuholski to H. Frank Keller II, trustee, and Keller Family Trust, Dist. 3, 19.8 acres.

R. L. Balderson, Jr. to Gwendolyn Miller Kiestler, Aimee Miller Mathias, and Sherry Miller Sheffield, Dist. 11, 14.4 acres.

George T. Demeris to

Russell Lloyd Gregory III, Dist. 2, lot.

Carter Custon Homes, LLC to Temeka Shaw, Dist. 2, lot.

Regions Bank to Joel M. Krafur, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Jan. 4 - Bill Crain and Frances Crain to David Rogers and Theresa Rogers, Dist. 2, lot.

Jan. 5 - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Gary N. Konkle, Dist. 6, lot.

Melvin Nichols to Bennie Ray Barcroft, Sr. and Shirley Elaine Barcroft, Dist. 2, 5.34 acres.

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## Petitions Returned In August Election

Steve Carmack, who seeks the position of Lauderdale County Trustee; James G. Douglas, School Board Dist. #3; Carol Campbell Walker, Lauderdale County Register of Deeds; Mike Dunavant, Dist. Attorney General 25th District; Steve Sanders, Lauderdale County Sheriff; James (Charlie) Moore, Lauderdale County Court Commissioner Dist. #3; and Robert J. Reviere, Jr., Lauderdale County Court Commissioner Dist. #6; join Annie Laura Jennings, Lauderdale County Register of Deeds, in returning petitions for the August 3rd State Primary and County General Election.

Petitions, picked up, but not returned as of Tuesday, include Juvenile and Probate Judge, Rachel Jackson Anthony; Circuit Court Clerk, Richard Jennings; School Board District #1, Eva Drain; Circuit Court Judge, Joseph (Jody) Walker III; General Sessions Judge, Janice C. Craig; Register of Deeds, Dennona J. Pittman; Sheriff of Lauderdale County, Louis Craig, Matt T. Bates, and Larry McCoy; and County Court Commissioners, Dist. #1, Charles Anthony, Jr., Billy Poe Brandon, and Charles Culbreath; Dist. #2, Lynnwood Shoemaker and Coy Summar; Dist. #3, Carol L. Walker and John Snead; Dist. #4, Terry Jordan and John Gaines; Dist. #5, Louis C. Ruff, Garey O. Woodard, and Judy Conrad; Dist. #6, Jesse Edwards, Billy J. White, Elvis (Don) Moore, Eric Newman, and James (Jay) King; and Dist. #8, Monty C. McWilliams, Steve Kelley, Roy Cook, Jr., and Don Fisher.

## More Funding For Project L. E. A. D.

Lauderdale County has received one of the Tennessee Lottery Education After-school Programs (LEAPs) awards grants to high quality local programs that serve both "at-risk" and "gifted" students, according to Tommy Durham, director for Project L.E.A.D.

Ripley Primary and Halls Elementary Schools offer both an early-morning and after-school program for selected students.

Project L.E.A.D., which

now serves all the schools in the county's school system, except the two high schools, is funded through two federal grants for selected sites and has received an additional boost in funding to begin the new year with the LEAPs grant.

"With a combined staff of approximately 75 teachers and assistants, along with active support from various community and faith based organizations, Project L.E.A.D. makes a significant difference in the education achievement of those participating students," said Durham.

Project L.E.A.D., which

## Candidate



**MIKE DUNAVANT**, attorney, has announced his candidacy for the position of District Attorney General for the 25th Judicial District of Tennessee. The 25th Judicial District is composed of Lauderdale, Tipton, Fayette, Hardeman and McNairy counties. The District Attorney General is responsible for prosecution of all violations of the state criminal laws and status in the courts of the district. Dunavant, 35, is a lifelong resident of Lauderdale County, and has engaged in the general practice of law in the 25th Judicial District for over 10 years, primarily, in the area of criminal defense. "The position of District Attorney General is very important for the people of this district, and I believe that my experience and knowledge in the area of criminal law will enable me to aggressively prosecute offenders and represent the rights and interests of victims. I look forward to serving the people of the 25th Judicial District from a different perspective," says Dunavant.

Dunavant has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Tennessee at

## The Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale Hatchie National Wildlife Refuges

The 2006 annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale began January 14th, with orders being taken until January 29th.

The cookies are set to be delivered between February 18th and March 12th.

For more information or to place orders, call Beverly Jelonek, chairperson of Halls and Dyer, at 731-285-0923.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Hatchie National Wildlife Refuges is available for review and comment.

Significant issues addressed in the draft plan include: threatened and endangered species; waterfowl management; neo-tropical migratory birds; bottomland hardwood restoration; agriculture; visitor services (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation); funding and staffing; cultural resources; and land-acquisition.

A public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. January 24th at the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce to discuss the draft CCP. All comments received within 30 days following this notice will be considered in finalizing the CCP. We hope to make final decisions on these proposed uses within 30 days following closure of the public comment period.

To request a copy of the Draft CCP, to learn the final decision regarding the CCP, for more information, and/or to submit your comments regarding these proposed management strategies, contact West Tennessee Refuge Complex Office, 309 N. Church St., Room 201, Dyersburg, TN 38024, or call 731-287-0650.



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## February Nuptials Set Newborn



**WILLIAM KYLE MACLIN,** 8 lb. son of Clay and Michele Maclin, of Ripley, was born at 5:33 a.m. Dec. 25th in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington. Measuring 19-1/2 inches long, he is the brother of James Jones, the grandson of Jimmy and Janie Hill, and Shirley Hill, of Ripley, and Billy and Judy Maclin, of Curve, and the great-grandson of Doris Hill, of Ripley.

rence Thomas Hammock and Dessie Marie Hammock, Dist. 16, tract, Dist. 16, 0.42 acres, Dist. 16, tract, and Dist. 16, tract.

Jan. 12 - Elton Layne and Peggy Layne to Linda Hale, Dist. 7, lot.

Thee William Newman and Carolyn Ruffin Newman to Douglas Dean and Jennie Dean, 3.864 acres.

**KIMMIEKO LAQUILA FLOYD,** daughter of Linda Faye Johnson, of Ripley, and Tyrone Floyd, of Los Angeles, Calif., will marry Cedric Dewayne Taylor, son of Margaret Ann Taylor and James and Betty Taylor, all of Ripley, at 3 p.m. Feb. 18th at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Gates, with The Rev. Bobby Nesbit, Jr., officiating, all family and friends invited.

The groom-elect is employed by Sara Lee Foods in Newbern.

The couple plan to reside in Halls.

## Marriages

Jan. 7 - Joe David Bridges, 50, to Mary Katherine Wyatt Wilder, 54, by J. Randy Cooper.

Joseph Patrick Adkerson, 31, to Sylvia Deonza Obray, 29, by Tracy Henson.

Clinton Samuel Rose, 21, to Tracie Michelle Becker Rose, 24, by Donnie Reed.

Jan. 8 - Jerry Wayne Fitzhugh, Jr., 23, to Karen Elizabeth Holland Venable, 32, by Dan Holland.

Jan. 10 - Timothy Wayne Rogers, 30, to Stacy Mishele Adams, 29, by Louis Hudson III.

Charles Wayne Cross, 35,

to Janet Lee Cappos, 27, by Tracy Henson.

Jan. 13 - Owen Dwight Lilly, Sr., 42, to Kimberley Dawn Valadez Moeller, 35, by Jon Pavletic.

## Anniversaries

Jan. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen Mauldin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Best, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duncan.

Jan. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson.

Jan. 22 - Mr. and Mrs.

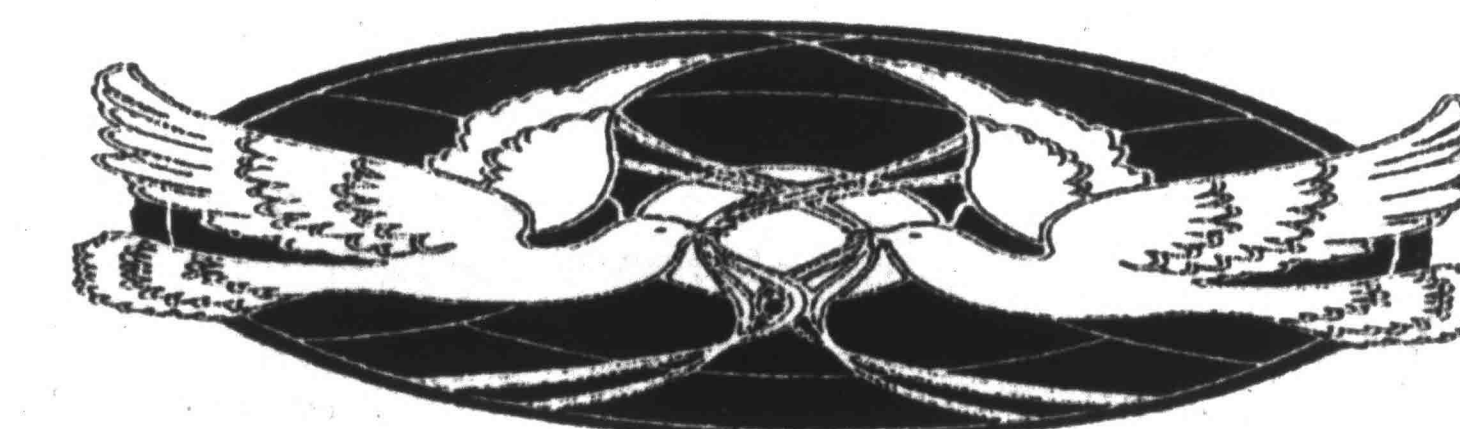
Roger Pease, Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins.

Jan. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carmack.

Jan. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Rob Reviere, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crowder, Sr.

Jan. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Micah Miller.

He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare. -And he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere. -Ali ibn-Abi-Talib



## 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.

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God will hold a chili cook-off and gospel singing, featuring Anchored in Him, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 22nd. The public is invited.

A gospel singing will be held at 7 p.m. Sat., Jan. 21st at Halls Community Center featuring the Barnettes and T.N.T. The public is invited.

A gospel singing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 22nd at Maury City Church of God featuring the Frog Jump Quartet and a testimony from bass singer, Curtis Lents, who survived being impaled by a tree. The public is invited.

Brendan McKinney, flutist, will be presented in concert at 6 p.m. Sat., Jan. 21st at Ripley's First Baptist Church. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken. The concert is sponsored by Ripley's First United Methodist, Asbury United Methodist, First Baptist, and Whitefield Assembly of God churches.

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 through.

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



## Obituaries

### Marjorie Glass

Marjorie R. Glass, 76, of Covington, sister of Mary Bates, of Henning, died Jan. 8th in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Friday in New Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, with burial in Townsend Cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of Willie Glass. Survivors include sons, Wallace Glass and Charlie Joyner, and a daughter, Yoshette Glass-Fields, of Covington; brothers, Andrew, Eddie, and Willie Bates, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; other sisters, Philis Barlow, of Covington, Eula Alexander, of Springfield, Ill., and Mattie Bates, of Vallejo, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

### Esther Kirksey

Friends here have learned of the death, Nov. 6th, in an assisted living home in Boston, Mass., of Esther Kirksey, 90, former employee of Shainberg's and of E. W. James & Sons in Ripley.

