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## Crash Kills Mother, Son Seeks Votes Candidate



**MOTHER AND SON** were fatally injured about 9 a.m. Thursday of last week in a crash north-east of Ripley.

Highway Patrolman J. T. Jarrett reports:

Timothy Lynn Smith, 44, of 122 St. Luke Rd., Gates, driving a 1992 Toyota Tercel east on American Way, pulled into the path of a 2001 Ford Ranger pick-up, south-bound on State Hwy. 209, driven by John M. Thompson, 63, of 6310 Hwy. 209.

Both Timothy and his passenger, his mother, Bobbie Ann Smith, 73, of his address, were wearing seat belts but did not survive.

Thompson, not wearing a seat belt, suffered injuries.

Joint services for mother and son were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Woodville Cemetery.

Mother and son were members of Calvary Hill Baptist Church in Ripley.

Mrs. Smith leaves her mother, Sallie Mae Dunavant, and her husband, John William Smith, of Gates; a son, Tommy Smith, of Memphis; a daughter, Beverly Sellers, of Ripley; sisters, Ernestine Fitzhugh, of Gates, and Joy Prit-

chard, of Shalimar, Fla.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren, in addition to Timothy's grandchild.

Timothy, a construction worker, also leaves his daughters, Lauren Elizabeth Smith, of Ripley, and Hollie Ann Smith, of Dickson.

### In Need



**PETE CLEEK**, 12, son of John and Lela Cleek, of Halls, a 6th grade student at Halls Elementary School, and a patient at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Memphis, is waiting on his third liver transplant. He is in need of multiple blood transfusions for his upcoming surgeries, including the

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### Halls' Mayor Plans Meeting

Trent McManus, Town of Halls Mayor, announced to the Halls Board of Aldermen during Monday's monthly session that a meeting between Mayor McManus, Lisa Hankins, Lauderdale Chamber/ECD executive director, and landowners of 50+ acres, would be planned in order to have the land approved as "deal ready" sites. Lauderdale County Mayor Rozelle Criner, Hankins, and McManus expect to receive the official recommendation from the firm reviewing the Mega Site Application.

The 'Movies in the Park' program will begin May 27th in the Halls Mini Park, located next to Arnold's Drug Store. The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. and participants should bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Randy Harris, Planning Commission chairman, reported the commission would be reviewing two applications, to build new buildings for

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**DENNONA PITTMAN** has announced her candidacy for the position of Register of Deeds. She issued the following statement.

"Born and reared in Lauderdale County, I am the daughter of Dwight Shoemake, Sr. and Barbara Holman and a graduate of Ripley High School. I am married to Bryan Pittman and we have two children, Michael, a senior at RHS, and Brianna, a 7th grader at Lauderdale Middle School.

"For several years, I have been managing a local finance company. I have been thoroughly trained in the areas of following law, policy, procedure, and working in great detail with proper documentation. I have learned through personal life experience the importance of meeting customer needs and giving proper respect to receive it. I look for these same attributes when I deal in my own personal business.

"If elected in August, you can expect the same from me. The only promise I will make is to do the job to the best of my ability. I have had the opportunity to meet several people in the Lauderdale County area. I hope to have the time to get out and meet and talk to everyone. If I don't get to talk to you, just know that your support and your vote would be greatly appreciated," said Pittman.



**MATT THOMAS BATES** has announced his candidacy for the position of Lauderdale County Sheriff. He issued the following statement.

"I am asking you to vote in the upcoming Sheriff's election August 3rd. Born in Lauderdale County, I am the son of Matt and Magnolia Bates, of Henning, and graduated from Lauderdale County High School in 1964. I attended Tennessee State University in Nashville, where I met and married my wife, Beverly, the daughter of James and Lucille Walker, of Lewisburg. We have three children, Matt III, Courtney, and Leonya, and seven grandchildren.

"After Tennessee State, Beverly and I moved to Detroit, Mich., and I went to work for Pinkerton Security Agency, where I held the position of investigator for two years. My jobs included, but were not limited to, undercover work, insurance fraud, surveillance, etc.

"We moved back to Lauderdale County in 1971 where I took a position in quality control at Universal Electric until I went to Maremont Corporation in quality control. I spent 15 years as lead man and supervisor until their closure. I then went to Air Filter in

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May 7 - Walt Hunt, Morgan Ungerecht, Kerly Maclin, Chase Tillman, Bill Carmack, Roger Tillman, Mary Elizabeth Williams, Matthew Reviere, Carla Ross, Lana Nichols, Paul Jordan, Susan Simpson, Leslie Voss, Emily Terry Taylor, Logan Reynolds, Lindsey Jackson, Michael Clay, Cindy Greaves, Austin Miller, Carson Hamlin, Will Sanders, Mike Hudson.

T-RAC, Tennessee Titans mascot, center, along with members of the National Football League Tennessee Titans, visited Halls Elementary School Tuesday. The team members spoke to the students about their health, healthy foods, exercise, and how valuable their teachers are. Melissa Meeks, right, 4th grade teacher, was 'kissed' by T-Rac to the delight of the students. The Titans announcer is pictured with T-Rac and Melissa.

### Birthdays

May 4 - Harley Patterson, Grant Caldwell, Tina Shands, Marshall Jennings, Paul Reynolds, Colton Dew, James Pipkin, Alexia Frazier, Jean Burns, Curt Rhoads, Lita McBroom, Judy Moore Crowder, Hayden Hargett, Kiana Gibbons, Heston Sanders, Kim Shelton, Katie Smith, Denise Caviness.

May 5 - Aaron Dannelley, Steve Vandergriff, Kelli Haislip, Mary Porter, Kathy Ballard,

Tyler Newman, Joni Emerson, Rachel Roberts, Virgie Tarpley, Brandi Young Northcott, Josh Sills, Odessa Gay, Tatum Carmack, Zavier Harvey, Cole McAdams, Cassie Burnham, Jenny Wren Nunn, Barrett McClerkin, Xaiver Harvey, Hannah Chalk, Dorothy Toomes.

May 6 - Barbara Anthony, Roger Treadway, Beccah Mitchell, Jimmy Kiestler, Kayla Heath, Burl Carson, Gara Strong, Regina Stanley Castellaw, Scott Crowder, Vickie

mar, Jr., Susan Conner, Jacob Griffin, Houston Moss.

May 9 - Claire Mills, Chris Poyner, Jerry Shelton, David Jones, Leigh Ann Smalley, Annie Laura Jennings, Stella Gray, Sophia Lorane Bonds, Alex Stanley, Ann Chipman, Major Williams, Hunter Ungerecht, Chase Wood, Sally Crutcher Shurling, Heather Presley, Alex Wilson, Korry Northcott.

May 10 - Gifford Walker, Elizabeth Noblin, James Tolene, Crystal Walker, Johnny Burlison, James Neal, Zack Wilson.

### Anniversaries

May 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith.

May 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spoon.

May 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Mark Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Carter.

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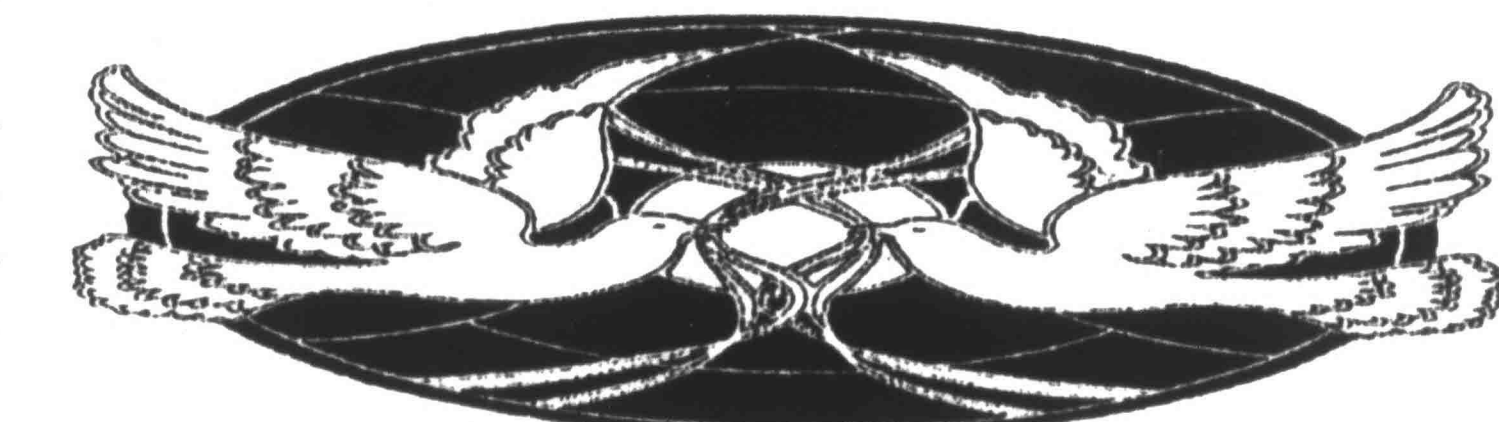
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May 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cooper.

May 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edens.

May 9 - Mr. and Mrs. David Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Terry.

May 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hilliard.



## Church Happenings

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

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

St. Mark Baptist Church, 375 Moorer Ave., Henning, will present its 2006 Women's Conference, "Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord", the weekend of May 19th through 21st, beginning at 7 p.m. May 19th, 1 p.m. May 20th, and 11 a.m. May 21st. William H. Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

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

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## Obituaries

### Estelle Parham

Estelle Parham, 73, of Millington, sister of Louise Savage, of Henning, died Wednesday of last week in Le Bonheur Hospital in Germantown.

Rites were Friday in Munford Funeral Home Millington Chapel.

She was a member of Millington Church of Christ.

Widow of Turner "Bud" Parham, she leaves sons, Carey, Clifford, Charlie, Ricky, and Sid, of Millington; a brother, Tom North, of Memphis; another sister, Rebecca VanZomeran, of Salt Lake City, Utah; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### J. M. Robison

James Madison Robison, 95, retired farmer, of 68 Central-Curve Road, died in his home, after long illness.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home.

He was a member of Salem Baptist Church at Cherry.

Widower of Unice Vaughn Robison, he leaves sons, James, Jr., of 8003 Lightfoot-Luckett Rd., Royce, of 441 Smithville Rd., Ripley; and Jimmy, of 654 East Dry Hill Rd., Halls; daughters, Nellie Robison, Ruth Williams, and Shirley Lumley, of Ripley, Mary Hodge, of Gates, and Judy Spray, of Henning; 29 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

### HALLS BEAUTY SPOT

The residents of the Town of Halls are getting geared up for the revival of the *Beauty Spot of the Month Contest*. The Town Beautiful Commission will recognize Halls' citizens for their efforts to beautify their properties, thus enhancing the town and encouraging others to improve their landscapes.

The town has been divided into ten "neighborhoods" based on the number of house-

### Mrs. Gallion

Sandra Charlene Gallion, 61, of 769 Olds Rd., Halls, wife of John Gallion, died in her home, after long illness.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home.

She had retired from employment with Fedders Corp. in Effingham, Ill.

She was a member of West-side Baptist Church in Halls.

Other survivors include daughters, Tammy Newman, of Halls, and Karen Meador, of Scottsville, Ky.; a step-daughter, Michelle R. Bubb, of St. Elmo, Ill.; and nine grandchildren.

holds in the area. One yard will be selected each month in each neighborhood as the Beauty Spot of the Month winner. Selections will be made around the 15th of each month beginning in May and running through September. A Beauty Spot of the Month sign will be placed in each winning yard and will remain there until judging is performed the next month. Each yard will only be eligible to win the award once per year, thus giving many residents the opportunity to win. Judging will be performed by an independent group who resides outside of the Town of Halls. Yards will be judged on the following points: attractiveness of flower beds; healthy, weed-free conditions; evidence of good mowing, trimming and grass edging; and attractiveness of the property as a whole.

A listing of the ten designated neighborhoods is available for pick-up from Donna Moore at C & A Company in Halls.

### School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

**Monday, May 8th**  
Cheeseburger  
Pizza  
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Garden Salad w/Dressing  
Apple  
Orange Sections  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, May 9th**  
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Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Peaches  
Pear Halves  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, May 10th**  
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Beefaroni  
Lima Beans  
Steamed Carrots  
Applesauce  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, May 11th**  
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Choice Of Milk

**Friday, May 12th**  
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Cookie  
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The second session, March 16th and 17th, the group participated in an overnight team building retreat at Camp Mack Morris in Camden. The group went through a variety of exercises aimed at teaching them to work as a team, communicate and build trust for each other. The third session, April 10th, covered government in action and law enforcement. The participants attended the county commission meeting, toured the jail, the Justice Complex, and the West Tennessee State Penitentiary. The fourth session, April 27th, covered finance, education, and tourism. They started their day at the

## Baby Shower Honors



**ANGELA MANESS**, of Halls, second from left, was honored April 23rd with a baby shower by the ladies at Halls Lighthouse Church. Guests were served cake, nuts, mints, and soft drinks. Special guests included, from left, her daughter, Hannah Holmes, her mother, Phyllis Farris, and her sister, Lisa Olds, all of Halls.

## National Teacher Appreciation Week

National Teacher's Appreciation week is May 8th through May 13th. The Lauderdale Chamber/ECD and the Board of Education wants to honor teachers by offering discounts at different businesses around Lauderdale county. For more information, call Lisa Hankins at 635-9541.

Tennessee Technology Center where they were given an overview of the day's activities. The first stop was at the Veterans' Museum, where they were greeted by Pat Higdon, museum director. She welcomed the group and told them about the museum. The group was then divided into smaller groups and given a tour. They returned to the Tech Center, where Brian Collins, director, and Youlanda Jones, Director of UT Martin, Ripley Center, spoke to the participants on the importance of furthering their education. The group was treated to lunch, courtesy of BankTennessee. After lunch, they traveled to the bank, where Keith Davidson, president, introduced the staff and explained how the bank operates. He also spoke about checking accounts, credit scores, financial aide, etc. The last stop was the Alex Haley Home and Museum, where the group toured the childhood home of Author Alex Haley and visited Beth-

leham Cemetery to view the graves of Chicken George, Kunte Kinte, and Bertha G. Palmer. According to experts, extra miles can be squeezed out of every fill-up if drivers would make some changes in their driving which include, smooth out their driving by avoiding 'punching' the gas and hard braking to stop. It is estimated that one percent in fuel economy is wasted every mile per hour (MPH) driven over 55 MPH and maintaining a constant speed helps with auto performance. Before using the air conditioner, open windows to move heat, then if necessary, turn on the air conditioner. Air conditioners account for a 10 to 15 percent impact on mileage. Accelerate while approaching hills rather than while in the incline and lighten the auto by removing extra items. Every 200 pounds of weight reduces gas efficiency by one mile per gallon. Keep tires inflated to the recommended level by the manufacture.

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liver transplant and removal of his spleen. The citizens of Lauderdale County are being asked to help by giving in his name at the Life Blood Center in Covington or one of the centers for Life Blood in Memphis.

His former name, Pedro Anguiano, needs to be included on the donation form to avoid any confusion in the process.

His spleen is the source of some uncontrollable pain and is planned for removal, as soon as possible, with or without a new liver to transplant.

Pete would like to be a doctor someday and help other children. He enjoys video games, board games, velvet art and cartoons, especially SpongeBob and the Fairly Odd Parents. He also has a miniature dachshund puppy named Dot, that he loves to play with.

Other events are being planned to help his family with financial needs during this time.

Worker Training Grants Available

The 2006 Incumbent Worker Training Grant proposals are now being accepted. The program provides grant funding for customized training for existing businesses to keep businesses competitive through upgrading the skills of its existing full-time employees.

Companies may apply for a grant by contacting the Employment and Training Section office at 615-741-1031 or visit the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development web site at http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/et\_incumbent2\_app.pdf.

For more information or for assistance in developing a grant application contact Kandace Fortner at 731-286-3585 or email fortner@nwtwors.org.

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Hurt Seed Company and Forked Deer Electric.

The World War II reenactment will be held June 3rd and the street festival is planned for June 17th.

Volunteers will be needed for the summer feeding program that will be held in the Kevan Ward Park.

A proposal for the board to consider installing an emergency weather warning system should be ready for the June meeting.

An audit contract from Alexander, Thompson, and Arnold was accepted with a 4-2 vote.

Local Royalty In Strawberry Festival

The 69th annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival will be held Sun., May 7th, through Sat., May 13th, in Humboldt. Local winners scheduled to participate in the Strawberry Festival Territorial Queen's Revue include Sarah Hargett, Miss Halls; Tabitha Stames, Miss Lauderdale County; Megan Hunter, Miss Ripley; Jinny Hankins, Miss Merry Christmas; and Robin Greaves, Miss Sweetheart.

Winners of the Junior King and Queen that will participate are Bryson Michaels and Emilee Adkerson.

MEETING

The Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association will hold a meeting at 2 p.m. Sat., May 6th, at the Veterans Museum. Members and guests are asked to attend.

For more information, call 731-836-7400.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Veteran's Museum in Halls will have a program at 2 p.m. Mon., May 8th, at the museum, the former Dyers-

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Brownsville, where I was QC Tech and production supervisor until their relocation to New York.

"I am a member of New Hope CME Church in Henning, and am Past Master of Golden Reef Lodge #151. I have been working as a Lauderdale County Sheriff's Deputy for 14 years, under three sheriffs. I am a self-motivated person and have enough knowledge and drive to represent you as your next sheriff. If you vote for me, I promise to work hard, be fair, and always know that I am working for you, the people. Your vote will be greatly appreciated," said Bates.

Marriages

April 20 - Joseph Lynn Bennett, 37, to Dawn Marie Silvar Price, 39, by Herman L. Reviere.

April 21 - Thomas Jacob Price, 26, to Rosie Marie Williams Stewart, 25, by Sarah C. Mullen.

April 22 - Bobby Wayne Harrell, Jr., 26, to Luciana Marie Taylor, 23, by W.L. Reid.

April 24 - Melvin Tipton, 51, to Teresa Ann Green Montgomery, 50, by William H. Jarrett.

April 25 - Curtis Gladden, 54, to Pamela Ann Johnson Wyrick, 40, by Willie Crews, Jr.

burg Army Air Base, for V-E Day, which was the victory in Europe day on May 8th, 1945.

Guests may look through the Museum before or after the program, which will include music, readings of the period and an introduction of World War II veterans and/or spouses.

The Halls Museum will display a pictorial temporary exhibit of the Holocaust during the month of May for the first time.

For more information call 836-7400.

Scholarship Presented



NEALLY CHOAT, right, was presented a \$500 scholarship by Sheriff Louis Craig, left, May 1st from the Tennessee Sheriff's Association. The scholarship is presented a member of the sheriff's department family each year. She is the daughter of Chris and Melissa Hoffman and Neal and Jana Choat and the granddaughter of Louis and Marilyn Craig. She plans to begin the nursing program at Tennessee Technology center in July 2006. She states this money will help her in her endeavors.

Land Transfers Neeley To Speak At TTC In Ripley

April 21st-April 27th

Roger Crossnoe to Erich Brooks and Cammie Brooks, Dist. 2, lot.

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Steve Barham and Barbara Barham to Dale Hutcherson and Dolores Hutcherson, Dist. 2, lot.

Jerry Wayne Prater to Earl E. Prater, Dist. 2, lot.

Billy J. Owens and Vipa Owens to Ronald L. Linn, Dist. 2, lot.

Caroline Hanson to Dennis Lee and Randy Lankford, Dist. 3, lot.

Jerry Sawyer, Jr., to Mack Moore and Lucille Moore, Dist. 12, lot.

Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley will be in Ripley at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 5th, at the Tennessee Technology Center to speak with local business leaders about Cover Tennessee, CoverKids and Access Tennessee.

Cover Tennessee is a strategy to provide affordable and portable health insurance to more than 600,000 Tennesseans; CoverKids is a program to help the estimated 150,000 children in Tennessee who are living without health coverage; and Access Tennessee will help people who have the financial means to buy insurance but can't due to a pre-existing condition.

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Forked Deer Electric Groundbreaking Candidate Seeks Votes



OFFICIALS with the Town of Halls and Forked Deer Electric held a ground breaking Monday to celebrate the new office building, to be located near the current facility. Among those with shovels were, from left, John Leake, architect, Jim Kendrick, Rural Utility Service, Gary Hasty, P & D Engineers, Betty Willis, Harold Willis, general manager, Richard Hill, Dyer County Mayor, Trent McManus, Town of Halls Mayor, David Walker, board of directors secretary/treasurer, Keith Warren, chairman board of directors, Jeff Gray and Hoyt Hayes, Hoyt Hayes Construction Company, and Danny Fowlkes, Dyer County Register of Deeds, plus, not pictured, Jeff Newman, Forked Deer Electric engineer.



MALINDA GAUSE RUSSELL has announced her candidacy for the position of County Court Clerk. She issued the following statement.

"I'm a native of Ripley and graduated from Ripley High School. I attended Dyersburg State Community College for business administration and University of Tennessee at Martin for social work. I have also obtained a child development associate from Tennessee State University.

"I've served as a Deputy Clerk in this office for nine

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ED NEAL MCDANIEL has announced his candidacy for District Attorney General for the 25th Judicial District, which includes Lauderdale, McNairy, Fayette, Hardeman, and Tipson Counties. He issued the following statement.

"I have been licensed to practice law since October 1979 and have practiced in the 25th Judicial District continually since that time. In my 27 years of practice, I have tried cases in all five counties of the district. I was the Assistant District Attorney for the 25th Judicial District from January 1986 until August 1998 prosecuting cases in all five counties in both General Sessions and Circuit Courts involving capital murders, child abuse, major drug cases, misdemeanors and DUI's.

"I am a 1973 graduate of University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a bachelor of arts degree, 1977 graduate of Memphis State with a masters in education, and a 1979 graduate with a juris doctor from Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at Memphis State University. I also completed the Career Prosecutor Course of the National College of District Attorneys at the University of Houston in 1988, and has been certified by

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Candidates Seek Positions



ROB REVIERE has announced his candidacy for re-election to the position of County Commissioner for District 6. He issued the following statement.

"It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of

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CAROLYN ELDER MITCHELL has announced her candidacy for the position of County Commissioner for District 2. She issued the following statement.

"I was born and reared in Lauderdale County and

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GAREY O. WOODARD has announced his candidacy for the position of Commissioner in District 5 in the August 3rd election. He issued the following statement.

"My wife and I reside in Lauderdale County, where I was born and reared. I am the eldest son of the

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8 From County Noted All-West

The Jackson Sun names Marcus "All-Star" Tate, Ripley High School's 6-4 center, to the second team of its All-West Tennessee cage picks:

"Big man put up big numbers ... physical center can throw down nasty dunks."

He has signed with Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis.

Honorable mentions went to Ripley's Khayyan Norfolk and Ronnie Mitchell, and to Halls' DeMarcus Patrick.

For the All-West girls' team, Ripley High's Candice Wright, Danielle Richardson, and Davmaris Hayes won honorable mention.



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am the daughter of Robert and Claudine Elder, and the late Evelyn Klutts Elder. My siblings are Mickey Elder, Anita Trosper, and Tammy Little. I have two step-children, Greg Mitchell and Sondra Reynolds.

"After graduating Ripley High School, I was employed by Rozelle Criner Furniture Company for 17 years. In 1988, I was elected as executive director of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, where I served for eight years. During this time, I served on many committees with the chamber, county, and state. I was co-chairman for the Governor's Three Star Award for the City of Ripley, a board member of Memphis Delta Tourism and State of Tennessee Tourism, chairman for the Lauderdale County Tomato Festival for seven years, and was appointed as a board member of the Partnership Education for Lauderdale County. I was a board member of Business-Industry Council for Lauderdale County and served as president of West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives.

"I am a past member of Lauderdale County Business and Professional Women, where I served as president. I served as advisory board member of Baptist Hospital-Lauderdale. I received 'Outstanding Citizen of the Year' and 'Woman of the Year' for Lauderdale County and 'Humanitarian of the Year' by Sunrise Healthcare Corporation.

"I have been a member of the Hee Haw cast for 25 years and a volunteer for Special Olympics, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, and Crossroads Project. I am a member of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church.

"I am employed as director of activities at Lauderdale Community Living Center, where I work hard everyday to bring smiles and joy to our residents. I have always been actively involved in city, county, and civic organizations. I want the very best for the citizens of Lauderdale

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Lauderdale County and the 6th District over the years as County Commissioner. I have worked very hard to listen to the citizens in my district and address all concerns that have been brought to my attention. I am proud of our county and the accomplishments that we have made in the past years. Having served under two County Mayors, I understand how the county operates, and how state mandates must be followed. I enjoy working with other commissioners to consider important decisions that will affect our county in the future.

"I was born and reared in Lauderdale County. After graduating from Ripley High School and receiving a bachelor's degree in mineral engineering from the University of Alabama, I returned to the county to farm with my father, Bob Reviere. I have been farming with my Dad for the past 32 years and am well aware of the concerns that we have in our county. My wife, Pam, has taught in the Lauderdale County School System for 35 years. I understand what an important role education plays in our future. Our son, Matthew, lives in Atlanta, Ga. and is employed with Accenture, after graduating from Mississippi State, with a degree in business information systems. I would greatly appreciate your support and vote on August 3rd," said Reviere.

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Prior to my years as a deputy, I worked for Northwest Tennessee Headstart for five years, one as a teacher and four as a case manager. I worked overseas with the Department of Defense school system and the U.S. Civil Service.

"I am a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, where I am the treasurer over the youth ministry. My family has a long tradition as public servants in Lauderdale County. My father, the late Thomas Gause, Sr., served as Assistant Chief of Police. My mother is Lillie V. Gause, the well-known entrepreneur, who owned Gause Handy Pack.

"My husband, Jessie C. Russell, is a retired veteran of the U.S. Air Force, who proudly served his country for 22 years and is currently employed by Nordyne in Dyersburg. We have two daughters, Casandra and Veronica. Casandra is a 2005 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and works for Tennessee Medicine and Pediatrics, in Smyrna. Veronica lives in Nashville and is working for the Asurion Insurance corporation.

"After nine years as a Deputy Clerk, I look forward to the challenge of County Court Clerk. As chief election authority for Lauderdale County, I will uphold great expectations for our community and implement the best policies to advance our services. Thank you for your support," said Russell.

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The Tennessee Post Commission to teach courses for local law enforcement training.

"I live in Stantonville with my wife of 32 years, Kay, and we have a son, Jeremy, 24, who lives in Nashville. I am a member of Adamsville First Baptist Church, an alderman for the town of Stantonville, board of director for West TN Legal Services, board of director for Farmers and Merchant's Bank in Adamsville, and chairman for Human Rights Committee for the McNairy County Developmental Services.

"In traveling the district, I find no matter what county, city, town or community, the people of this district are very similar, they worship regularly, take care of their families and look out for their neighbors. In the 27 years of practicing law, I feel I have gained insights into how the public views the legal community and that I have many positive factors to contribute and serve all five counties. I did not enter the practice of law with any advantage or with any expectations but only to serve those in need. These are times when experience counts and I offer that experience to the 25th Judicial District," said McDaniel.

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May 15 - Dr. and Mrs. John English, Mr. and Mrs. David Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baynes.  
May 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Kib Flowers.

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**Woodard xxx**  
(Continued From Front Page.)

late Carey and Lucy Woodard. I have been retired for the past few years, however, I keep very active. My favorite past-time is riding my Honda Goldwing with friends. I have the time to devote myself and my services to represent everyone residing in the 5th District of Lauderdale County as commissioner.

"I am looking forward to personally meeting everyone in District 5 before election. I promise to do my best to represent you. Your vote and support would be greatly appreciated," said Woodard.

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**DEADLINE**

The deadline to sign-up for the Medicare prescription drug benefit will be Monday, May 15th, for Tennesseans eligible for Medicare.

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## Obituaries

### Charles Neal

Charles Henry Neal, 67, of Ripley, a farmer, died Thursday of last week in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in St. Paul Cemetery at Durhamville.

