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Halls Storm Wins Championship



MEMBERS of the Halls Storm, 11-year old traveling team, in front, from left, Terec Thompson, Mason Joyner, Daniel Crutchfield, Trevor Belton, James Putman, and Noah Goodwin, in middle, Clayton Dew, Hunter Farley, Harrison Holcomb, Tyler England, Stone Taylor, and Adam Spurlock, and in rear, coaches, Jim Putman, Barry Farley, Dan Crutchfield, and Ben Goodwin, defeated the Newbern Choctaws March 25th to clinch a spot in the IndustrialWise March Madness championship game defeating the Memphis Red Sox, a USSSA World Series qualifier.

\$350,000 Sought Toward 150 Jobs

County Mayor Rod Schuh will ask the County Commission meeting Monday to approve \$350,000 to help a Michigan die-casting firm locate in the former Tennessee Die-Casting building in Ripley's South Industrial Park. The project promises 150 new jobs here within three years.

Offices To Close Friday At Noon

TN Guard Units Receive Orders

The offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and *The Halls Graphic*, 145 E. Jackson Ave., Ripley, will close at noon Friday in observance of the Good Friday holiday. The office will re-open at 8 a.m. Monday, April 9th.

Three units of the Tennessee National Guard, Brownsville, Tullahoma, and Jacksboro, received mobilization orders Thursday of last week, according to Major General Gus Hargett, Tennessee Adjutant General.

The three units comprise the 1175th Transportation Company, headquartered in Tullahoma. A total of 299 soldiers will be deployed. This mobilization brings the number of Tennessee Army and Air Guard activated for the global war on terrorism, since Sept. 11, 2001, to more than 11,200.

Halls' Aldermen Amends Zoning

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen held its monthly board meeting Monday. The board voted to amend the Halls Municipal Zoning ordinance to restrict package liquor stores to B-1 zones only. Under the old rules package liquor stores would have been able to locate in manufacturing zones. The board voted by a margin of 4-2 to adopt the official zoning map of the Town of Halls that had the effect of making the corridor along Highway 51, a commercial zone.

town policy and to incorporate it into the police department's policy manual.

Russell Norville presented a civil engineering study on drainage issues relating to East Tigrett and Twin Rivers Roads. The street committee also reported on their plan to pave streets for the upcoming year.

Jeanette Payton reported for the Senior Center that the Smile and See program would be held on May 19th through the 20th at the Halls Junior High. This program

Police Chief Rod Ward introduced a policy to establish guidelines for checkpoints operated within the Town of Halls. Alderman Stan Young made the motion to adopt this as the official

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Awards Presented



MILDRED EVERTH, right, of Halls, was presented two awards at the annual Tennessee Pre-Law and Pre-Health Science Fellowship Program banquet, hosted at the Uni-

versity of Tennessee at Martin. T.I.P. is a cooperative program designed to increase the number of African-American students enrolled in and graduating from state-assisted professional law and health science programs in Tennessee. Everth received a Membership Award and a Citizenship Award. Dr. Tom Rakes, left, provost and vice-chancellor for academic affairs presented the award.

RELAY FOR LIFE

A meeting for Relay For Life will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 10th, at the Tennessee Technology Center. The event will be held May 11th and 12th at the Ripley City Park.

Volunteers are needed to help put together this year's event, to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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Marriages

March 23 - Jeffery Wayne Brown, Sr., 43, to Cheryl Kay Herron Howard, 42, by Rocky Gilliam.

March 30 - Rodney Norfolk, 35, to Annie Mae Taylor, 51, by Herman L. Reviere.

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

NOTICE - The Halls Graphic welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be signed and include the writer's full name, address, and phone number for verification purposes. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity. We reserve the right to disregard and/edit letters that are potentially libelous. Only one letter per person or family per subject per month. Published letters are not necessarily the opinion of this newspaper or its staff. 12-tf

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Newborn



SOPHIA ISABEL FACE, 8.5 lb. daughter of Kenneth and Alejandra Face, of Castle Rock, Colo., was born Jan. 19th in Colorado. Measuring 19 inches, she is the granddaughter of Diane Martin, of Halls, and Dilia Cuevas, of Medellin, Columbia, South America.

Readers Speak

Editor,
My question today, dear readers, is this: Does Lauderdale County count? Did you know that there are so many people in our county who have been subjected to foreclosures of their homes, and the foreclosure was not published in our local papers, but in *The Commercial Appeal*. Many have lost their homes for good, not knowing what to do. We have been going through this for about six months with my father's property in Henning, and have had to hire an attorney, because the process that you have to go through, in order to save your property, will have to be handled this way.

This information appeared in the Oct. 4th issue of last year's *Commercial Appeal*, unknown to us.

Tennessee's attorney general published his opinion August 4, 2006 as to why *The Commercial Appeal* can publish such notices. The question: Whether the *Commercial Appeal*, which has been published since 1840, qualifies as a "newspaper of general circulation for purposes of publication of official notices within the following counties", there were 21 counties listed and Lauderdale County was one of them.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 9th
Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Sandwich Trimmings
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 10th
Chicken Breast Fillet
Baked Ham
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Green Beans
Apple
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 11th
Roasted Turkey
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Banana
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 12th
Chili Pie
Deli Wrap
Corn Nibbles
Carrot Sticks
Pineapple Tidbits
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, April 13th
BBQ On Bun
School's Choice Sandwich
Baked Beans
Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School
Halls Elementary School
Pre-K to 3rd

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French Fries
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

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Green Beans
Orange Sections
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lished in order for a publication to satisfy the requirement of these various statutes. First, the publication should be available in all parts of the county. Second, it should be published at least weekly. Third, it should contain news of general interest to the public.

I believe that our county papers meet all of these requirements. In order to have our county included, we will need to work together and contact our state legislators and government officials. I have faxed letters to them. Don't allow this to continue to happen to our citizens without speaking up. It could be your property, the property of your parents, your children, brothers, sisters, or grandparents.

I am hoping that our local newspaper can possibly print the five pages of literature

which I have received on this matter or contact me for a copy.

I am not happy about it because I think our local papers do a good job of keeping us informed if the information is given to them.

Please contact Senator Mark Norris, 615-741-1967 or fax 615-253-0144; State Rep. Craig

Fitzhugh, Bank of Ripley, 635-1230 or 635-4368; or District Attorney General Mike Dunavant, 635-2803.

Please tell them that we need their help because "our county counts!"

Thank you for reading my serious side.

Mary Ann Jarrett
Henning, TN

Nankipoo Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here. Mr. Buddy is still singing "Love is in the Air". I can tell because the Club of Nankipoo is covered up with adorable little "4-leggers". For some reason, I didn't get that special feeling this year. I guess I am too worried about helping out around the Club, along with my leadership duties. Being the top "four-legger" is a big responsibility. Miss Pam expects me to stand at attention and be enthusiastic every time a "two-legger" visits. I have to kiss all the babies, play with the kids, shake paws with the adults and be interested in every conversation.

A couple of weeks ago, Doc English gave me a blood test. After he left, Miss Pam started huggin all over me and said I had a disease called heart worms. Evidently it is fatal to "4-leggers" if left untreated. She said that I got this crud from a mosquito bite and that a monthly pill could have prevented the disease.

It has been 10 days since Doc put me under the needle for treatment. I heard him say that the treatment is going to make Zeek very sick and that I must be quarantined for 30 days. Miss Pam took me to her house for recovery. She has two jealous "lappers" that are never quiet and a husband who won't share his couch.