Born in Boston, Mass., she resided in Tennessee for 40 years before she moved to Avon, Mass., 16 years ago.

She leaves a brother, Richard Shellen, of Rockland, Mass., and a sister, Dorothy Olive, 81, of Avon.

### Bobby R. Steele

Bobby Ray Steele, 67, of Millington, dry-wall finisher, was buried Friday in the Halls Cemetery, after rites in Munford Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday of last week, in his home.

He was an Army Reserve veteran.

Survivors include his wife for 19 years, Martha McBride Steele; sons, Bobby, Jr., of Knoxville, Joe McBride, of Independence, Mo., and Dearly Cotham, of Harrisville, Mo.; daughters, Joy Lynn Burkeen, of Memphis, Maushell Nickols, of West Memphis, Ark., and Lisa Dawn King, of Proctor, Ark.; a sister, Helen Lowe, of Monterey; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

### Howard Nerren Dr. W. E. David Practiced Here

Howard K. "Barney" Nerren, 76, of Jackson, father of Pam (Mrs. Rob) Reviere, of 4713 Hwy. 19, west of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Monday in West Jackson Baptist Church, where he was an active member, participating in Sunday School and the Golden Agers. Burial was in Ridgecrest Cemetery, Smith & Sons Funeral Home in charge.

He was born in Bemis, to the late Erasmus and Golden Ivy Sanders Nerren. After his mother's death, his father married Evy Jackson.

He had retired from General Motors in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Survivors include his wife for 56 years, Jean Wilson Nerren; another daughter, Vickie (Mrs. Paul) Pohnert, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; brothers, Benjamin and George, of Jackson, and Billy, of Huntsville, Ala.; sisters, Marie Mitchell, of Jackson, Gertrude Robertson, of Henderson, and Olga Fish, of Memphis; and four grandchildren.

### Milton Gaines

Milton E. Gaines, 82, of 225½ Highland, Ripley, retired postal worker, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of Asbury United Methodist Church, of which he was a member.

He served in the Navy in World War II.

He leaves nieces and nephews.

### Jean Hughes

Jean Hughes, 75, of Jackson, mother of Jerry Hughes, of 2142 Pennington Road, Gates, died Thursday of last week in Jackson.

Rites were held Monday in Reed's Chapel Funeral Home at Lexington, burial in Henderson County Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include daughters, Pat Dyess, of Jackson, and Julie Spurlock, of California; a brother, Elbert Jones Jr., of Friendship; sisters, Bertha Young, of Jackson, Lattie Mae Ward, of Crockett County, and Mertie Miller, of Michigan; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Dr. W. E. David Practiced Here

Dr. Walter Edwin "Red" David, 82, an ear, nose and throat specialist who practiced in Ripley, with the late Dr. Landrum Tucker, before moving to Dyersburg, died at 1:53 a.m. Wednesday of last week, in his home at 918 Cooper Dr., Dyersburg.

Rites were Saturday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

He was born at Cherry, in this county, June 8, 1923, to the late Jesse Payton David and the late Betty Frances Dixon David.

He took bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and his medical degree from UT, Memphis, with internship and residency in the John Gaston Hospital in Memphis.

He later served as clinical professor of ear, nose, and throat care in UT, Memphis, and served as president of the Memphis ENT Society.

A seaman first class in the Navy in World War II, he had retired, as a colonel, from the Tennessee National Guard.

An avid hunter of big game, he was a life member of the National Rifle Assn. and the Tenn. Shooting Sports Foundation, and a charter member of the Chicago, Ill., chapter of Safari Club International.

While practicing in Ripley, he shared with *Enterprise* editor Bill Klutts an interest in foreign automobiles, long before Japanese imports. They took turns ferrying his British Jaguar and Bill's 4-cylinder Mercedes to and from Memphis for (frequent and expensive) service.

He was a member of Ripley's Masonic Lodge and of the Dyersburg Moose Lodge.

He leaves his wife, Susan Maher David; daughters, Dr. Mary Stuart David, of Dyersburg, Jane David, of Memphis, and Betty David, of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Albert, of Covington; and three grandchildren.

### Lee F. Wright

Lee Farris Wright, 48, of Ripley, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale from

injuries sustained in a house fire at Whitefield.

According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Louis Craig, Wright poured gasoline over himself and set the building on fire.

He was a former employee of S&R of Ripley.

Services were set for 1 p.m. Thursday at Antioch Baptist Church, Covington, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery, near Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves his father, Pharris Lee Wright, two brothers, Joe Jr. Wright, and Lee Vern Wright, and sisters, Minister Rosie Mann, Marcelene Parr, Pearlie Parr, and Thresa Evans, all of Ripley; and another sister, Missionary Dorothy Henning, of Halls.

### Ann Gray

Ann Whitaker Gray, 80, of Memphis, formerly of Gates, died Saturday, in her home.

Rites were Wednesday in Gates Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

An artist, she was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

She leaves her husband, John "Jack" Gray. Two sons preceded her in death.

### Danny Wallace

Danny Randolph "Sam" Wallace, 53, of 5947 Hwy. 88 west of Halls, employed by S-R in Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital, of a gun-shot wound, reported by sheriff's department investigator Jerry Mitchell as self-inflicted.

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

He leaves a son, Barry, and step-sons, Bryan and Scott Hinton, of Halls; brothers, James and Wayne, of Halls, Ed and Trent, of Chicago, Ill., Henry, of Chatsworth, Ga., and Tolbert, of Dalton, Ga.; sisters, Dorothy Clark, of Dyersburg, and Linda Mullins, of Dalton; and four grandchildren.

### 'Hub' Walker

William E. "Hub" Walker, 78, of Henning, retired pilot for the Corps of Engineers, died Sunday, in his home.

Rites were Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

He was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife for 54 years, Blanche Little Walker; sons, William, of Ripley, and Bard, of Henning; a daughter, Edith Adams, of Arlington; brothers, David, Joe, and Thurston, of Ripley; sisters, Barbara Ann Dunavant, Charlene Revelle, Libbie Lavelle, and Peggy Holcomb, of Ripley, and Loretta Williams, of Tiptonville; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Isaac Baldon

Isaac Baldon, 84, of 505 S. Jefferson, Ripley, retired from the Tastee Bakery in Memphis, died Jan. 8th in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves his wife, Barbara; sons, Rufus, of Ripley, and Joe, of Memphis; daughters, Linda Driver, of Memphis, and Latasha Johnson, of Lathrup Village, Mich.; a step-son, Ronald Farmer, of Ripley; and a sister, Willie Marie Guest, of Ripley.

### CORRECTION

The obituary of David Lee Fincher, published in last week's issue, incorrectly listed his sisters, JoAnn Fincher and Susan Scallions, of Ripley, as his daughters.

### SUPPORT GROUP

The Hope Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 26th at Ripley's First United Methodist Church. All caregivers and cancer patients are invited to attend this time of fellowship and discussion.

### Anna Henning

Anna Mae Henning, 67, of Henning, a homemaker, died Friday, Jan. 13th, in Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton.

Rites are set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21st, at New Hope C. M. E. Church, near Henning, with burial in Hamlet Temple Cemetery, near Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She was the widow of the late Robert Marvin Henning, Sr.

She leaves a son, Timothy Owens, and two daughters, Sandra Holloway and Ella Balton, all of Ripley; another son, Robert M. Henning, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wisc.; two other daughters, Lisa Henning, of Henning, and Mary Owens, of Ripley, Ind.; a step-daughter, Elizabeth Sanders, of San Antonio, Tex.; brothers, Charles and Harry Hurdle, Jr., both of Chicago, Ill., and Robert Hurdle, of Memphis; sisters, Mary Cole, Liza Jane McDaniel, and Warlean and Linda Hurdle, all of Chicago; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Barry Bradford

Barry "Two Dollar" Bradford, 49, of Henning, a laborer, died Friday in Memphis Regional Medical Center.

Rites were held Wednesday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his grandparents, Willard and Laura McCutchen, his mother, Velvet Johnson, and three brothers, James, Johnny, and Ray Bradford, all of Henning; another brother, Cliff Bradford, of Chicago, Ill.; and a sister, Beverly Rains, of Mississippi.

Another brother, George Johnson, 50, of Henning, died at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale. Currie's Funeral Home, Henning, will have charge. Arrangements were incomplete at press time.

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, 605 Airport St., in Halls, operates

### Donations Received By Cancer Society

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

In memory of William E. Burns by Sam and Cordelia Henderson.

In memory of W. G. 'Bill' Thompson, Mildred Thompson, L. G. 'Red' Thompson, Virginia Thompson, Jim Fullen, Margaret Fullen, Jack Rochelle, and 'Bo' Warpool by Gordon Lee Thompson.

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In memory of Ivan Hicks and John C. 'Bo' Warpool by Bobbie Ann Douglas.

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jackson by Floyd and Joann Crain and Temple and Gary Stevenson.