He was a member of Elam Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Joyce Nelson Neal; sons, Randy, of 2060 Durhamville Rd., and Clinton, of Brownsville; brothers, Sammy, of 1126 Porter's Gap Road, Ripley, John and Robert, of Brownsville, Doyle, of Jackson, Ronnie Lewis, of Rayville, La., and Jim; sisters, Brenda Ruelweler and Sandy Morgan, of Bartlett, Paula Rowland, of Germantown, Jan Burke, of Franklin, and Caroline Sue Wallace, of West Virginia; and four grandchildren.

### Mrs. Benthall

Mildred Lorene Benthall, 93, of Ripley, retired factory worker, died Friday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

She was a 7th Day Adventist.

She leaves a son, Steven, of Ripley; a daughter, Mildred Louise Thrasher, of Brighton; a sister, Ruby Gray, of Ripley; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

### Mr. Washington

Morlon Kashun Washington, 32, of Detroit, Mich., son of Emma Jean Anderson, of Henning, and grandson of Inell and Tommie Lee Washington, of Henning, died April 30th in Detroit.

Rites were Monday in Elam Missionary Baptist Church at Durhamville, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Other survivors include a son, Marlon, Jr., a daughter, Shantance Washington, and a brother, Domaney Washington, of Detroit; and another son, Tavion, of Atlanta, Ga.

### Cathy Pegg

Cathy Pegg, 52, of 4409 Mt. Lebanon Rd., Covington, wife of Mike Pegg, former Riplian, died Friday, of heart failure, in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Monday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in the cemetery of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, where she was a member.

She was born in Covington, Feb. 9, 1954, to the late Frank Alvis McDivitt and Geraldine Gilbreath McDivitt.

She had been officer manager for McDivitt Motors in Covington.

Survivors include a son, Heath Billings, a daughter, Holli Rose, a brother, Dale McDivitt, and a sister, Linda Dawson, all of Covington, and two grandchildren.

### Richard Morgan

Richard Morgan, 90, of 585 S. Church, Henning, retired farmer, died Wednesday of last week, of cancer, in Dyersburg Methodist Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Oak Grove Baptist Church at 629 Crutcher Lake Road, Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves sons, Alvin and Leon, of Henning, and Gary, of Memphis; one brother, Kelly King, of Dayton, Ohio; a sister, Virginia Wesley, of Kansas City, Kans.; and one grandchild.

### Marie H. Tipps

Marie H. Tipps, 83, of 58 Clark Lane, Ripley, widow of Charles Tipps, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Monday in Henning First Assembly of God, with burial in Concord Cemetery near Gates, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves sons, Billy, Darrell, Larry, and Marvin, and daughters, Kaye Pipkin, Linda Lovelady, Mary Ann Ammons, Nancy Weaver, and Pam Elam, all of Ripley; a brother, Leroy Harris, of 288 Huntington, Gates; 17 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

### Wilburn Parham

Wilburn "Cedar" Parham, 76, of Dyersburg, born and reared in Halls, died Monday night at the Parkview Regional Hospital in Dyersburg after a heart attack.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thurs., May 11th, at Palestine Methodist Church, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was a farmer, Army veteran (Korean), a mason, and a member of the Palestine Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, Doris Ann Stephens Parham; a son, Anthony Parham, of Dyersburg; a step-son, Stephen Johnson, of Newbern; a step-daughter, Teresa Robitaille, and a brother, Thomas Parham, both of Dyersburg; a sister, Helen Burns, of McKenzie; and eight grandchildren.

### Mrs. Spiller

Margaret Frances Spiller, 81, of Ripley, retired factory worker, died Thursday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She leaves her husband, Tommy Spiller; sisters, Martha Shands, of Ripley, Lena Hutchinson, of Germantown, and Tina Peurualt, of California; and a half-sister, Shirley Dacus, of Ripley.

### BALLROOM DANCING

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering Ballroom Dance at the UT Martin Ripley Center at the Tennessee Technology Center, 127 Industrial Dr., Ripley.

The class is planned Fridays from 7 - 8:30 p.m., June 9th - 30th, with instructors, Fran and Richard Robinson.

Space in the class is limited, and advance registration is required. To register, please call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-221-8778.

### Mrs. Ganaway

Martha Ganaway, 80, died Monday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Saturday in Currie's Funeral Home in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning.

She leaves sons, Arvonda, of Augusta, Ga., and Larry, of Indianapolis, Ind.; one daughter, Syrveaa Fisher, of Oakland, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

### Robert L. Boyd

Robert Lynn Boyd, 60, of Savannah, formerly of Ripley, died Tuesday at Hardin Medical Center. He was the son of the late Robert and Gertie Boyd, of Ripley.

Services were at 3 p.m. Wed., May 10th, at Asbury United Methodist Church, where he was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home had charge.

He leaves a brother, Leon Boyd, of Savannah.

### AMPLIFICATION

The David Dirth, named in the article last week concerning cases before City Judge Herman Reviere, is not David Dearth, pastor of New Faith Ministries and owner of Dearth Construction.

### Program To Save Energy Dollars

Lauderdale County School System Conservation program, scheduled to begin June 1st, 2006, will save energy dollars.

Administration and board members have taken a proactive step in good stewardship of energy and taxpayer dollars by embarking on a comprehensive energy conservation and management program with Energy Education, Inc., a national company whose energy conservation programs have saved more than one billion dollars for public school districts

and has worked with more than 650 school districts from coast to coast.

The district will hire an Energy Educator/Manager, who will receive intensive training from Energy Education, Inc. personnel to implement conservation procedures in all district facilities. This person will conduct energy audits to ensure that students and teachers are comfortable during class time and scheduled activities, and that energy is used only as necessary.

"It is imperative that we take proactive steps to address the high cost of energy in our schools. Dollars that could be used for instructional improvement and salaries are being consumed by energy bills. We can't control the price, but we can address consumption", stated Phillip Jackson, superintendent.

All costs of the Energy Education program come from the district's existing utility budget, with savings projected to pay for the program. Additional savings can be redirected to other parts of the district's budget. Energy Education, Inc. provides free support, after the paid term of the contract, as long as the district continues to implement the program.

As a key part of the program, the district energy educator/manager will track energy consumption including electricity, water, sewer, natural gas and fuel oil using energy-accounting software. The software compares current energy use to a baseline period and calculates the amount of energy that would have been used if conservation and management practices had not been implemented. It adjusts for weather, equipment additions or deletions, and changes in building use. By tracking consumption and analyzing energy use, the software helps the manager quickly identify and correct areas that need immediate attention.

The following article was printed last year in Nashville's *Tennessean* by Dr. A. Scott Pearson, as a tribute to his mother, Mrs. Norma Pearson, of Forked Deer.

### Mother knows best when she hears the cry: 'I've got a tick'

By Dr. A. Scott Pearson

About this time every year, there's a cry that swells up in households across the South. "I found a tick!" This could mean only one thing. Mother's Day is around the corner. How do ticks link with Mother's Day? For me, it's easy. When I think about ticks, I think about my mother.

Mothers hate ticks. At least mine did. I seemed to be the first child infested on our West Tennessee farm each year. The finding of a tick would summon my mother from anywhere in the house while my older brother vied for an unobstructed view of the torture, an event for him of unequalled pleasure. My father would remain calm in his recliner, only to enter the treatment plan if there was a large animal attached.

What followed was a very sophisticated, diagnostic question. Is it latched on or still crawling? This question was hardly necessary, however. Crawling ticks were merely flicked off and never reported. By this time, my tick was discovered it had been hunkered down for a day or two, maybe longer, somewhere on a thin strip of skin shaded only by undergarment.

My mother's method for tick extraction changed dramatically during my childhood. She started out using Campho-Phenique, that WD-40 of all medical ointments, used on everything from ring worm to poison oak. I can still remember the cooling sensation on the skin, like Vicks salve between your cheek and gum.

The problem was that the tick liked it too and would hunker down even more. This resulted in great angst and a gentle teasing-turned-to-yanking the tick out. My mother would then examine the pathologic specimen and ask that universal prognostic question.

Is the head on?

You hoped and prayed that the small black nubbin was there, complete with a chunk of epidermis, because you surely didn't want her going back for more. It took only missing-head tick to change her tick extraction method radically.

A new and improved technique illustrated an important scientific principle. Ticks rapidly conduct heat. Her recipe for the use of fire to remove ticks was as follows: (Please do not try this at home) 1. strike a match; 2. blow it out; 3. immediately apply to tick. I can still remember the burning ember coming perilously close to private parts while my brother

foamed at the mouth with glee. By the end of this ordeal, I could not have cared less where the head was.

Sixteen years ago, when I was a medical student in another city, a woman was transferred from a local nursing home to the hospital. It was the first day of my internal medicine rotation. She had a fever and was non-responsive, near comatose. My superiors predicted it to be the last day of her 91-year life. The usual sources of fever -- urinary tract infection, pneumonia, etc. -- were ruled out. Then she was declared my patient. Great.

Her history was brief since she couldn't talk. Her only son was in another state and did not answer the phone. This left the physical exam for diagnosis. In a small room with a nurse as chaperone, I examined her skin. I listened to her heart, lungs, felt her neck, and examined her back.

"What are you looking for?" my bored, cross-armed nurse asked me.

"I don't know."

I searched her legs, groin creases, raised her arms with webs of loose flesh hanging like draperies.

Then I saw them.

Deep in the left armpit, beneath a tuft of hair.

Three black spots.

Moles? No. Ticks!

Three juicy blood-filled ticks sucking the last days out of my sweet patient (we had bonded by that point). With a pair of tweezers, I gently pulled them straight out (the appropriate method, no flames or potions needed), placed them in a specimen container and with a satisfied grin told the nurse to send them to the lab for testing. And yes, the heads were intact.

Three days after she was admitted, her fever had resolved. She still couldn't talk, but her eyes tracked to those around her, enough improvement for a return trip to the nursing home. I held the doors as the attendants pushed her in the elevator on a stretcher. As she brushed by, she winked. She had to use both eyes but she definitely winked at me, her tick-extracting surrogate son.

As the doors closed, I had a deep desire to embrace that fragile skin around her neck. Was it the ticks? Who knows? But I still think about her today. And I appreciate my own mother's burning diligence with those little blood-suckers.

So remember, Sunday check yourself for ticks and hug a mother.

Dr. Pearson is an assistant professor of surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He is also the son of Wilder Pearson. He is a graduate of Tennessee Academy in Brownsville, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis, and University of Texas Medical Center of Dallas, Tex. He was a surgical oncologist at Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Tex.

## June Vows Slated



MOLLY MEEKS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Meeks, of Halls, will marry Joey Tettele, son of Dalton Tettele, of Halls, and Joyce Goodman, of Jacksonville, Fla., at 5:30 p.m. June 3rd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Criehtfield, in Halls, with music to begin at 5 p.m. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Ripley Church of Christ. A dessert reception will be held following the ceremony, with all family and friends invited.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Margaret Meeks and the late James Meeks, of Halls, and Floye Ledsinger and the late T. J. Ledsinger, of Huntington.

A 1999 graduate of Halls High School, she is a 2003 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science and a 2005 graduate of Bodyworks School of Massage. She is employed as an assistant coach at Halls High School and is a licensed massage therapist.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Jimmie Sue Tettele and the late Ed Tettele, of Halls, and the late Louise Bowles, of Dyersburg.

A 1997 graduate of Halls High School, he is a 2002 graduate of the University of Memphis with a bachelor of fine arts degree in art education. He is a 2006 graduate of Trevecca Nazarene with a masters of education degree in administration and supervision. He is employed as an art teacher and a coach at Halls High School.

The couple plan to reside in Dyersburg.



## Nurses In Demand



KEON FALKNER, Administrator and CEO of Baptist Hospital Lauderdale, spoke Wednesday of last week to participants of *Healthcare Jobs of Tomorrow*, a meeting held in Ripley, concerning health careers. "We are currently filling our nursing vacancies, but looking into the future, I am concerned about our ability to maintain an adequate amount of staff to meet the ever growing demand," said Falkner. The Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board funded a study concerning the current and future state of the healthcare sector in Northwest Tennessee. During the course of the study, occupation vacancies already exist and are projected to grow exponentially into the future. A shortage of 53 certified nursing assistants (CNA), 61 licensed practical nurses (LPN), and 44 registered nurses (RN) already exists in Northwest Tennessee. By the year 2015, the shortage will have grown to 333 CNAs, 244 LPNs, and 221 RNs.

"Area healthcare providers are competing for the same nurses from the same pool because there are just not enough to fill all the openings," said Henry Lewis, director for the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board.

## Birthdays

May 11 - Traci Ing, Darlene Burchett, Melissa Meadows, Rodney Hemby, Jr., Fern Har- din, Hollis Luton Belton, Patty Hogue, Traci Bates, Elizabeth Moore, Donnie Armstrong, Janie Sweat, Shane Michael Sonderman, Van Crihfield, Brian Parsons, Allen Hargett, Jeremy Helton, Jacob Pike.

May 12 - Shannon Griggs Vowell, Billie B. Kitts, Gordon Rice Taylor, Steve Martin, Susan Tolene, Ann Colvin, Beverly Wakefield, Kayla Morris, Matt McWherter, Linda Williams, A. J. Buchignani, Donna Ewer, Chris Scott.

May 13 - Richard Webb, Jennifer Dudney, Jerry Buckner, Danny Burnham, Michael Gal- loway, Tammy Carroll, Emilee Moore, Amy White, Matt Harper, Carla Prater, Suzanne Weiber, Luke Ferrell, Mack Bain, Barry Williams, Jr.

May 14 - June Bailey, Tom Garner, William Wray, Alisha Midkiff, Amy Newman, Ann Smith, Cleve Crook, Tim Cast- ellow, Heather Medford, Kath- ryn Cepparulo Scott, Tracy Kee Childress, Pam Jackson, Kristy King, Gina Tinker, Debra Dan- ley, Greg Mooney.

May 15 - Deanna Rollins, Peggy C. Webb, Billy Hunter, Marshall Hendren, Noah Nix, Wade Hendren, Mary Elizabeth Hughes, Gary Osburn, Renee Farris.

May 16 - Tabatha Ford, Cindy Greaves, Judy Newman, Vicki Heath, John Olds, Ruby Solomon, Dawn Hemby, Sissy Steelman, Virginia Simmons, Dot Henderson, Christi Meeks, Sharon Belton, Arula Ruther- ford, Colby Allen, Kathy Sand- ers, Tracy Bain, Keith David- son, Beverly Steelman, Connie Low.

May 17 - Cindy McDonald, Debbie Coughlan, Kathy Cox, Sidney McKnight, Miranda

## Commissioners Approve Request For Unclaimed Funds From State

County Commissioners approved a request to seek the unclaimed balance of accounts remitted to the State Treasurer under the Unclaimed Property Act during the monthly board meeting Monday. Other business included the nomination of Terry Sellers to fill the unex- pired term of school board member, Vonda Emerson, who moved out of the district. Sellers, who is running unopposed for the seat in the August 3rd election, was appointed without any opposition.

Commissioners approved the transfer of funds in a total amount of \$51,500 for legal fees (\$50,000) and the clerk's office (\$1,500).

School Superintendent Phillip Jackson informed commissioners that a savings of approximately \$5,000 would benefit the school budget by not running buses on the last day of school. Report cards would be mailed out or parents would be able to pick them up.

## Residents Honored For Achievement

Flem Williams and Lee Young, residents at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, will be honored through the Tennessee Health Care Association's Who's Who in Tennessee Nursing Homes program.

Williams and Young will receive a certificate during Nursing Home Week, May 14th through 20th, a national event celebrating the funda- mental role nursing homes play in the continuum of long-term care.

Williams served in 28 bombing missions for the U.S. Air Force in World War II. He became a prisoner of war on death row after being shot down by the enemy. His camp was eventually liber- ated and he still keeps in touch with three of his fel- low POWs.

Young is part of the 100- year club, except she ex- ceeds the standard by two years. She has eight children and completed her education to the sixth grade before be- coming a full-time farmer, wife, and mother.

Anderson, Beth Langley, David Nunn, Robin Porter, Tommy Wright, Tammy Mounjoy, Eileen Byrd, Mary Nola Meeks, Carole White, Steve Stanley.

## Skyhawks Softball To Host Day Camp

The first Skyhawks Soft- ball Camp will begin at 9 a.m. to noon from Tuesday until Friday, May 30th through June 2nd, for ages six through 13 only.

Another session will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. June 12th through 15th for ages 14 to graduating seniors of ei- ther advanced pitching or hitting.

All sessions will be taught at the Bettye Giles Field on the UT Martin campus.

To register or for more in- formation call 731-881-7162.

## DEADLINE

The final date to enroll a farm in the 2006 Direct and Counter-Cyclical program is June 1st, however, the county committee may ap- prove late enrollees with an \$100 late-file enrollment fee.

For more information, call 731-635-7686.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life, to benefit the American Cancer Soci- ety, will begin at 6 p.m. Fri- day evening, May 12th, and continue until 7 a.m. Sat., May 13th, at the Ripley City Park, located at 200 Mary Robert Dr.

The benefit will begin at 6 p.m. with a 'Survivors' walk, at 7 p.m. 'ATC' music group, at 8 p.m. 'Ablaze', of Whitefield As- sembly of God, will conduct a drama and at 9 p.m. the Tommie Currie Band will perform. Other activities include, horse and wagon rides, wrestling demonstrations, National Guard humvees, a mo- torcycle show and plenty of food and other activities for the com- munity.

The 2006 Honorary Co- Chairperson's include, Destiny Rogers, Tut Cain, Robert England, Diane Bonds and Jerry Trooper.

native fuels, including etha- nol, hydrogen and bio-diesel that can be produced from excess farm crops grown in Tennessee and elsewhere.

## New HHS FFA Officers



OFFICERS elected in the Halls Future Farmers of America Chapter during their annual FFA Awards banquet on May 2nd, at Halls' First United Methodist Church include Matt Stanley, recording secretary; Zach Hutcherson, Chapter vice president; Kelly Crook, student vice president; Kristene Sebourn, reporter; Courtney Harris, student advisor; Hilliary Steelman, community service vice president; Chad Hardy, president; Taylor Smith, treasurer; Cassie King, recording secretary; Jenny Reeves, sentinel; and Amanda Springer, historian.

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By Christene S. Anderson, CFCs

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## 'Tennessee Saves'

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Build an emergency fund. If you have high-cost credit, such as credit card debt, your emergency fund should be equal to 2-3 months net earnings. If high-cost credit has been paid off, the emergency fund may be built to 3-6 months net earnings. In addition, save for any large purchases planned.

Pay off high-cost debt. Stretching credit card payments out by paying only the minimum payment can result in thousands in interest and years to pay off. Paying even a small amount (\$10 - \$20) more than the minimum each month can save large sums in interest.

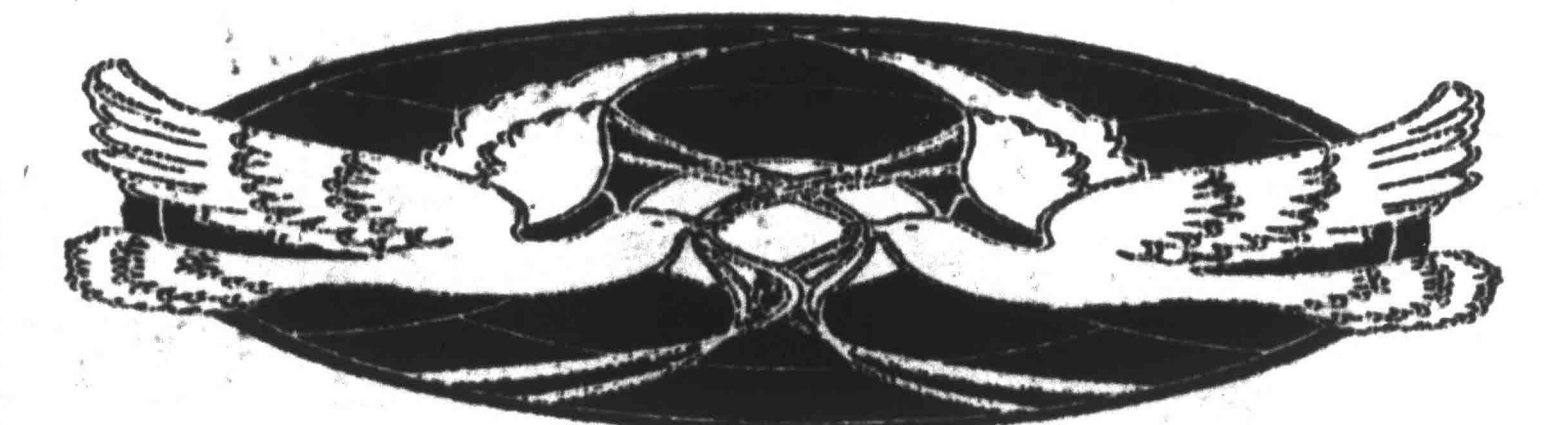
Purchase a home. Most Americans build wealth through home equity. Investment in a home grows through payment on the mortgage principal as well as increase in the value of the property.

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Maximize contributions to tax-deferred savings. These may be 401-K, 403b, or 457 accounts for employees, or Ke- ogh, SEP or SIMPLE accounts for those who are self- employed. Depending on your tax bracket, you may realize up to 39 percent savings increases by tax-deferring savings dollars.

Develop specialized in- struments. These may be Roth IRAs, specialized stocks, bonds or mutual funds, investment club accounts or other invest- ments.

Finding Money to Save. Save \$0.50 a day in loose change, a monthly savings of \$15, a yearly savings of \$180. Drink one less soft drink a day, a monthly savings of \$22, a yearly savings of \$264. At work, substitute one daily cof- fee for one cappuccino a monthly savings of \$40, a yearly savings of \$480. Buy



## Church Happenings

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

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

St. Mark Baptist Church, 375 Moorer Ave., Henning, will present its 2006 Women's Conference, "Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord", the weekend of May 19th through 21st, beginning at 7 p.m. May 19th, 1 p.m. May 20th, and 11 a.m. May 21st. William H. Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Community Center, N. College St., will hold its monthly gospel singing at 7 p.m. May 13th featuring Bill Baker and Wit- ness, of Ripley, and Blessed Assurance, of Ridgely. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. the public is invited. For more information, call 731-277-9447.

The Greater Harvest Church of God In Christ will hold a prayer breakfast at 9 a.m. Sat., May 13th at the Ripley Senior Citizen Center, 142 Nelson St., Ripley, with Missionary Harriet Green, of the Fountain of Life Church, Halls, as guest speaker. All proceeds benefit the church building fund. Elder Felix R. Moore, pastor, invites the public.

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

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grocery store brands, a monthly savings of \$4, a monthly savings of \$48. Maintain a monthly savings of \$10, a yearly savings of \$120. Use fewer phone fea- tures, a monthly savings of \$10, avoid fees, a monthly savings of \$7, a yearly savings of \$84. Comparison shop for gas (sav- ing an estimated \$0.25/gallon), a yearly savings of \$1,296.

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## Ribbon Cutting For Halls Clinic



**DR. RAVINDER MACHRA**, is pictured, in front, cutting the ribbon Monday to celebrate the opening of her new office in Halls, Lauderdale Medical Clinic, 103 S. Church St. She specializes in Internal Medicine with the prevention of diabetes and hypertension, women's health and geriatrics. Members of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, County Chamber Ambassadors, and local business representatives were on hand.

## Military Families Protected By Bill

The House of Representatives passed The Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act, which imposes a protest-free barrier for families burying heroes who died in service to the United States of America. U.S. Rep. John Tanner, was a lead co-sponsor of the bill.

"Military funerals are solemn and dignified ceremonies," Tanner said. "Grieving families who have already made great sacrifices for our country should not be confronted with disrespectful and hate-filled disruptions during the ceremonies."

A protest group from Kansas has verbally abused families at military funerals in Tennessee and across the country, arguing that soldiers' deaths are justified because America has turned its back on God.

The bill will protect military families by imposing a 500 foot restriction on demonstrations at national cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery, requiring that no demonstrations occur 60 minutes prior to, and 60 minutes following, a funeral service at

a federal-run cemetery, establishing monetary fines and prison terms of six months to one year for violations of the bill's provisions, and encouraging state and local governments to enact similar measures for state and private cemeteries and funeral homes.

Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional district in West and Middle Tennessee, which includes 20 National Guard armories and a portion of Fort Campbell, home of the 101st Airborne Division.

## Land Transfers

April 28th - May 4th

S. N. Anthony, Jr., William Maxwell, and John B. Anthony to Billy Chipman and Kenny Parham, Dist. 6, 2 lots.

James Sloan and Patricia Sloan to Barry Bates, Dwight Weaver, and DB Partners, Dist. 15, 31.42 acres.

Jill Clemons to Western Security, LLC, Dist. 2, tract. Sec. Of Housing and Urban Development to Roger Crossnoe and Ricky Pender, Dist. 2, 0.33 acres.

Waterfowl Refuges LLC

## Marriages

May 4 - Brandon Antonio Bernard, 22, to Chantea Janac Janes, 18, by Tracy Henson.

to Leland Russell Meeks, Beth Brigance Meeks, Scott Meeks, and Carol Meeks, Dist. 8, 82.566 acres.

S. N. Anthony, Jr., John B. Anthony, and William Maxwell to D & S Rentals, LLC, Dist. 6, 3 lots, and Dist. 6, 2 lots.

John Anthony to S. N. Anthony, Jr., Dist. 2, lot.

Jonathan Pickens and Patricia Pickens to Tommy W. Poston and Kathy Poston, Dist. 2, lot.

Ruby Colvin Estate, Donald Colvin, Van Colvin, Dorothy Colvin Fine, James Colvin Webb, Joseph B. Colvin, Carol R. Colvin, John Blake Colvin, and Patrick Colvin to Thomas Snyder, Dist. 2, 0.362 acres.

Ricky Bohannon to Willard E. Bohannon and Janice R. Bohannon, Dist. 6, lot.

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## Accepted School Lunches

### Lauderdale County Schools

**Monday, May 15th**  
Hamburger  
Pizza  
French Fries  
Vegetable Sticks w/Dip  
Grapes  
Orange Sections  
Rice Krispie Treat  
Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, May 16th**  
Baked Ham  
Steak Fingers  
Broccoli Bites  
Black Eye Peas  
Fruit Mix  
Peaches  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

**Wednesday, May 17th**  
Spaghetti  
Entrée - School's Choice  
Green Beans  
Corn Nibbles  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

**Thursday, May 18th**  
Chicken Nuggets  
Roasted Pork w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Lima Beans  
Jell-O w/Fruit  
Pear Halves  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

**Friday, May 19th**  
BBQ On Bun  
Deli Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Sandwich Trimmings  
Banana  
Applesauce  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk



**JULIE PRATT**, a 2004 graduate of Halls High School, was accepted April 28th to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. She will be enrolling in the 2-year dental hygiene program beginning this fall. Julie, the daughter of Randy and Diane Pratt, of Halls, is a student at Dyersburg State Community College and a member of the college's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

## The 13th Annual Health Fair Day

The Lauderdale County Senior Citizen Center announces the 13th annual Health Fair Day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thurs., June 1st, at its center, 605 Airport St., in Halls.

For more information, call 836-5444.

## CONCERT

An 'End of the Year' concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14th, in the gymnasium of Halls High School, featuring the Halls sixth grade, junior high and high school bands. There will be no charge, however, donations will be accepted.

## YMCA Of Dyer Offers Lessons

The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Dyer county is offering swimming lessons in one week sessions starting Monday, June 5th.

For more information, call 731-288-9622.

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## County Seniors Honored



**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SENIORS** at Halls High School were honored with awards and scholarships in ceremonies Wednesday of last week. A list of awards is included inside this issue.

## Candidates Seek Positions



**RONNIE ETHERIDGE** has announced his candidacy for the position of County Commissioner in District 2. He issued the following statement.

"My wife, Terrie, and I have lived in this county all of our lives. We raised three children here and we all attended Lauderdale County Schools. We are proud of the school system in this county. I am presently employed with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's

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**PAUL HANKINS** has announced his candidacy for the position of School Board in District 3. He issued the following statement.

"I am 44 years old and married to Lisa Stanley Hankins. We have two children currently in the county school system. Our daughter, Ginny, is a senior and son, Greg, is a sophomore at Ripley High School. We've been involved in the school system from the Ripley Primary

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**MIKE WHITE** has announced his candidacy for the position of Register of Deeds of Lauderdale County. He issued the following statement.