I feel bad, as every muscle in my body aches; and I can hardly make it outside. Miss Pam said that between the 10th and 14th days was the critical time for a heart attack. Miss Pam prays for my recovery and her husband has finally loaned me one end of his couch. They have a thing called a TV, and I saw some of my buds on a show called Animal Planet. The best part was the beauty contest. There were some high fluten "4-leggers" on that show! I have decided we need a couch and a TV at the club. (That is a hint for you caring "two-leggers".)

Miss Pam reports that Miss Jen got a shock when a four-legger nipped her on the booty. She also reports that we have two beautiful Red Bone puppies that were tossed out of a moving car. I sure wish those type of "two-leggers" would just call 836-pets and our crew would care for those unfortunate "four-leggers". She says we have two small brown and white feists that are good "lappers" along with a nine-month old, housebroken, white lab mix, by the name of Lady. We still have Lizzy, a 3 month old black and tan German Shepard, and three, full blooded, black lab puppies, and an array of healthy, cute and cuddly mixed puppies.

For any Nankipoo "4-legger", Doc English will take 50% off spay or neuter operations. He will also give a rabies shot, which is part of the \$25 cost of adoption from the Club.

Mark your calendars for April 14th because the Club of Nankipoo (by popular vote) will be present on the Court House lawn for the Downtown Merchants Day. There will be a man's best friend parade. Tell everyone that my Buds and I want to walk with any "two-legger". You don't have to take us home, but we sure want you too.

So for another week, so long and remember for a thrill and a deal come to Nankipoo!! (And don't forget the heartworm pills and remember to get your pet spayed or neutered)

Zeek

Obituaries

Marshel Spitzer

Marshel Laudell Spitzer, 80, Crockett County carpenter, father of Elaine Roberts, of Henning, died March 20th in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were March 23rd in Cypress United Methodist Church near Bells, with burial in its cemetery.

Born in Madison County, he had resided in Crockett County since early childhood.

Serving in the Navy during World War II, he was wounded in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

He and his wife, the former Laverne Wilson, bought the old Emerson School House in the Cypress community and remodeled it into a home where they reared six children.

Other survivors include sons, Michael, of Bells, Dennis, of Burns, Steve, of Cady, and Marshel, of Franklin; another daughter, Christine Prescott, of Arlington; a sister, Era Gilliam, of Brownsville; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Jessie Burse

Jessie Roger Burse, 66, of Gadsden, husband of Virginia Burse, died Thursday of last week.

Halls Funeral Home held visitation Friday in Calvary Baptist Church in Humboldt. A memorial service is anticipated.

Earlean Mabins

Earlean Palmer Mabins, 87, of 273 Dunaway Spur Rd. Halls, died March 23rd, in her home.

Rites were Saturday in Jerusalem Church in Bells, with burial in Love Cemetery near Halls, Hudson Funeral Home, of Dyersburg, in charge.

She leaves daughters, Rose Overall, of 303 Dunaway Spur Rd., Halls, Gettie Walker, of Centralia, Ill., and Naomi Loving, of Ft. Worth, Tex.; a sister, Louise Noel, of Pontiac, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Marie Lee

Marie Lee, 73, of Rockford, Ill., sister of Sammie and Thomas Garrison and Grace Burks, of Ripley, died March 22nd in Rockford Memorial Hospital.

Rites were Saturday in Second Christian Church in Rockford, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Collins & Stone Funeral Home in charge, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, assisting here.

She was the widow of Henry Clay Lee. Other survivors include a son, Henry, Jr., daughters, Katherine, Tammy, and Tina Lee, Brenda Kay Beauregard, Linda Coleman, Robin Hopson, and Wanda Diane Porchia, another brother, David Lee Garrison, and another sister, Willie Sue Borden, all of Rockford; 31 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

Meredith Bryson

Meredith Yarbro Bryson, 65, of 422 Michael, Ripley, retired supervisor for a boat manufacturing company, died Monday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Burial was in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Covington.

He leaves his wife, Gracie Holt Bryson; a son, Donald Cavender, of Ripley; a daughter Elise Tims, of Halls; a brother, Robert, of Alabama; a sister, Marsha Carol Brashier, of Munford; and a grandson.

Martha Hardy

Martha Rose Hardy, 81, of Nut Bush, formerly of Ripley and Memphis, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

She was a member of the Westside Church of Christ in Brownsville.

She leaves her husband for 63 years, George Tracy Hardy; daughters, Cyndy (Mrs. David E.) Ray and Susan (Mrs. Charles R.) Clayton; and four grandchildren.

A son, Stephen Russell Hardy, preceded her in death. His widow, Patrice Austin Hardy, survives.

Minister



ALBERT M. EVANS, 74, of 140 Church, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week.

Rites were Saturday in First United Methodist Church, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

A native of Memphis, he was graduated from Central High School and Southwestern (now Rhodes College), attended Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., for a year, took a bachelor of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, studied for a year in the Harvard Divinity School, and won an honorary doctor's degree from Lambuth University in Jackson, which he served for 12 years as a trustee.

A past superintendent of the Brownsville District of UMC churches, which includes Lauderdale County churches, he had been, in the Memphis Conference, organizing minister of Asbury, associate minister of Christ Church and St. Luke's, and senior minister in Raleigh and Whitehaven.

He had also led churches in Humboldt and Paducah, Ky., and had taught in Warren Wilson College, near Asheville, N.C.

After retirement in 1999, he served part-time in Collierville and Germantown.

He leaves his wife, Betty; two daughters, Kathryn (Mrs. Burnie) Norman, of 119 Thompson Drive, Ripley, and Carla (Mrs. Glenn) Smith, of Cordova; brothers, Creighton, of Marietta, Ga., and Milton, of Clewiston, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Finis Adams

Finis Eugene Adams, 71, of Halls, retired electrician, died Wednesday of last week in Jackson.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which he attended.

He had been a member of the Dyersburg Senior Circle.

He leaves his wife, Judith; sons, Gary, of Carpentersville, Ill., and Greg, of Palatine, Ill.; daughters, Debbie Quinett, of McHenry, Ill., Jenny Stell, of Woodstock, Ill., Judy Freeze, of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Tammy Adams, of Harvard, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Hazel Lilley

Hazel Espey Lilley, 88, widow of Woodrow Lilley, died Thursday of last week in Humboldt.

Rites were Saturday in Floyd's Chapel United Methodist Church in Crockett County, where she was a member, with burial in Lebanon Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was a member of Woodmen of the World.

She leaves sons, Bobby Lilley, of Friendship, and Jackie B. Wyatt, of Camden; daughters, Anita Watson, of Crockett Mills, and Dawn Williams, of Humboldt; sisters, Jottie Newman, of Stanton, and Lottie Floyd, of Brownsville; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Marvin Lake

Marvin Lake, 74, of Detroit, Mich., brother of James Lake, Emma Jean Lake, Ethel Mae Fields, and Louise Wright, of Henning, and Lizzie Bennett, of Halls, died March 25th in St. John's Hospital in Detroit.

Rites were Saturday in Swanson Funeral Home in Detroit, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, assisting here.