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

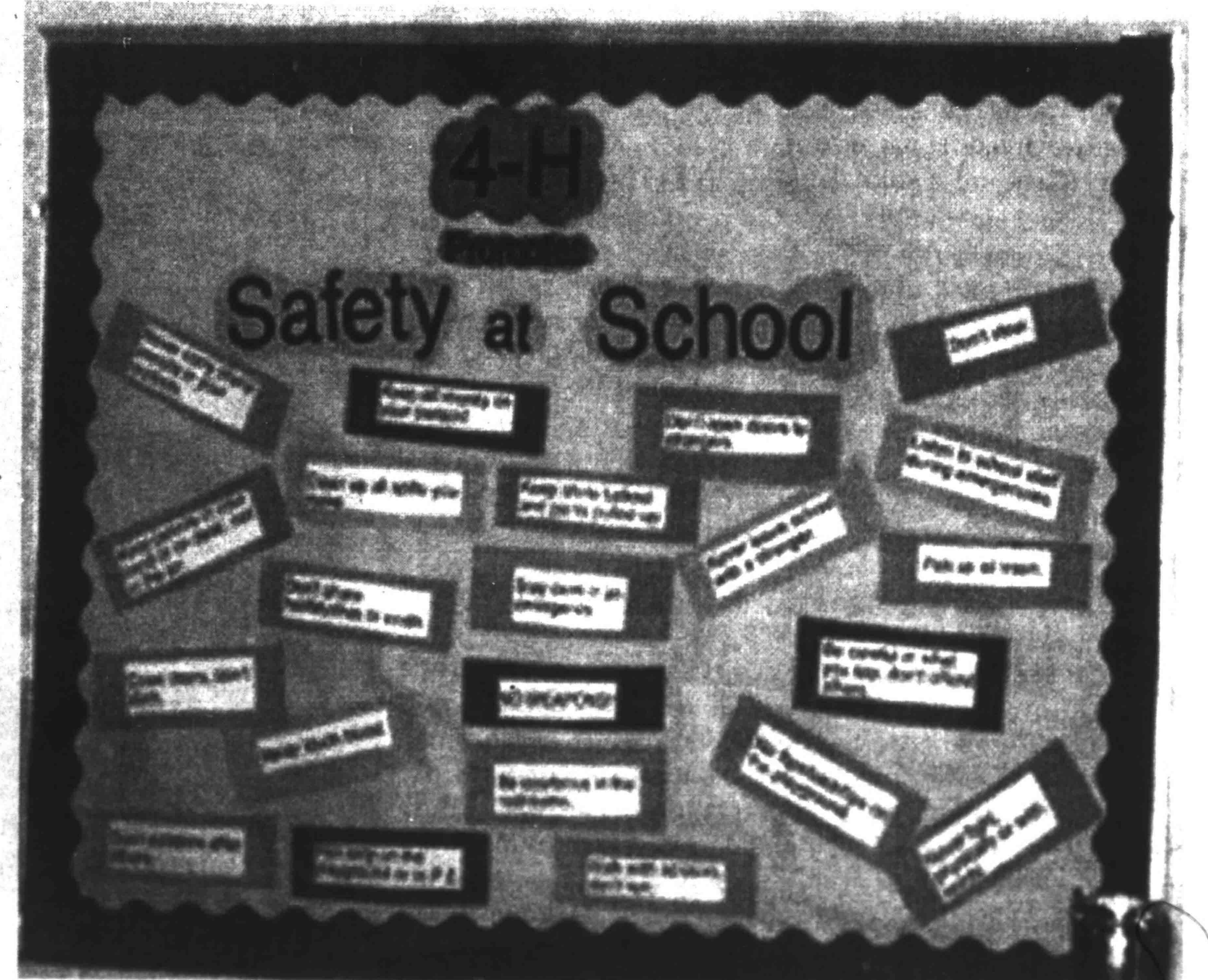
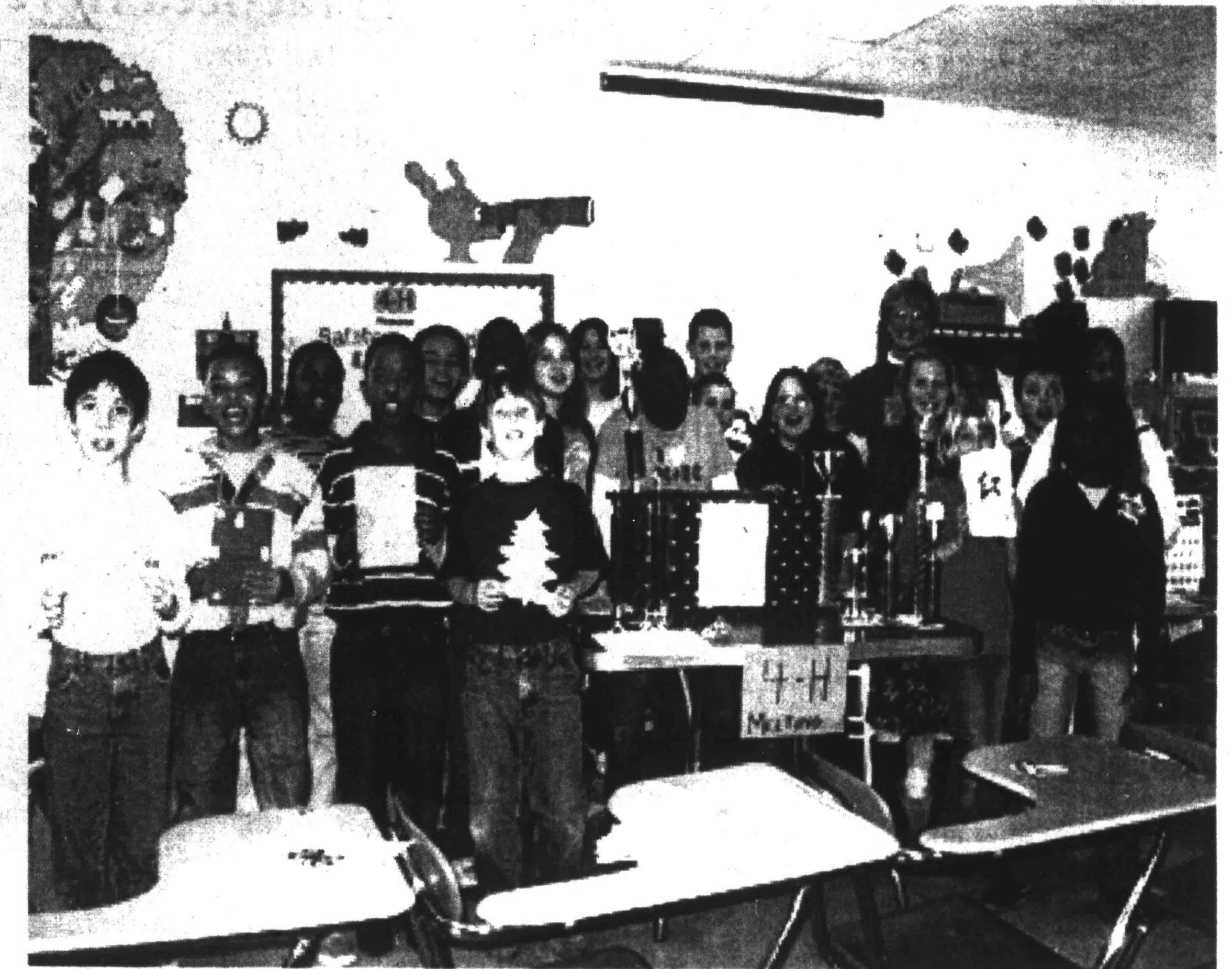
### CAPTAIN'S MEETING

A Relay for Life Captain's meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Mon., Jan. 23rd at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. All interested persons are invited to attend.

from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Friday, Jan. 20th, 'Get Fit Stay Fit' at 10:30 a.m., with bingo at 1 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 21st, Angel Food Ministry pick-up; Monday, Jan. 23rd, 'Get Fit Stay Fit' at 10:30 a.m., cook book typing from 11 a.m. to noon, and medication at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 24th, a big breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and a Catfish Galley trip at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 25th, a devotion at 10 a.m. with The Rev. Haley and an art class from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday, Jan. 26th, cook book typing from 10 to 11 a.m., a story at 11:30 a.m. and a basketball game at 1 p.m.

## HES Community Service Projects



STUDENTS, in the 5th grade class of Mrs. Kathy Graham at Halls Elementary School, made individual Christmas cards for the Tina Turner Center, Dec. 15th and held a canned food drive for those in need. In the lower photo, students designed a bulletin board of safety tips for ways of staying safe at school and home.

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## Kid's "Quacking" Up

Part 2 of 2

By Rob Somerville

In part one of this two part series, I informed you on how a live auction at last year's annual TOWA (Tennessee Outdoor Writer's Association) conference, birthed a duck hunting trip of a lifetime for twenty kids. Most of these kids, which reside in Middle Tennessee, may have never experienced an opportunity such as was put together by Jeff Martin and his crew at Twin Rivers Guide Service, and the high bidder at the auction, outdoor writer and teacher - Marty Allison, from Dickson, Tennessee.

You also learned of the generous sponsors of this event who donated time, products and meals for these kids. I introduced you to an emotional story as you met the mother of Mackenzie Curvin, whose step-dad tragically died last September, and found out what her family faced and what she hoped would come from this hunt. In part two of this feature, I will interview some key people who put forth huge efforts to introduce kids safely and ethically into the outdoor lifestyle. Then we will join the boys and girls on this magical day's hunt.

### Buck Gardner - World Champion in Duck Calling and with Kids in the Outdoors

Buck Gardner has accomplished everything there is to accomplish in the competitive duck calling world. He also owns a multi-million dollar business, which manufactures and sells waterfowl calls and videos, and just recently, has branched off into the deer hunting market. His business involves his entire family and the loving bond they share is evident in all they do.

But, the most impressive thing to me about my friend Buck, is his huge heart. He loves people, especially kids, and gives generously of his time and money anytime he sees a need and it involves kids. Buck joined us on this hunt, brought each kid a duck call and assorted goodies and entertained us all with his humor and genuine personality. For example, when he asked the kids what the most important item to bring on a duck hunt was, he got various answers. Shouts of "your gun, your dog, shells, waders and your duck calls" filled the air.

Buck smiled, and congratulated each answer with a nod, but said there is one item that none of you mentioned, and it is the most important thing of all to remember.

What is it?" squealed the excited kids.

Buck simply reached into his blind bag and pulled out a roll of toilet paper to the delighted laughter of all. This set the stage as he injected humor with serious talks of safety, friendship and conservation. He had the undivided attention of all of us kids - both young and old.

As the kids and their chaperones sat down to a country style breakfast of eggs, sausage, biscuits and hot chocolate, I sat down with Buck for a talk. I simply asked one question, "Buck, with your busy schedule, why are you here today?"

He smiled and said, "Rob, it is my privilege to be here. It is like a gift to me to spend time with these kids. It is such a small thing to give something back of the outdoors, when being around these kids allows me to be a kid again too. I am excited. It is also gratifying to see that some of these kids are young ladies. We need to do a better job of getting women and girls involved in hunting"

The shine in his eyes and the smile on his face proved his emotions to be true.



CREW of youth hunters. The smiles on their faces tells it all.



BUCK GARDNER and his dog, Cruz, after retrieving one of twenty-seven ducks the kids paid out.

Continuing, he said, "All my kids are grown now. We are very close. But, I miss the look in a youngster's eyes when they see that first group of mallards working a decoy spread. God has blessed me. What a way to make a living!"

I asked him how he wanted to be remembered after he passed; his legacy. He answered with a laugh, "Well, don't rush me off the earth just yet, but during a TV interview once, Rob Shearer asked me what I would want on my gravestone. He guessed it would be Champion of Champions. I said no, I would prefer it to

simply say BUCK GARDNER - I TOOK MORE KIDS DUCK HUNTING THAN ANYONE."

### Jeff Martin - walking the walk

Martin works full time as Manager of President's Island for the TWRA. He is also the owner of Twin Rivers Guide Service in Halls, Tennessee. But his strongest accolade is in how he unselfishly donates his blind, time and money in working with kids in the outdoors. I took a few minutes to ask him some questions as to why he decided to put this massive effort together.

He told me, "It is a combination of three things. They are my concern for today's youth, my passion for waterfowling and the growing need to teach parents to spend quality time with their kids. (Jeff and his crew take over 100 kids duck hunting each year - FREE OF CHARGE!)"

Martin continued, "It is not just about killing ducks. It is about enjoying the glorious outdoors that God has blessed us with; sharing the beauty of a sunrise, a good working lab and the camaraderie of the blind."

Lance Rider and the

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### TWRA - stepping up

Rider is the Wildlife Education and Outreach Officer - TWRA - Region One. When I queried him as to why the TWRA is involved in this hunt he answered, "We need to get more of our youth involved in the outdoors. They are our future. The outdoors lifestyle is not short term. It offers a special side-by-side bond for parents and their kids, unlike team sports, where the child is on the field and the parents in the bleachers. And there are no try-outs or cuts - everyone makes the team."