"I am a life long resident of Lauderdale County as were my parents and grandparents before me. I have three sons that attended Lauderdale County School systems. My past, present and future are all in Lauderdale County.

My mother is Joyce Harrell Dunaway who is mar-

## Halls Softball Team 0-6 In Reg. 7-A Semi-Finals

Halls High School's softball team reached semi-finals of the Reg. 7-A tournament before losing Monday, in Halls, to McKenzie, 6-0.

Wednesday, McKenzie played Huntington (winner Monday from South Fulton) for the region crown.

## Beauty Spot Winner



**THE HOME OF Matt Henderson**, 211 S. College St., Halls, was named one of the 'Beauty Spots Winners' for Area 5 for the month of May. The town was divided into ten areas with one winner selected from each area. All yards within the Halls City Limits will be judged on the 15th of each month through September. Other winners included, Area 1, Dennis Hodge, 419 Oak St.; Area 2, Wymond Moore, 602 E. Main St.; Area 3, Willie Sam Taylor, 328 N. Fenton St.; Area 4, Dot Craddock, 609 Circle Dr.; Area 6, Ruth Hooper, 636 Sumrow St.; Area 7, Patsy Wright, 530 W. Main St.; Area 8, Don Smith, 630 W. Tigrett St.; Area 9, Jimmy Brasfield, 596 Gate 6 Rd.; Area 10, Ben Goodwin, 2677 Beech Bluff Cemetery Rd.

ried to J.A. (Jay) Dunaway, of Halls. My grandparents, are the late T.M. (Maynard) Harrell and Mazie Harrell, of Nankipoo. My father was the late, James E. White, and grandparents, the late Nelson and Dorsey White, of the Toulon Mary's Chapel community. My wife is the former Kimberly Bush, of Brownsville. Kim and I have lived in the Durhamvill-Orysa commu-

nity for the past 13 years with our sons.

"I graduated from Ripley High School in 1977 and attended Dyersburg State, Jackson State and Harding University after which I began working for Turner Dairies as a route salesman in Lauderdale County. I then worked for Haywood Company in Brownsville as the quality assurance su-

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Registration for Jackson-Madison County General Hospital's two Nurse Camp sessions has been extended until May 26th. High school students can choose between two camp sessions, June 5th - 9th or July 24th - 28th.

Nurse Camp gives potential nursing students a "hands-on" look into the career of nursing. The camp program combines the excitement of being part of the General Hospital Nursing Team with group instruction, ethics discussion, fitness and wellness activities, as well as two days at a camping facility. Rotations in various patient-care areas will include Labor and Delivery, Emergency Department, EMS, Employee Health, and Med/Surg/OR areas. Students will also receive CPR training.

The registration deadline has been extended for Nurse Camp until May 26th. For registration information, call Jan Williams, RN at 731-265-1116 or email her at [Jan.Williams@wth.org](mailto:Jan.Williams@wth.org).

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The Lauderdale County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments on June 1st, 2006, and on dates thereafter as set by the Board until June 30th, 2006. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization should appear before said Board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appeal your assessment to the County Board of Equalization may result in the assessment becoming final without further right to appeal. Appointments can be made by calling (731) 635-9561.

Lauderdale County Property Assessor  
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**4-PERSON SCRAMBLE** Lunch will begin at 11:30 and the Shotgun start at 1 p.m. There will be prizes given in two flights. The Halls-Gates Rotary Club will hold its Fourth Annual 4-Person Scramble Friday, May 19th at the Farms Golf Club in Dyersburg. For more information, contact Eloiett Johnson at 836-9216 or 445-4838.

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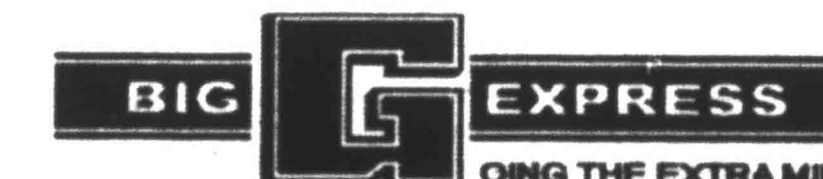
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**Please bring your child and the following:**

- \*Copy of child's Social Security card
- \*Copy of child's certified birth certificate
- \*Child's Shot Record and Physical on green state form.

Students must have the above information to enter school in August.

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Pre-school applications will also be taken May 19th for children who will be 4 years old by September 30th.

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## Obituaries

### Johnny Fincher, A Gospel Singer

Johnny G. Fincher, 62, of Millington, who sang gospel music with the Singing Fincher Family through-out the Mid-South, died last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis, after a heart attack.

Rites were Friday in Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church at Frog Jump, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He had retired as a salesman for Briggs Tobacco.

He leaves his wife, Ernestine; a daughter, Gina Pierceall, of Brighton; brothers, Jackie and Joe Fincher, of Halls; and two grandsons.

### Mamie Wright

Mamie Wright, 84, of Gates, sister of William Akins, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday of this week in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, with burial in the Garden of Everlasting Life north of Covington.

Survivors include other brothers, Arthur Akins and John A. Tuggle, of Detroit, Mich., and nieces and nephews who looked after her, Ezell Robinson and Erma Reditt, of Gates, Ronnie Robinson, of Ripley, and Teresa Johnson, of Brownsville.

### Geraldine Sweatt

Geraldine Sweatt, 82, of Halls, retired from Custom-Craft in Halls, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Hospital, after lengthy illness.

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

She was a member of Halls Church of Christ.

Widow of Paul Sweatt, she leaves a son, Windell, and a brother, Lloyd Reynolds, of Halls; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

### Thelma Hurt, Halls Leader

Thelma Gene Hurt, 86, former cashier for the Bank of Halls and former Recorder for the Town of Halls, died suddenly Sunday in her home at 1575 Hwy. 87 west of Halls.

Rites were Tuesday in Halls' First United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was a member of Ripley's Chapter 354 of the Order of the Eastern Star, to which memorial gifts would be appropriate.

Widow of Joe Hurt, she leaves a son, George, of Millington; daughters, Jo Anne Cribfield, of Halls, and Lynn McBride, of Ripley; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

### 'Mike' Cotner

Charles Michael Cotner, 40, of Jackson, born in Ripley, July 19, 1965, to Ann Cannon Cotner, now of Jackson, and to the late Charles S. Cotner, was mourned in rites Thursday of last week in Arrington Funeral Directors in Jackson, burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

A graduate of Jackson's North Side High School, he had been a purchasing agent for America's Car Mart.

He attended West Jackson Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Amy; and a daughter, McKenzie Cotner, of Jackson.

### ARMY DEPLOYMENTS

The House of Representatives passed a measure written by Congressman John Tanner requiring the Army to consider a shift from year-long deployments to six-month deployments. The provision was included in the Defense Authorization Act of last week and is expected to be included in a House-Senate conference report af-

### Henry G. West, Baptist Leader

The Rev. Henry G. West, Jr., 82, of 3717 Lovelace Crossing Rd., Henning, retired Baptist minister, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Friday in First Baptist Church in Covington, which he had served as pastor for 15 years. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens, Mailey-Yarbrough Funeral Home in charge.

He was ordained, as a teenager, in Cherry Creek Baptist Church in Pontotoc County, Miss., in 1941.

During Army Air Force service in World War II, he was a tower controller at Warner Robins, Ga., Field.

A graduate of Union University in Jackson and of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., he had served as a trustee of Union University.

During pastorates in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Indiana, and Georgia, he was chosen for the executive committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for many years and was TBC vice-president, 1969-70.

He had been a trustee of the Baptist Memorial Health Care System, based in Memphis; of Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley; and of Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

He was a founding member of the trustees of the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation (350 N. Humphreys Blvd., Memphis 38120), to which memorial gifts would be appropriate.

He leaves his wife for 60 years, Viana Blount West; sons, William Henry West, of Nashville, and Joe Franklin West, of Houston, Tex.; a daughter, Becky Boozer, of The Woodland, Tex.; sisters, Dorothy Townsend, of Jackson, Miss., and Mabel Browning, of Pontiac, Miss.; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The Senate passes its version of the Defense Authorization bill.

"The bill passed by the House gives the Secretary of the Army 90 days from the date of enactment to report to Congress on the benefits and drawbacks to such a change,"

### Zac Ray Asbury Commodities To Be Distributed

Zac Ray "Country" Asbury, 43, an oil rig worker in Carlsbad, N.M., son of Kaye Asbury, of 135 N. Jefferson, and the late Jerry Ray Asbury, died Wednesday of last week, in Carlsbad.

Rites were Tuesday in Immanuel Episcopal Church in Ripley, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Tiffany Rae Asbury, of El Paso, Tex.; a brother, David, of Vancouver, Wash.; a sister, Wendy Sutfenuss, of Acworth, Ga.; and a grandchild.

### Mrs. Richmond

Leora Richmond, 85, of Southfield, Mich., retired from Tupperware in Halls, died May 3rd in Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Rites were Saturday in Spring Hill Baptist Church east of Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves sons, David, Sidney, and The Rev. Melvin Richmond, of Ripley, Vonda, of Memphis, James, of Southfield, and Rozell, of Oak Park, Mich.; daughters, Mary Sanders, of Nashville, Gwenda Richmond, of Southfield, Anna Tyus, of Oak Park, and Juanita Johnson and Lillie Manns, of Detroit, Mich.; 45 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

said Tanner, who served four years in the Navy and 28 years in the Tennessee National Guard, from which he retired in 2000 at the rank of Colonel. The Navy, Marines, and Air Force operate on six-month deployment schedules. The Army works on a one-year deployment schedule, although it has used a six-month deployment schedule in past missions, including Bosnia, Kosovo, and during the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Army leaders have publicly discussed a change to six-month deployments since at least 2004, when Army Vice-Chief of Staff Richard Cody said "we know six

### Commodities To Be Distributed

USDA commodities will be distributed by the Delta Human Resource Agency funded by Department of Human Services (DHS) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 24th, at the following locations: Ripley Senior Center, 142 Nelson St., Ripley; Rice Park, Watkins St., Ripley; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St., Halls; and Henning City Hall, 105 Main St., Henning.

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

### School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools  
Monday, May 22nd  
-Friday, May 26th  
Menu - School's Choice

months is about right, over the long haul." Earlier this year, Army Chief of Staff General Peter Shoomaker and Army Forces Command Commanding General Dan K. McNeill said publicly that six- or nine-month tours of duty would be preferable. Other provisions in the HR 5122, the Defense Authorization Act, include authorizing a 2.7 percent pay increase for all members of the Armed Forces, equipping all military vehicles with "jammers" to help protect soldiers from improvised explosive devices, eliminating the Bush Administration proposal to increase fees on TRICARE for U.S. reservists and Guard members, and increasing the Army National Guard troop personnel by 17,100 soldiers over the President's initial request.

### District Judging Winner



BRITTANY CHIPMAN, left, county winner of the 2006 Congressional Art Competition, placed second in the district judging. County winners were judged April 28th at Jackson's First United Methodist Church. A senior at Halls High School, her art teacher is Joey Tetleton. Her artwork, a charcoal drawing, is entitled "Self-Portrait".

### EXTENSION NEWS

By Christene S. Anderson, CFCS  
Ext. Agent - Laud. County Cooperative Extension Program

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Follow through with all promises you make to creditors. This establishes a trust relationship.

Know your rights. There are laws that protect you. Fair Debt Collections Practices Act. Make creditors aware that you know your rights.

Call your creditors(s) first if you know you cannot make a payment. Offer to make at least a small portion of the payment. Even a small amount shows concern and commitment.

For more information contact Christene S. Anderson, Extension Agent, Lauderdale County Extension Service or phone: 1-731-635-3101, office location: 200 Crain Avenue, Ripley, TN.

### Divorces

Russell Ray Stephenson vs. Betsy Caldwell Stephenson.

William Roger McCoy, Jr. vs. Wendy Lynn McCoy.

Warren Joseph Staben vs. Marsha Ann Bates Staben.

### WASTE TIRE GRANTS

Lauderdale County will receive a Waste Tire Grant for \$11,000. Governor Phil Bredesen and Environment and Conservation Commissioner, Jim Fyke, announced that the state will provide 89 Waste Tire grants totaling more than \$4.1 million to assist communities with processing waste tires for beneficial reuse in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

"I appreciate the effort of the state's local partners who understand the very real environmental benefits of this continued effort to divert waste tires from landfills," said Gov. Bredesen. "I am pleased the Solid Waste Management Act continues to provide support and funding to local communities for a very important program."


The grants are supported from the Waste Tire Fund, which receives revenue from a state surcharge on the purchase of new tires. The Waste Tire Fund is administered by the Department of Environment and Conservation, and 90 cents from every dollar collected is used for solid waste grants and services.

Tennessee will recycle more than 60,000 tons of tires during fiscal year 2006, diverting waste tires from landfills and sending them to beneficial end use. Including utilizing crumb rubber in civil engineering projects, asphalt paving and molded rubber products, but the majority of Tennessee's waste tires are used as Tire Derived Fuel.

### Teachers Honored



COUNTY TEACHERS, in front, from left, Tammy Nelson, Halls Elementary; Cindi Jones, HES; and Carole White, Lauderdale Middle; and in middle, Andrea Baynes, Ripley Elementary; Lisa Ungerecht, RES; Marion Miebaum, RPS; Phil Meeks, Halls High; and Eva Drain, Bank of Ripley; and in rear, County Mayor Rozelle Criner, Bank of Ripley director; Angie Koonce, Bank of Ripley; Jean Criner, Halls Junior High; Shawn Kimble, Ripley High School; and Phillip Jackson, Superintendent of Schools, were honored at a dinner, given in their honor by the Bank of Ripley last week. They were presented certificates and a crystal apple in congratulations of a job well done.



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads is a non-profit organization which is dedicated to the good of mankind; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 86 squads of the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads tirelessly give of their time and energy in humanitarian efforts and make themselves available every hour of the day, every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads is concerned with accident prevention, and works to promote research which will serve to advance the techniques of rescue squads and life-saving work throughout our state; and

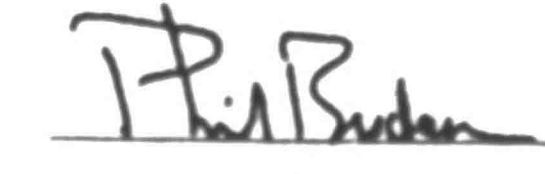
WHEREAS, those who work in rescue squads provide an invaluable service through their assistance to their community during times of needs and crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of MAY 21 - 27, 2006 as

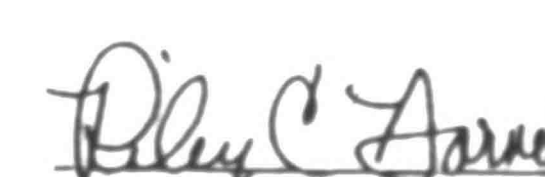
**RESCUE SQUAD WEEK**

In Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 25th day of April, 2006.



Governor

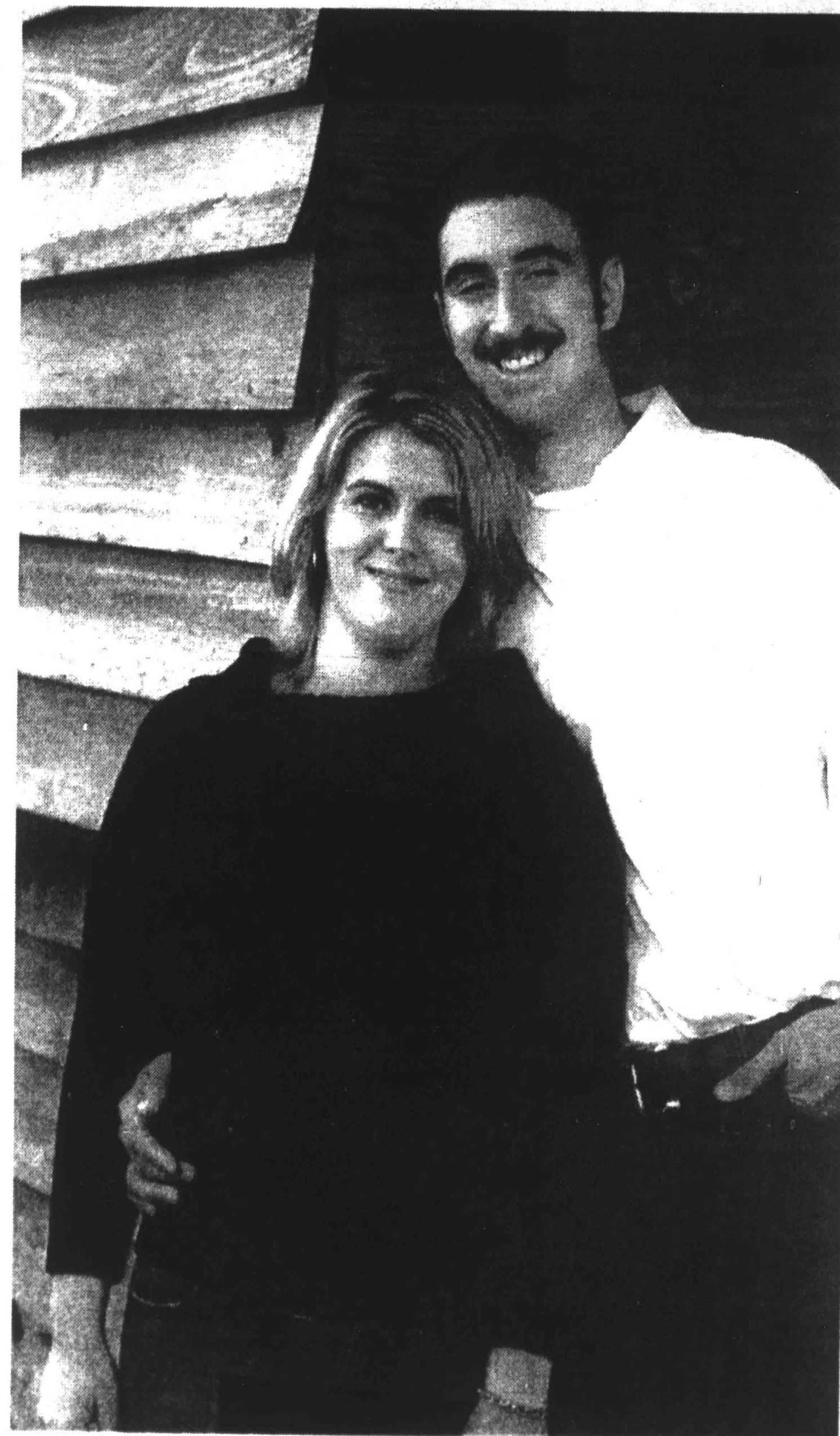


Secretary of State





## Couple Set June Nuptials



Debbie Mills, Tina Horvath, Jamie Hutt, Kacey Wise, Kasi Reynolds.

May 21 - Bill Jones, Daniel Martin, Steven McKinnie, Sheila Crowder, Cyndi Jones, Hayden Watts, Robert Belton, Stan Young, Casey Littles, Cissy Ray.

May 22 - Caitlyn Gitchell, Ben Barcroft, Jan Burlison, Dee Ballard, Brad Studard, Geno Hawks, Charles Hurt, Phillip Andrew Wong, Dabnie James, Hannah Elizabeth McKee, Talmadge Crowder, Mark Holder, Candice Frazier, Steve Ray, Ellie Claire Young, Wanda Hill.

May 23 - Steve Fullen, Nathan Griggs, Matt Harper, Billy Hines, Ginna Cherry, John David Melton.

May 24 - Eric Ellis, Robert Henry, Cody Tutor, Daisy Stewart, Cole Arwood, Leslie Platzke.

## Marriages

May 6 - Herley Alex Ellis, 57, to Brenda Elaine Newman Barnes, 58, by John T. Compere.

## Anniversaries

May 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roberts.

May 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Malone.

May 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Bengy Cherry.

May 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Doug Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sumrow, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Edwards.

May 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chipman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Cannon.

May 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Smith.

## Birthdays

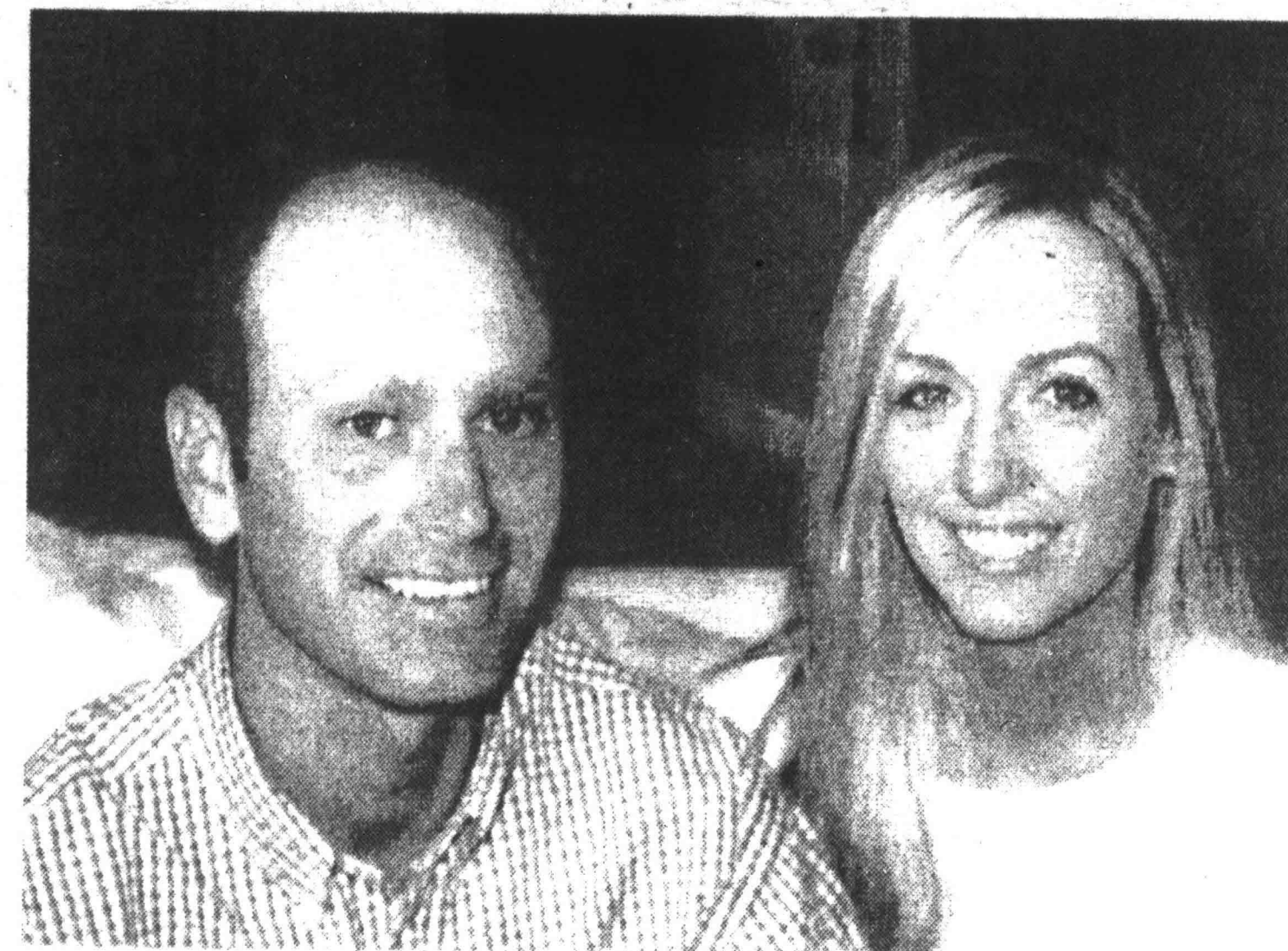
May 18 - Norris T. Nix, Bryan Elkins, Tim Etheridge, Leland Ward, Brandi Whitelow.

May 19 - Angie Kiestler, Megan Crain, Rosa Dionicio,

Sylvia King, Tyler James Talbot, Stewart Cepparulo, Collins Voss, Christine Escue, Bill Newman, Brian Collins, Lisa Marie Holley, Shirley Smothers.

May 20 - Kathy Wade, Blake Tucker, Brandon Lee, Gary Allen, Emily Winters,

## June Nuptials Slated



**STEPHANIE LYNN MITCHELL**, daughter of Patricia Johnson, of Greenfield, will marry Ashley Lynn Turner, son of Tim and Jo Turner, of Gates, June 13th at the Sandals Resort in St. Lucia. A reception is planned for July 8th at the First Baptist Church in Greenfield, where the bride-elect is a member, with all family and friends invited.

Stephanie is the granddaughter of Frank and Ruth Ann Mitchell, of Greenfield.

A 1995 graduate of Greenfield High School, she graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor of science degree in family and consumer sciences with a concentration in dietetics. She is employed by First South Bank in Brownsville.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Lynn and Ruby Turner, of Gates, and Sanford and Sally Quick, of Ripley.

A 1995 graduate of Halls High School, he attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and is a member of Maranatha Baptist Church, in the Toulon community. He is employed at the Nutbush Gin, Inc., which is family owned.

The couple plan to reside at Nutbush.

Lauderdale County Office of the Farm Service Agency," said John Dodds, Farm Loan Manager.

Farm Service Agency's State Executive Director, Louis E. Buck, said this authority is pursuant to President Bush's declaration on April 6th, of a major disaster in Tennessee, caused by storms, which occurred from April 2nd - 3rd. As a result of this major disaster, Lauderdale County, as a contiguous county in Tennessee, is named as an area eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loan assistance pursuant to the provisions of Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural

Development Act. Applications for assistance in the disaster-stricken county will be accepted by FSA through December 5th, 2006, for physical and production losses. Farmers qualifying for emergency loans may borrow up to 100 percent of their actual production loss, not to exceed a maximum of \$500,000 or the amount actually needed, whichever is less.

To obtain further information, contact Greg Mathenia, Farm Loan Manager/Officer of the Farm Service Agency office located at 360 S. Bells St., Alamo, 38001, Monday - Friday at 731-696-5538 or Wednesday at 635-7686.

## FSA DISASTER LOANS

"Emergency loans for farmers, ranchers, and operators are available through the

## Couple Pledge Vows

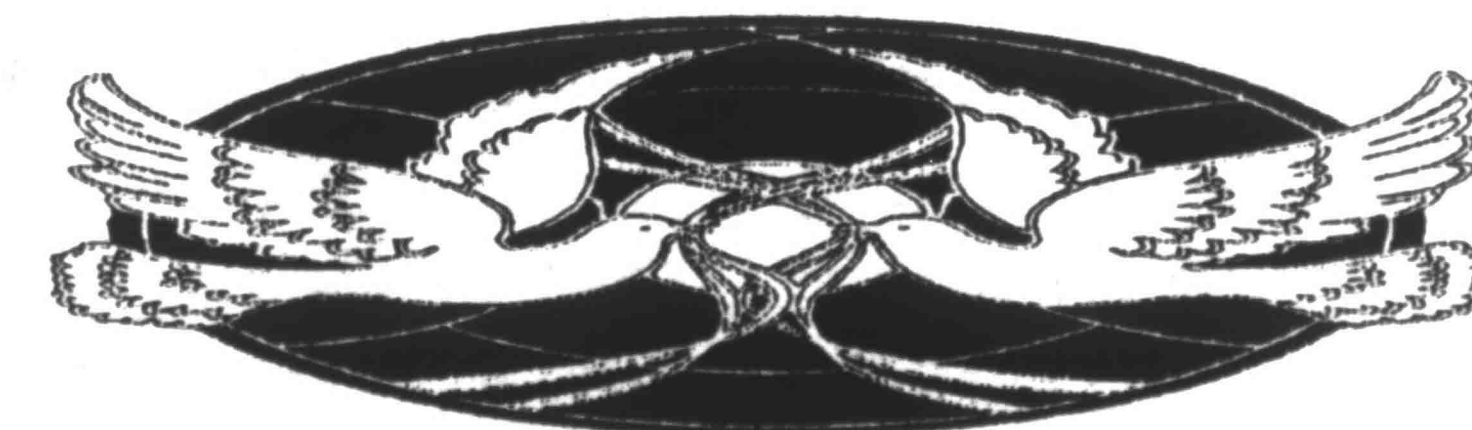


**MR. AND MRS. JOE MCNEILL** were married April 20th at Sandals Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

A reception will be held in their home, 501 Oak St., Halls, at 5:30 p.m. Sat., May 27th with all family and friends invited.