Other survivors include a son, Kenneth, and daughters, Amy Lake, Ann Johnson, Baeggie Hutson, and Sylvia Chapman, of Detroit; another sister, Mary Sue Bradley, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Edward Graham

Edward Darwin Graham, 82, of Henderson, father of E. D. Graham, Jr., of Ripley, died March 20th in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were March 23rd in Shackelford Funeral Directors in Bolivar, with burial in New Salem Cemetery near Walnut, Miss.

He was born at Walnut, Aug. 16, 1924, to the late Johnny and Ruby Munn Graham.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He resided in Memphis for many years, working in shipping for International Harvester until 1982. He had resided in Henderson since 1998.

Other survivors include his wife, Exie V. Miller Graham, whom he married May 21, 1981; other sons, Dale Alan Graham, of Bartlett, and Larry Hoyt Graham, of Olive Branch, Miss.; a daughter, Peggy Dianne Reese, of Houston, Tex.; step-sons, Wayne Roland, of Oakland, Michael Roland, of Lexington, and Odell Roland, of Tulsa, Okla.; a step-daughter, Shirley Morgan, of Whiteville; a sister, Annie Mae Meeks, of Middleton; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Margaret Priora

Margaret Chapman Priora, 77, of Memphis, wife of Fred J. Priora, died Sunday in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Green's Chapel Cemetery, Fort Pillow, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Mary Haislip

Mary Pauline Haislip, 88, retired seamstress, wife of James Haislip, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She had been a member of Ripley's Corner Stone Full Gospel Church and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Survivors include children, Charles and Mary Jo Mount, of Ripley; a step-son, Keith Haislip, of Iowa; step-daughters, Thelma Statts, of Dyersburg, and Christy Haislip, of East Tennessee; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Wauberga Brown, Retired Teacher

Wauberga Brown, 88, of 1305 Sanford Rd., Ripley, retired teacher, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites will be at noon Saturday in Elam Baptist Church at Durhamville, east of Chicago, Ill.; Claxton and Flagg Halliburton, of Detroit, Mich.; and Kelly Halliburton, of San Antonio, Tex.; sisters, Darnisha Halliburton, of Dyersburg, Aniece Anderson, of Chicago, Estherline Thompson, of Muskegon, Mich., and Jewel Gause, of Detroit.

She leaves a step-daughter, Shirley Brown, of Oakland, Calif.; brothers, Kent Halliburton, of 1297 Sanford Rd., Ripley, and McCauley Halliburton, of 1345 Sanford Rd., Ripley; Dale Halliburton, of Chicago, Ill.; Claxton and Flagg Halliburton, of Detroit, Mich.; and Kelly Halliburton, of San Antonio, Tex.; sisters, Darnisha Halliburton, of Dyersburg, Aniece Anderson, of Chicago, Estherline Thompson, of Muskegon, Mich., and Jewel Gause, of Detroit.

Ted Thomas Ellis

Ted Thomas Ellis, 66, of Brownsville, who was born in this county, July 10, 1940, to the late Joe Silas Ellis and the late Mary Virginia Scallions Ellis, died Saturday, at home.

Rites were held Wednesday in Concord Cemetery near Gates, Brownsville Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves a daughter, Melody Roberts, of 6829 Farris Dr., Lakeland, Fla., 33841, and a sister, Brenda Overton, of Brownsville.

Readers Speak

Editor,

Some people have probably seen our church on the streets of their town and thought we were a bunch of fanatics as we preached the Gospel and gave our gospel tracts. Although mostly ignored in the days we live in, street preaching is a Bible doctrine. The Bible says that we are to, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23)

Christians are not only to take the Gospel into private homes of the lost, but also to the public streets. Our Lord

didn't say for us to go into all the churches and preach the Gospel. He told us to "go into all the world" and preach the Gospel. (Mark 16:15)

"Then the Lord said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them." (Jer. 11:6) The Bible is filled with street preachers. The method that God uses in both the Old and New Testament is open air public preaching of the Word of God. In the Bible you go where the sinners are, and preach!

All through the Bible, God's men preached publicly. Noah had no pulpit or building, yet he was a "preacher of righteousness." (II Peter 2:5) He was a public, open-air preacher. Just like Enoch, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, and the rest of the Prophets. In the New Testament, we find John the Baptist, "preaching in the wilderness." (Matt. 3:1)

Again, no pulpit or church building. The same is true with the Apostles and early Christians. (Acts 8:4, 40; 14:6-7; 17:17; 20:20) Jesus, the greatest preacher ever, was a street preacher. (Mark 1:14-16; Matt. 13:1-2; John 7:39) We count it a privilege to be able to preach publicly like our Savior! We want to be identified with Him and the great men of God's word who were not afraid to preach God's message publicly. Philip, Peter, John and Paul were also street preachers.

The Bible says we are "strangers and pilgrims." (Heb. 11:13) This world is not our home. Street preachers draw a very clear definite line. The people know we are different than the other churches in our community. We take a stand and we stand out. We prove we're different every time we street preach.

We can preach the Gospel to hundreds of lost people

who never attend church, and many who have never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. The street corner is our only chance to warn them. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14) Public witnessing is not a calling to a few individuals, but it is a command to all Christians. God says that their "blood will I require at thine hand," (Ezekiel 3) if we don't give them warning!

Many will choose to sit back in their air-conditioned church building with padded pews instead of getting out there and trying to pluck some out of the fire (Jude 22) before it is too late. We choose to go "everywhere preaching the word." (Acts 8:4)

"Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." (Hebrews 13:13)

Pastor Jerry Hickson
Grace Bible Baptist Church

CORRECTION

The fundraiser, held at Halls Junior High School, was sponsored by the homeroom students of Jennifer Smith. The funds raised were divided between St. Jude Children's Research and Le Bonheur Hospitals. Each homeroom and local businesses donated items for the baskets.

Anniversaries

Wade Stanley.
April 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gibbons.
April 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Owen Thurmond, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Taylor.
April 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Lewis.
April 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fragale.
April 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Norman Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Ward.
April 6 - Mr. and Mrs. James L. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs.

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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Uncle Sid and Aunt Sadie Celebrate With A Trip To Town

As spring settles into the hills and valleys of Tennessee, the people of the Volunteer State once again take up residence in their yards and fields, almost like a spring pilgrimage. Flowering plants in little black containers are already located on back porches and are just waiting for the last frost to die a wishful death and yards will burst forth in multi-color blooms.

The local Farmers Coops are back-logged with requests for fertilizer deliveries and farmers are planting with hope for another successful year of production at harvest time. Oh, there will still be cold snaps for dogwood winter, blackberry winter, locust winter and cotton britches winter, but over all, spring has finally arrived.

On one of those warm spring afternoons recently, I stopped by to see Uncle Sid and Aunt Sadie on their farm. As I pulled into their gravel drive, I saw both of them getting out of their old pickup parked near Uncle Sid's tool shed containing his H-Farmall tractor. He bought that tractor brand new and it has always been

kept in the tool shed except when it was being used on the farm. Next to Aunt Sadie, Uncle Sid loves that tractor more than anything he has ever had in his life. Aunt Sadie says he loves it more. She told me once that if it was raining, he would check

to see if that tractor was covered before he would get her an umbrella if she was caught outside. He does like his tractor.

They both were wearing their "go-to-town" clothes and as I got out of my car, they walked over to two wooden benches under one of their shade trees that was in the process of putting on leaves. Aunt Sadie motioned me over to the benches to sit a spell in the warm spring sun.