He also listed other programs recently instituted to get more kids involved in the outdoors such as SCTP - Scholastic Clay Shooting Program, Youth Hunts (including deer, turkey and waterfowl), Youth Fishing Rodeos, The West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jambooree, Project Echo (in Carroll and Henry Counties), 4H Shooting Sports, and working at educational booths in schools and at outdoor shows.

For more information on any of these programs, you can contact Lance Rider at his Jackson, Tennessee office. [1-731-423-5725].

### The Hunt - Friends, Firearms, Feathers and Fans for Life!

Now that you have met all of the participants and sponsors, let's go to the Taj Mahal blind at Twin Rivers Guide Service in Halls, Tennessee and see how our youthful crew's hunt went.

We met at the Best Western Motel in Dyersburg, and formed a caravan of vehicles for the half hour drive to the blind. As we exited our parked vehicles, Buck's dog - Cruz, showed some love to the kids as excited chatter and giggles filled the air. For most of these kids, it was their first hunt of any kind.

Jeff's young helper, Gizmo, shuttered us right up to the blind's door in two groups on the infamous huge and comfortable "duck buggy."

The smell of a home-made, deluxe breakfast filled the air, prepared by master chefs -

Excitement and adrenaline filled the air ... oh yea, the kids were excited too. Safety reminders were addressed. Shooters were assigned holes. Adult supervisors watched attentively. Anxious eyes glanced from wristwatches to the lightening skies and back again.

Suddenly, whistling wings were heard and the excitement level jumped up a notch higher. Buck and Jeff began a series of hail calls, while the kids were told to be ready and to keep their heads down. Jeff, the acting pit boss, suddenly said, "Get ready kids - Take those ducks!"

Shotguns fired and two of the three mallards hit the water. Buck's dog, Cruz, expertly retrieved the birds and high-fives and laughter filled the air. This set the tone for the day as the final tally of ducks reached in the high twenties - and this harvest was made by a group of young kids who had never even duck hunted!

### Summary:

This hunt was a successful trip. The ducks, which were harvested, were only a small part of the success. The real value was in taking a group of kids, who might not ever have an opportunity like this in their lifetime, and teaching them the positive aspects of the outdoor lifestyle. They learned discipline, teamwork, respect and the values of camaraderie. The adult participants were also blessed as we renewed the excitement of a first hunt. Matt Powers, who accompanied Mackenzie Curvin on the hunt, may have stated it best when he told me, "This was the greatest thing I have ever been involved with."

As a sidebar, I would like to mention that Buck Gardner, upon meeting Mackenzie Curvin's mom and hearing their story, invited them to come and hunt and stay with his family on their personal land in Arkansas. His mom, Chris-

tidine, said it all when she looked around and said God Bless each and every one of you.

The men who put this hunt together are my friends and I am proud to call them that. They put back more than they take out of the great outdoors. They epitomize the closing of my every outdoor column, which says - "Our kids truly are our most precious natural resource. They are our future."

I hope this encourages all of our areas hunters and fishermen to mentor some kids by introducing them into the great outdoors.

See ya, Rob.

For more information on hunting at Twin Rivers Guide Service, you can contact Jeff Martin at 1-731-635-7223 or 1-731-693-8750.

## Birthdays

Jan. 19 - Deborah Demeris, Dianne Yarbrough, John James, Lynette Currie, Annie Louise Adams, Martha H. Kirkpatrick, Frank Evans, Joyce Lee, Ann Lazure, Carolyn Horner, Gloria Burrough, Krista Hardy, Verma Alexander, Leona Herron, Holly Crews, Joe Brown Barfield, Jr., Gannon Davis, Ken Tyler, Steven Brogdon, Kate Conner, Perrilyn Cherry, Walter Smith, Kaleb Northcott.

Jan. 20 - Jamie Gray, Jamie Maples, Jerry Sellers, Krista White, Joyce Dunaway, Jay Jordan, Deteria Wilder, Linda Daum, Jason L. Jones, Brittany Bing, LaTasha Taniel Wright, Dwayne Dixon, A. J. Watkins.

Jan. 21 - Gayle Miller, Elizabeth M. Brogdon, Barbara G. Ward, Allison Garner, Kevin Hardy, Velma Baker, Sylvia M. Todd, Wayne Woodard, Pat Watson, Stephanie McCaslin, Jimmy Garrett, Karen Duvall, Melissa Escue, Corey Gesford, Rabbit Buckner, Andrea Ammons.

Jan. 22 - Terry Ford, Brenda Moore Williams, Burnie Norman, Kamryn Lee Gitchell, Lindsay Harris, Tracy Davis, Traci Hurt, Billie Chapman, Dolly Harrison, Kristin Scallions, Ayricka Moore, Jay Hopper, Rachel Durham.

Jan. 23 - Oliver, Nelson,

Cassidy Brummett, Amy Sonderoth Fisher, Levi Thompson, Allan Kiestler, Billy Lynch, Pamela Martin, Ree Cates, Jerry Tolene, Trevor Reece Belton, Austin Powell, Hailee Edwards, Crayton Rose, Colton Rose, Angela Duncan Smith, Laura Duncan Bivens, Billy Joe Heron, Barbara Bain, Suzanne Hogue.

Jan. 24 - Rachel Best, Cindy Cherry, Maxine Hardy, Ed Allmon, Dennis Weaver, Jr., Will Bringle, Guilford Williams IV, Floyd Taylor, Sue Jennings, Alan Austin, Tyler Lynch, Carole Whitnel, Cheryl Leo, Alison Griggs.

Jan. 25 - Lindsey Thebeau, Randy Morris, Carolyn Vickery, Mary Demps, J. R. Reed, Yelonda Lynch, Mark Weaver, David Jennings, Scotty Watkins, Justin McNeill, Lyndsey Thebeau.

## Divorces

Steven Wayne Fike vs. Belinda Darlene Simpson Fike.

Phillip Clinton Hicks vs. Christie Gaye Cannon Hicks. Jennifer Elise Elder Kent vs. Todd F. Kent.

Dottie Faye Vaughn Marshall vs. Rickey Ray Marshall.

Felicia Leigh Castellaw Mills vs. Gregory Howard Mills.

Jasmin Wood Kitzmiller vs. Roy Thomas Kitzmiller.

Sonja Carol Moore Pipkin vs. James Robert Pipkin.

## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Jan. 23rd

Hamburger  
Pizza  
French Fries  
Vegetable Sticks  
Apple  
Orange Sections  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 24th

Baked Ham  
Steak Fingers  
Broccoli Bites  
Baked-eyed Peas  
Fruit Mix  
Peaches  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 25th

Spaghetti  
School's Choice Entrée  
Corn Nibbles  
Green Beans  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Jan. 26th

Chicken Nuggets  
Roasted Pork w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Lima Beans  
Jello w/Fruit  
Pear Halves  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Jan. 27th

BBQ On Bun  
Deli Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Sandwich Trimmings  
Banana  
Applesauce  
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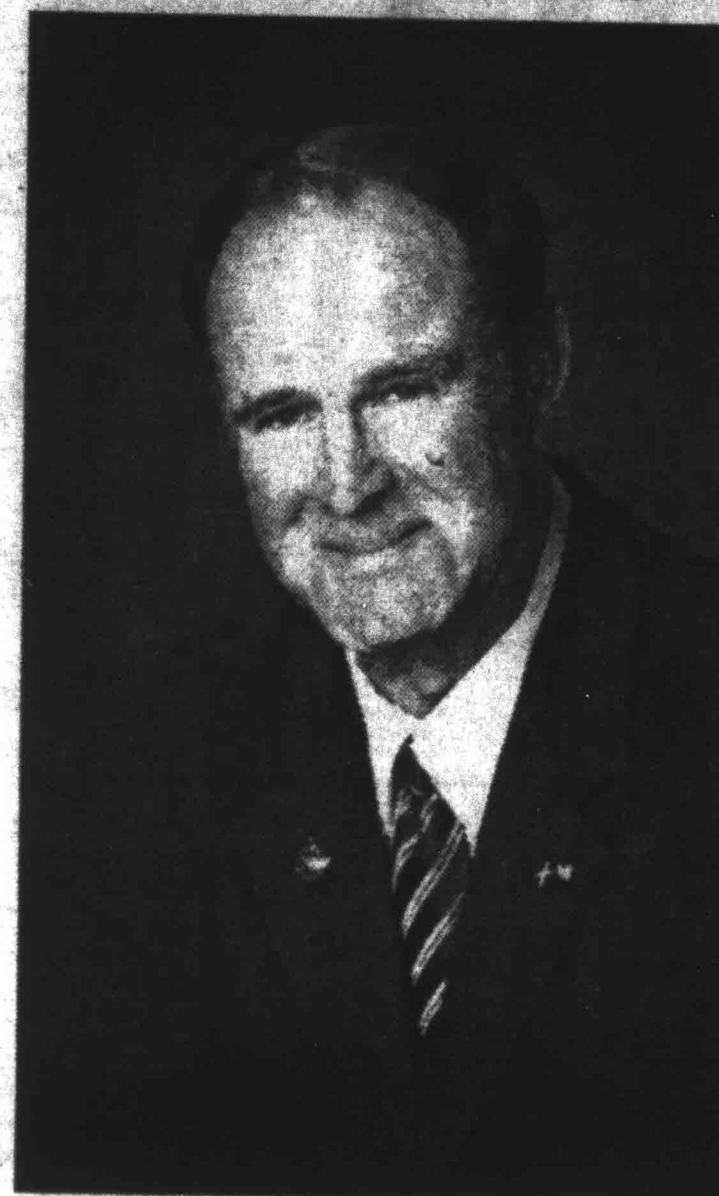
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The son of Alice Nunn and the late Oliver Nunn, of Halls, he and his wife, the former Faye Smith, of Welsh, La., reside in Carencro, La., just north of Lafayette. Nunn is vice president of COMM Engineering, USA, of Lafayette, a high technology engineering company serving the oil and gas industry.

In his first meeting, Nunn was elected chairman of the commission by his fellow commissioners, the first time in commission history that a newly appointed member has been elected to the body's leadership post. Lafayette Regional Airport celebrated its 75th anniversary and is located midway between New Orleans and Houston.

Nunn received his bachelor's degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and his

## Leadership Lauderdale Graduates



**GRADUATES**, of the 9th Leadership Lauderdale class, include, in front, from left, Cheryl Manns and Gail Anglin, Baptist Hospital Lauderdale; Stacy Manley, Tennessee Technology Center; Zina Hamlet, BankTennessee; Patsy Langely, Unique Properties; Kim Meadows, Komatsu; and Debra Danley, Bank of Ripley; and in rear, David Jennings, Best Wade Petroleum; Jeremy Helton, Lankford Realty; Greg Crihfield, Lauderdale County Bank; Steve Brown, Marvin Windows and Doors; Carlos Hardy, American Greetings; Chad Henderson, CAC Financial Partners; Randy Harris, U. S. Postal Service; Monty McWilliams, McArmour Enterprises; Dale McCaslin, Veterans' Museum; plus, not pictured, Nina Hopkins, William Harmon CPA; David Oakes, American Greetings; and Lillian Sylvester, Marvin Windows and Doors. Graduation ceremonies were held Tues., Jan. 17th at Rolling Hills Country Club. The program offers participants the opportunity to better understand Lauderdale County and the many challenges it faces as it moves into the future. The class, of 19 local leaders and business persons, participated in eight different sessions, focused on various areas of Lauderdale County.

master's degree in business administration from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. He was a graduate test pilot at the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base in California. He graduated from the Navy's 'Top Gun' Fighter Weapons School and from the U.S. Army Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga.