The son of Mike McNeill, of Gates, and Celia McNeill, of Ripley, the groom is the grandson of J.D. and Betty McNeill, of Gates, and Nelle Caldwell and the late Jacob "Jiggs" Caldwell, of Ripley.

The bride is the daughter of David Smith and Phyllis Smith, both formerly of Halls. She is the granddaughter of Doris Henderson, of Halls, the late Jack Henderson, the late Harry Edward Camp, Judy Smith, formerly of Gates, and the late Jimmie Lewis Smith.



## Church Happenings

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

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

St. Mark Baptist Church, 375 Moorer Ave., Henning, will pre-

sent its 2006 Women's Conference, "Make A Joyful Noise Unto The Lord", the weekend of May 19th through 21st, beginning at 7 p.m. May 19th, 1 p.m. May 20th, and 11 a.m. May 21st. William H. Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

The Heavenly Voices, of Ripley, will hold their 10th pre-anniversary gospel singing at 6:30 p.m. May 20th at Peaceful Chapel Church, 1221 Fairground Rd., Brownsville, with featured choirs, Bethlehem Baptist Church, of Goldust, Redeemers, and Music In Motion, of Forerunner Baptist Church, all of Ripley, along with many more. The public is invited.

The anniversary special will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sun., May 21st at Forerunner Baptist Church, 361 Eastland Ave., Ripley, featuring guest choirs including Divine Singers, of Ripley, and many other choirs. The public is invited.

The youth choir of St. Mark M.B. Church, 465 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will sponsor a cookout from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., May 20th and a family and friends day program at 3 p.m. Sun., May 28th. The Rev. Joe Nance, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Central Assembly of God will hold homecoming services beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., June 4th with Sunday School and worship services at 11 a.m. with Gaylon Echols, of Milan, as guest speaker. A potluck luncheon will be held at noon. Bill Baker and Witness will provide musical selections at 1:30 p.m. E. T. Echols, pastor, invites the public.

The Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold a special youth day worship service at 2:30 p.m. Sun., May 21st with The Rev. David Holly and members of the Pullum Chapel Baptist Church, of Somerville, as special guests. The Pilgrim Rest Praise Team will perform. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

New Bethel Church, in the Cherry Community, will hold a gospel concert at 6 p.m. Sat., May 20th with special singing guests including Terrell L. and Glory to Glory Ministries, of Kansas City, Mo., and recording artists, Psalmist Misti and Charity Russell. Glory to Glory intermixes gospel singing, praise, theatre, and evangelism all in one ministerial experience. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life C.O.G.I.C., 315 Ann St., Halls, will hold a men and women's day at 3 p.m. Sun., May 21st with Pastor James T. Bowers, as guest speaker. Guest church will be Bethlehem Baptist church. The public is invited, refreshments will be served to guests.

Halls Lighthouse Church, 118 Fenton St., will hold a puppet program at 6 p.m. Sat., May 20th featuring J.P. and Friends, of Jackson. The title of the program is 'J. P. and the Car Wreck'. Joel Benson, of Kentucky, will be ministering Sun., May 21st at the church. Sunday morning services begin at 10 a.m. and evening services at 6 p.m. Special singing will be provided. 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.

**HISS, RUMBLE, & ROAR** ble & Roar" Summer Reading Program 2006 at 10 a.m., every Wednesday in June and July.

The Lauderdale County Library & Friends of the Library will host "Hiss, Rumble & Roar" Summer Reading Program 2006 at 10 a.m. in the

Ripley Park, a Natural History Educational Company with live animals; June 14th at the Library, Crocodiles with Charlie Arnett; June 21st, Elephants with Martha Reed; and June 28th is Regional Library Puppet Show at the Park. July 5th is Spiders, with Charlie Arnett; July 12th, Frogs with Patty Phillips; July 19th, Rainforest with Beaton Matthews; July 26th, Giraffes and Snakes.

The Summer Program for ages 10 - 14 will be held at 1 p.m., June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at the Lauderdale County Library.

June 7th is Photography. Neal Ammons, a photographer, will have disposable cameras. June 14th is Nature. A park ranger from Fort Pillow State Park and Tim Smith from Lauderdale Lumber will be in attendance for birdhouse construction, roasted marshmallows, and more. June 21st is Archeology with David Dye, archeologist from University of Memphis. June 28th is Arts and Crafts. Crafting for everyone, snacks, and look at everyone's pictures from the first program.

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**Hankins xxx**

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School up. I live and work in Lauderdale County and my wife is the Executive Director of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD. I have volunteered for many organizations in Lauderdale County from Cub and Boy Scouts and numerous beauty pageants to youth baseball and football, United Methodist Relay For Life chairman and more. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of both Youth Leadership Lauderdale and Leadership Lauderdale. I am a former board member of the Arts Council.

"I have served as Lauderdale County Building Commissioner for more than five years and I am sales manager for Quality Service Inc. Heating and Air. My family and I are active members of First United Methodist Church in Ripley where my wife and I married in May 1984. I am running to offer a new voice to the school board. And, while I've never served over 40 years in school administration, that's a positive, because that will mean that I won't be just 'administration-minded' in my approach to school system matters. If elected, I will be the voice for parents, students, teachers and taxpayers of District 3.

"I will always listen to, and attempt to address, anyone's concerns about the education of our youth and our school. I am proud to say my kids have come up in this school system and I look forward to doing anything I can to make our schools better. Happy students, teachers and parents are productive students, teachers and parents. With your vote and support we can make that happen here in Lauderdale County. Your help will be greatly appreciated. It's time for a 'New Voice' in education in Lauderdale County. I ask for your vote and influence in the August 3rd general election for School Board in District 3," said Paul Hankins.

**Etheridge xxx**

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Department. I hold the rank of Sergeant in our jail. I am proud to be part of the jail because Lauderdale County jail meets all qualifications and standards of state and federal guidelines. We are told by state and federal court inspectors that our jail is one of the best, if not the best, in the state. Lauderdale County citizens should be equally proud of the jail operation.

"As homeowner and tax payer, I have had enough of the constant raising of property taxes. I will put new proposals on the table and will ask for discussions in the meetings. I will offer suggestions for a fair tax for all citizens. We need individual voices on the County Court. We need people who will speak up for the residents of this county. I will represent and speak up for the people of District 2. We need new industry in our county. All we have had in the past has been a promise that it is going to get better, if so, we had better make a change in our district representation. Lets don't make the same mistake again. Please vote for a change and vote for Ronnie Etheridge for County Commissioner for District 2. Early voting starts July 14th and polls are open August 3rd. Your support and vote will be greatly appreciated," said Etheridge.

**Land Transfers**

May 5th - May 11th

Jerry Steelman to Michael Jeffrey Beal, Dist. 7, 10.60 acres.

Cindy Greaves to Bobby Hines and Debra S. Hines, Dist. 2, lot.

Martha Jean Williams and Martha W. Williams to Scott Mathis, Dist. 13, tract, and Dist. 13, 2.353 acres.

Jesse Edwards and JFE Properties to KVC Rentals, Dist. 10, lot.

Lynn Brackin, Mary

**White xxx**

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pervisor 'Hard Trak' custom rubber division. From there I went back into sales selling and servicing these products to end users across the mid-south. After 13 years of working with rubber products, I had the opportunity to work with a top Fortune 100 company, Performance Food Group. After three years with the company I was awarded the national chairman award for having one of the largest increases in growth throughout the company. I was involved with sales, service, routing, purchasing, accounts receivable and inventory control. For most of my working life I have been involved in sales, which is completely related to service which I believe to be my strongest asset.

"I have been active in Lauderdale County for most of my life as I have been appointed to the Lauderdale Board of Education Search Committee, President of RHS Quarterback Club for four years, a volunteer Lauderdale Middle School football coach, a little league and traveling baseball coach for 13 years, and am a member of

the Ripley Church of Christ. I feel Lauderdale County is a great place to live and grow up in and there are many things that this county has to offer that most do not. I also realize that we must move forward to make it a better place for our young people and their futures. I believe that together we can work to help accomplish this goal."

"I look forward to seeing all of you on the campaign trail and am respectfully asking all for your vote and support in August. Together we can make a difference."

Lynn Brackin, Kathryn Sue Ables, and William Lynwood Brackin to Mary Evans, Dist. 2, lot.

Betty J. Klutts, William D. Klutts, Jr., and Felicia

**Guest Speakers**



MILEY DURHAM, left, and Claudia Hamil, right, were guest speakers for the May 3rd meeting of the Lauderdale County Retired Teachers at Ripley Elementary School. Mr. Durham informed the group about Uni-Serv, an organization of the Tennessee Department of Education, and Mrs. Hamil spoke on Comfort Keepers, a program that assists people with health related problems.

Klutts to Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere, Dist. 2, 0.294 acres. S. N. Anthony, Jr., John B. Anthony, and William Maxwell to Mike Douglas, Household Financial Center, Inc. to Edna A. Little, 2 Dist. 6, lot.

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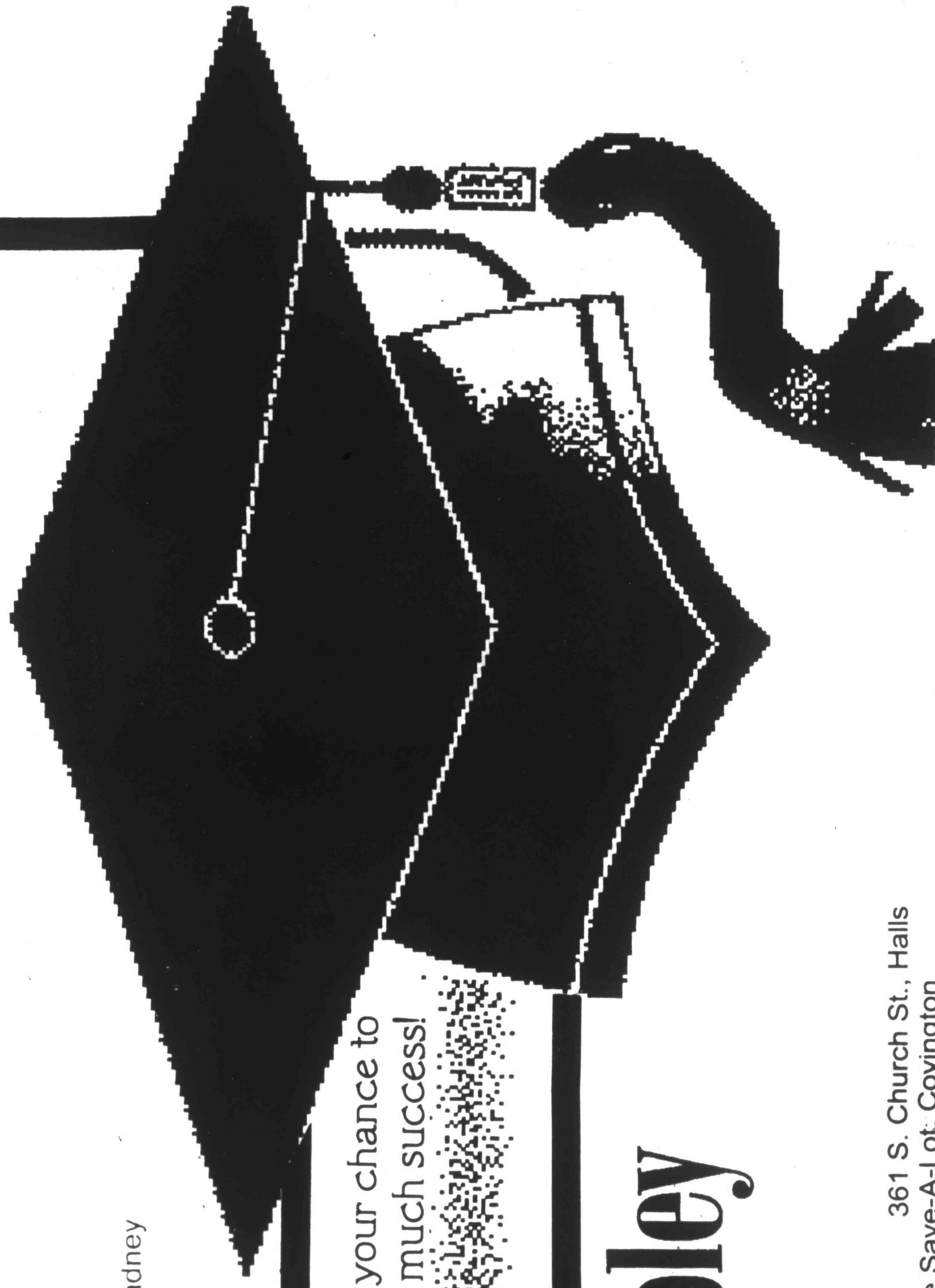
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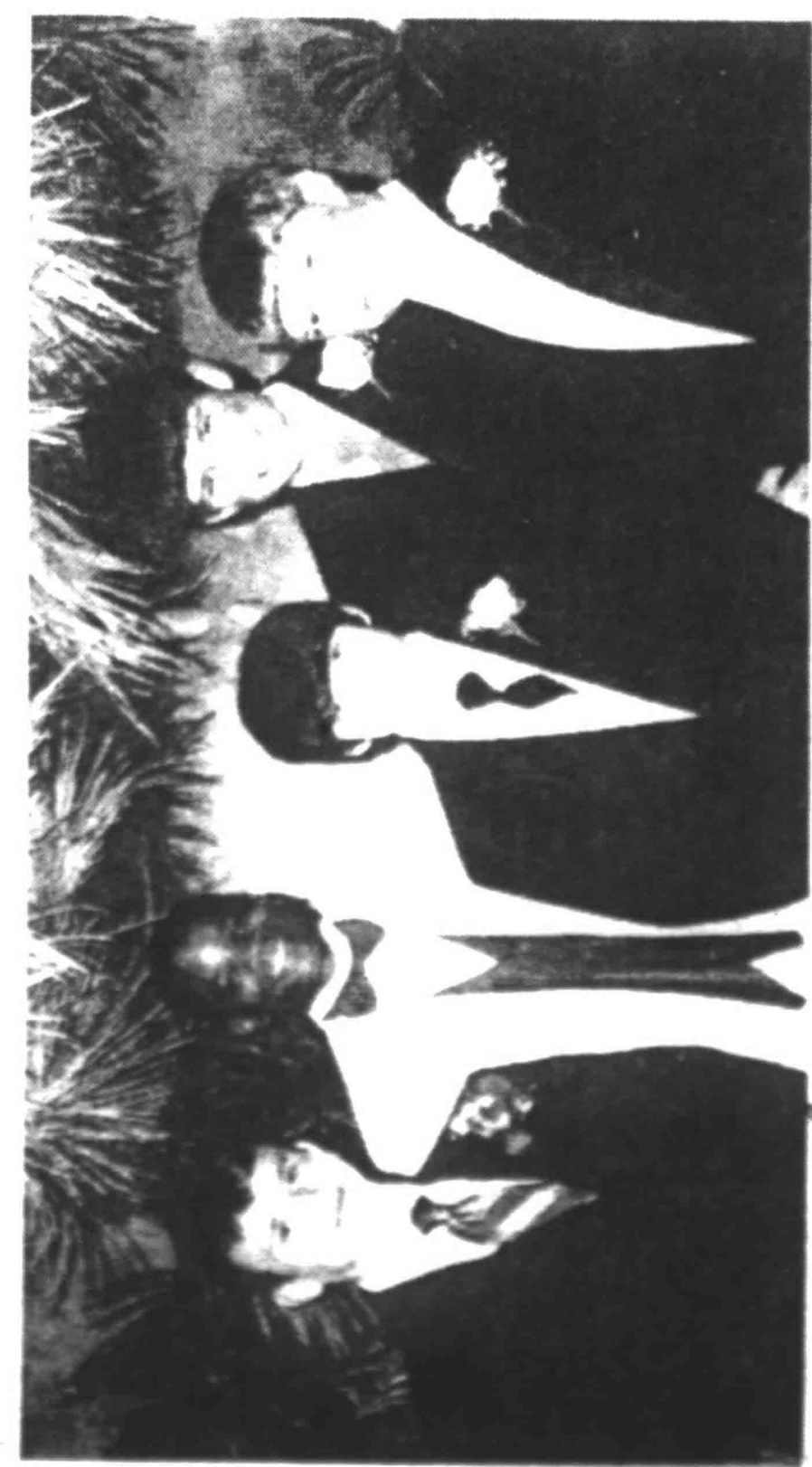
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## HHS Jr. Prom Royalty



**CANDIDATES** for Halls High School Jr. prom queen, in upper left photo, included, from left, Megan McBroom, daughter of Greg and Lita McBroom, and Jessie-Ellison, daughter of Donna Lents, of Halls, Shamona Wells, daughter of Jimmy and Mary Nola Meeks, Penny Archibald, daughter of Shane and Melissa Archibald, and Cassidy Hardee, daughter of David and Wendy Hardee, all of Halls.

Candidates for prom king, in middle left photo, included, from left, Chris Cessac, son of William Cessac and Belinda Halpain, of Halls, Tristan Robinson, son of Kim Taylor, of Halls, and Jonny Robinson, of Gates, and David Davidson, son of David and Pam Davidson, Cody Curran, son of Michael and Vickie Curran, and Hollis Belton, son of Wayne and Mary Jane Belton, all of Halls.

Door prize winners, boys, in lower left photo, included, from left, Mickey Gerry, son of Buddy and Jackie Gearty, and Ira Bradley, son of Alice Rice, all of Gates, and Jojo Agee, son of Tim and Angie Agee, and Shelby Cress, son of Pat Moore, all of Halls.

Door prize winners, girls, in upper right photo, included, from left, Ashley Land, daughter of Connie Land, of Halls, Erica Claybrooks, daughter of Shirley Claybrooks and Ricky Patrick, of Gates, Marla Haynes, daughter of Mark and Linda Haynes, and Anita Servin, daughter of Sandra Marie Servin, all of Halls, Sheree Sangster, daughter of Angela Sangster, of Gates, and Megan McBroom, daughter of Greg and Lita McBroom, of Halls.

Prom royalty, in middle right photo, included, king, David Davidson, son of David and Pam Davidson, and

### Graduates Attend Ceremony At DSCC

A ceremony was held Thurs., May 4th, at the First Citizens National Bank auditorium on the Dyersburg campus, where Dyersburg State Surgical Technology students were awarded their certification pins. Local students receiving pins include, Stacy Michele Cryer, of Henning, and Felicia Warren, class secretary, of Gates.

The Surgical Technology Program at Dyersburg State Community College is an extensive two-semester course of study. Upon successful

completion, students possess the knowledge and skills to seek employment as a surgical technician at a variety of medical agencies including hospitals, surgical centers, physicians' offices and clinics. Students are prepared to practice at an entry level position as a surgical technologist working under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses and other qualified medical personnel as a member of the direct patient care team during surgery.

**Self-respect is the fruit of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself.**

—Rabbi Abraham Heschel

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Way To Go, Seniors!

## College Graduates



**BEN CARMACK**, left, son of Frank and Pam Carmack, of Halls, and Kara Pursell, right, daughter of Joe and Penny Pursell, of Ripley, graduated Sun., May 7th from their respective colleges. Ben graduated from Bethel College in McKenzie with a bachelor of science degree. He was a member of the Student Teachers Association for two years and football and baseball teams for four years. He was Bethel's secondary defensive football coach for the 2005 season, in which the Wildcats won their conference championship with a 5-0 record. He will continue to coach at Bethel while working on his master's degree.

Kara graduated *summa cum laude* from Dyersburg State Community College with an associate of applied science in nursing degree. She received the nursing scholastic award for having the highest cumulative grade point average, 3.8. She was a three-year member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Who's Who Among Junior Colleges, and National Dean's List. She is employed by Baptist Hospital Union City as a graduate nurse in the critical care unit and emergency department. She plans to continue her education at Murray State University.

## CCA Graduates



**EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES**, of Christ Classical Academy, Dyersburg, include, from left—Aaron Morris, son of Paul Morris and Libby Morris, and Justin Olds, son of Bryan and Julia Olds, all of Ripley; Connor Hansford, son of Guy and Kathy Hansford, of Dyersburg; Brian Randolph, son of Bill and Brenda Randolph, of Obion; Will Bumpas, son of Wally and Reni Bumpas, of Dyersburg; and Mallory Martin, daughter of Jeff and Lori Martin, of Ripley. Ceremonies were held May 13th.

### MSU GRADUATES

Gavin H. Roark, of Ripley, and Kara E. Steelman, of Halls, graduated May 13th from Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss. Gavin received a master of science degree in education and Kara received two bachelor of arts degrees in arts and sciences.

**Don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.**

—Richard Bach

### GRADUATION

Thank you mom and dad  
For all that you have done  
You helped me conquer the shining star  
That I'm hanging from.

Thank you for the proof  
Of trusting and believing  
The knowledge that you're always there  
Whenever you are needed.

You taught me to have love and peace  
In my heart—to love everyone  
To be content with what I have  
And never a friend to shun.

You gave me wonders,  
Stardust and Silver Dreams  
The courage to labor  
To take what comes it seems.

I may never scale the mountain heights  
Or fly to the moon  
But I'll someday make you very proud  
And the time may be quite soon.

I remember as a little child  
You kissed my hurts away  
And now through the coming years  
The memories are here to stay.

So thank you mom and dad  
For making this day come true  
For I could not have made it  
Mom and dad without you.

By Joann Parker

Joann Parker wrote this poem years ago for an eighth grade graduation ceremony in California. It has since been used in several schools and graduations in California and Texas.

## DSCC Scholarship



**ERICA JOHNSON**, seated, Halls High School senior, signed her acceptance of a basketball scholarship to Dyersburg State Community College. Pictured with her are, from left, DSCC coach, Elijah Taylor, her mother, Stacey Shaw, of Halls, and HHS coach, Phil Meeks.

### Halls Junior High School 8th Grade Prom

held Saturday, May 6th, at the Halls Community Center gives a special thanks for donations from the following: Bank of Halls in Halls, Lauderdale County Bank in Halls, Gates Banking & Trust Co. in Gates, Key Corner Exxon in Halls, Mayo's Flower Shop in Halls, Halls Trophy & Engravables in Halls, H & A Partners in Halls, Aloha Pools and Spas in Union City, High Pockets Restaurant in Halls, Helen's Collectibles in Halls, Arnold's Drug Store in Halls, Nu Growth Beauty Salon in Halls, Ken's Barber Shop in Halls, C & A Company (McArmour Enterprises) in Halls, Benita's Frame & Gift Shop in Halls, Good Ole Days Antiques in Gates, HJH teachers: Ms. Gibson, Ms. Criner & Ms. Arwood, the 8th grade parents who were there to help make this year's dance a success.

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**Halls High School Honor Students 2006**

**Mr. & Miss HHS**



Sarah Beth Warren  
Valetictorian  
99.10



Caitlyn Hurt  
Salutatorian  
98.47



Colin Clendenin  
Historian  
97.23



Zak Kelley  
96.12



Katie Throgmorton Chaseton Dudas



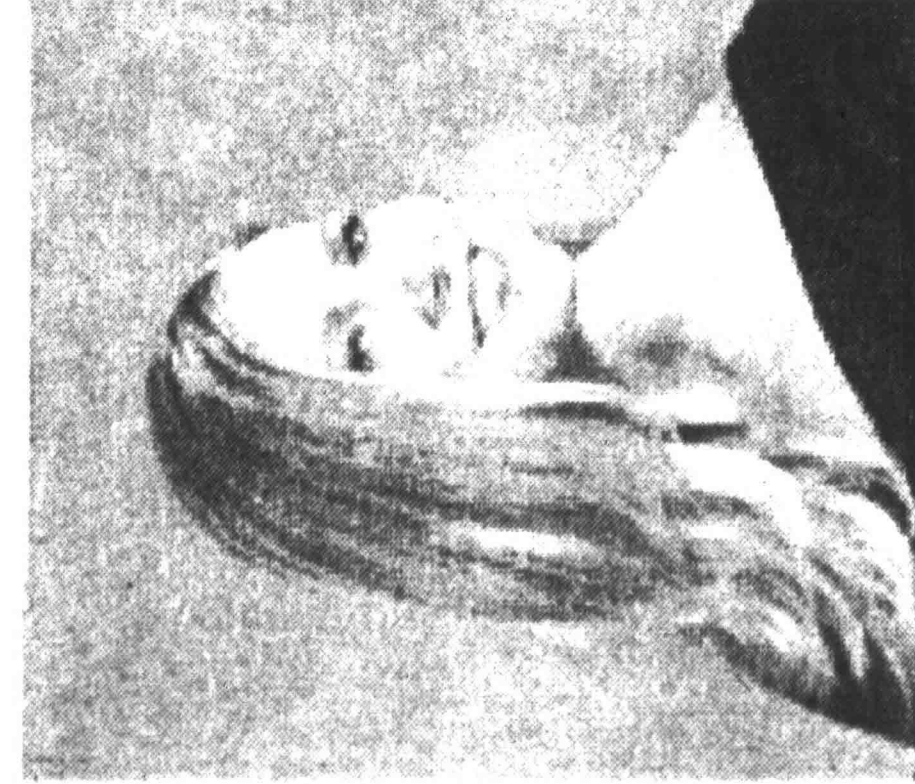
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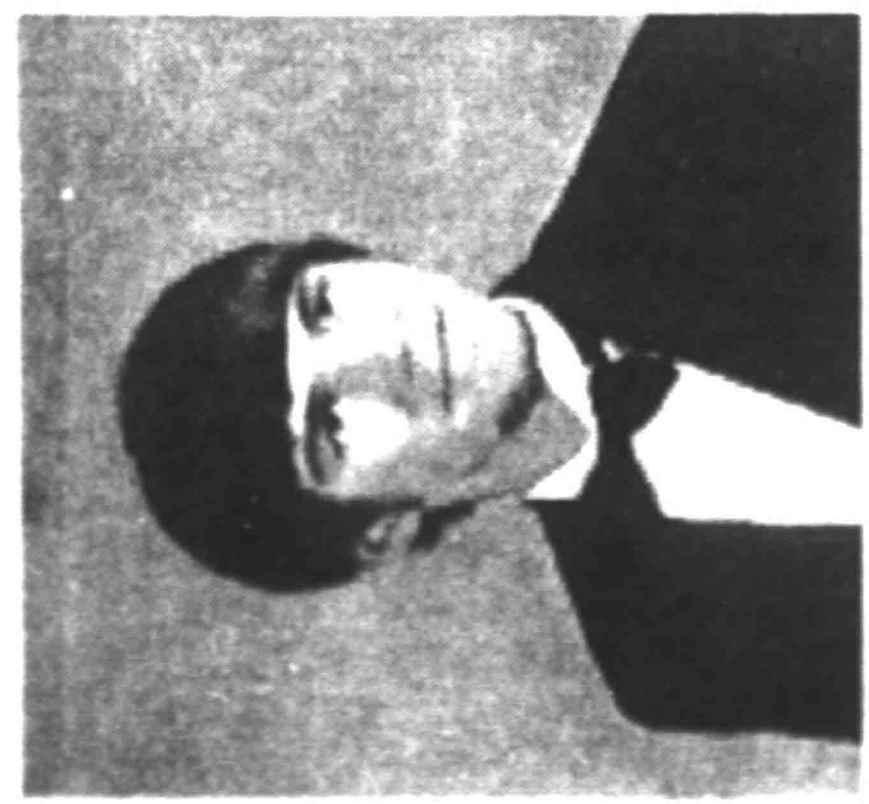
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95.09