They told me they had been to town to eat lunch at the new O'Charlie's restaurant to celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary. For such an accomplishment, Uncle Sid said he wanted to take his Sadie out to something more than the meat-and-three place down at the crossroads.

"Yeah, Charlie has a pretty nice place in town," Uncle Sid said as he patted Aunt Sadie on the leg. "We read in one of the farm papers that they had won a national steak cooking contest and we wanted to give them a try. It was real good. Didn't even have any problems with my new teeth either. My steak was as soft as butter."

After discussing his steak Uncle Sid began to smile a bit and I knew something else was coming. He said, "Saw my cousin Sassafras there too. He's about five years older than I am, but married late in life. He and his wife Magdalena invited us to eat with them and we really had a good time. But, you know, I got sort of tired of him every time he talked to Mag,

he called her Honey, Darlin', Sweetheart, Nanner Puddin', Punkin, and things like that."

"Well, I guess he really likes his wife Uncle Sid," I said trying to make conversation.

"Not really," Uncle fired back. "While Mag and Sadie went to the ladies room I asked him why he never called her by her name instead of using all of those sugar-coated names."

After a moment of pause I asked, "And, what did he say?"

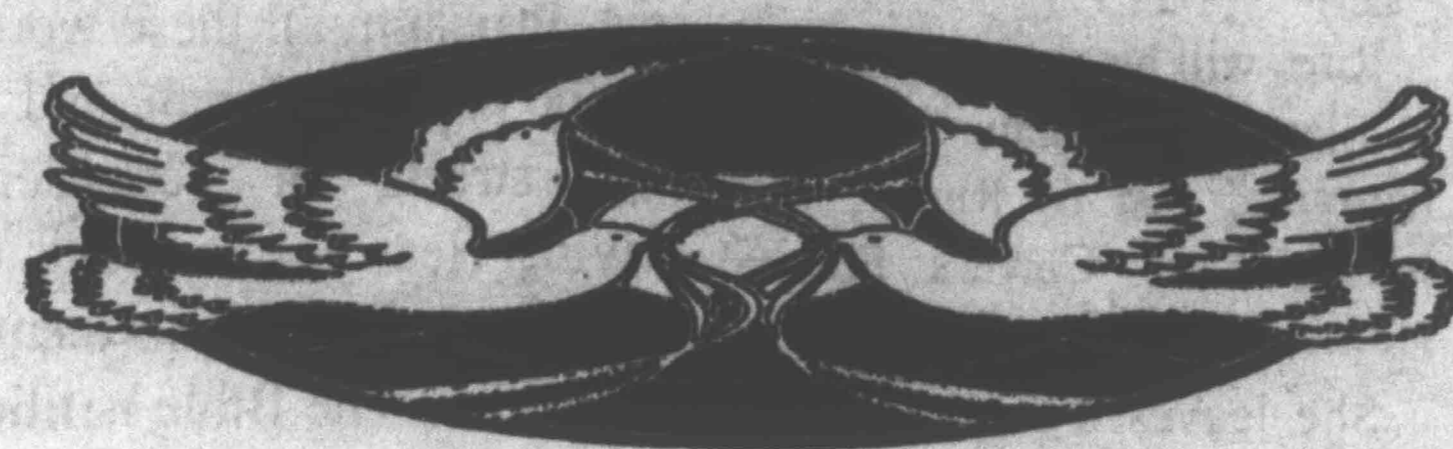
With a mischievous look on his face, Uncle Sid said, "He just hung his head down and told me, 'To tell you the truth, I forgot her name about ten years ago.'"

After a good laugh under those old shade trees Aunt Sadie looked at me and said, "We had a real good time and the meal was really tasty. I got all caught up in the excitement of the day and left my reading glasses laying on the table. I didn't miss them until we were a good five miles down the highway. When I told Sid what I had done and told him to look for a place to turn around, he threw a real good fuss and said I'm really getting forgetful."

At this point, Uncle Sid began rolling a walnut on the ground under his shoe and seemed to put most of his attention on the chore of making that moment go away.

Aunt Sadie went on with her story and said, "When we finally got back to the restaurant and after a whole lot of fussing about me being

forgetful, I got out of the truck to go in and get my glasses. Just as I got ready to close the truck door, Sid said, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat, too." See now why those two have been married so long? A lot of years of giving and taking.



Church Happenings

The addresses and phone numbers of area churches are 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.

Curve and Trinity United Methodist Churches will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 5th in Trinity Church at Nutbush. The Rev. Jim Appleton invites the public.

Whitefield Assembly of God Church, 5796 Conner Whitefield Rd., Ripley will hold Resurrection Sunday services beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sun., April 8th with worship at 10:40 and evening services at 6 p.m. The choir and a children's Easter program will be featured. Mike Poston, pastor, will deliver the message, "God's Picture of His Son", for the morning worship and "The Autopsy of Jesus Christ", for the evening service. Gifts for every family will be provided. The public is invited.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church will hold an Easter egg hunt from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sat., April 7th. Crafts, music, Bible study, filled eggs and lunch will be provided. For more information, call 635-9330.

The male chorus of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church is scheduled to appear with the Jackson Southernares, of Jackson, Miss., in concert at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 539 E. Court St., Dyersburg, at 7 p.m. Sat., April 28th along with the Sunset Travelers and the Webb Brothers. A donation will be taken. The Jackson Southernares are 2007 Stellar Award nominees. For more information, call 731-286-6519, 731-285-1862, 731-586-7393, or 731-352-7751. The public is invited.

Holly Grove Baptist Church, 155 College St., Ripley, will hold end-time revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Tues., April 10th through Thurs., April 12th with Dr. Willie L. Reid delivering the message. The public is invited.

Williams Chapel Baptist Church, 481 Church Rd., Halls, will hold an Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m. to noon April 7th. Prizes and snacks will be available. Sunday school will be held at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. The public is invited.

Central Assembly of God Church, 4618 Edith Nankipoo Rd., will hold a community egg hunt at 5 p.m. Sun., April 8th followed by a puppet show featuring "The Light for Jesus Player". The public is invited.

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

Halls Locals

By Ellen Jackson

Visiting, last week, in the home of Ellen Jackson were her sister, Mrs. Chet Osgood, and Mr. Osgood, of East Waterboro, Maine. During their stay, Ellen, Finis Harrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Osgood traveled to Branson, Mo. for two-night stay.

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Steven Douglas Reeves vs. Christi Nicole Adams Reeves.

Vincent D. Pitts vs. Prentise Morgan Pitts.

Land Transfers

March 25th-March 31"

Cortliss M. Anderson to Cynthia Bursey and Spencer Bursey, lot.

Steven R. Matheson and Stephanie I. Matheson to Tara C. Davis and Matthew A. Williams, Dist. 11, lot.

Margaret A. Rose to Brad Alston and Vicki Alston, 1.0 acre.

Ernest D. Jones, Jr., to Malcolm Moore, Dist. 12, lot.

Malcolm Moore to J.A. Likins, Dist. 12, lot.

Bret H. Carmack and Johannah Carmack to Steven Moore and Mary Moore, Dist. 8, 13.8659 acres.

S.N. Anthony, Jr., William Maxwell, and John B. Anthony to Keith E. Drewry and Katrina M. Drewry, Dist. 6, lot.

Billy Chipman and Kenny Parham to Michael C. Evans, Dist. 6, lot.