As a commissioned officer and test pilot for 20 years, he served as a fighter squadron commander and flew 300 carrier-based missions over North and South Vietnam, flying 4,500 flight hours in 27 different aircraft, including the B-52. He also serves as adjunct professor of economics at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is a board member of the

### SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Halls Junior High is having a spaghetti supper from 5 - 7 p.m., Friday, January 27th in the school cafeteria. It will be held prior to the Halls High basketball game and WTAC North Division Tournaments at HJH. Spaghetti, slaw, green beans, dessert, a beverage, and a roll will be served. Carryouts are available.

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### Bob Corker To Visit Lauderdale

Bob Corker, Mayor of Chattanooga and candidate for the United States Senate, the seat being relinquished by Senator Bill Frist, will visit Lauderdale County from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3rd, at the Olympic Steak House, 475 Hwy. 51 N. in Ripley.

He plans a short address with a question and answer session, which the public is invited to attend. An organizational meeting of the Lauderdale County Republican Party is planned following the session.

### Petitions Returned In August Election

Among those returning petitions for the August 3rd State Primary and County General Election include Richard Jennings, Circuit Court Clerk; Eva Drain, School Board Member Dist. #1; Louis Craig, Sheriff of Lauderdale County; Janice C. Craig, General Sessions Judge; and for County Court Commissioners, Gary Woodard, Dist. #5, and Elvis (Don) Moore, Dist. #6.

New petitions, picked up, but not returned, include Craig Fitzhugh, State Representative, 82nd Dist.; Shelia Ferrell, School Board Dist. #3; Sammy L. Grantland, Sheriff of Lauderdale County; Don M. Ray, School Board Dist. #7; and County Court Commissioners, John L. Bates, Dist. #1; Danny Hartsfield, Dist. 5; Stan Bowie, Dist. #7; and Eugene Pugh, Dist. #8.

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

### County Students Named To NHR

Lauderdale County students named to the National Honor Roll include, from Ripley, Javonne Bennett, Zachary L. Caldwell, Alyssa C. Davis, Sharondrea N. Jarrett, Garrett, Kelley, Charles A. King, Jr., Katelande Neal, Lauren E. Rushing, Kristen E. Sweat, and Lakisha N. Treadway; from Gates, Nicole Bernard and Megan Robison; from Halls, Chaseton Dudas; and from Henning, Rachel Grigsby.

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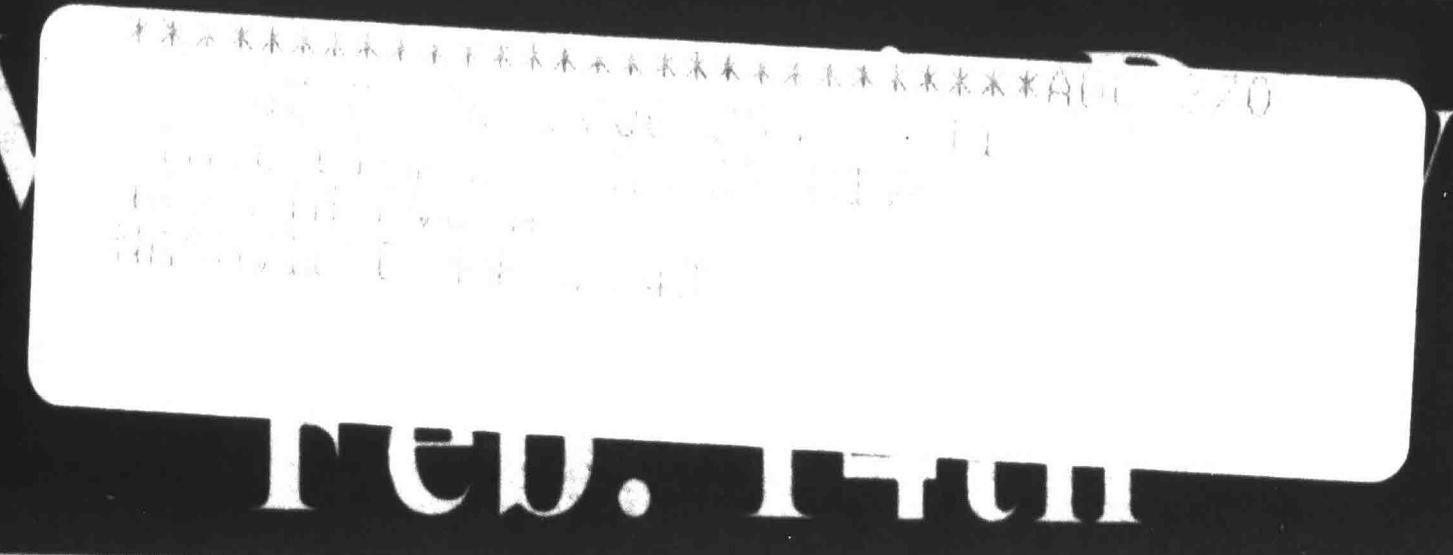
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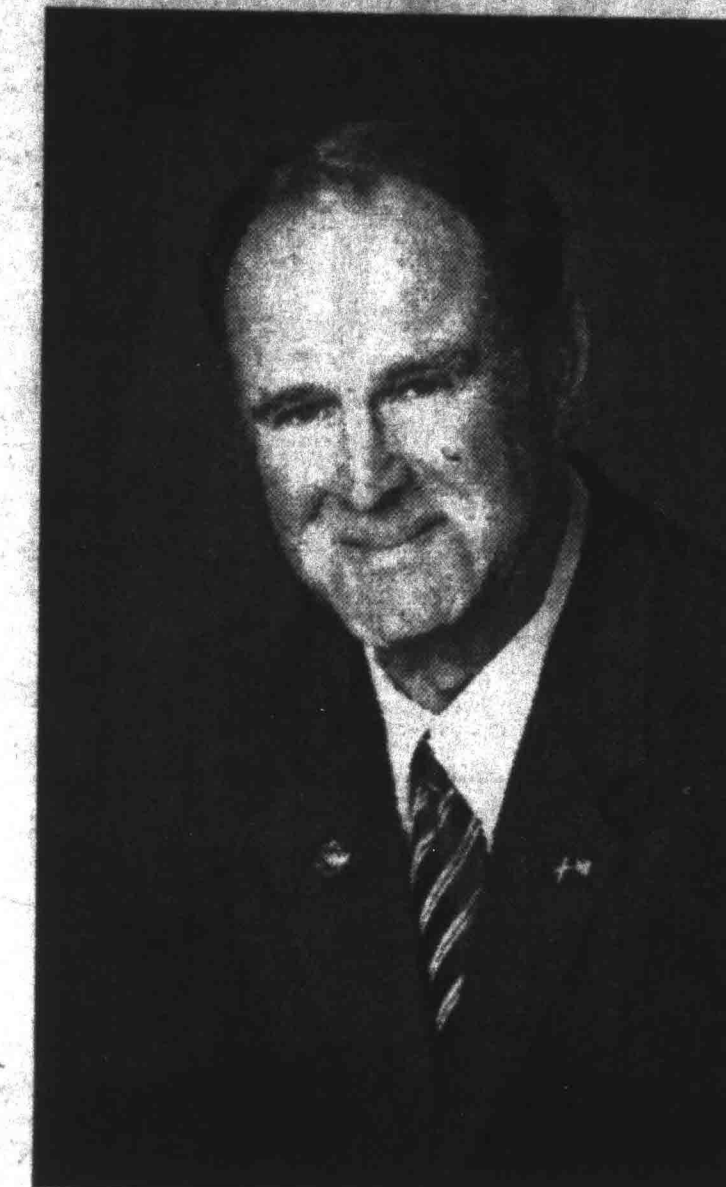
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The son of Alice Nunn and the late Oliver Nunn, of Halls, he and his wife, the former Faye Smith, of Welsh, La., reside in Carencro, La., just north of Lafayette. Nunn is vice president of COMM Engineering, USA, of Lafayette, a high technology engineering company serving the oil and gas industry.

In his first meeting, Nunn was elected chairman of the commission by his fellow commissioners, the first time in commission history that a newly appointed member has been elected to the body's leadership post. Lafayette Regional Airport celebrated its 75th anniversary and is located midway between New Orleans and Houston.

Nunn received his bachelor's degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and his

**Leadership Lauderdale Graduates**



**GRADUATES**, of the 9th Leadership Lauderdale class, include, in front, from left, Cheryl Manns and Gail Anglin, Baptist Hospital Lauderdale; Stacy Manley, Tennessee Technology Center; Zina Hamlet, BankTennessee; Patsy Langely, Unique Properties; Kim Meadows, Komatsu; and Debra Danley, Bank of Ripley; and in rear, David Jennings, Best Wade Petroleum; Jeremy Helton, Lankford Realty; Greg Crihfield, Lauderdale County Bank; Steve Brown, Marvin Windows and Doors; Carlos Hardy, American Greetings; Chad Henderson, CAC Financial Partners; Randy Harris, U. S. Postal Service; Monty McWilliams, McArmour Enterprises; Dale McCaslin, Veterans' Museum; plus, not pictured, Nina Hopkins, William Harmon CPA; David Oakes, American Greetings; and Lillian Sylvester, Marvin Windows and Doors. Graduation ceremonies were held Tues., Jan. 17th at Rolling Hills Country Club. The program offers participants the opportunity to better understand Lauderdale County and the many challenges it faces as it moves into the future. The class, of 19 local leaders and business persons, participated in eight different sessions, focused on various areas of Lauderdale County.

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

Halls Junior High is having a spaghetti supper from 5 - 7 p.m., Friday, January 27th in the school cafeteria. It will be held prior to the Halls High basketball game and WTAC North Division Tournaments at HJH. Spaghetti, slaw, green beans, dessert, a beverage, and a roll will be served. Carryouts are available.

For more information, call 836-5579.

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**Bob Corker To  
Visit Lauderdale**

Bob Corker, Mayor of Chattanooga and candidate for the United States Senate, the seat being relinquished by Senator Bill Frist, will visit Lauderdale County from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3rd, at the Olympic Steak House, 475 Hwy. 51 N. in Ripley.

He plans a short address with a question and answer session, which the public is invited to attend. An organizational meeting of the Lauderdale County Republican Party is planned following the session.

**Petitions Returned  
In August Election**

Among those returning petitions for the August 3rd State Primary and County General Election include Richard Jennings, Circuit Court Clerk; Eva Drain, School Board Member Dist. #1; Louis Craig, Sheriff of Lauderdale County; Janice C. Craig, General Sessions Judge; and for County Court Commissioners, Gary Woodard, Dist. #5, and Elvis (Don) Moore, Dist. #6.