Keilianne Hardee  
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Audra Smith  
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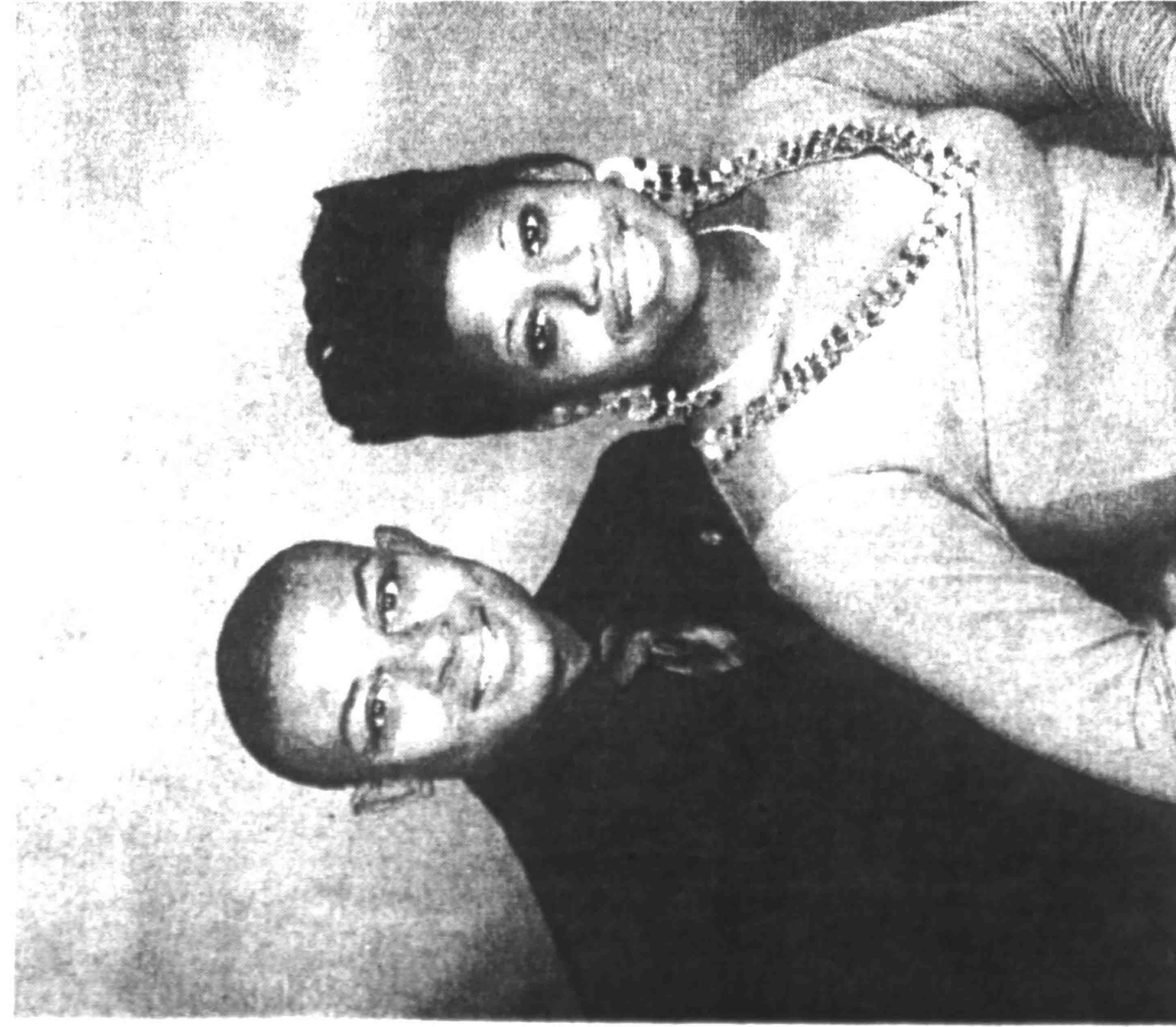
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96.92



Lauren Meadows  
96.67



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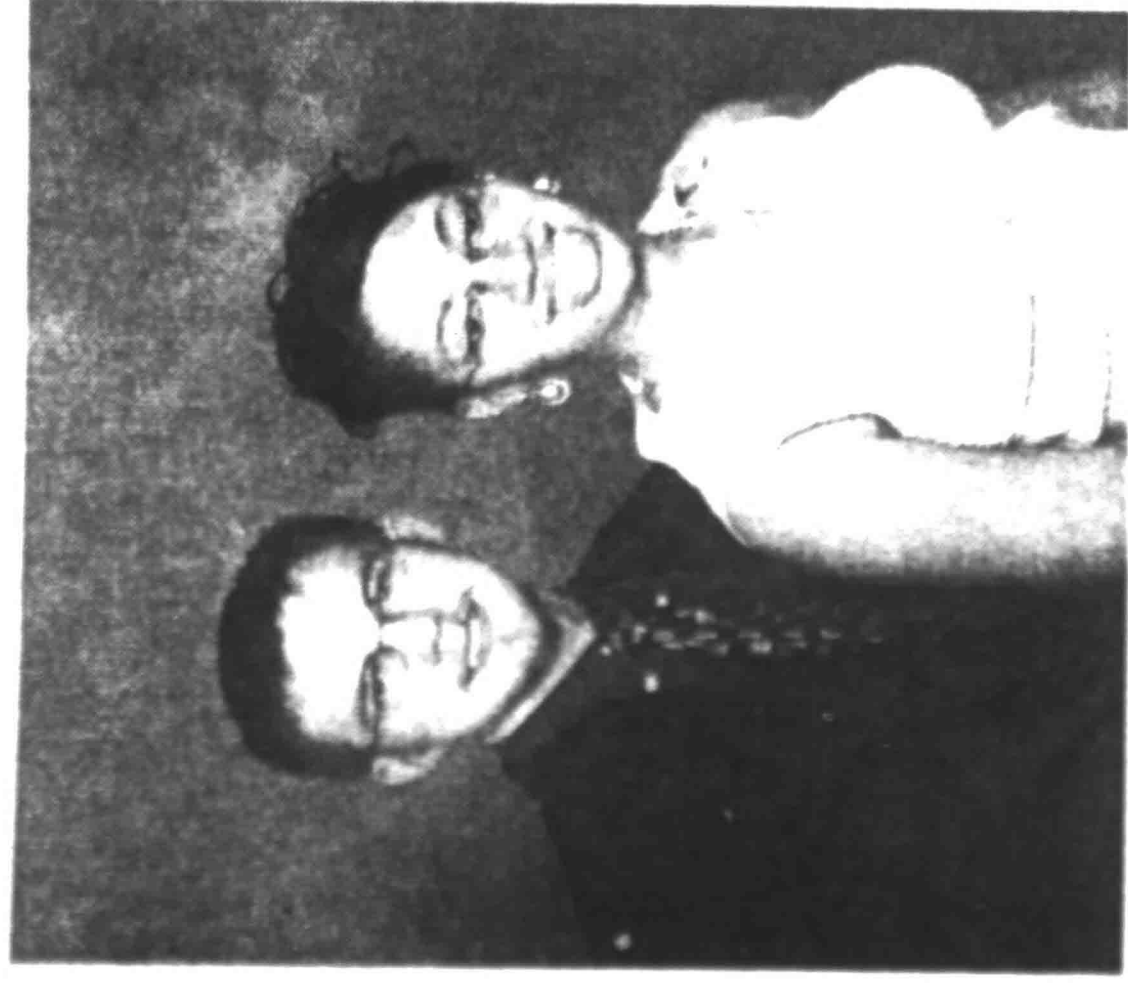
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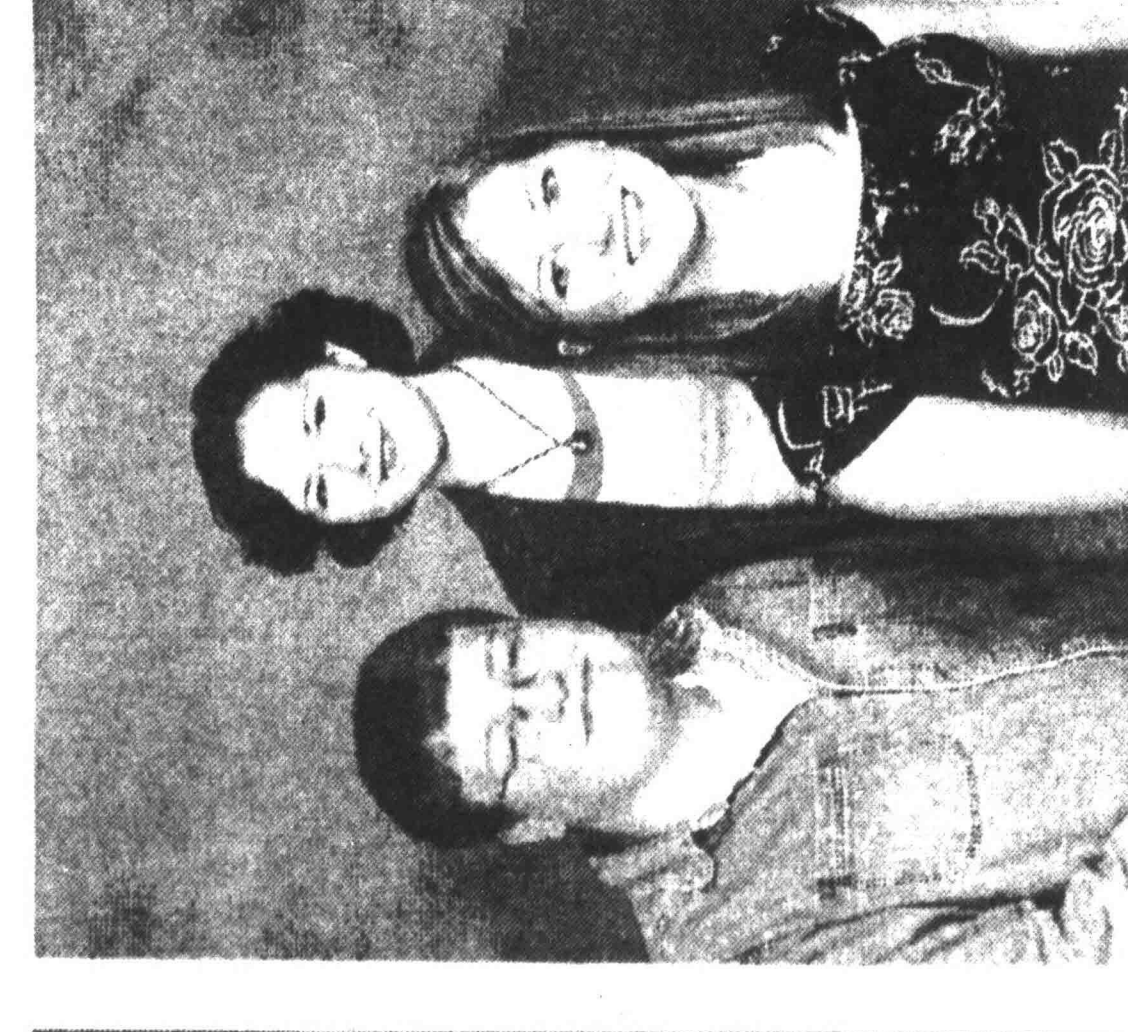
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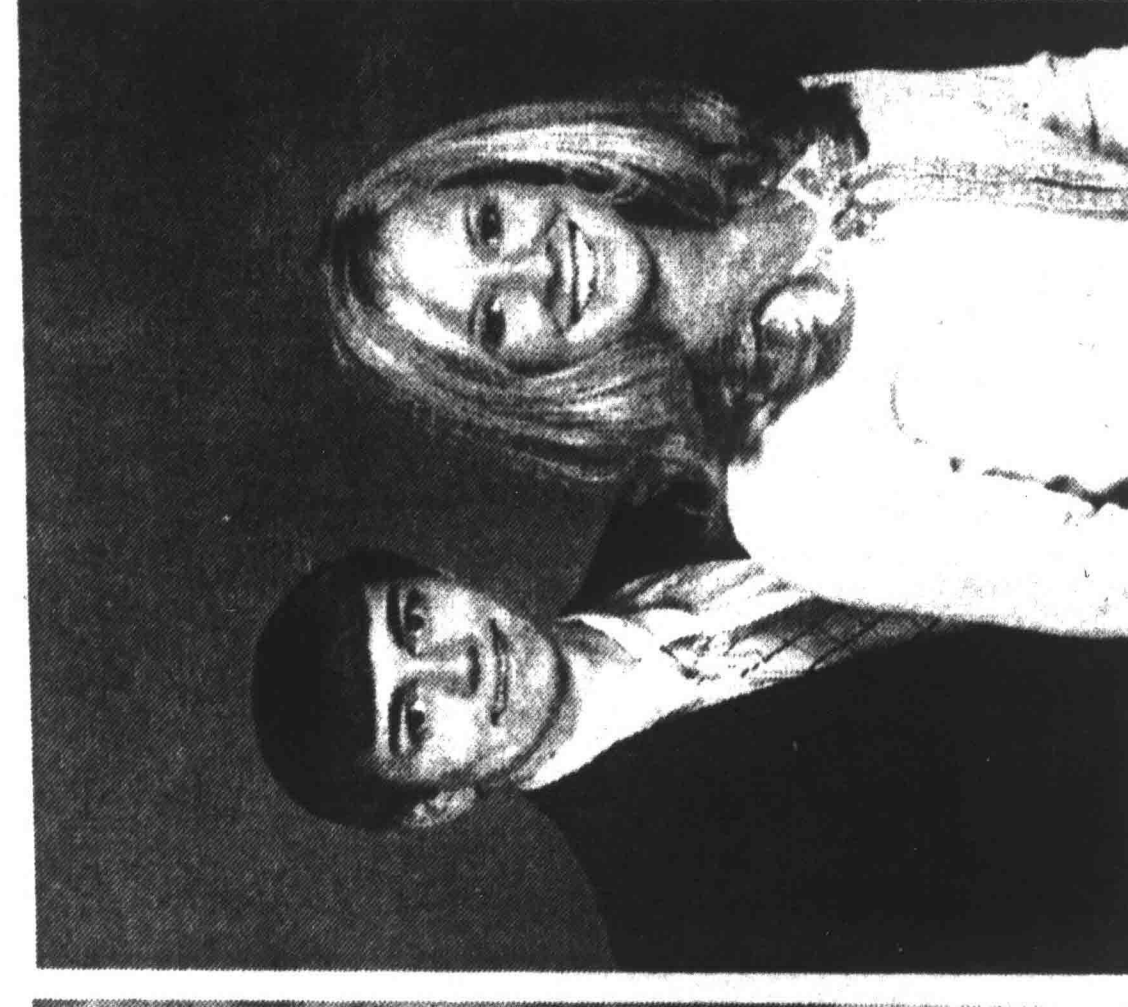
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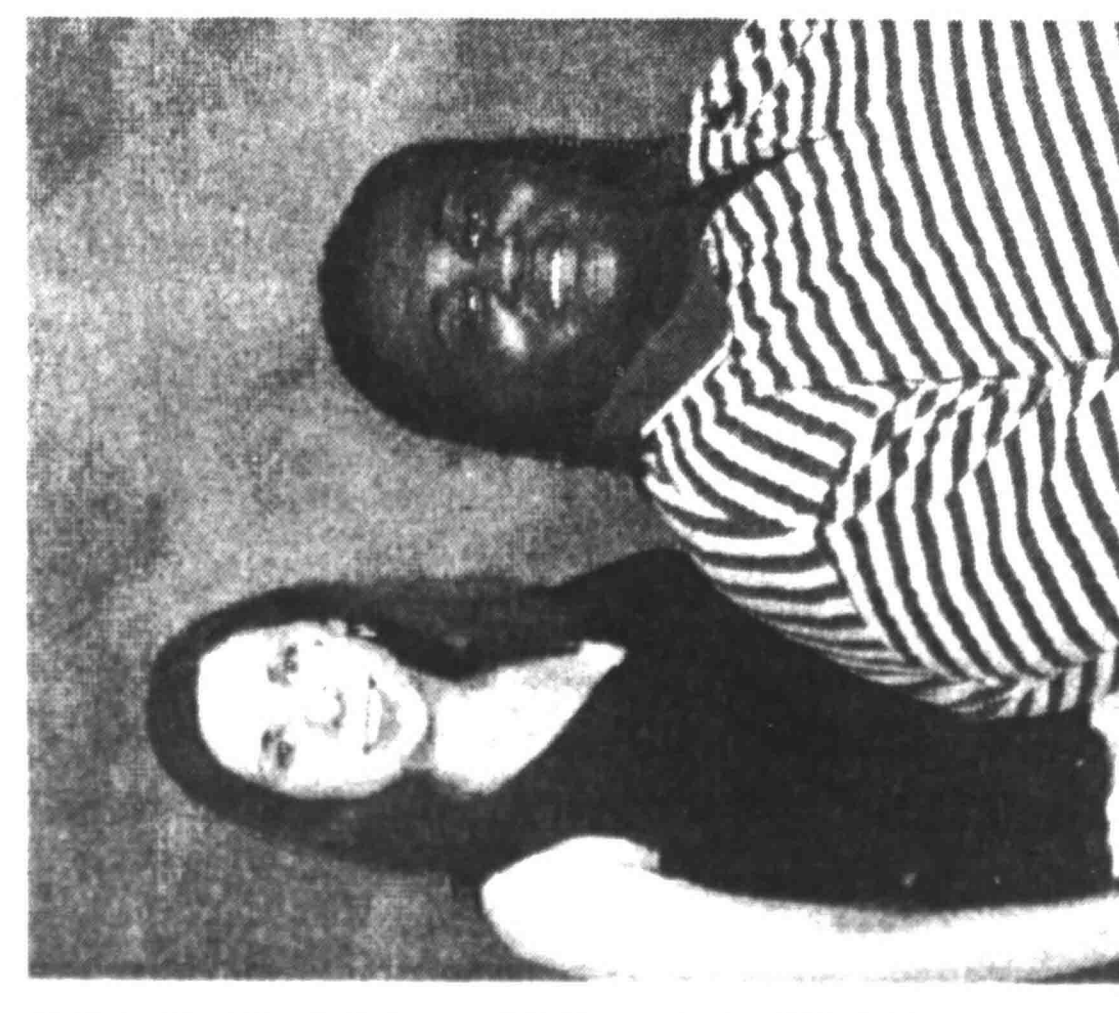
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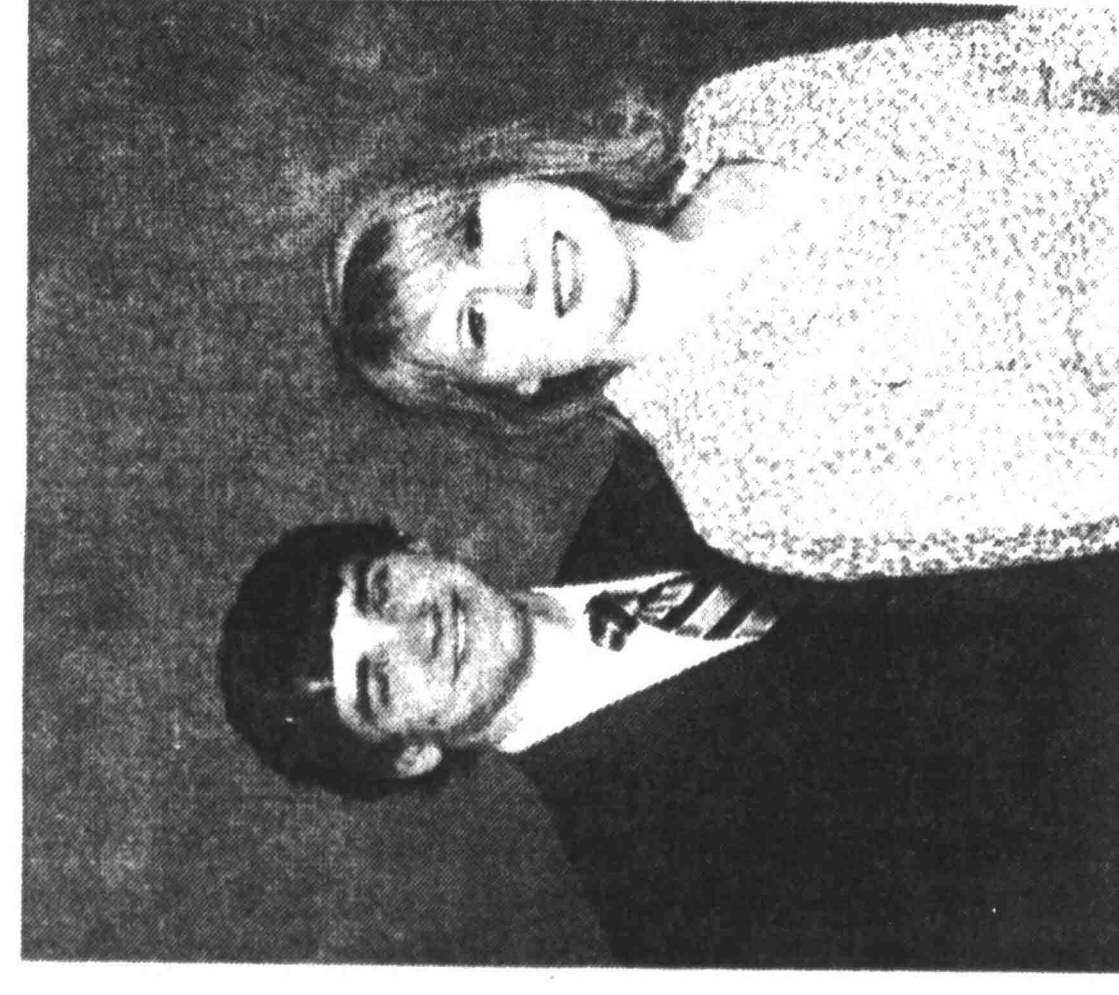
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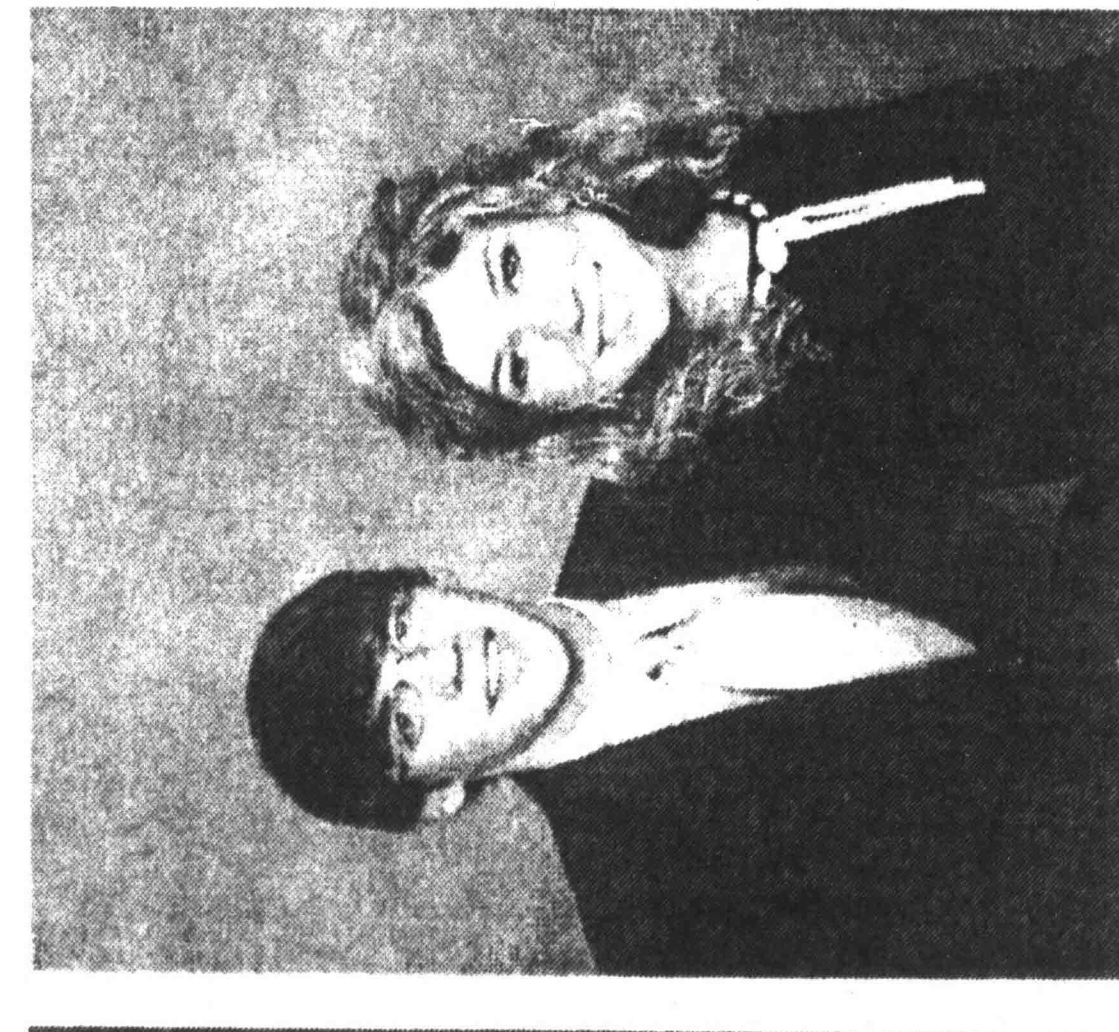
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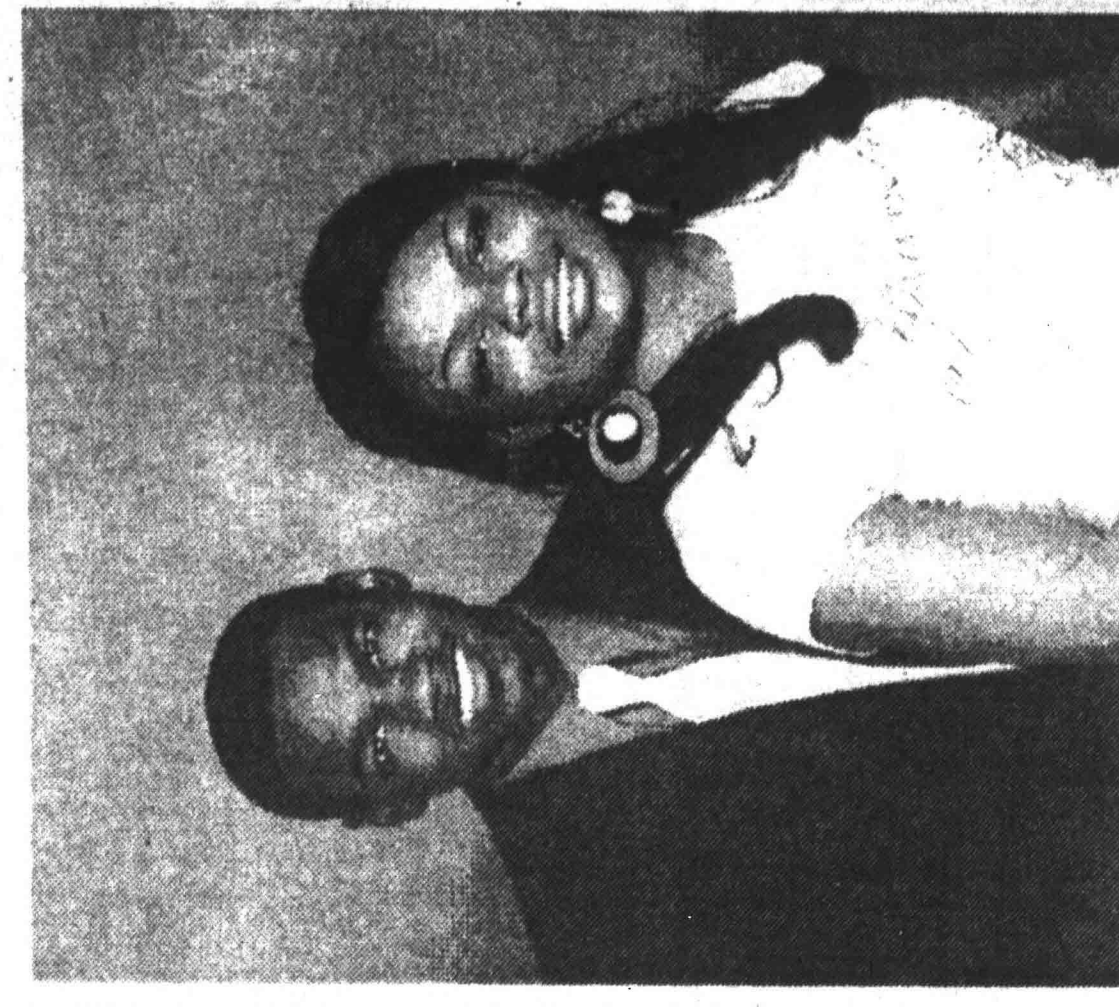
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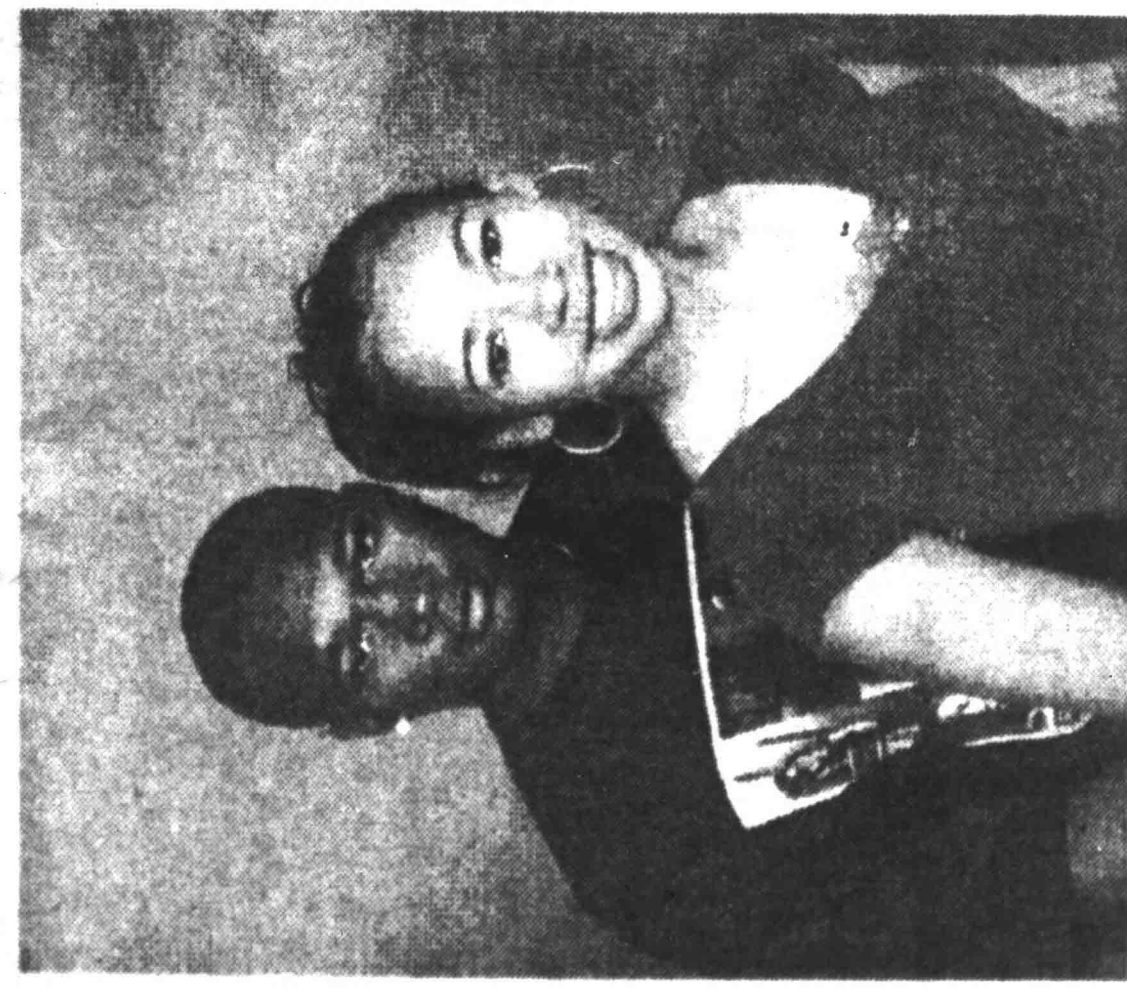
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**BEST ALL AROUND**  
Taylor Layne  
Chelsi White