Walter Chaney, Jr., Willie Patrick, Lillian Powledge, Betty Lake Chaney, Sharon

Birthdays

April 5 - Angela Dew, Gary Baker, Crystal Barham, Jestine Lawson, Scott Oates, Molly Jackson, Bryant Nash, Sr., Alex Baker.

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

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

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

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

April 10 - Dr. Joe Hunt, Deborah Morris, Katherine Anthony, Mackenzie Haislip, Joe Mason McDowell, II, Kim McAdams, Linda Lewis, Tracie Taylor, Penne Pickard, Scotty Holcomb, Cathy Hughes.

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

Green, and Larry Barbee to James I. Pearson, Dist. 2, lot.

Lester William Poston, Jr., Lester William Poston, Jr., Exec., Jacqueline C. Poston, Estate, to Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas, Dist. 2, lot.

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Jeffery Carl Conrad and

Edie Conrad to Brenda Conrad, Dist. 6, 0.92 acre.

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will offer all vision and dental care free to all that attend.

The board accepted a bid from Alexander, Thompson, and Arnold to perform an audit for the upcoming budget year. The board passed two resolutions protecting its right to negotiate cable franchise agreements.

Mayor Trent McManus introduced an ordinance to require a two-thirds vote before the board could raise property taxes. The ordinance died for lack of a motion. An ordinance to allow beer sales on Sundays and expanding the hours daily, until 3 a.m., failed when Mayor McManus voted causing a 3-3 tie in the vote. Alderman Randy Harris argued the mayor could only vote in the case of a tie. Mayor McManus pointed out that the board went by the rules found in Robert's rules of order and that those rules state the mayor can vote "whenever it would make a difference". City Attorney Lewis Jenkins stated he would look into the rules and regulations.

AgStar Graduate Teachers Updated



ALAN MEADOWS, center, of Halls, received his AgStar Class of 2007 plaque during graduation ceremonies March 12th. Tennessee Farm Bureau officials, John Woolfolk, left, associate director, and Joe McKinnon, right, field service director, presented the plaque. AgStar is a program designed to enhance the leadership skills of current and future agricultural leaders. The program included five sessions where the participants were exposed to subjects such as lobbying, media communication skills, issues facing agriculture and involvement in local government. One session included a trip to the state legislature in Nashville.

Alan also was among 15 winners of the "Reach for the Stars" contest, sponsored by the American Soybean Association in partnership with John Deere Ag Management Solutions. Approximately 400 growers registered for the contest. Each contest winner will have the opportunity to use a premium-level precision Ag system, each with a suggested retail price of approximately \$20,000 on their farm for the entire 2007 United States growing season. The winners can purchase the new system, or components needed, at a reduced price at the end of the program.



DR. JOAN HARTMAN, standing left, president of the Lauderdale Education Foundation, updates area teachers during the "walk through" for the East Meets West Dinner, scheduled for April 20th. The foundation is planning the dinner and silent auction to raise funds for the Books from Birth program. The dinner will feature live entertainment and Lebanese and Italian cuisine. The silent auction items will be on display around the community through the 20th. During the Spring Fling, items will be on display on the square in front of The Reading Place. For questions or ticket information, call Lynn Harmon, 635-3791, or Susan Todd, 635-9541.

best to provide children from low-income families with the same opportunities for a good education that wealthier families enjoy."

The Act would authorize the Department of Education to provide \$300 million in fiscal year 2008 for competitive grants to states, school districts and non-profit organizations.

Under NCLB, schools are determined to be in need of restructuring if they fail to meet their Adequate Yearly Progress goals for five years. The U.S. Department of Education reports approximately 1,700 schools fall into this category, which would make thousands of students eligible for grants under the Alexander bill.

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Lipscomb University Offers Workshops

Middle and high school math teachers, statewide, are invited to enroll in valuable math teaching workshops, held June 11th through 29th, at Lipscomb University, in Nashville, sponsored by the university and the Tennessee Department of Education. The program will demonstrate creative ways to bring numbers off the page using everything from origami and stained glass to specialized computer software and murder mysteries to improve teachers' methods, with a variety of hands-on approaches. Applications are accepted through April 20th. The workshops will focus on statistics, geometry, and problem solving, June 18th through 29th and pre-calculus, and calculus, June 11th through 22nd. For more information, call Dr. Ben Hutchinson, Dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, 1-800-333-4358, ext. 6042.

Selected



LAUREN MARTIN, daughter of Rob and Gayle Martin, of Halls, was named student of the week at Christ Classical Academy in Dyersburg, where she is in the sixth grade.

Congressional Art Contest Announced OPPORTUNITIES

Congressman John Tanner announced Friday that the county exhibition for the 2007 Congressional Art Competition will be on display the week of April 9th through April 13th at Ripley High School. County winners will be selected by April 13th and first place winners from each county will compete April 27th in the district judging, to be held at the Clayton Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Jackson. The artwork of the district winner will hang for one year in a corridor leading to the United States Capitol with winners from all over the country.

U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) announced the introduction of his 'Empowering Parents Through Choice Act', a bill aimed at providing new opportunities for children trapped in underperforming schools. According to the U.S. Department of Education, hundreds of students in more than 100 schools across Tennessee would be eligible for new scholarships and other financial assistance.

"The 'Empowering Parents Through Choice Act' puts funding behind the promise of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Alexander said. A big part of the American dream is the notion that we should do our

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SPRING!

Halls Officers Seek One After Shooting

After a shooting in progress report at 6:15 p.m. Monday at the corner of Cedar and Airport Streets in Halls, Halls police officers are searching for Steven Lee Dyson, 19, of Gates, according to Mike Swims, Halls public information officer. Two suspects, Floyd Dexter, 19, and Travis Cork, 19, both of Halls, surrendered Tuesday to officers at the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department.

Officers arrived at the scene to find it secure with no injuries. Several eyewitnesses came forward and were able to identify three suspects who allegedly used a shotgun and other firearms. The suspects were believed to have fled to Ripley or Crockett County. If anyone has any information regarding the case, including the whereabouts of Dyson, contact the Halls Police Department, 836-1016, or any local law enforcement agency.

Senator Norris Advances Penitentiary's Expansion

Senator Mark Norris, R-Collierville, helped to advance approval Monday of the \$5.7 million expansion of the West Tennessee State Penitentiary at Fort Pillow. "We have waited for this project for years. It is overdue," said Norris before the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections in Nashville. The motion was approved unanimously and recognized the need for additional minimum security beds. The approval recommends an additional 150 beds for final action by the State Building Commission.

Norris also moved Senate Bill 1967, "Crooks with Guns" legislation through the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections Monday. Part of the Statewide Public Safety Coalition's legislative push for safer streets, the bill would impose mandatory jail time for repeat offenders using guns to commit new crimes. It would not allow sentence credits but would mandate that 100% of a sentence be served.

Special Sales Tax Holiday In April

A special sales tax holiday is scheduled for 12:01 a.m. Friday, April 27th, until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, April 29th, for back-to-school shopping for supplies and clothing.

For more information, call 800-342-1003 Saturday, April 28th, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST or Sunday, April 29th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST or visit <http://www.tennessee.gov/revenue/faq/salesandusefaq.htm>.