New petitions, picked up, but not returned, include Craig Fitzhugh, State Representative, 82nd Dist.; Shelia Ferrell, School Board Dist. #3; Sammy L. Grantland, Sheriff of Lauderdale County; Don M. Ray, School Board Dist. #7; and County Court Commissioners, John L. Bates, Dist. #1; Danny Hartsfield, Dist. 5; Stan Bowie, Dist. #7; and Eugene Pugh, Dist. #8.

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

**County Students  
Named To NHR**

Lauderdale County students named to the National Honor Roll include, from Ripley, Javonne Bennett, Zachary L. Caldwell, Alyssa C. Davis, Sharondrea N. Jarrett, Garrett, Kelley, Charles A. King, Jr., Katelande Neal, Lauren E. Rushing, Kristen E. Sweat, and Lakisha N. Treadway; from Gates, Nicole Bernard and Megan Robison; from Halls, Chaseton Dudas; and from Henning, Rachel Grigsby.

They are recognized as high-achieving high school and middle school students. Those named to the honor roll are eligible for scholarships and inclusion in the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition.



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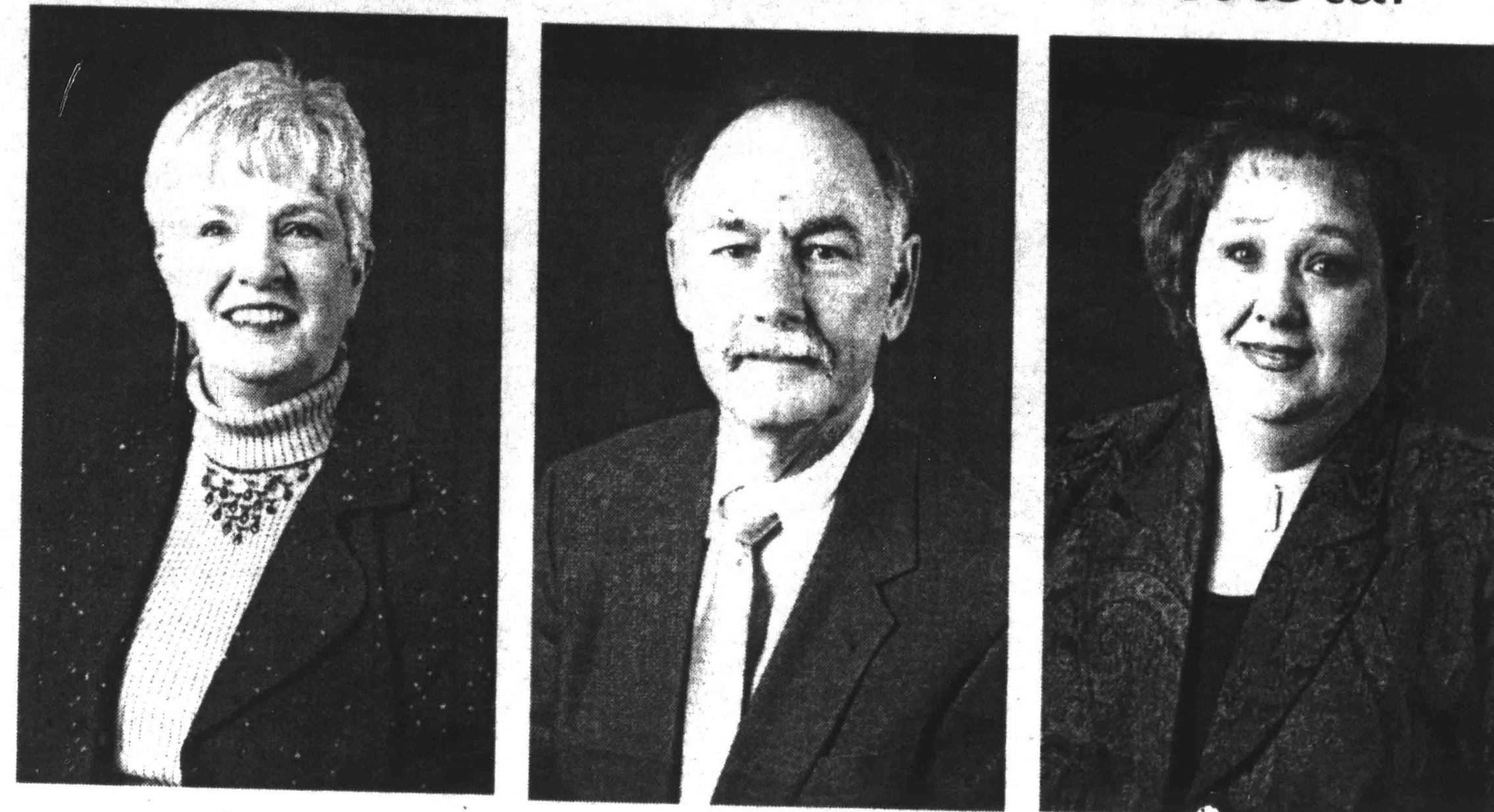
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## Countians Selected For WestStar



LAUDERDALE COUNTIANS, from left, Judy Tyree, Chris White, and Susan Todd, have been selected to participate in the 2006 WestStar class. They are among 30 members of the group, representing 15 counties in the 21-county region. Judy is an investment representative at EdwardJones Investment. She serves on the board of directors of the Lauderdale County Chamber/ECD and is president of the Ripley Rotary Club. She is past president of the Lauderdale County Council of Arts and has served on the board of directors for the Helen Tucker Developmental Center and Rolling Hills Country Club. In 2002, she was named 'Chamber's Citizen of the Year' by the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, she was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Ripley Rotary Club. Judy is a graduate of Leadership Lauderdale.

Chris is a vice-president at the Bank of Ripley. He serves on the board of directors for the Lauderdale County Exchange Club and is also its secretary. He is a member of the Tipton Arts Council, Inc., where he has served in several different positions, including vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Susan is the director of chamber programs at the Lauderdale County Chamber/ECD. She serves on the board of trustees for Youth Leadership and Adult Leadership Lauderdale and is co-chairman for Lauderdale County Tomato Festival and Lauderdale County Fair. She is a member of the Tennessee Industrial Developmental Council, West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, and Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, and is a graduate of Leadership Lauderdale.

The University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar is in its 17th year of providing leadership development and training for selected participants. The program identifies and educates people to assume leadership responsibilities in the economic and social development of West Tennessee. Class members will participate in several sessions designed to provide information about major issues facing West Tennessee. Graduation is planned in May.

## Land Transfers

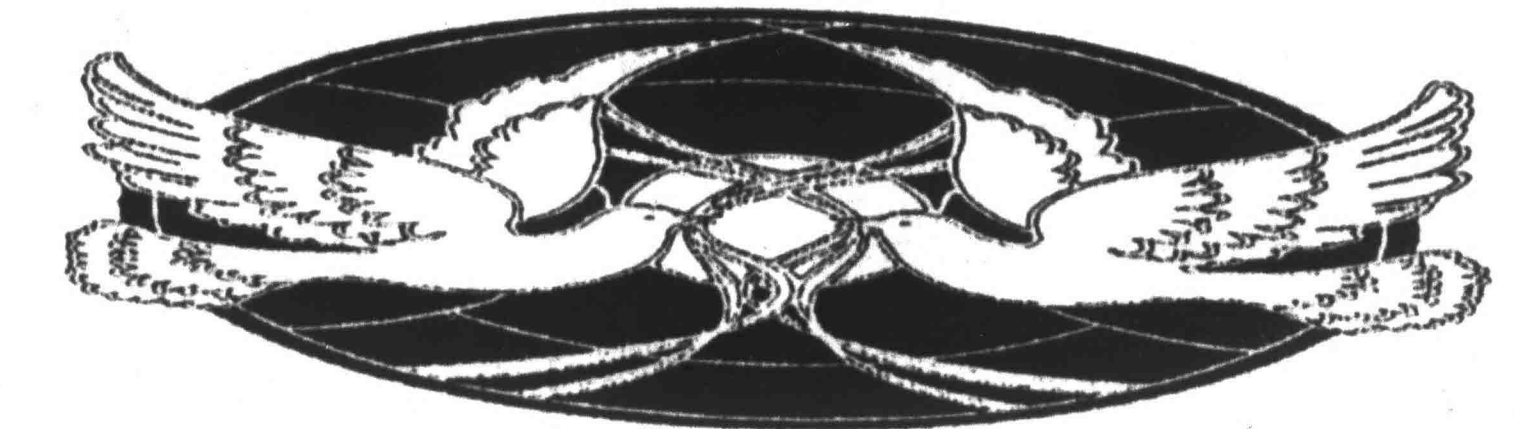
- Jan. 13 - Chase Home Finance LLC to Michael W. Dowell, Dist. 2, lot.
- Jerry E. Crook to Billy Vowel and Betty Vowel, Dist. 10, 39.25 acres.
- Jan. 17 - Bank of Ripley to Dennis Drumwright, Jr., Dist. 2, tract.
- Agape Properties LLC to John B. Porter and Melanie A. Porter, Dist. 2, 30.0 acres and Dist. 2, 0.76 acres.
- William M. Glimp and Opal M. Glimp to Joseph Craft and Amanda Craft, Dist. 11, tract.
- Tennessee Housing Development Agency to Gary Konkle, Dist. 12, lot.
- Jan. 18 - Dolan G. Craig and Ronald V. Roberts to David Snell, Jane Snell, Barry Bates and June Bates, Dist. 2, lot.
- Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas to Donald J. Ammons and Charlotte R. Ammons, Dist. 6, lot.
- Jan. 19 - Jack Miller Scoggins, Sr., and Christine Scoggins to Mike Simpson and Christie H. Simpson, Dist. 2, 45.0 acres.
- Betty Klutts to Jonathan David Aton, Dist. 6, lot.
- Kenneth W. Hutcherson, Jr., to Dale Hutcherson, Dist. 16, 3.3 acres.

## NOTICE

Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet Monday, February 6th at 7 p.m. at City Hall for their regular February meeting. The public is invited.

Trent McManus, Mayor

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## 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.

Forerunner Baptist Church will hold a benefit program for one of the members of Slim and the Victoryaires, of Brownsville, at 3 p.m. Jan. 29th featuring Heavenly Voices, the Sensational Southaires, the Gospel Divine, and the Divines, all of Ripley, the New Gospel Stars, of Brownsville, and others. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life C.O.G.I.C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. Feb. 1st through Feb. 3rd with Missionary Harriet Green as guest speaker. Elder Alonza Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

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.

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.

## Anniversaries

- Jan. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. John Humphries.
- Jan. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gatlin.
- Jan. 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wiley.



## Obituaries

### Gertha Currie

Gertha Mae Currie, 75, of Henning, an attendant in the Alex Haley Museum in Henning, died Wednesday of last week, in her home.

Rites are set at noon Thursday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, with burial in the cemetery of Canaan Baptist Church at Henning.