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
Tyler Pattat  
Kalli Glenn



**BEST PERSONALITY**  
Travis Graves  
Alex Jackson



**MOST DEPENDABLE**  
Tony Lee  
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**BEST DRESSED**  
Darian Robins  
Marissa Ward



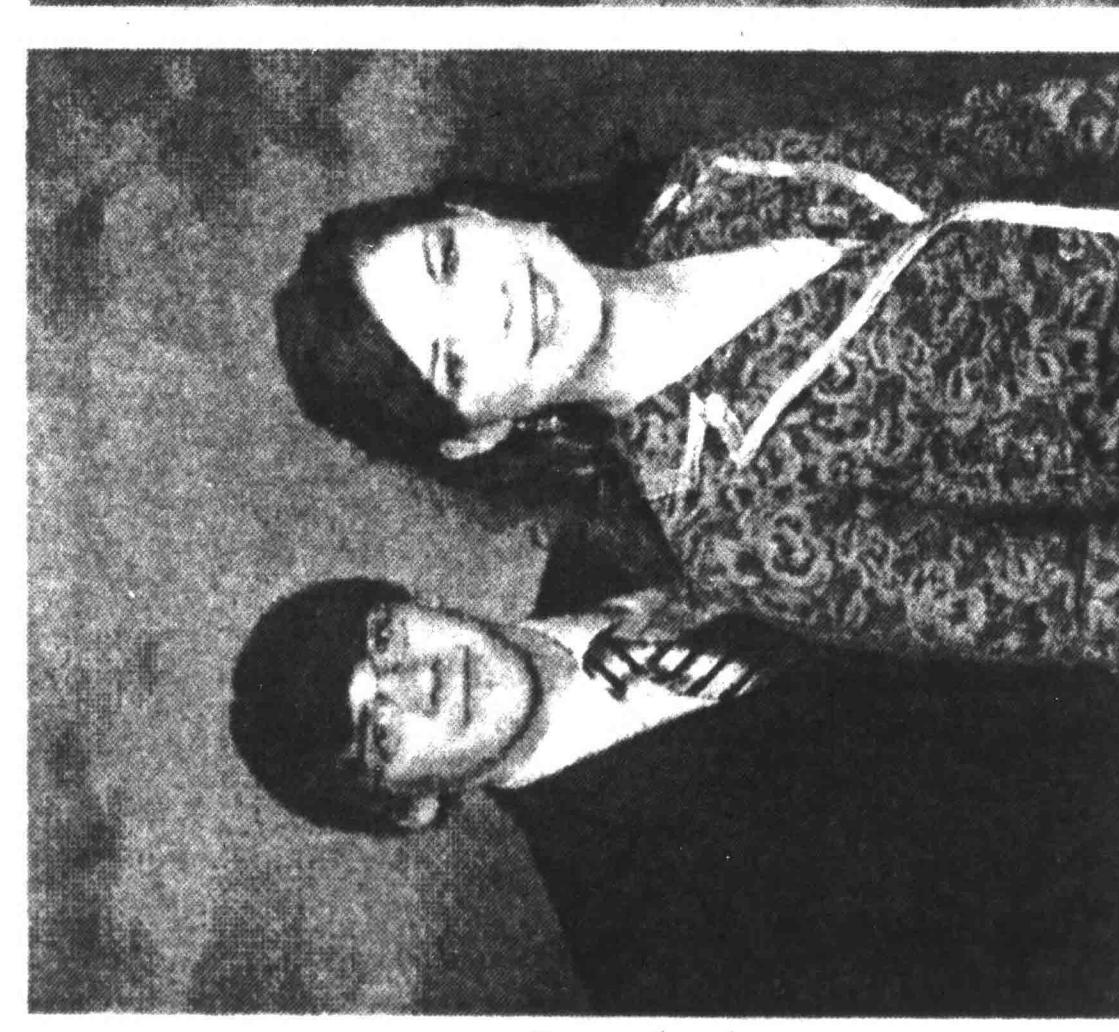
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Megan Hunter



**MOST OUTGOING**  
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Dorisha Wright, in rear



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Amber Haynes



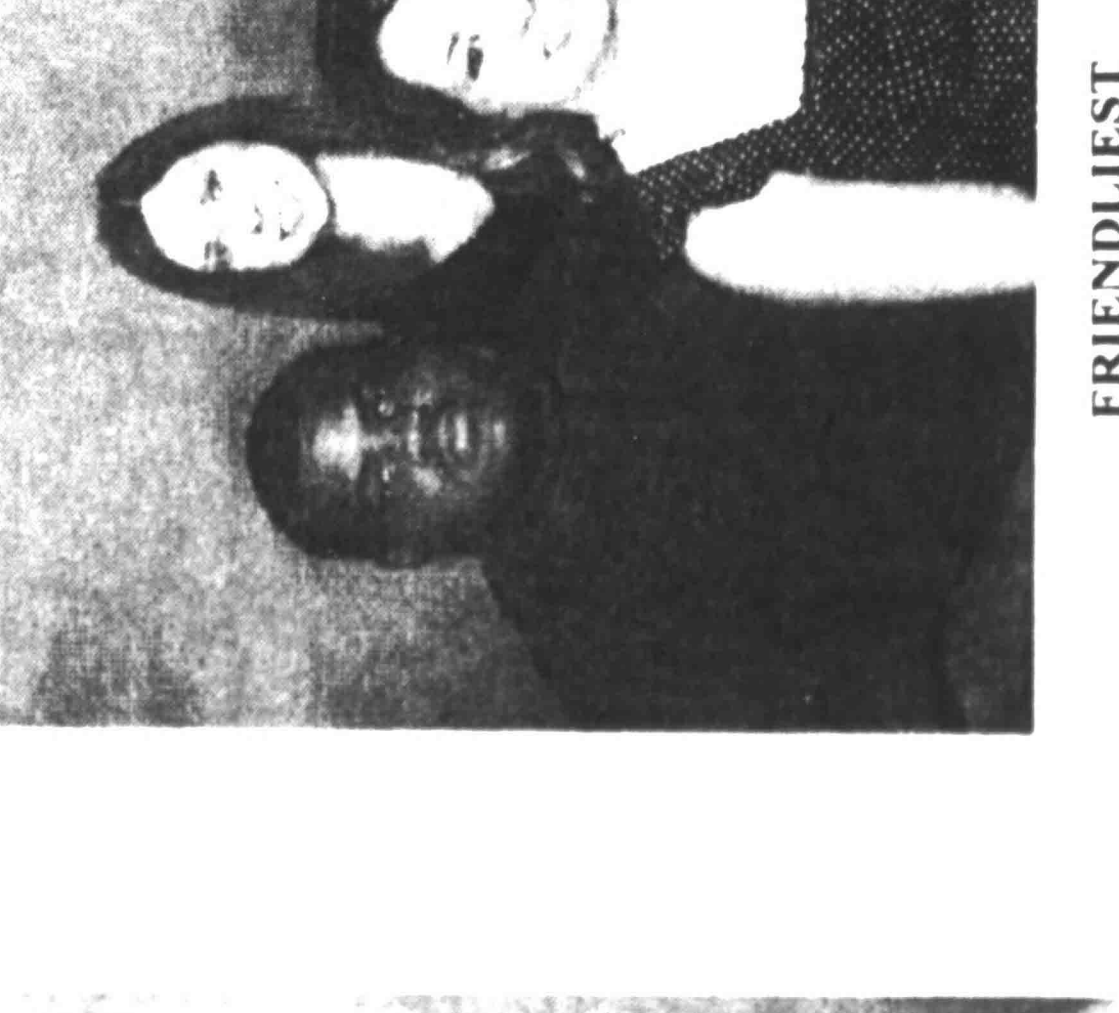
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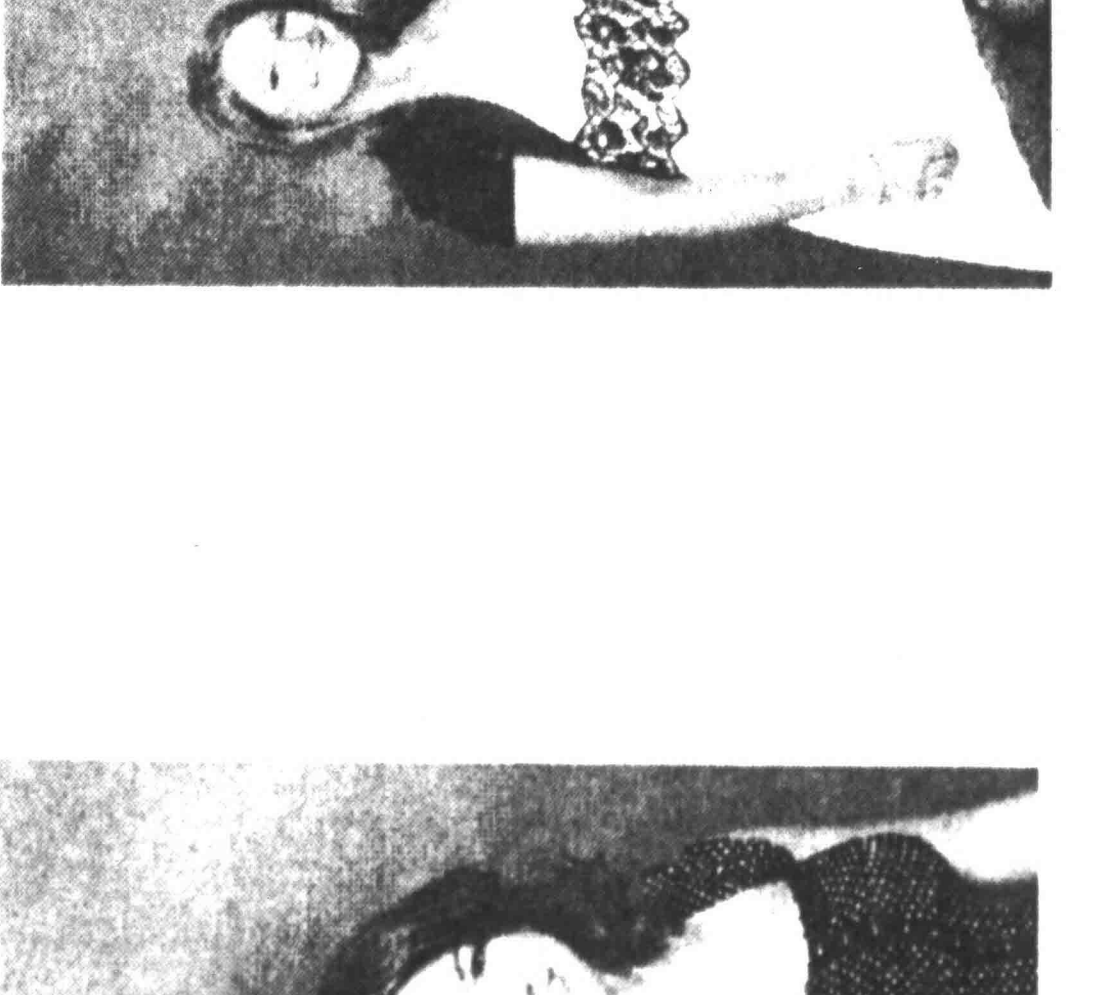
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**FRIENDLIEST**  
Deon Lucas  
Karie Webster, in rear  
Jessica Danley



**BEST SMILE**  
Marcus Holloway, in front  
Robyn Haynes  
Marley Sigman  
Nicole Harris



**WITTIEST**  
Brett Elder  
Marquita Treadway



## HHS Top Ten Students



**HALLS HIGH SCHOOL** Top Ten Freshmen, honored Wednesday of last week, include, in upper photo, in front, from left, Andy Gaines, Carly Cherry, Craig Davis, Heather Hill, and Kristen McCallister, and in rear, Casey Hogue, Seth Deaton, Ashton Nolen, Nathan Smith, and Bradley Bellon.

In middle photo, top ten sophomores include, in front, from left, Aaron Dannelly, Cody Dew, Kayla Akin, Philecia Richmond, and Heather Spangler, and in rear, Jeremy Fitzhugh, Miah Pahl, Morgan Latham, Britney Moore, and Christie Meeks.

In lower photo, top ten juniors include, in front, from left, Alex Aitken, Michelle Meeks, Quila Smith, Rachel Clark, and Heather Fitzhugh, and in rear, Anna Clare Hartman, Sara McBroom, Bree Burns, and Kristin Cribfield, plus, not pictured, Hailey Watts.

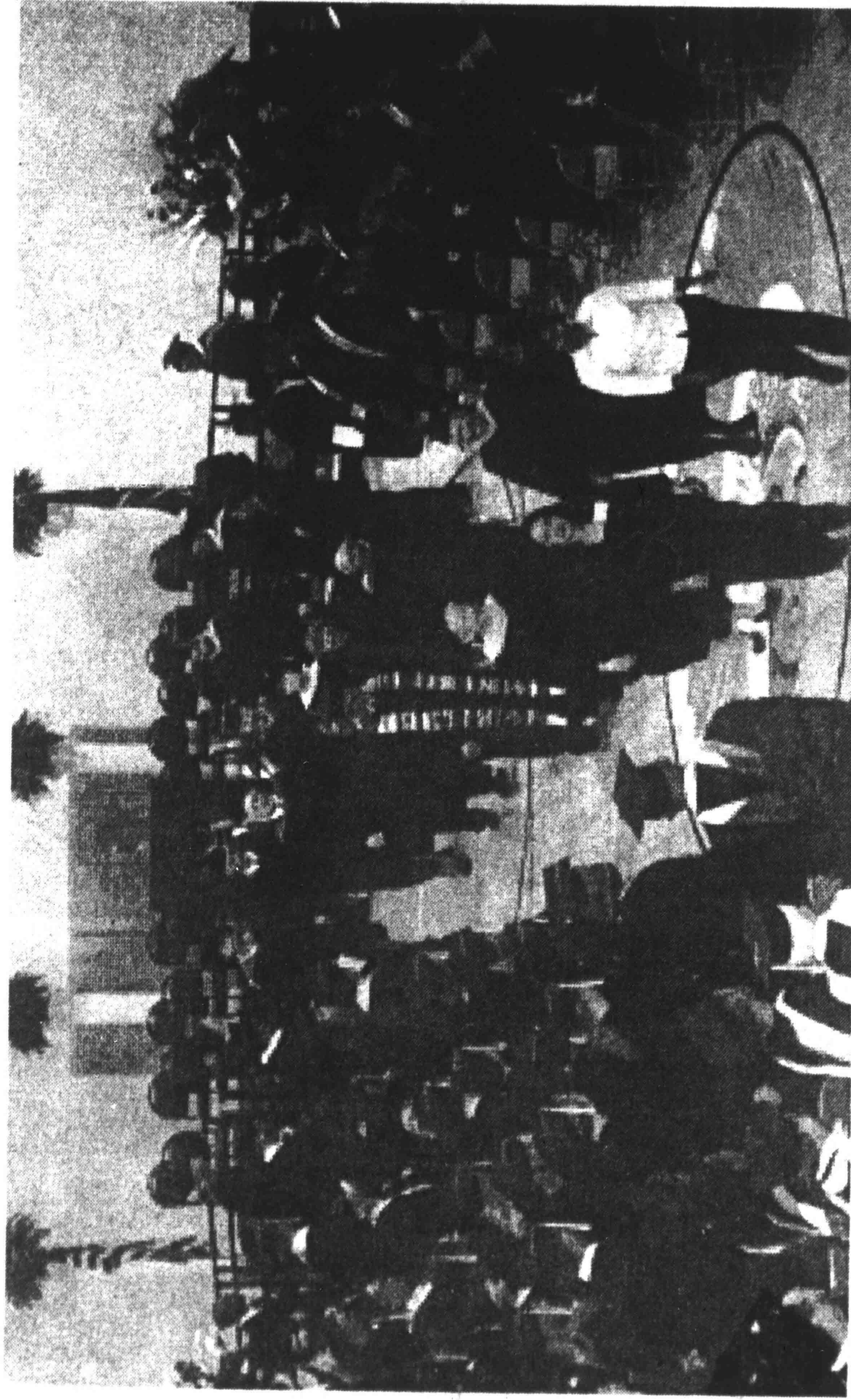
## Ripley's Seniors Receive Awards

Ripley High seniors were presented scholarships and awards in ceremonies Monday night at the Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater in RHS. Among awards presented were medallions for gold cords, which will be worn during commencement exercises Thursday night, for graduates receiving an Honors Diploma.

Students recognized included Kalli Glenn, Bank of Ripley Valedictorian, Hayden Ferguson Memorial, Tollie Cheek Memorial, and Rhodes College Presidential Scholarship and Grant; Jalessa Garrison, Bank of Ripley Dyersburg State Community College, Stiegel-Robert North, and DSCC; Jessica Danley, Bank of Ripley Dyersburg State Community College and Grace Baptist Church; Tyler Pattat, Jerry Coleman Memorial, Aaron Schuh Memorial, Lauderdale County Food Services, U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Award, Tollie Cheek Memorial, and Tennessee Titans "Join the Team"; Marley Sigman, Exchange Club Student of the Year, Junior Auxiliary, Tollie Cheek Memorial, and First United Methodist Church; Alyssa Davis, Ripley

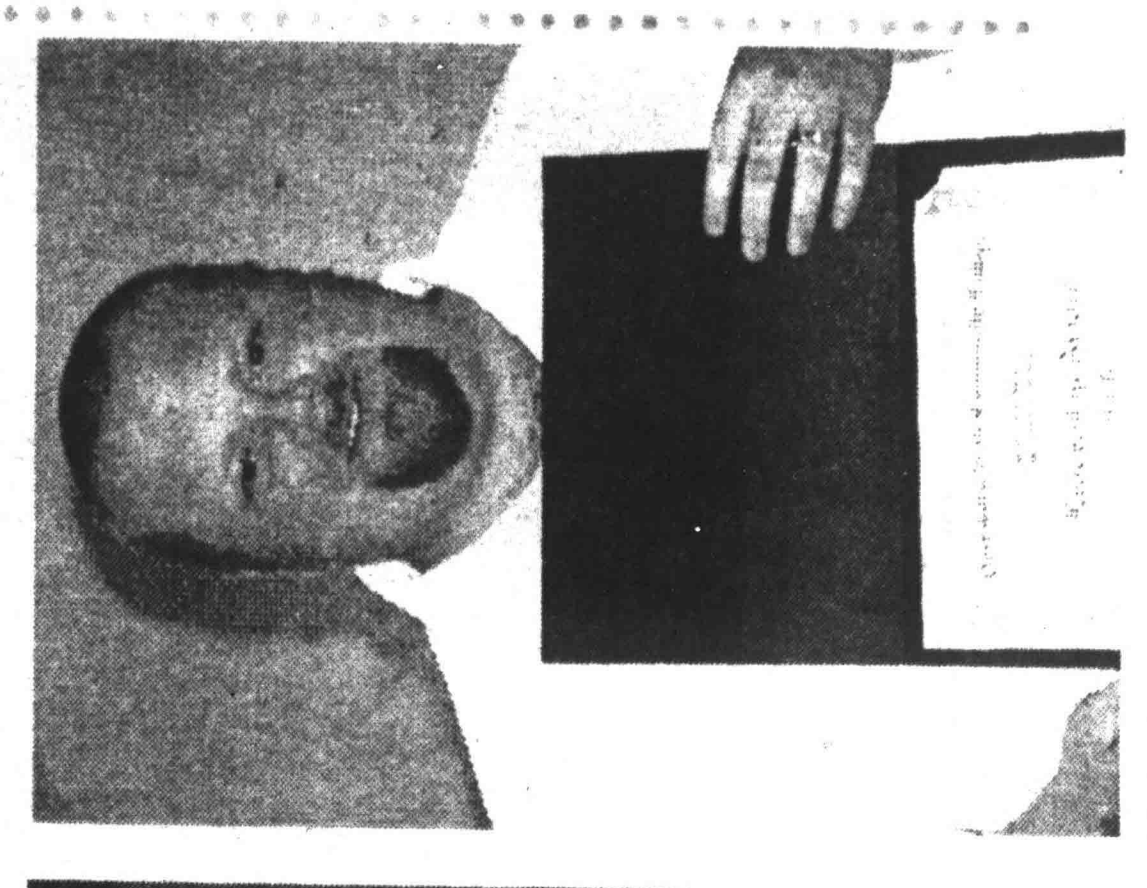
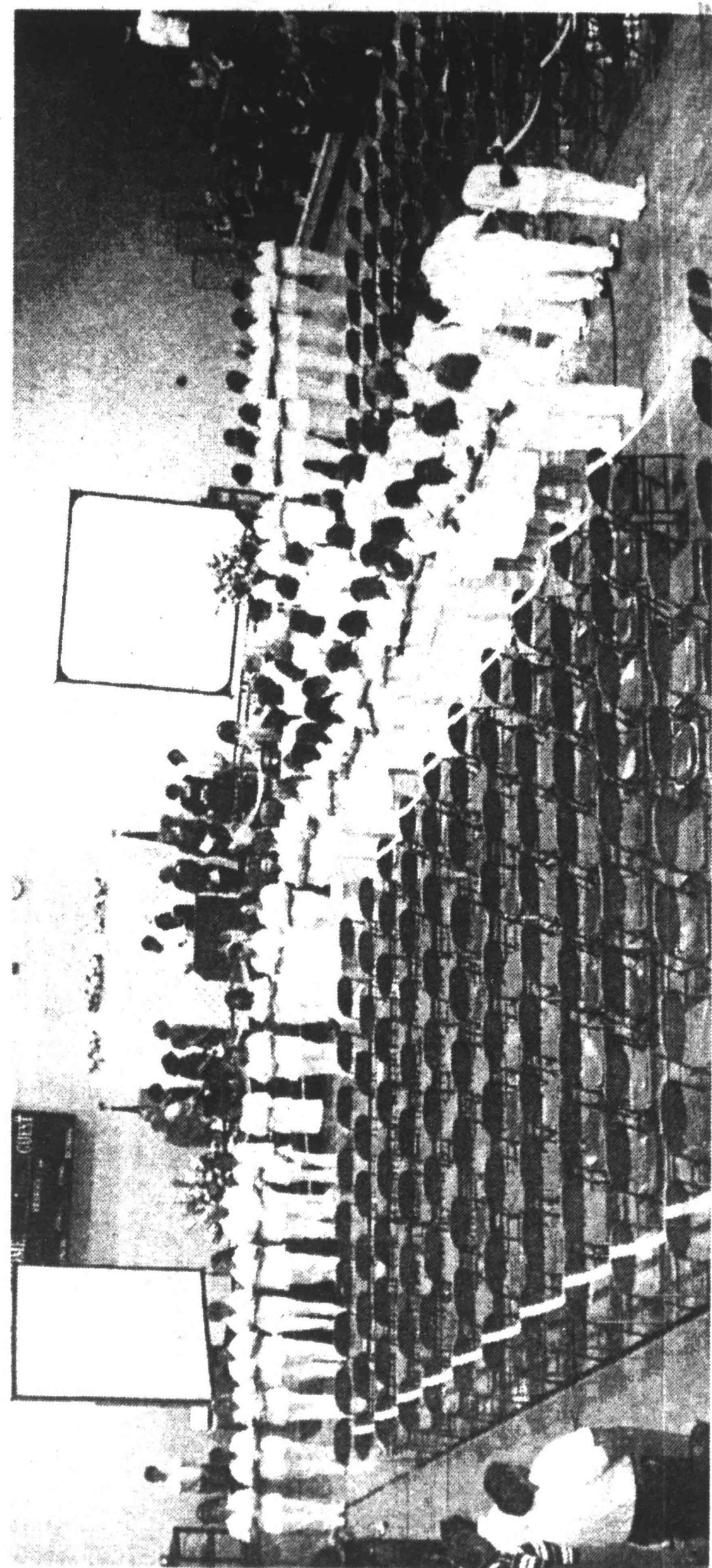
gions Bank Salutatorian, Lauderdale County Education Foundation, and University of Mary Washington Scholastic Excellence Award; Chris Buckner, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Carol Ann Douglas Fine Arts Scholarship from Lauderdale County Council of Arts, Tollie Cheek Memorial, Sally Estes Memorial, Thursday Evening Muscalle, and C. M. Kelly Scholarship; Kayla Keely, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Tolle Cheek Memorial; Nicole Leake, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Dorishta Wright, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Summer Halliburton, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Merissa Ward, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Rhodes College Dean's Scholarship; Trey Tyus, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Marcus Holloway, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Middle Tennessee State University Scholastic Achievement; Chris Taylor, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Paige Williams, Junior Auxiliary, Tollie Cheek Memorial, Robert and Charlene Ward Memorial, and National Wild Turkey Federation; Brandi Williams, First Citizens National Bank to DSCC; Abby McBroom, Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale Auxiliary Nursing, Tollie Cheek, and Union University Academic Alumni Leadership; Mary Elizabeth Carnell, Lauderdale County Education Association, Tollie Cheek Memorial, Ripley High School Student Council, and Mississippi State University Entering Freshman Academic Excellence and

## DSCC Graduates Largest Class



**GRADUATION CEREMONIES** were held Sun., May 7th at Dyer County High School for the Dyersburg State Community College's 36th annual commencement exercise with 206 members of the class participating. Dr. Mickey R. Carpenter, Superintendent of the Dyersburg District of the United Methodist Church, gave the invocation and the benediction. Jonas G. Kisber, Jr., a native of Jackson and a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents, extended greetings on behalf of the board. The Dyersburg Community Orchestra, directed by Dr. Carol Feather, provided live music for the ceremony. Special music was provided by the DSCC Jazz Syncopation under the direction of Sharon Morris, of Ripley. Fran Marcum, a native of Tullahoma, was the guest speaker. She built her family-owned business, Micro Craft, from a single location, 27-person engineering and manufacturing shop into a multi-location leader in the aerospace industry that employed 700 people. The degree candidates represented all areas of West Tennessee. DSCC President, Dr. Karen Bowyer, along with her senior staff and special guests, lead the recession at the end of the 2006 Commencement program.