Local Men Face Robbery Charges

Wesley Shannon Street, 35, of Halls, was arrested April 2nd and charged with burglary after James Street reported, April 1st, that an air compressor, left inside a home on Pam Circle, Halls, was missing. According to a report filed by Halls Police Officer Richard Mauppins, James stated he had received a phone call March 31st from his son, Shannon, asking if he would be in town that night. He informed Shannon that he was leaving for a while. James found his compressor April 2nd at the home of Dwight Ellis. Mr. Ellis stated that Shannon had pawned the compressor for \$40.

Shannon Street and Shane Carlton Archibald, 41, of Gates, were arrested and charged with robbery after officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department were called to the Hawg Trough Tavern, at 14194 Hwy. 209 N., Halls at 1:37 a.m. Sun., April 1st, according to Sheriff Steve Sanders. The men beat Rufgio Lira, 36, of Halls, and stole \$1,600 at gunpoint.

Officials Awaiting Damage Reports

Officials with the Lauderdale County Agricultural Extension Agency can not determine the total cost for crop damage due to the freezing temperatures over the weekend. "We have to wait and see what the damages are. It sometimes takes as long as two weeks to determine an exact amount," said Chuck Danhower, Extension agent.

Commissioners Approve \$350,000 For Building

Lauderdale County Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution allowing County Mayor Rod Schuh to offer MacDonald Industries \$350,000 for the building, which housed the former Tennessee Die-Casting in the South Industrial Park. ICG Castings, based in Michigan, will be offered the building for its casting operation, if it selects Ripley for its newest location. The company must be up and running with employees and equipment by July 2008 to fulfill an automotive contract. The State of Tennessee and the City of Ripley, along with county officials, are planning to work together to gain much needed employment. The deadline for notification for the purchase is April 15th.

Mayor Schuh stated the money will be offered to MacDonald Industries, contingent to the selection of Ripley. MacDonald Industries closed its doors shortly after opening in 2000 and has been empty since. The company settled a lawsuit with Ripley Power and Light for \$75,000 concerning outstanding utility bills.

Other business included selling unused county property and reports from Lauderdale County School Superintendent Phillip Jackson. Mr. Jackson stated that the air conditioning unit, which is 28 years old, at Ripley Primary School must be replaced this summer. The commission will seek an estimated \$500,000 from the Economic Development Agency, which offers low interest loans and grants.

He stated the final school budget will not be ready until sometime in May after the state determines the impact of the cigarette tax, if it passes. The monies raised by the tax will be used on classroom instruction, computers, etc., but not improvements to the buildings.

New Hours For Contact Soldiers Service Centers At Spring Fling

The Tennessee Department of Safety has announced a change in service hours for the driver's license center in the surrounding area. The centers are rearranging its hours to make services more accessible to more people. Many people can renew their licenses or get duplicates and make appointments.

The Spring Fling will be (Continued On Page 8.)

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Cool Weather Easter Egg Hunt



CHILDREN did not let the cool weather Saturday stop them from hunting Easter eggs at the Gates home of James and Rose Johnson. The couple hid approximately 300 eggs with wrapped candy, money and prizes inside. Le'Keshia Harvey and Rachel Dennis, not pictured, assisted with the hunt. Attending were J'mya Holloway, Kelijah Dennis, Marco Shannon, Davious Currie, Anyzha Dennis, Tyrese Johnson, Arthur Harvey, Jr., Jermall Harvey, and Christopher and Cody Wells.

Golden Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. TOM MITCHELL, of Cordova, formerly of Lauderdale County, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun., April 22nd at 1320 Dexter Lane, in Cordova. Tom, formerly of Double Bridges, and his wife, the former Barbara Ford, of Curve, are both Halls High School graduates. Tom is the brother of Jerry Mitchell and the late James Mitchell, both of Ripley. The only gift requested is your presence.

HES Science Fair



WINNERS in the annual Halls Elementary School Science Fair include, from left, Clayton Dew, first place, Mrs. Karen Dotson's homeroom; Katie Hardy, second place, Mrs. Tonya Jacobs' homeroom; and Zack Harris, third place, Mrs. Barbara Hendren's homeroom. The fair was held March 28th through 30th with fifth grade students submitting projects.

MAGNOLIA PAGEANT

The Miss Magnolia Beauty Pageant will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14th, at Crockett County High School Theater, in Alamo, for ages 0-18, with doors opening at 9 a.m. For more information, call 731-225-4912.

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Obituaries

John D. Davis

John D. Davis, 83, of Ripley, died Friday in his home.

Rites will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Henning's Holy Divine Church, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Widower of Emma Davis, he leaves his sons, John, Jr., James, David, and J.C. Davis, and daughters, Odessa Davis and Vicki Hale, of Ripley; other sons, Bill Davis, of Jackson, and Milton Barbee, of Decatur, Ill.; other daughters, Emma Wesley and Shirley Taylor, of Henning, and Betty Gray, of Jackson; a sister, Margaret Collier, of Memphis; 45 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Wm. Dickerson

William Dickerson, 75, of 271-K Gay St., Ripley, died March 28th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Thursday of last week in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery there, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Millie; brothers, Norfleet and Tommy, and a sister, Robbie Robinson, of Memphis; and three grandchildren.

Jessie Burse

Jessie Rogers Burse, 66, of Gadsden, who was born at Gates, June 11, 1940, to the late Raymond and Lizzie Burse, died March 29th.

Memorial services were in Lebanon Cemetery.

A 1958 graduate of Halls High School, he retired from Purodenco of Jackson in April, 2000, after 30 years in injection moulding.

He leaves his wife, Virginia Sue Burse; sons, Chris and Johnny, of Gadsden, Thomas, of Alamo, and Rondal, of Kentucky; a brother, W.A. Burse, of Georgia; a sister, Janice Crews, of Memphis; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Don Rutherford

Don Rutherford, 68, of Covington, father of William Brooks, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Magnolia Gardens.

He had been a machinist mate in the Navy, retiring after 20 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Lea; another son, Robin Brooks, of Drummonds; two daughters, Nora O'Hara, of Brighton, and Tia Lord, of Burlison; a brother, Jerry, of Lenoir City; sisters, Betty Burke and Mary Wallace, of Oak Ridge, Shirley Summers, of Knoxville, Jean Clifton, of Jackson, Fla., Libby Kusso, of Lakeland, Fla., and Doris Wooten, of Denver, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Nina Mae Bonds

Nina Mae Bonds, 96, of Brownsville, aunt of Earnestine Bonds, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Haywood Park Hospital.

Rites were Sunday in Mt. Zion Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at Durhamville-Orysa, with burial in the cemetery of New Hope Baptist Church at Cherry, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves a son, Timothy, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Floyd Thompson

Floyd Jasper Thompson, 77, of Alamo, brother of Mamie Concord and Molly Henson, of Ripley, died Friday in Jackson.

Rites were Monday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Archer's Chapel Cemetery.

He was a member of the Cairo Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Inez; sons, Eugene Walker, of Alamo, Charles Thompson, of Finley, Mike Thompson, of Dyersburg, and Reginald Walker, of Bourbonnais, Ill.; daughters, Debbie Henson and Virginia Walker, of Alamo, Janie Moody and Wanda Wray, of Dyersburg, Carolyn Phillips, of Bradley, Ill., and Pat Challis, of Denver, Colo.; another sister, Opal Taylor, of Dyersburg; 26 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Mary Brown

Mary Alice Brown, 79, of La Center, Ky., who was born at Henning, July 30, 1927, to the late Rev. G. T. Linton and the late Alice Mae Smith Linton, died March 25th in the Paducah, Ky., Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

Rites were March 30th in Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Union City, with burial in East View Cemetery, Rawls Funeral Home in charge.