She leaves sons, Larry and Leonard, of Ripley, Frederick, of Gates, Harry, of Covington, Thomas, of Decatur, Ill., and Earnest, of Chicago, Ill.; daughters, Dora V. Currie and Loraine Atkins, of Henning, Clara J. Blackwell, of Ripley, Irene Currie and Mary Robinson, of Gates, Ruth Ann Miller, of Halls, and Bernice Miller, of Covert, Mich.; a brother, James Neal, of Chicago; sisters, Barbara Manns, of Henning, Ruthie M. Caldwell, of Decatur, and Emma Williams, of Chicago; her step-mother, Mary Neal, of Henning; 46 grandchildren; and 59 great-grandchildren.

### 'Kelly' Luttrell

Horace "Kelly" Luttrell, 53, father of Angela Terry and Stephanie Young, of Halls, whose mother is Rosemary Taylor, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in the home of his sister, Isa (Mrs. C. W.) Walden, in Oakland City, Ind.

Military rites were Friday in the Columbia White Church Cemetery in Princeton, Ind., Colvin Funeral Home, of Princeton, in charge.

He was born Jan. 29, 1952, in Gibson County, to the late Horace C. Luttrell and the late Margie Stensor Luttrell Rowe.

He had served in the Navy as a jet mechanic. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include other brothers, Bob, of Patoka, Ind., and Joe, of Fort Branch, Ind.; half-brothers, Junior and Mickey Rowe; half-sisters, Diane Dewus and Phyllis Hensley; and three grandchildren.

### Martha Jones

Martha Virginia Jones, 86, of Ripley, widow of Robert Odean Jones, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

She leaves sons, Robert, Jr., and Jerry Dale Jones, of Ripley, and Paul Junior Hurst, of Southaven, Miss.; daughters, Helen Newman, of Jackson, and Ernestine Reed, of St. Louis, Mo.; brothers, Billy and Oneal Howell, of Ripley, and Freddy Howell, of Savannah; sisters, Pauline Wilson, of Ripley, and Glendora Brawley, of Millington; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

### T. C. Newman

Thomas Calvin Newman, 69, of Tuscumbia, Ala., a native of Halls, died Monday.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Morrison Funeral Home in Tuscumbia, with burial in Guy Cemetery.

He had retired from Reynolds Metals after 33 years as a furnace operator.

He was a member of Cox Boulevard Church of Christ.

He leaves his wife, Peggy Ann Newman; sons, T. C., Jr., Corey, and Randy, and daughters, Lorey (Mrs. Allen) Evans, and Pam (Mrs. Johnny) Melton, all of Tuscumbia; brothers, Glen, of Mountain Home, Ark., and James, of St. Charles, Ill.; sisters, Ivy (Mrs. Bill) Vaughn, of Athens, and Margarine Sparks, of Coco Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### E. B. Abernathy

Emmit B. Abernathy, 80, of Halls, retired maintenance worker for Tupperware in Halls, died Monday of last week in a Jackson hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Matthew Zion Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in the Old Chapel Cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Leora; sons, Alfonso and Curtis, of Halls; a daughter, Rosalind Abernathy, of Queens, N.Y.; brothers, George, of Toledo, Ohio, and Vann and Will, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; and sisters, Ethel Clay, of Dyersburg, and Dollie Abernathy and Jean Chambers, of Milwaukee.

### John P. Daniels

John Parrish Daniels, 88, formerly of Ripley and Halls, died Saturday in the Presbyterian Home in Quitman, Ga.

Rites will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

He was born Nov. 5, 1917, to the late John Lee Daniels and Lida Mae Parrish Daniels.

He served in the Army in World War II.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Ripley until the late 1970s, when he moved to Halls and joined its First Baptist Church.

He leaves sons, John P., Jr., of Valdosta, Ga., and Tom, of Bend, Ore., and a daughter, Suzanne (Mrs. Paul) Knox, of Gilbert, Ariz., all by his first wife, Katherine Margaret Harrelson, who died in 1977. There are eight grandchildren.

His second wife, Frankie Demetral Chipman, is also deceased. She was survived by a son, Larry Joe Beard, and two grandchildren.

### Mrs. Henderson

Mrs. Fannie C. Henderson, 85, sister of Amanda and William Charles Pickett, of Ripley, died Saturday in Springfield, Ill.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Canaan Baptist Church at Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a son, Jessie Hopson, and another sister, Ruby Hopson, of Springfield.

### Ramona Turner

Ramona Joy Turner, 70, of Gates, wife of Gene Turner, died in her home near Gates, after long illness.

Rites were Tuesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Concord Cemetery near Gates.

She had retired from Tupperware in Halls.

She was a member of Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump.

Survivors include sons, David, of Jackson, and Tony, of Tulsa, Okla.; and brothers, Gerry and James Gilliland, of Halls.

### Miss Russell

Cornieth York Russell, 89, of Ripley, a retired professor for Kentucky State University, died Sunday at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites are set for noon Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Elam Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She was a teacher for the Lauderdale County school system and a basketball coach.

She leaves a cousin, Jennie Payton, of South Bend, Ind., who cared for her; and a caring companion, Earl Beard, of Henning.

### Mr. Thomason

Ricky Lynn Thomason, 47, of Ripley, retired electrician, died Monday morning in his home, after brief illness.

Services were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

He leaves brothers, Willie, of 7279 Edith-Nankipoo Road, Ripley, Donnie, of Gainesville, Tex., and Farlin and Ronnie, of Ringling, Okla.; sisters, Debrah Bowers and Patsy Land, of Ripley, and Tonie Cannon, of West Memphis, Ark.

### Linda Currie

Linda Powell Currie, 52, of Detroit, Mich., mother of James Howard Currie, Jr., of Ripley, died Jan. 15th in St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Rites were held Saturday in Swanson Funeral Home in Detroit, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Jarrett Powell, other sons, Charles and Michael, a daughter,

## HJH To Host Tournaments

The WTAC North Division Basketball Tournaments hosted by Halls Junior High School will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27th, at 12:40 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 30th and 31st.

The schools planning to participate are Lake County, Dyer School, Union City, Humboldt, North-view and Three Oaks.

### Mr. Halliburton

John Wesley Halliburton, 82, of Columbus, Ohio, brother of Kent and McCauley Halliburton and of Wauberga Brown, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in a hospital in Columbus.

Rites were Saturday in Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery in Columbus, White & Son Funeral Home in charge.

He had been a factory worker for Ford Motor Co.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Burks Halliburton, and a daughter, Jan Halliburton, of Columbus; a son, John, of Atlanta, Ga.; other brothers, Dale, of Chicago, Ill., and Flag, Claxton, and The Rev. Kelly Halliburton, of Detroit, Mich.; other sisters, Darnesbo Halliburton, of Dyersburg, Anise Anderson, of Chicago, Jewell Gause, of Detroit, and Esterline Thompson, of Muskegon, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Conica Currie, a brother, Vincent Powell, and a sister, Robertha Powell, all of Detroit; another brother, Ricky Powell, of Kingston, N.Y.; another sister, Janice Packer, of Jackson; and 12 grandchildren.

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## Campus Day At Dyersburg State

Dyersburg State Community College will open its doors for Campus Day on Saturday, February 11th. There will be food, cheerleaders, singers, prizes, and much more. Beginning with registration at 11:30 a.m. in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium located in the DSCC Student Center, high school seniors, their parents, and anyone interested in attending can come and find out about the college. Representatives from financial aid and various student organizations will be on hand to answer questions. Included in the program will be Tech Prep and Surgical Tech presentations, campus tours, and questions and answer sessions. Auditions for Syn-copation Jazz Choir Scholarships will also be held.

For more information about Campus Day, contact Lisa Rogers at 731-286-3324. For more information about Syn-copation auditions, contact Dr. Carol Feather at 731-286-3256 or feather@dsc.edu.

### DSCC CONTEST

Dyersburg State Community College announces *The Voices of Tennessee Short Story Contest*. The contest is conducted in conjunction with DSCC's annual book festival, which will take place on the Dyersburg State Campus, March 2 - 4, 2006. Both are being sponsored by Dyersburg State and partially funded by a grant from Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The theme of both the book festival and the short story contest is "Fact or Fiction: Science in Literature." Your short story should reflect this theme.

## First West TN Regional Meeting



MEMBERS, of the Economic Development group held its first West Tennessee Regional meeting Thursday, Jan. 19th, with Lisa Hankins, Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce/ECD executive director, attending. The event was sponsored by the West Tennessee Industrial Association (WTIA), an economic development association representing electric power distributors in West Tennessee and Forcum Lannom Contractors, a Dyersburg based commercial and industrial contractor.

Three winners will be selected, one from each category. Third place winners will receive a book, second place winners a \$50 savings bond and first place winners a \$100 savings bond.

The short stories must be typed, double-spaced, and stapled. A cover sheet should be stapled to your story, and it should include writer's name and social security number, indication of category: school and grade or adult, title of short story, date, home address and phone number, and permission to display and reproduce the story.

There will be four different categories judged; col-

lege student or adult (1000 - 1500 words), high school 9th - 12th (750 - 1000 words), middle school and intermediate school 6th - 8th grade (500 - 750 words), and grade school 1st - 5th (250 - 500 words).

Your story should be based on knowledge about science and literature. Students may write short stories about the scientific events by focusing on plot, character, and scientific fact. What makes a good story involving scientific facts? What scientific topics are of interest to you? What is the difference between ordinary facts and scientific facts? What is an ethical

dilemma in science? Do you know about a famous scientist or famous scientist discovery?

Submit stories and cover letter by Friday, February 10th to: The Voices of West Tennessee Short Story Contest, c/o Dr. William Northcutt or Mrs. Cindy Williams, Division of Arts and Sciences, Dyersburg State Community College, 1510 Lake Rd., Dyersburg TN 38025-0648.

**CHITTERLING DINNER AT 4 P.M.**  
**Pool Tournament**  
**Thursday, Jan. 26th**  
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## School Lunches

### Lauderdale County Schools

**Monday, Jan. 30th**  
Hot Dog  
Pizza  
Tater Tots  
Carrot Sticks  
Grapes  
Orange Sections  
Rice Krispie Treat  
Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 31st**  
Fish Fillet  
Hamburger On Bun  
Green Peas  
Corn On The Cob  
Jello w/Fruit  
Pear Halves  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, Feb. 1st**  
Southern Fried Chicken  
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Peaches  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, Feb. 2nd**  
Menu  
School's Choice

**Friday, Feb. 3rd**  
Tacos w/Trimnings  
Chicken Fajitas  
Corn Nibbles  
Applesauce  
Banana  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk



## Scholarship Awarded



**JANE GILLILAND**, center, was presented the Bank of Ripley scholarship by Craig Fitzhugh, second from left, chairman and CEO of the Bank of Ripley. A third-quarter student at Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley, she is a graduate of Halls High School and plans to pursue a career as an information security specialist in the technology industry. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilliland, of Ripley. Pictured with Craig and Jane are, from left, Brian Collins, director of Tennessee Technology Center; Dale Goodman, instructor of computer operations technology; and Stacy Manley, financial aid counselor.

Bank of Ripley sponsors two scholarships each year to the center. For more information, contact the bank, 635-1230.

### PROGRAM DEADLINE

Soil Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Lauderdale County, Dwaine Johnston, reminds Lauderdale County landowners that January 29th, 2006, is the deadline to make an application for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

This program provides technical and financial assistance to landowners committed to protecting, improving and preserving their land. The EQIP program is administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The EQIP helps to implement soil and water conservation practices to address a variety of environmental problems including soil erosion, water quality, and wildlife habitat by implementation of both vegetative and structural type conservation practices.