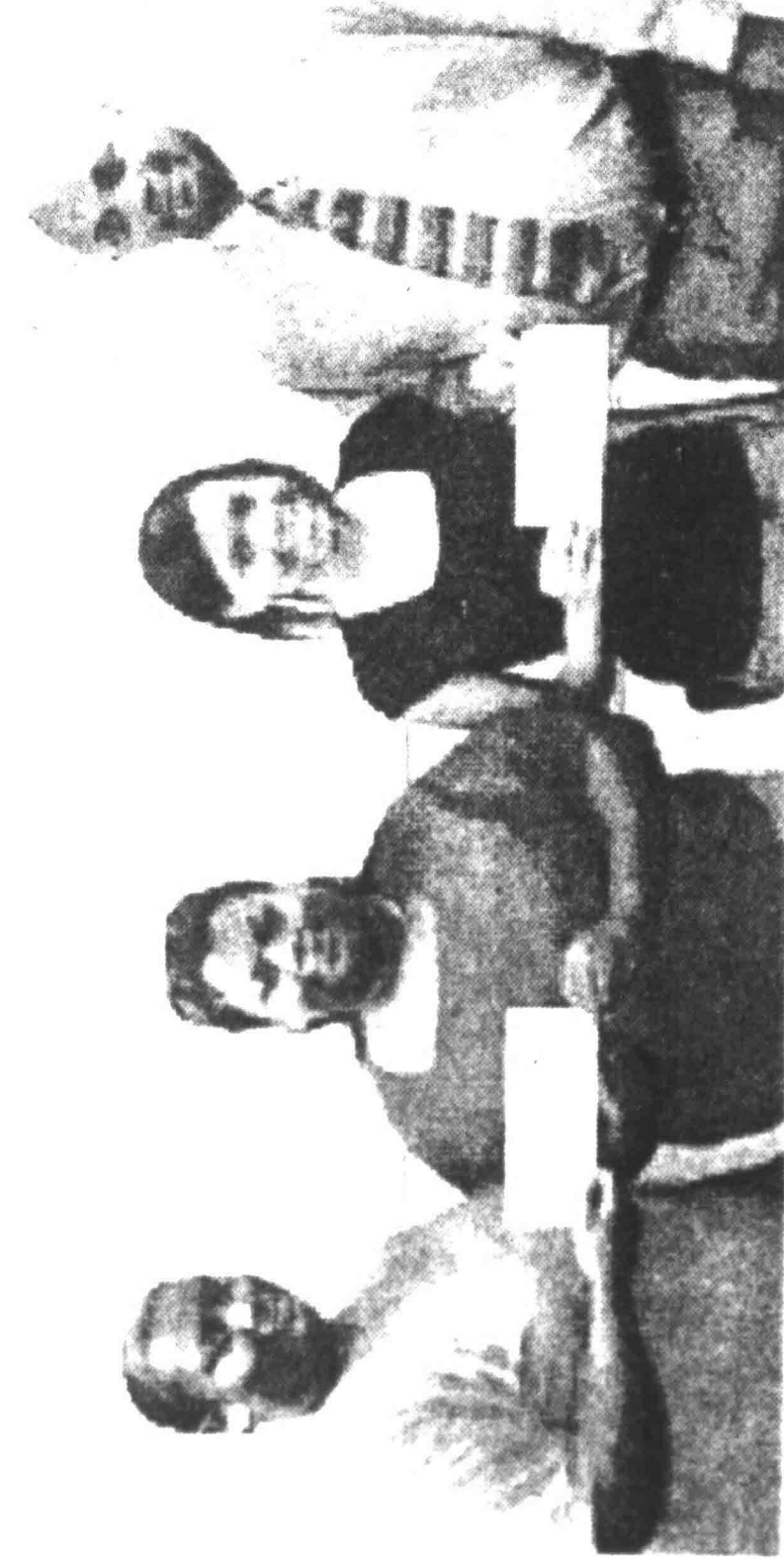
## DSCC Pinning Ceremony Held



**GRADUATES** of the Dyersburg State Community College's Division of Nursing program were presented nursing pins Fri., May 5th to 62 candidates. Of the graduates, 46 are members of the traditional nursing program and 16 are members of the LPN-RN Fast Track Program. Special awards included, in lower photo, Kara Pursell, right, of Ripley, scholastic award for a 3.763 grade point average, pictured with Deborah McCollum, of Dyersburg, with a 3.691 GPA. In lower right photo, Bubba Tetleton, of Ripley, was presented two awards, Leadership and Friendship.

Meadows, University of Memphis Provost's Scholarship.

## S-R Scholarships



**LAKISHA TREADWAY**, left, daughter of Opal Treadway, and Jaleesa Garrison, right, daughter of Melvin Garrison, received the 2006 Stiegel-Robert Automotive Scholarship awards. Lakisha is pursuing a career in pediatrics at the University of Tennessee at Martin and Jaleesa is pursuing a career in elementary education at Dyersburg State Community College. Opal and Melvin are associates at S-R Automotive Ripley.

**If you wish in this world to advance, your merits you're bound to enhance; You must stir it and stomp it, and blow your own trumpet, or trust me, you haven't a chance.**  
—W. S. Gilbert

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—John Wooden

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& The Rest Of The Family*

## Class Of 2006!



## DSCC Honors & Awards



**BILL SWEAT**, of Ripley, left, First Citizens National Bank Community President, and Christopher Bauer, of Halls, right, were recognized Sun., April 23rd by Dyersburg State Community College during the Honors Convocation at the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on campus. Bill was presented a distinguished service award and Christopher, a Budestag Award. In a special presentation, Katie Winchester, president of First Citizens National Bank, Dyersburg, was given the Pinnacle Award by DSCC President, Dr. Karen Bowyer. The award acknowledged Winchester's tireless efforts on behalf of the college in her role as Good to Great campaign chairman. The award has only been given on one other occasion in the history of the college to, E. H. Lannom, Jr.

Other recognized included, Who's Who Students, Sandra Kay Davis, Candice Lynn Garrett, Megan Irene Henson, Lewis Todd McWilliams, and Wendy Renee White, all of Ripley, and Calandra Mechelle Winbush, of Halls; University of Memphis Scholarship, Lisa D. Scott, Incentive Scholars, Myra Wright, and Health and Medical Information Technology, Lea Compton, all of Ripley. Students named to the dean's list include Brittany E. Delaney, Ryan L. Hamilton, Stephanie C. Tims, and Lewis T. McWilliams, all of Ripley, and Julie D. Pratt, of Halls.

## Scholar



**CHRISTINA S. CLEEK**, of Henning, graduated *magna cum laude* May 6th from the University of Memphis with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies. She is the daughter of James and Donna Sanders, the wife of James, and the mother of Ben, all of Henning.

## Honors Presented To HHS Seniors

Halls High seniors were presented awards and scholarships in ceremonies Wednesday of last week. Among awards presented were medals for the Tennessee Scholars. Commencement exercises will be held Friday night.

Students receiving scholarships included Sarah Beth Warren and Colin Clendenin, Arnold Academic; Jeremy Hudson, Robert Richmond and Mildred Everth, Xi Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Lisa Cherry, Bank of Ripley; Sarah Beth Warren, Carol Ann Douglas Fine Arts Scholarship; Jeff McWilliams, C.N. Armour DSCC scholarships to Kimberly Bentley, Ripley Power and Light, Kimberly Blackwood, Beth Cook, Chelsea Crockett, and Steven Shands, Komatsu, Chelsea Crockett, incentive, Christina Lopez, Lauderdale County and Forum Lannom, Crystal Canada, Megan Robison, and Audra Smith, First Citizens National Bank, and Ashley Buckner, Monica Jackson, and Ericka Johnson, athletic; Audra Smith, Hospital League of Baptist Hospital Lauderdale; Sarah Beth Warren, Judi S. Keen Memorial; Jeff McWilliams, Jon M. Moore FFA Memorial; Nicole Bernard and Sarah Beth Warren, Junior Auxiliary; Andrea Barnes, Lane College; Sarah Beth Warren, Lauderdale County Education Association and Lauderdale County Education Foundation Merit; Zak Kelley, Lauderdale County Food Service and P. A. Turner Memorial; Jeremy Hudson, Mt. Pleasant M.B. church; Mildred Everth, Xi Lambda Omega Chapter of AKA; Rachel Fitzhugh, Ward's Accounting; Sarah Beth Warren, Caitlyn Hurt, and Rachel Fitzhugh, Robert Ward Memorial; Zak Kelley, Ross W. Dyer Memorial; Sarah Beth Warren, Regions Bank; Chaston Dudas, Tennessee Titans; Colin Clendenin, Union University; Anthony Jones, University of Memphis; Colin Clendenin and Caitlyn Hurt, University of Mississippi; Jeremy Hudson, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Mildred Everth, University of Tennessee at Martin; Colin Clendenin, Zak Kelley, Josh Ward, Sarah Beth Warren, and Zack Webb, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Whitney Akun, U. S. Army; and Lisa Cherry, Brittany Chupman, Colin Clendenin, Chaston Dudas, Mildred Everth, Rachel Fitzhugh, Meagan Gay, Kelliann Hardee, Jeremy Hudson, Zak Kelley, Christina Lopez, Josh McBroom, Megan Robison, Tina Shands, Amber Smith, Audra Smith,

## Scholar



**LEIGH ANN SMALLEY**, daughter of Lee and Nancy Smalley, of Ripley, will graduate Sat., May 20th from Union University in Jackson with a master of business administration. She received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Union in 2002.

Stephen Taylor, Katie Throgmorton, Josh Ward, Sarah Beth Warren, and Zak Webb, Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships.

Awards presented included ACT 25 or higher, Colin Clendenin, Rachel Fitzhugh, Kelliann Hardee, Caitlyn Hurt, Josh Ward, Sarah Beth Warren, and Zach Webb; Art award, Brittany Chipman, Colin Clendenin, English Award, Colin Clendenin, Rachel Fitzhugh, Kelliann Hardee, Caitlyn Hurt, Zak Kelley, Sally Jo Turner, and Sarah Beth Warren; FCCCLA, Mildred Everth, Maegan Gay, Casey Luttrell, Angel Scott, Amber Smith, and Sarah Beth Warren; High School That Work Achievement, Colin Clendenin, Chaston Dudas, Rachel Fitzhugh, Caitlyn Hurt, Megan Robison, Sarah Beth Warren, and Zach Webb; Information Technology; Steven Shands; Mathematics; Sarah Beth Warren; Marketing; Mildred Everth, Zak Kelley, and Sarah Beth Warren; Science, Caitlyn Hurt and Colin Clendenin; Social Studies, Zak Kelley; Spanish, Sarah Beth Warren; HHS Achievement award, Kristie Fincher; Balfour, Caitlyn Hurt; Booker T. Washington, Jeremy Hudson; DAR, Sarah Beth Warren; President's Award of Education Achievement, Marcus Nelson; Principal's Leadership award, Sarah Beth Warren; U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete, Caitlyn Hurt and Jarvis Roberts; Tennessee Scholars, Colin Clendenin, Chaston Dudas, Mildred Everth, Rachel Fitzhugh, Kelliann Hardee, Jeremy Hudson, Caitlyn Hurt, Zak Kelley, Tina Shands, Amber Smith, Audra Smith, Anna Spray, Stephen Taylor, Sally Jo Turner, Sarah Beth Warren, and Zach Webb; President's Award of Edu-

## Graduate



**BEVERLY STONE CLAY**, 51, wife of Billy Clay, of Ripley, graduated *summa cum laude* May 7th from Bethel College in McKenzie with a bachelor of science degree in organizational management with a 3.85 grade point average. Employed by Children and Family Services, Inc., Covington, she works with the Lauderdale County School System as the community preventive initiative coordinator. An advocate of education, she plans on obtaining her master's degree at University of Tennessee at Martin in management. The youngest of 12 siblings, she is the mother of Tamika Clay Fosselt, of Memphis, Derrick Jones, of Ripley, and Billy Clay, Jr., of Nashville, grandmother of four, the daughter-in-law of Geraldine Clay, and the daughter of the late Elmer and Gertie Stone, all of Ripley.

ational Excellence, Brittany Chipman, Colin Clendenin, Rachel Fitzhugh, Kelliann Hardee, Caitlyn Hurt, Zak Kelley, Sally Jo Turner, Tina Shands, Sarah Beth Warren, and Zach Webb; Honor Curriculum, Brittany Chipman, Colin Clendenin, Mildred Everth, Rachel Fitzhugh, Kelliann Hardee, Jeremy Hudson, Caitlyn Hurt, Zak Kelley, Tina Shands, Stephen Taylor, Sally Jo Turner, Sarah Beth Warren, and Zach Webb.

## Awarded



**HATTIE B. CHANEY**, of Ripley, a 1973 graduate of Ripley High School and a student at Dyersburg State Community College, majoring in early childhood education, was notified Mon., May 8th of the 4.0 grade point average she maintained during the spring 2006 semester. Employed part-time by Step-by-Step Childcare Center, she is the daughter of Arda James Genesey, Sr. and the late Mrs. Lillie Mae Genesey, of Ripley.

Never read a book through merely because you have begun it.  
—John Witherspoon

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### Megan Hunter

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Woody & Tootsie!

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## Snell Participates In Harding's Gala

Peter Snell, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Snell, of Ripley, was part of the 33rd annual Spring Sing musical competition at Harding University, Searcy, Ark., April 13th through 15th. He is a freshman, majoring in biology. The all-student revue featured 800 university students and is an event of the annual youth forum, when more than 2,000 teenagers from across the nation gather on the campus for a full schedule of events.

The shows were judged on originality, costume, choreography, and music, with cash awards and plaques presented following the Saturday show. The cash awards were donated to Muscular Dystrophy Association, Searcy Children's Home, Sunshine School, and CASA.

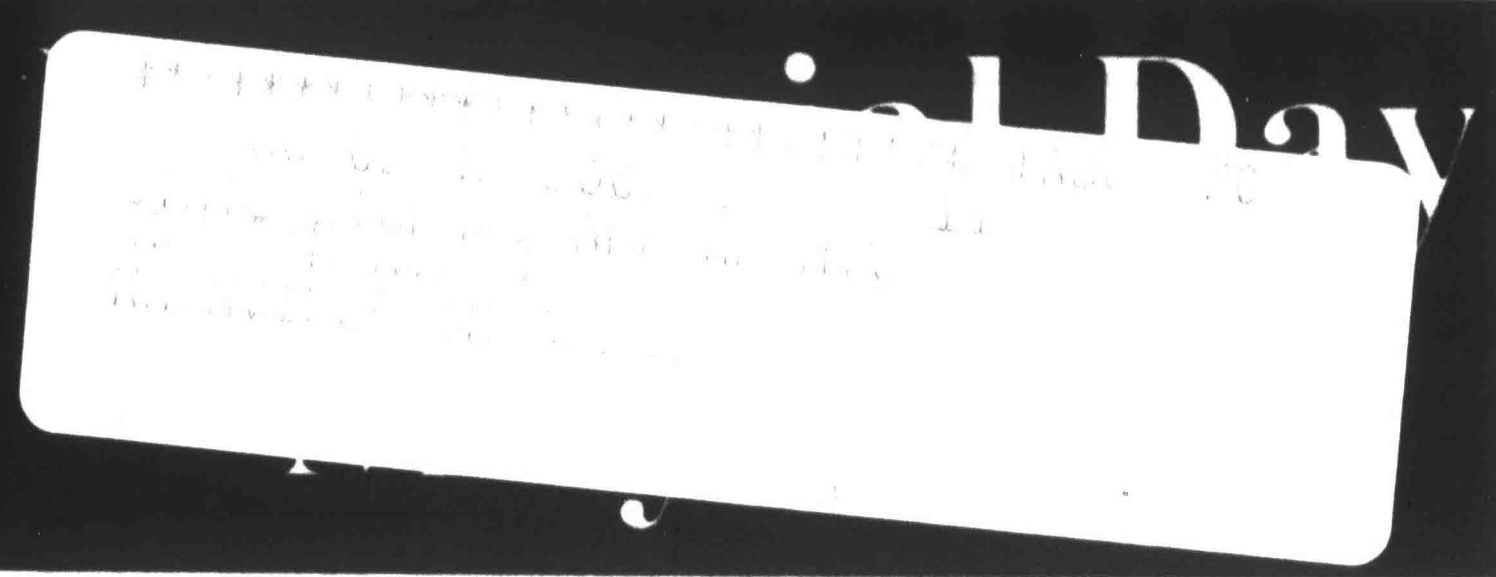


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## I-69 Set West Of U.S. 51 Except Gates-Henning

The state Dept. of Transportation plans to route Interstate 69 west of U.S. Hwy. 51, from the I-155/U.S. 51 interchange near Dyersburg to the Paul Barrett Parkway, south of Millington, in Shelby County, with one exception:

The route from Gates to Henning is undecided.

Comments in a public hearing in November have prompted study of a route east of U.S. 51 from Gates, (crossing the Curve-Woodville Rd., Old Brownsville Rd., and Henning-Bethlehem Rd.) before re-joining U.S. 51 just north of the Hatchie River bridge.

The study will delay a further plan for about six months and will require more public hearings.

There may be no need for haste. Dyersburg Mayor Bill Revell notes that against Tennessee's estimated I-69 cost of \$800,000,000, recent U.S. funding, for six years, provides only \$124,000,000.

He says I-69 will require "innovative financing," perhaps including toll roads.

## Halls Holds Two For Drug Sales

Halls police charge that Darold "Fatty" Halliburton, 29, and James Taylor, 32, each sold, last week, to undercover agents, more than half a gram of cocaine.

The arrests are the first in Halls' alliance with the West Tennessee Drug Task Force.

Policeman Derrick Hundley is Halls' link to WTDTF.

## The 2nd Annual Air Service Fly-In

The 2nd annual Dyersburg Air Service Fly-In, sponsored by Dyersburg Fairground Flyers and Halls R/C Flyers, will begin at 9 a.m. Sat., June 3rd, at the Dyersburg Airport.

For more information, call 731-287-8181, 731-635-1940 or 731-635-5999 or visit web site at [www.hrcf.biz](http://www.hrcf.biz) and click on events.

## HHS Tennis Pair Topped in Region

Halls High School's Caitlyn Hurt and Sarah Beth Warren, doubles victors in district tennis competition, lost the championship game Tuesday of last week in the Region 8A-AA tournament at Crockett County High School, to Sarah Sopcak and Maria Koonce, of Madison, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Sopcak won the girls' singles sectional over University School of Jackson's Madison Patey, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, but Sopcak and Koonce lost to Patey/Kato, of USJ, 8-5.

USJ led Madison in the sectional, 4-3, to make the state tournament in Murfreesboro at 16-1. Madison's season closed at 18-2.

## Candidates Seek Offices



**GRACIE BRYSON** has announced her candidacy for the position of County Commissioner for District 3. She issued the following statement.

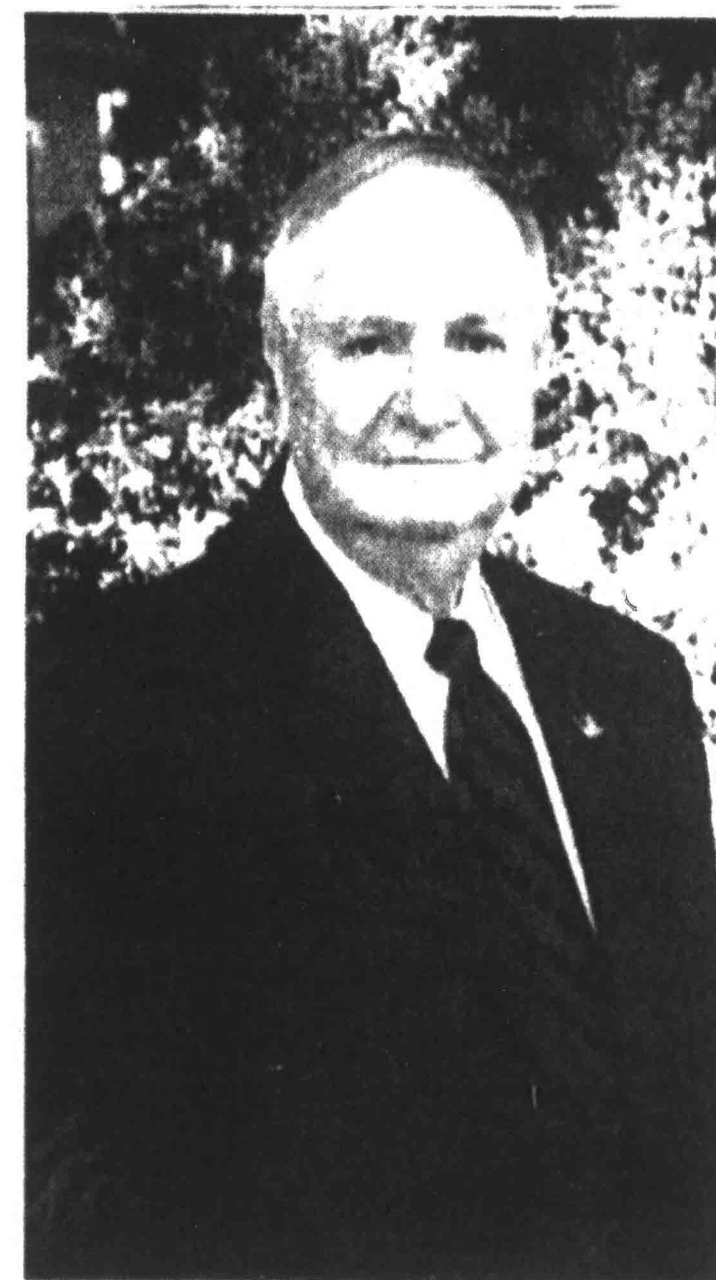
"I have been married for  
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**STEVE BUTLER**, 55, has announced his candidacy for the position of Chancellor Part I, Chancery Court of Tennessee 25th Judicial District. He issued the following statement.

"Citing almost 30 years of civil trial experience, I am seeking the position of Chancellor. I am a 1976 graduate of the University

(Continued On Page 8.)



**ROZELLE CRINER** has announced his candidacy for re-election to the position of Lauderdale County Mayor. He issued the following statement.

"I am very appreciative and humbled by the confidence you have shown by letting me serve you as your County Mayor. As most of you know, I have lived in Lauderdale County  
(Continued On Page 8.)



**CAROL C. WALKER** has announced her candidacy for the position of Register of Deeds for Lauderdale County. She issued the following statement.

"My name is Carol Campbell Walker and I am the daughter of the late William O. (Bill) and Lera

(Continued On Page 8.)



**CAROL L. WALKER** has announced her candidacy for re-election to the position of Lauderdale County Commissioner District 3. She issued the following statement.

"I have been very active in community affairs, hav-

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## 5 From HHS. Baseball Win Dist. Honors

All-District 14-A baseball players include five from Halls High School--Leamond Arthur, Colin Clendenin, Josh Daniels, Chaseton Dudas, and Stephen Taylor.

Arthur is one of two Most Valuable Players, co-named with Adam Bennett, of Gleason.

Arthur and Dudas were also named all-tournament.

Coach Mike Blackwood's lads closed their season 21-11, dropped from tournament play by Humboldt, 8-3.

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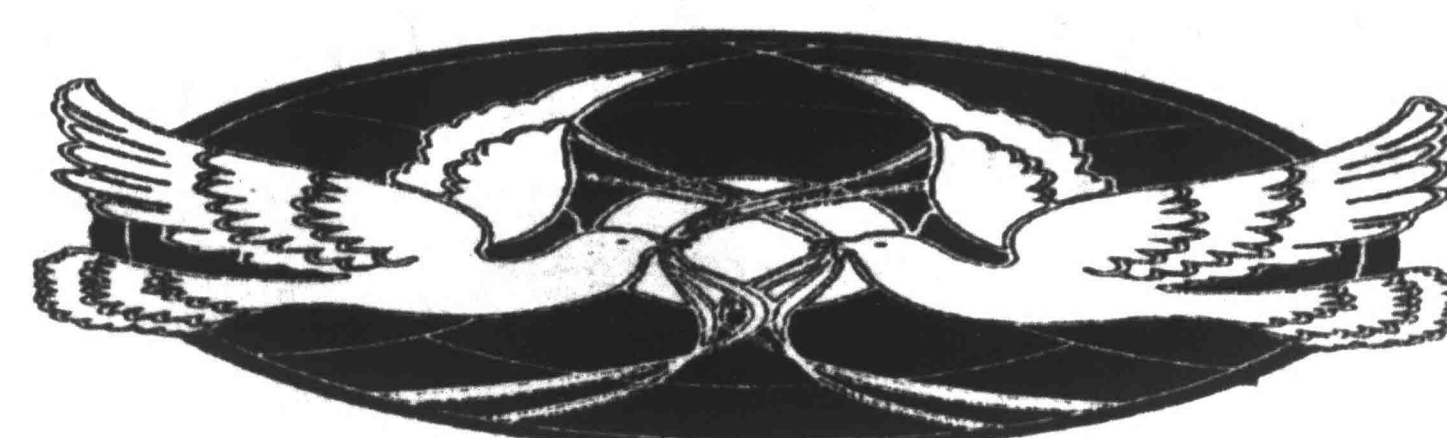
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CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Highway 51 N., Ripley, will conduct special Sunday morning services beginning April 30th and continuing for five weeks in a Bible prophecy series concerning the release of "The DaVinci Code" book and movie. Radio Bible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

The youth choir of St. Mark M.B. Church, 465 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will sponsor a cookout from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., May 20th and a family and friends day program at 3 p.m. Sun., May 28th. The Rev. Joe Nance, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Central Assembly of God will hold homecoming services beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., June 4th with Sunday School and worship services at 11 a.m. with Gaylon Echols, of Milan, as guest speaker. A potluck luncheon will be held at noon. Bill Baker and Witness will provide musical selections at 1:30 p.m. E. T. Echols, pastor, invites the public.

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The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging has announced its 13th annual Old Fashion Day to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thurs., June 1st, at the Senior Citizen Center, 605 Airport St., in Halls.

Some of the attractions will include: a country store, flea market, hamburgers and Jimmy Dean hotdogs, popcorn, display booths, information booths, health fair, prize duck pond, spin and win wheel, silent auction, door prizes, air-vac helicopter, experience works, Asbury Cove Assisted Living, Dyersburg Regional Senior Circle, Jackson Eye Clinic, American Cancer Association, Odyssey Health Care, Bank of Halls, Baptist Lauderdale Senior Care, Delta Human Resources, Dyersburg Regional Senior Circle, Lauderdale Community Living Center, Lauderdale County Bank, Mary Kay, Avon, Med-South Health PC, Rural Health Clinics of West TN, Northwest Safeline, Reelfoot Lake Manor, Bank of Ripley, Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley, Tender Care program, Tina Turner Abuse Center, Wal-Mart, Weight Watchers, Wesley at Dyersburg, Lauderdale County voters registering table, Indian jewelry, purses, candles and more.