She had been employed by Morning Star Nursery in Rives.

She was the widow of John P. Barnett and Booker T. Brown.

She leaves sons, Eugene Polk, of Fulton, Ky., William Barnett, of La Center, and John Barnett, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wis.; daughters, Alice (Mrs. Robert) Banks and Gustavo Donlow, of Union City; a sister, Floriene Haywood, of Milwaukee; 21 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Diane Steele

Diane Steele, 57, of Halls, wife of Walter Lee "Capt. Red" Steele, died Sunday in Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Lebanon Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Walter, Jr., and a daughter, Leslie Hooten, of Halls; her father, Theo Lucy, and a brother, Marvin Lucy, of Huffman, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

Billy Fullen

Billy Gene Fullen, 71, of California, formerly of Ripley, died April 5th in his home.

No services were listed. He resided in California most of his adult life, but cherished his hometown of Ripley.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Nielsen Fullen, of Redondo Beach, Calif.; a son, Steve Nielsen, of Torrance, Calif.; four daughters, Debra Padilla, of Long Beach, Calif., Brooke Lee, of Sand Diego, Calif., Tiffany Graham, of Tipp City, Ohio, and Tanya Nielsen Laubach, of Faribault, Minn.; a brother, Henry Fullen, of Elizabethtown, Ky.; a sister, Ona Faye Hagen, of Richmond, Va.; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

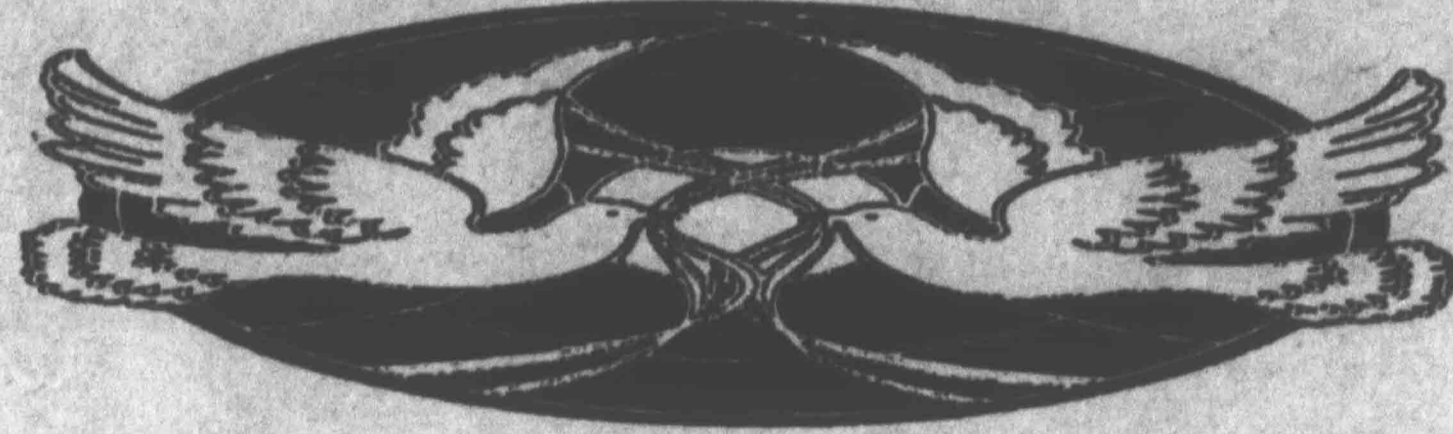
Willie Casey

Willie Belle Casey, 91, of Ripley, housewife, died Friday at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were Tuesday at

Maley-Yarbrough Funeral home in Covington, with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Mason.

Survivors include a son, Robert B. Casey, of Dearborn, Mich., and a sister, Lillie Mae Raines, of Memphis.



Church Happenings

The addresses and phone numbers of area churches are 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.

Elam Baptist Church, 3543 Durhamville Rd., Ripley, will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly Tues., April 17th through Thurs., April 19th with different speakers each night. Rickey Reed, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church, of Brownsville, will deliver the message Tuesday night. He will be accompanied by his choir. Lajoy Currie, pastor of New Hope (Cherry) Baptist Church, Henning, will deliver the message Wednesday and William Jarrett, pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church, of Henning, Thursday. St. Mark's choir will accompany Pastor Jarrett. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public.

Fountain of Life's Youth Ministry will present 'HYPE Night 2007' at 7 p.m. Fri., April 13th with praise worship, gifts, calling, pantomime, inspirational message, and praise dancing. HYPE stands for Holy Young People Excited. The church is located at 748 E. Tigrett St., Halls. The public is invited.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church will hold its spring revival at 7 p.m. nightly Mon., April 23rd through Thurs., April 26th with The Rev. Dexter Marani, of St. Luke Baptist Church, as guest speaker. The Rev. William Jarrett, pastor, invites the public.

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

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

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HES Names Top AR Students



TOP TEN Accelerated Reader students, for the third nine-weeks, at Halls Elementary School, include, Julie Hill, first place; Courtney Gooch, second, not pictured; Jacob Smith, third; Austin Bennett, fourth; Chelsey Aitken, fifth; Karizma Whitfield, sixth; Keana Gooch, seventh; Ally Cherry, eighth; Joey Stone, ninth; and Codie Smith, tenth. The students received a reading certificate and a McDonald's gift certificate booklet.

Dry Hill Dog News



Hello! Zeek here. Well, the readers have called and by a 22 to 9 margin the Club shall be named Dry Hill Country Club. Steve Carmack must have had his relatives on the phone.

I am feeling better after Doc English gave me a cortisone shot. That heart worm medicine sure took the sizzle out of this old boy! I still have two more weeks of quarantine but it looks like I should be back at the club performing my duties before too long.

Mr. Buddy reports that we received a great 10 x 10 pen, courtesy of Aaron and Lorraine Carroll. Michael and Christy Woodard donated puppy chow and toys. Three barks for those two families!

Next week-end, April 14th, sounds like a great time for my buds. They will be at the courthouse for Downtown Merchants Day. I will be on sick leave. Miss Pam says that I might get too excited and have a heart attack. I hear there will be 33 vendors, antique cars, soap box derby races, a pet show, and more. But the most important item is that you adopt my buds during the day-long event. To show you how special we are, there will be a lady from the Rotten Roxy Pet Boutique. She makes clothes for us four-leggeders. Another top notch idea will be Thank You cards for our soldiers. You can write them a message on American Greeting cards and the merchants will pay the postage. There will be a train expo in Mrs. Harmon's book store plus different types of music all around the square. The day will end with a Saturday night dance.

Miss Pam says that we need a big crowd uptown next week-end. She also reports that the two coon hound puppies, Annie and Danny, were adopted along with Lady, the white Lab. The adult German Shepherds found a home and a cute little Beagle pup. I wish the ranchers would visit us because we have four herding animals, two Blue Healers and two Cathuhs Kerrs. The lappers include Itty, Bity, and Tess. They are pretty, brown and white Feist, and they are all housebroken. Lizzy is a beautiful, black and tan Shepherd pup, and she runs with Bootsie, a black and white Border collie.

Don't forget, we will welcome you to Dry Hill-The Puppy Mill; where you get a thrill and a deal. Next Saturday, you will get two thrills and a deal. Maybe I should start selling cars!