For more information on

how the EQIP program can be of assistance to your farming operation or to make an application for the program prior to the deadline, call 731-635-7686 ext. 3 or visit USDA Service Center located at 301 Lake Dr. in Ripley.

### Marriages

Dec. 24 - Justin Chadwick Jones, 26, to Heather Ralene Tomlinson, 20, by David M. Wilson.

Jan. 7 - Christopher Scott Arnold, 31, to Sheila Elaine Hardee, 41, by Tracy Henson.

Jan. 17 - Gary Lamont Flagg, 30, to Lakeitha Lekesh Taylor, 23, by Tracy Henson.

Brian Keith Street, 34, to Krystal Lynn Hawks, 27, by Tracy Henson.

Jan. 21 - Jackson Lee Doughten, 34, to Jessica Ann Robbins Dunger, 25, by Tracy Henson.



## Chamber Happenings

By Lisa Hankins, Executive Director  
Lauderdale Chamber/ECD

The Chamber graduated our 9th Leadership Lauderdale class last week. We had a wonderful class with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. We still have one more session that will take us to Nashville to talk to our State leaders and learn about our State government. This session is always very informative. It's always sad to graduate a class because you get to know these folks and you spend six months with them but it is also exciting. I look forward to seeing them get more involved in the community, run for school board, alderman, commissioner, etc. We want them to take what they've learned and get involved in the future of our county! On that same note, we just selected our class members for Youth Leadership Lauderdale. Thirty juniors from Halls and Ripley High School will participate in this program. We try to expose them to the same type of information only we also try to show them opportunities that are available to them in Lauderdale County. We want them to return here after school to work.

I promised that I would start explaining the process that we go through to recruit business and industry. This is a very interesting and complicated process. First of all, what is Economic Development? This is the process that a city, county, community, etc. goes through to recruit and retain business and industry.

In Lauderdale County, the Chamber/ECD has the primary function of trying to work to bring business and industry into our community. This is not a process that we do alone. This process involves many people. This week I am going to explain whom we get our "Prospects". I'll cover the details of the process more in the next weeks.

Lauderdale County works with three different groups of people who work to find "Prospects" or perspective businesses looking to expand and open new facilities. These are the State of Tennessee Economic and Community Development (ECD), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the West Tennessee Industrial Authority (WTIA). These are the three main groups that we work with. We also work with individual site consultants and realtors at times. These folks identify businesses that are looking either to start a new business or expand their current business in another location. They will send us a request for information (rfi) or request of proposal (rfp) that specifies exactly what they are looking for. Sometimes these are one to two pages, sometimes they are 22 pages. These outline whether they are looking for land, an existing building, how many acres, how many square feet, how tall the ceilings need to be, how thick the floors need to be, how close to an airport, how many people they intend to employ, any number of things. All of these details determine whether we respond or not. We do try to respond to most every request we get but sometimes, we just don't fit, no matter how hard we try. The good thing is that activity has picked up, it was kind of slow for a while. We've been very busy lately responding to several projects. I will cover that as well in the next few weeks.

As you can see, this is a fascinating and complicated process. I look forward to sharing it with you so that you can see what all we do in our efforts to bring new business and jobs to Lauderdale County. I'm no expert by any means, but I'm learning all that I can. I can assure you that I will do everything in my power to work very hard for this community. Thanks for your support of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD.

## Performer



**JOYCE COBB**, jazz performer, accompanied by hot licks on guitar and bass, will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 2nd at Dyersburg State Community College's First Citizens National Bank Auditorium in the DSCC Student Center on campus. She travels from the east coast to the west coast with the Beale Street Jazz Band performing at traditional jazz festivals. She regularly performs in Memphis.

**While grief is fresh, every attempt to divert only irritates. You must wait till it be digested, and then amusement will dissipate the remains of it.**  
—Samuel Johnson

### Time Is Running Out!



Submit articles for publication no later than six weeks after the event.

## Lauderdale County Ambassadors



**AMBASSADORS** for the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD met in early January at Olympic Steak House, with Lisa Hankins, executive director, and Susan Todd, chamber program director with prospective ambassadors as invited guests. Mrs. Hankins discussed with the group various areas where the ambassadors could assist the newly merged Economic and Community Development and Chamber of Commerce. She spoke on the updated guidelines and enhancements to the Chamber ambassador program. Attending were Eva Smith, Jean Spence, Minnie Fleming, Kitty Vestal, Cathi Spicer, Dot Craddock, Susan Todd, Greg Cridfield, Beaton Matthews, Regina Fleming, Dale McCaslin, Cyronose Spicer, Jimmie Fleming, plus, not pictured, Elizabeth Mosely, Johnnie Matthews, Atha Campbell, Thomas Belton, Marty Murphy, and Lisa Hankins.

### Birthdays

Jan. 26 - John Yarbrough, Flossie Taylor, Jean Jackson, Kevin Gardner, Waurine Jordan, Julie Burton, Kevin Coulston, James R. Fitzhugh, Sarah Kissell, Shanon Crowder, Caitlyn Harrison, Tim Adams.

Jan. 27 - Lewis Paige, Linda Caldwell Oswald, Kristina Burks, Sandy Ward, Stan Anderson, Joe Williams, Craig Hutcherson, Clay Dew, Donna Ewell, Mary Younger, Eddie Rayner, Mary Gesford, James Grimes, Emma Bonds.

Jan. 28 - Ray Clark, Wardell Parish, Pam Tillman, Wendell Wiley, Dave Sondgeroth, Warren Lee Grammer, Justin Robert Davis, Cary Wright, Wyatt Jones.

Jan. 29 - Kim Connell, Don Meadows, Kenneth Neal, Hilton Vaughn, John Anthony, Vernon McBride III, Robert Annmons, Elizabeth Vaden, Glenda Ward, Charles Stephens, Marcia Kelly, Shareese Jones, Butch Eskridge, Kassie Barnett, Billie Jean Northcott, David Mills, Linda McBride Bumpus, Keely Mar-

row, Evelyn Andrews, Jimmy Seeley, Bobby Nelson, Lulu Latham, Alyssa Mota, Bimbo Pennington, Mack McBride, Buddy Escue.

Jan. 30 - Janie Little, Martha Crites, Mary Roy, Sherry Vaden Brown, Virgie Belton, Elizabeth Buffaloe, Carolyn Dew, Barry Gruggett, Amber Hargett, Gary Ingle, Mary Bain, Martha Abbott.

Jan. 31 - Charles Gabbard, Chuck Vincent, Taylor Barbee Rice, III, Sarah Grace Melton, Trey Rice.

Feb. 1 - Hillary Bailey Hogue, Amanda Conrad, Judy Mills, Laura Thompson, Lisa Oates, Christy Adkins.

### FAFSA NIGHTS

The Office of Student Financial Assistance at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor three sessions in February on how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The sessions are

scheduled from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. They will be held Feb. 20th, at the UT Martin Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley; Feb. 21st, at McNairy Central High School; and Feb. 23rd, in Room 203AB, Boling University Center, UT Martin.

The workshop will provide assistance to fill out the FAFSA form online, answers to financial aid questions and information regarding the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship. Participants need to take completed 2005 tax returns for both the student and parents, W2 forms from 2005 for both the student and parents, and, if available, their Personal Identification Number (PIN) for electronic signature. To apply for a PIN, go to [www.pin.edu.gov](http://www.pin.edu.gov).

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance at (731) 881-7040.

## To Become A Foster Parent

To become a foster parent, you are required to complete the following checks: background checks (criminal, driving, first check); fingerprinting; Child Protective Services (CPS) check; Sex Offender and Elder Abuse registry checks; Felony Offender check; attend Parents As Tenders Healers (PATH) training; provide financial information; pass a medical exam; be a U. S. citizen and a resident of the State of Tennessee; have a valid drivers license; be at least 21 years old, married or single; have homeowners/renters insurance and auto insurance and provide a few other items needed to be certified for foster/adoptive care.

Youth Villages is a non-profit organization that provides Therapeutic Foster

Care for children who have been removed from their biological homes by Department of Child Services due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment. According to the Tennessee's Department of Children's Welfare website, there are over 550,000 children in the United States in foster care and over 6,000 each year are taken into custody. Youth Villages has placed over 1,000 of these children in therapeutic foster care with foster families.

Youth Villages need families or individuals to help stop the cycle of abuse and show a child that there are people who care about them and want to take care of them so they will have a better life.

If you or anyone you know would like to become a foster or adoptive parent, please contact Lydia Nicks at Youth Villages, 731-288-4613 or email [Lydia.Nicks@Youthvillages.org](mailto:Lydia.Nicks@Youthvillages.org).

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## SMOKE ALARM LAW

Prior to January 1, 2006, one and two-family dwellings and one and two-family rental units were required to have at least one smoke alarm that was audible in every sleeping area installed in the unit/dwelling. Changes to the law became effective January 1, 2006 and updated the installation requirements of these occupancies to the standards of the 2003 International Residential Code.

For new construction, smoke alarms must be installed in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms, and on each additional story of the building including basements. They are not required in crawl spaces or in uninhabitable attics. All smoke alarms must be interconnected so that an alarm in one area activates all alarms throughout the dwelling. Additionally, all alarms must be hardwired to the building's electrical system and have battery backup power.

For existing buildings with alterations, repairs, and additions that require a permit, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created, smoke alarms must be installed per the requirements of new construction. Smoke alarms are not required to be hard wired or interconnected where the alteration does not remove the interior finish exposing the

structure of an area, unless there is an attic, crawl space, or basement available which could provide access for hard wiring and interconnection without the removal of interior finishes. No additional alarms need to be installed where repairs are made only to the exterior surface of the dwelling.

For more information, please visit [www.state.tn.us/commerce/sfm](http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/sfm).

## GLAUCOMA MONTH

Governor Phil Bredesen has signed a proclamation, along with State Senator Diane Black and State Representative Edith Langster, who co-sponsored resolutions in the House and Senate, to recognize January as Glaucoma Awareness Month in Tennessee, which is a national initiative, spearheaded by eye care groups, to raise awareness about eye health, particularly prevent of vision loss due to glaucoma.

The joint campaign by Prevent Blindness America, the nation's leading voluntary eye health organization, and Prevent Blindness Tennessee seeks to educate the citizens of Tennessee at large, and especially people in communities of higher risk, about the dangers of glaucoma and the importance of regular eye examinations.

Glaucoma affects more than 2.2 million Americans age 40 and older including 45,000 individuals in Tennessee. Glaucoma causes people to lose their peripheral sight gradually, often-times without the individual knowing it, and consequently only half of all people with glaucoma are aware of their condition.

For more information about glaucoma and other age-related eye diseases, contact Prevent Blindness Tennessee at 615/352-0450 or visit the website at [www.preventblindnessstn.org](http://www.preventblindnessstn.org).



It has been estimated that the eye muscles move more than 100,000 times a day. Many of these eye movements take place during the dreaming phase of sleep.

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