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## Obituaries

### Camby Compton

Camby Leroy Compton, 70, of Halls, a retired supervisor for LaSalle Steel Mfg., died at his residence after a lengthy illness.

Services were at 11 a.m. Friday, May 19th, at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Elon Cemetery, in Double Bridges Community, near Halls.

He was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and Dyersburg Saddle Club.

He leaves his wife, Viola Vivian Compton, and son, Randy Compton, both of Halls, other sons, Robert Compton, of Ripley, Camby Compton, Jr., of Chicago, Ill., Owen Compton, of Valparaiso, Ill., Ronald, Alan and James Atkeson, all of Dyersburg; daughters, Brenda Corral, of Lake Station, Ind., and Mary Long, of Newbern; brothers, Walter Compton, of Sorento, Ill., Charles Compton, of Donaldson, Ill., David Compton, of Litchfield, Ill., Herb Compton, of Taylor Springs, Ill., and Clay Compton, of Donaldson; sisters, Algera Row, of Branson, Mo., and Gladys Cordova, of Coffeen, Ill.; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### 'Sonny' Land

James A. "Sonny" Land, 83, of Brownsville, died Sunday in Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

Rites were held Tuesday in Brownsville Memorial Gardens, Brownsville Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Doris Maxine Taylor Land; daughters, Maxine Leek and Patricia Neal, and sisters, Catherine Forsythe, Bessie King, and Peggy Brown, all of Ripley; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by sons, Larry A. Land, March 6, 1967, Lynn Land, July 26, 1988, and Stephen Ray Land, June 19, 1991.

Memorial gifts to the American Heart Assn. would be appropriate.

### Thomas Gitchell

Thomas Wesley Gitchell, 80, of Memphis, a printer for the Commercial Appeal and a relative to several Lauderdale countians, died Tuesday at Primacy Estates, Memphis.

Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday, May 26th, at Roller-Citizens Funeral Home, West Memphis, Ark., with burial in Memphis National Cemetery, Memphis.

He was a World War II Army veteran, a mason and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5225 Marion/West Memphis and of the Episcopalian faith.

Survivors include son, Steven Gitchell, and daughter, Brenna Vest, both of Marion, Ark.; another son, Gary Gitchell, of Lakeland; a sister, Mildred Croft, of Hornlake, Miss.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions to the Arthritis Association would be appropriate.

### Randy Cooper

The Memphis *Commercial Appeal* reports that private services for Randy Earl "RD" Cooper, 23, of Memphis, were held Friday in Friendship Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

The funeral home declines to provide any additional information.

### Melvin Tipton

Melvin Tipton, 51, of Henning, employed by S-R Of Tennessee in Ripley, died Saturday, in his home.

Rites will be at noon Friday 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 wife, Teresa; sons, Justin and Melvin, of Henning, and Jamal Boyd, of Covington; a daughter, Tracy Lozan, of Covington; a step-daughter, Jackie Montgomery, of Ripley; a brother, Arthur Tipton, and a sister, Mildred Tipton, both of Covington; and four grandchildren.

### Ricky Lowrance

Ricky Lee Lowrance, 50, of Covington, father of Ricky Lee Lowrance, Jr., of 4696 Conner-Whitefield Rd., near Ripley, died Thursday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Sunday in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Mount Lebanon Cemetery.

He was a carpenter and an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include another son, Jeffrey Dewayne Lowrance, of Atoka; his parents, Rabon and Alma Sue Lowrance, sister, Jean Taylor, and a step-daughter, Misty Barnes, all of Covington; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### 'Bubba' Flagg

Virgil C. "Bubba" Flagg, 83, retired veterinarian's assistant, died Wednesday of last week, of cancer, in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

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

He leaves daughters, Jackie R. Dixon, of Henning, Kathy L. Jackson, of Brownsville, and Debbie D. Scruggs, of Jackson; a son, Leon, of Bulls Gap, in East Tennessee; a brother, Sewell Flagg, Jr., of Brownsville; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### "POPS IN THE PARK"

Lauderdale County Council of Arts prepares for its annual "Pops in The Park", featuring the Germantown Symphony Orchestra on June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The Arts Council invites everyone to come. The concert is free to the public.

The Germantown Symphony Orchestra held its first rehearsal on October 30, 1975. The orchestra had a period of growth and development through the seventies and eighties, both in terms of number of members and in the challenge of the music performed. One of their goals is to promote the performing arts by performing concerts

### UT-Martin Awards Undergrad Degrees

University of Tennessee at Martin students, awarded undergraduate degrees during spring commencement exercises, May 13th, included, William Allen Bird, Leah Beth Simpson, Kristen Nicole Throgmorton, and Merry Beth Williams, all of Halls, and Dwan Keplin Anderson, Shawna Gayle Crowder, April Diane Dowell, Persempathy Kendraleshun Harrell, and James Austin Wieber, all of Ripley. The ceremony was held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center with Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen as the keynote speaker. Dr. John D. Peterson, president of the University of Tennessee, attended and congratulated the graduates.

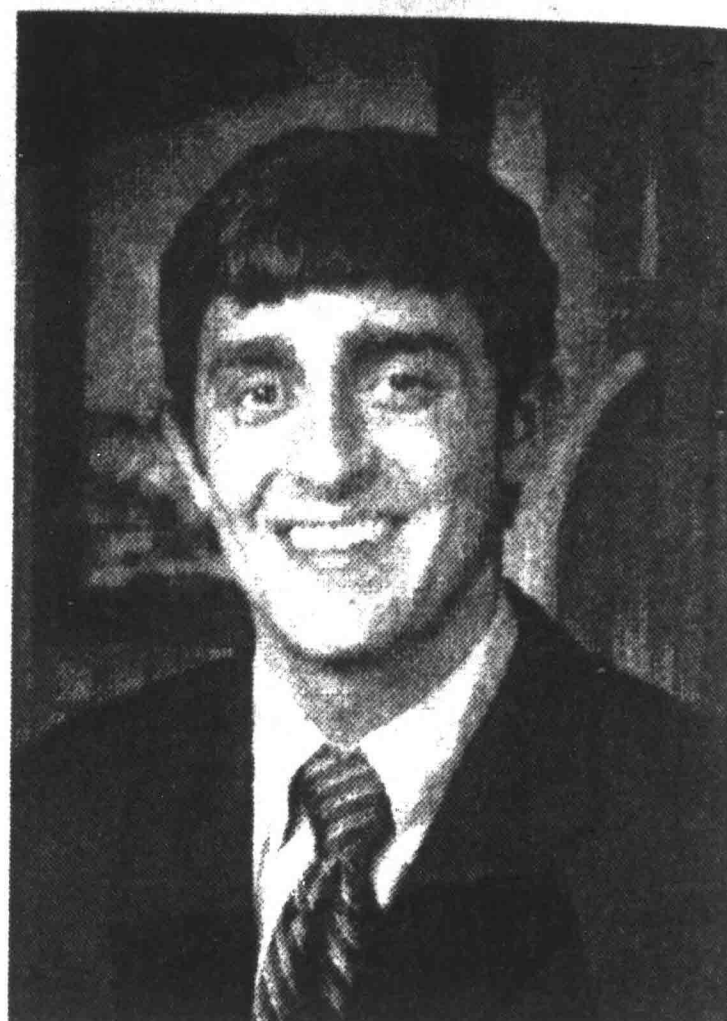
### LITTER PICK-UP DAY

The Lauderdale Chamber/ECD has signed up to be a part of the Keep Tennessee Beautiful campaign across Tennessee. Chamber Director Lisa Hankins has asked citizens to help with Litter Pick-Up Day on May 26th and 27th. Trash bags will be available at City Hall in Halls and the Chamber in Ripley. Richard Wright and Bryan Barker of Barker Brothers are providing two huge dumpsters, which will be placed in the county. One will be placed on the old Wal-Mart parking lot and the other at the Jones Warehouse Food parking lot in Halls. Anyone can take their trash to either of these containers.

For more information, contact Lynn Harmon, Ripley Merchants Association, at 635-3791 or 635-0414 and Pamela Cherry, Halls Merchant Association, at 836-0637.

in surrounding communities who do not have their own orchestras.

## Graduated



**WILL BIRD**, 23, son of Allen and Janice Bird, of Halls, graduated *magna cum laude* Sat., May 13th, from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education with a grade point average of 3.56. Governor Phil Bredesen gave the keynote address to the 626 graduates.

A 2001 honors graduate of Halls High School, Will was selected to serve on UTM's freshman council.

In 2002, he was chosen by the National Future Farmers of America Association as a New Century Farmer. He received the Governor's Youth Achievement Award and was named the 2003 Tennessee Star in Agriculture while serving as the 2002-2003 Tennessee FFA State President, and received the American Degree, the highest degree in FFA, in November 2003 at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky.

A member of UTM's Collegiate FFA, Student Cattleman's Association, National Agriculture Marketing Association, National Association of Agriculture Educators, Student Teachers Education Association, Phi Chi Theta Business Fraternity and L.E.A.D. Academy, Will was chosen as a senator for the College of Agriculture in 2004.

A member of Alpha Tau Omega Leadership Fraternity at UTM, Will served as its Community Service Committee Chairman, Judicial Review Chairman and Vice-President. He was a member of the Order of Omega Academic Honor Society.

He served as a UTM student ambassador, participated in the Peer Enabling program as a PEP leader, worked as an intern in Global sales training and development at Pioneer-Hi-Bred International in Johnston, Iowa, during the summer of 2005.

Will, named as UTM's 2005-2006 Agriculture Education Student of the Year, did his student teaching during the 2006 spring semester at Crockett County and Dyersburg high schools.

## Youth Leadership Lauderdale



**MEMBERS** of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Youth Leadership Lauderdale class held their annual session focusing on Industry and Economic Development in Lauderdale County May 9th. The class started their day at the Tennessee Technology Center with an overview of the day's activities and some safety tips. The participants were given a tour of the Tech Center by Amy Morris and Stacy Manley. The first stop was VF Imagewear in Henning, where they were greeted by plant manager, Keith Klutz, right. He welcomed the group and told them about the plant's operation. The students were divided into two groups and given a plant tour.

American Greetings Human Resource Manager, David Oaks, along with Roger Leake and Mickey Elder, welcomed the group and provided an overview of the plant operations and a tour of the facility. The students learned about many aspects of printing and were given an opportunity for questions and answers with staff members.

A stop at Komatsu provided an introduction with several adult Leadership alumni. The group was treated to lunch, courtesy of Komatsu America Corp. After lunch, Gerry Lovell, general manager, spoke to the group and showed a PowerPoint presentation on Komatsu and their operations. The group was then given a tour of the distribution center and offices.

The last stop was Siegel-Robert Automotive Ripley North, where they were greeted by Carolyn Howard. She welcomed the group, informed them of the plant's operations and the students were given a tour of the facility.

The last session of Youth Leadership is scheduled for May 24th, which is Ag Day. The group plans to travel to the Ag Center, Hurt Seed Co., Jimmy Sanders, Co-Op, Halls Gin, Animal Care Hospital, and take a ferry ride to Shoaf Island. Youth Leadership Lauderdale's graduation ceremonies will be held at 6 p.m. Wed., May 24th at Ripley City Park.

### EMPLOYMENT SITE

A newly launched Web site is available as a one-stop, virtual resource for candidates wanting to work in any Tennessee public school. Licensed teachers may search openings statewide, post a profile for district officials to review and find resources on educator licensing and development at [www.tnteachingjobs.com](http://www.tnteachingjobs.com).

Likewise, school district personnel can advertise career opportunities and conduct their own search for prospective teachers using the database of teacher profiles.

The new *Tennessee Teacher Employment Resource* allows teachers to hone their search by preferred grade level, subject area and location within the

state. Teachers may also opt to create a detailed personal profile to showcase their licensure qualifications, work history, resume, and other relevant information. When creating a profile, teacher candidates can indicate which geographic region, school system(s) and community environment - urban, rural, or suburban - they prefer. Col-

## Student of the Month



**MILDRED EVERTH**, center, was named Student of the Month April 20th by the Lauderdale County Exchange Club. Everth, a senior at Halls High School, is the daughter of Leo and Jilma Jones. She is pictured with her mother and David Elkins, right, club president. In lower photo, Rick Adams, right, Executive Director with the Tina Turner Center, spoke to club members at the meeting. Pictured with him are Jeri Hankins, new Exchangeite, and Elkins.

## Proclamation Signed



**COUNTY MAYOR ROZELLE CRINER**, seated, signed a proclamation Tuesday for the Keep Tennessee Beautiful program Great American Cleanup day, May 27th. All citizens, groups, clubs, and others, who wish to participate, are urged to pick up litter, educate others about litter prevention, and recycling. Mayor Criner is pictured with, from left, Pamela Cherry Kirby, Lynn Harmon, Susan Todd, Chamber Programs Director, and Lisa Hankins, Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Executive Director.

lege/university teacher education programs are partnering with the state to ensure their graduates know to take advantage of the re- source. For more information, contact Rachel Woods at (615) 253-1960 or [Rachel.woods@state.tn.us](mailto:Rachel.woods@state.tn.us).



## Halls High National Honor Society



**MEMBERS** of the Halls High School National Honor Society traveled to Memphis May 16th to visit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to deliver a check from money raised from fundraisers, reaching their goal of \$1,000. Fundraisers ranged from selling ribbons at basketball games to crafting angel ornaments, which were sold at Christmas.

## HHS Softball District Champions



**MEMBERS** of the Halls High School softball team won the district championship May 12th in Trenton and finished the season 18-10. Team members include, in front, from left, Jessica Millner, Heather Hill, Ashley Buckner, Sally Jo Turner, Kimberly Blackwood, and Anna Claire Hartman, and in rear, Molly Meeks, assistant coach, Christie Meeks, Colby Smith, Crystal Lopp, Sarah Hargett, Crystal Belew, Kelley Crook, Holly Crook, Staci Frazier, and Joey Tetleton, coach, plus, not pictured, Heather Spangler.

## Bank of Ripley Offers Scholarship

The Bank of Ripley, a community partner in education, announces the offering

of a scholarship at the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley. Applicants must be a resident of Lauderdale County, have earned a high school or GED diploma and must be enrolled in a full-time course of study in any program that

the center offers. The deadline to apply is June 15th. Applications are available at any Bank of Ripley location and the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley. For more information, call 635-1230 or 635-3368.

## Enterprising Woman



**SHARON WATKINS**, pictured with her husband, John, was named a recipient of the annual "Enterprising Women of the Year" award by *Enterprising Women*, a national magazine targeted to entrepreneurial women-owned businesses. The recipients are selected on a national level based on various business factors. Mrs. Watkins, of TSG Enterprises, a telecommunications and utility expense management firm, located in Memphis, traveled to Orlando, Fla. to receive the award. She will be featured in the May issue. She was one of 18 women selected from over 400 entries nationwide and the only winner from Tennessee. John is the son of Frank and Janie Watkins, of Halls.

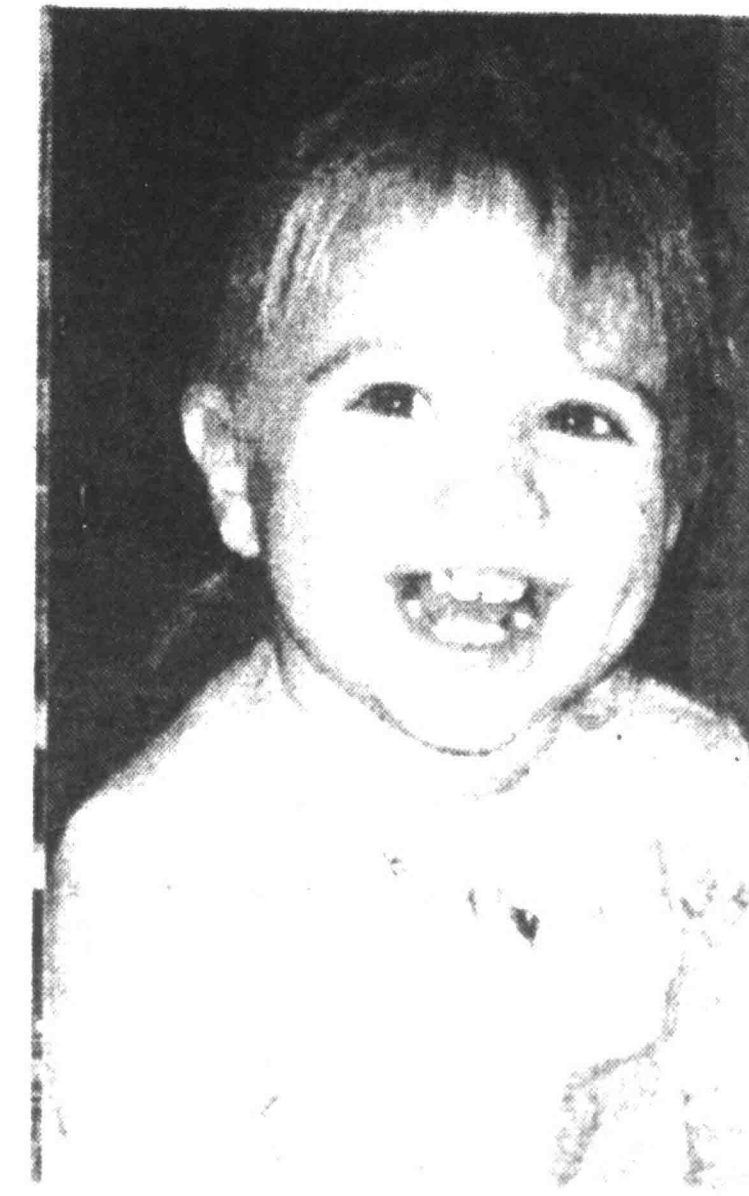
## Land Transfers

Beth Henderson and Chad Henderson, Dist. 12, lot.  
 Bennie R. Barcroft to Marian B. Russell, Dist. 2, lot.  
 Charles R. Whiteside and Sandra Whiteside to David L. Prine, Jr. and Lindsay W. Escue, Dist. 2, lot.  
 Thomas Spiller to Brian O. Phillips, Angela C. Phillips, Christopher L. Shoemake, and Carla S. Shoemake, Dist. 2, 2.3 acres, and Dist. 2, 0.36 acres.  
 Caery McBroom to Elizabeth Gardner, Dist. 2, lot.

## Celebrating Birthdays High School Graduation Ceremonies



David Kesler, Ashley Blakley, Nix Crawford, Bill Sweat, Sara Armstrong, Carrie Glenn, Kristen Mitchell, Anita Chrestman, Steve Smith, Darius Hughes.



**COLTON OZMENT**, center, in upper photo, celebrated his 10th birthday last weekend with a camping trip to Kentucky Lake with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ozment, of Halls. Guests were, from left, Aaron Lumley, Ryan Lumley, Justin Ward, and Colton's little sister, Mollie. Colton was born May 29th.

Mollie, in lower photo, celebrated her second birthday, May 6th with friends and family in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ozment, of Halls. She is the granddaughter of Bill Olds, of Ripley, and Enesta Olds and Chris Goforth, both of Halls, and the great-granddaughter of Erma Olds, of Ripley, Ezra Cates, of Halls, and Cratis Hand, of Frog Jump.

## Birthdays

May 25 - Mike Land, Lauren Cherry, Caroline Walker,

May 26 - Megan Hunter, Linda Meeks Mitchell, Abe Taylor, Laura Buckner, Sharon Langley, Phillip Hurt, Vickie Pennington, Brenda Monday, Lin Thompson, Jackie Dunavant, Betty McConnell, Alexis Pharr, Cindy Day, Bob Cabay, Mollie Bain.

May 27 - Tiffany Kirby, Judy Edwards, Kelly Nation, Todd Taylor, Leslie Dew.

May 28 - James Mitchell, Ronald Blakley, Brittany Jones, Randal Shands, Patricia Butner, Grant Hilliard.

May 29 - Rhonda Wood, Ronnie Blakely, Benjamin Elkins, Mills Webster, Nan Danley, Ricky McWilliams, Myra Frazier, Kathy Sanders, Roy Bonds, Carol Dean, Sam Henderson Culver, Owen Hopkins, Richard Phagan.

May 30 - DeNohal Alley, Ron Peebles, Shirley Robison, Blake Fitzhugh, Emery Gillion, Alisha White, Inez Douglas, Don Prescott, Karen Hines, Molly Warwick, Xavion Currie, Linda Climer, Ona Voss, Poscy Swope, Richard Ferrell.

May 31 - Tyler Thurmond, Dana McLemore, Elizabeth Burks, Alex Pipkin, Rose Rhodes, Brandon Williams, Bruce Ward, Doris Henderson, Kristen Beasley, Sandy J. Ward, Phil Morris, Danielle Oswald, Dianne Lane, Lana Carney, Cheryl Newman, Lynn Bain, Lillie Garner, Claudine Elder, Joshua McKinnie.



**STUDENTS** at Halls High School participated in graduation ceremonies Friday evening. Superintendent of Schools, Phillip Jackson, spoke to graduates, along with valedictorian, salutatorian, and historian from the school.

## 2nd Annual Pink And Green Gala

The Xi Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. is presenting their 2nd annual Pink and Green Gala at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17th, at the Lannon Center, 2000 Commerce Ave., Dyersburg. Dress for the evening will be formal.

The "Unity" will provide music. For more information call Toni Alexander, 731-676-6254 or Mary Jaycox, 731-285-0054.

## Anniversaries

May 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Greaves, Dr. and Mrs. Sam Poisal.

May 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Matt Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Kent, Mr. and Mrs. James Lumley.

May 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leek, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling McAlister, Mr. and Mrs. Larry White, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Abernathy.

May 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Warner Pace.

May 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Conner.

May 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ward.



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40 years to Meredith Bryson and we have two children, Don Cavender and Elise Tims, and a grandson, Justin Tims.

"I graduated from Dyersburg State Community College in 1982 with an associate's degree in criminal justice. I received the Outstanding Criminal Justice Award. I was a hair dresser at Town and Country Beauty Salon for 18 years. I also worked with Town and Country Fashions for five years. I have been employed with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department for the past 6-1/2 years. I am presently a jail supervisor on second shift.

"It is my belief that all citizens of District 3 should have proper representation at our County Commissioners meetings. I realize that each commissioner has only one vote. That one vote should represent the majority of citizens in that district. I will listen to your needs and bring them before the commission. I will speak up for the citizens of District 3. You may always call me about your concerns. If I do not understand what is being presented at the commission meetings, I will ask questions.

"For proper representation in our county commission meetings, vote for Gracie Bryson, for County Commissioner for District 3. Early voting begins July 14th. Election Day is August 3rd. Your vote and support will be appreciated," said Bryson.

**To err is human, to purr is feline.**

—Robert Byrne



**Earthworms get air from spaces between particles of soil. When it rains, earthworms come to the surface to avoid drowning!**

**Butler xxx**

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of Memphis School of Law. Over the past 29 years, I have been a practicing trial attorney in West Tennessee having been introduced before the Tennessee Supreme Court in 1977.

"Since 1977, I have had the opportunity to try hundreds of the same type of cases that I would be hearing as your Chancellor. I have also had the opportunity to deal with many of the best attorneys and judges in our country during that time. I believe this experience, plus my tenure as a special judge and also a Moot Court judge in law school, will enable me to be a fair and reasonable Chancellor for the 25th Judicial District.

"Born in Memphis in 1951 to Bobby Ray Butler, a Shelby County native, and Ruby Jean (Tutor) Butler, a Mississippi native, I am a 1969 graduate of Central High School in Memphis and attended the University of Mississippi from 1969 to 1970. I graduated from the former Memphis State University in 1973 with a bachelor of business administration degree. I was a partner in the law firm of Ray and Butler from 1977 to 1982 and served as the managing partner in a six-partner firm from 1982 to 1985. I had my own law firm with several other attorneys working for me from 1985 to 1990 and since that time, have been a sole practitioner.

"I am married to Laurie Kay (Angle) Butler, a supervisor in the department of instruction in charge of libraries and textbooks for Shelby County Schools. I have two children, Robert Stephen "Beau" Butler, Jr., who graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2001 and received a master's degree in public administration in 2003 from Arkansas State University, and Suzannah Scott Butler, who is enrolled at Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis, where she is scheduled to

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all of my life. I received my education in our public school system with the help and encouragement of many great teachers. I have taken continuing education courses offered by the University of Tennessee and the County Technical Advisory Service to better equip me for the work of County Mayor.

"We have worked diligently for the people of the county to encourage conservative and progressive approaches to county government. I will continue to do so when you give me the opportunity to serve you. We have labored to upgrade our educational opportunities from raising teacher's salaries to a competitive position to starting new programs like Books from Birth for children from birth to five, and by working with the City of Ripley and the University of Tennessee at Martin to bring a four year college to our county.

"We have a good working relationship with our towns and city governments as we all strive to create new job opportunities for the people of Lauderdale County. In the coming months, we will see as many of you as possible to discuss our ideas and concerns for the county as we continue to do the work the office requires.

"I humbly ask for your vote of confidence August 3rd to continue to work for you," said Criner.

graduate in 2007.

"Butler has practiced before nine United States District Courts, including the United States Virgin Islands and District of Columbia, and has argued cases in the 3rd and 6th Circuits of the United States Court of Appeals.

"He has run the family business, Safety First Fire Control, full time from 1971 to 1974 while attending college, while both his father and grandfather recovered

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Dew Campbell. I am proud to say that I have lived in Lauderdale County most of my life. I graduated from Halls High School in 1974.

"My husband, Hank Walker, and I have been married for 23 years and have a son, Matthew, 17. We are active members of Edith United Methodist Church. Hank is employed by the Cub Cadet Corporation.

"My experience working with the Department of Defense in Memphis and the Department of Human Services in Lauderdale County for 15 years has prepared me for this exciting opportunity to provide warm and friendly service to the citizens of Lauderdale County. My work experience has also prepared me for the proper and accurate handling of critical documents that are processed in the office of the Register of Deeds.

"I am looking forward to meeting and talking with you on the campaign trail and would appreciate your consideration August 3rd," said Campbell-Walker.

**Divorces**

Azzie Lee Benard Walker vs. Allen Walker.

Norma Ann Gause Barbee vs. Donald Ray Barbee.

John Hardin Lewis vs. June Mustin Lewis.

Steven Edward McAlister vs. Chasity Marie Crews McAlister.

from serious health problems.

"He lists Ole Miss and University of Memphis sports among his hobbies as well as horses, hunting, and fishing. He has a particular interest in bird dogs and field trailing, and has extensive experience in that sport as a competitor and field trial judge.

"I ask for the opportunity to put these experi-

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ing served on boards for Lau-Fay-Tom Community Action Agency, Tri County Mental Health, Exchange Club, Tina Turner Center, and on a steering committee for UTM center to be located in Ripley.

"I have also served on many committees at my church, First United Methodist in Ripley, where my husband, Dan, and I are members. We have three children and four grandchildren. Our son, Daniel, is a resident of Ripley, and farms with his father.

"I have a bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. While serving on the court, I have served on committees for the budget, building and grounds, legislative and ethics, retirement and insurance, and education. I am pleased to be a part of a court that has provided funding for the following: \$17 million for Saul Moore Gymnasium and renovation of schools; \$1.5 million, Lauderdale County Highway Department; \$525,000, Lauderdale County Library; and \$1,138,000, Lauderdale County Health Department; at no tax increase. Teachers' salaries have been increased to compete with adjoining counties.

"I feel that I have represented the people impartially and diligently. My promise to you is to continue to be concerned about the future growth of our county and retain the industry we have. Lauderdale County is my home and I will always want the best for our citizens.

"I deeply appreciate your vote and support for County Commission representing the 3rd district of Lauderdale County. For your information, I am seeking only this position and not to be confused with any other candidate for any other office," said Walker.

ences in practice and serve our great state as your Chancellor," said Butler.