Zeek Out!

Land Transfers

April 1st-April 7th

Gary Newman and Janet Pittman Newman to Tommie Simpson, Jr., and Michelle Newman Simpson, Dist. 11, 2.664 acres.

Thomas H. Dailey to Michael T. Kopp, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Mary A. Whitelow and Deborah Whitelow to James L. Whitelow, Jr., Dist. 2, lot.

Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Gary N. Konkle, 0.36 acre.

Bank of New York Trust Company NA to Gregory Russell III, lot.

Martha J. Davis to John Eskridge, Dist. 12, lot.

Shena Herron to Shena Herron and Clint Herron, 0.46 acre.

Debra Buckner to Candice

Luna, Dist. 1, lot.

Catherine Kirkpatrick Dean and Willie Mae Harmon, ATT, to Raymond Gaters and Carol Gaters, Dist. 2, lot.

Allied Properties, LP, to Raymond Gaters and Mary Carol Gaters, Dist. 2, lot.

Naomi Johns to Walter Preston Johns, James Garland Johns, Larry Samuel Johns, Sr., and Karyn Johns Summar, Dist. 14, 2 tracts.

James Diggs to Barry Diggs and Jim Scott, Dist. 3, tract.

James Diggs to D & S Rentals, LLC, Dist. 2, 2.71 acres.

Divorces

Carol Marje Harris vs. Jerry Gayton Harris.

Richlyn Renee Allen vs. Jonathan Baines Allen.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Brian Collins, Director at the Tennessee Technology Center, Ripley, announced three scholarship opportunities for the upcoming term. The scholarships are open to any Lauderdale County resident enrolled in a full-course of study at the Ripley center. They are sponsored by the Bank of Ripley, Lauderdale County Education Foundation and the Ripley Rotary Club.

For more information, contact the Tennessee Technology Center at 635-3368.

PARIS SCHOLARSHIP

Residents of Lauderdale County for at least five years, who are enrolled as fulltime students in an accredited

college, university, or technical school, may be eligible to apply for the 2007 Paris Memorial Scholarship, provided by the late William M. and Hilda, H. Paris, through the Bank of Ripley Trust Department.

Applicants may be in any field of study. Other guidelines for eligibility are outlined on the application form. Current recipients of full scholarships are not eligible. Applications are available at any Bank of Ripley location. The deadline to submit an application is June 15, 2007. The scholarship recipient is selected by a random drawing from the pool of qualified applications. For further information, contact Katherine Meadows or Beaton Matthews at the Bank of Ripley, 635-1230 or email service@bankofripley.com.

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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

First Day Of Spring Means More Than Flowers and Showers

Last February, in a city not too far from here, a woman said to her husband over their morning breakfast, "I bet you don't know what day this is."

"Of course I do," he answered picking up his hat and going out the door to the office as fast as he could. "I will always remember this date and how important it is to us."

At 10 AM, the doorbell rang, and when the woman opened the door, she was handed a box containing a dozen long stemmed red roses.

At 1 PM, a foil wrapped, two pound box of her favorite chocolates arrived.

Later, a local dress store delivered a designer dress.

The woman couldn't wait for her husband to come home.

As he walked through the kitchen door, his wife greeted him and said, "First the flowers, then the chocolates, and then the dress!"

With a sheepish look of achieving the most successful attempt of hiding the fact of not remembering his wife's important date, the husband sighed with total relief.

The wife turned to start

supper, but as she walked away she said with somewhat of a laugh in her voice, "Yes, I've never had a more wonderful Groundhog Day in my life!"

I know that is an old story, but I used it so that everyone will not forget another very special date. So you may celebrate it's 34th anniversary, I am once again this year taking this opportunity to remind you about National Agriculture Day and Week.

This celebration of our agrarian culture and industry has appropriately occurred on the first day of spring for years and is often overlooked by many of us. This year, that honored day of celebration is Wednesday, March 21, with the entire week of March 19th through the 23rd being proclaimed for honoring our farmers.

All across America and here in Tennessee, farmers will be recognized for their true professionalism and contribution to all of our daily lives. Or will they?

Do you ever think about how farmers are necessary for your daily food, clothing, and shelter or do you just take it for granted? Like most of us, when you reach into your refrigerator for food, or open your closet for a fresh shirt, you are confident that they will be there.

The reliability of our food and fiber is rarely ever in

question. And that reliability is due to agriculture in America which makes up all of the producers, processors, transporters and marketers. Being dependable, agriculture is taken for granted by a large segment of our population.

No other industry affects each and every American with more impact every day than agriculture. From the foods we eat and the clothes we wear, to the papers we write on and the fuels we burn, almost everything we use starts with agriculture.

Twenty-two million American workers produce, process, sell and trade the nation's food and fiber. But only 4.6 million of those people live on farms - slightly less than 2 percent of the total U.S. population. Today, 99 percent of America's farms are owned by individuals, family partnerships or family corporations with fewer than 10 stockholders. Only 1 percent of America's farms are owned by non-family corporations.

Thanks to modern farming techniques, farmers and ranchers are producing more food on fewer acres, leaving more open space for wildlife habitat. Agricultural land provides habitat for 75 percent of our nation's wildlife.

Nearly 30 percent of today's farmers have attended college, with over half of this group obtaining a degree.

A growing number of today's farmers with four-year college degrees are pursuing post-graduate studies. America's farmers are true professionals. Most are trained and certified in the use of agricultural chemicals. Farmers test and evaluate the soil before administering fertilizers. They don't spend hard-earned money on costly fertilizers and nutrients unless it is absolutely necessary. Doing otherwise doesn't make good business sense.

There are 84,000 farms in Tennessee, with an estimated 11,600,000 acres being used for farming. That compares to 11,800,000 million acres in 2000. Farm acres are decreasing at the rate of 40,000 acres a year, but Tennessee's farmers are still feeding our nation and the world every day.

Whether you're talking about cosmetics, football or pizza, it starts on the farm. And whether you produce the food and fiber, or just consume them, you can take pride in American agriculture.

On March 21, remember America's farmers and what they do for us each and every day. It's good to have someone on which you can depend.

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

HES Book Fair Benefits Library School Lunches School Lunches



STAFF MEMBERS at Halls Elementary School held a Scholastic Book Fair in March, collecting approximately \$9,000, making it the most successful book fair ever. The profit will be used to buy books, AR tests, and other items for the library. In upper photo, winners in the various book fair competitions are pictured. In lower photo, parents and guardians purchased books during the Family Night event, adding approximately \$1,100.

Ripley Primary School Halls Elementary School Pre-K to 3rd

- Monday, April 16th
Pizza
French Fries
Pear Halves
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk
- Tuesday, April 17th
Steak Fingers
Broccoli Bites
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk
- Wednesday, April 18th
Spaghetti
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk
- Thursday, April 19th
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Apple
Roll
Choice Of Milk
- Friday, April 20th
Corn Dog
Corn On The Cob
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Taylor Terry, Dan Ungerecht, Rebecca Cain, Loretta Thurmond, Mary Yanders, Miriam Box, Chelsi White, Chelsey Odom, Lynn Vickery.

April 16 - Ty Spoon, Myles Benjamin, Chad Neal, Cliff Floyd, Kristin Nicole Hinton, Ray Hurt, Sandra Steelman, Lawanda Martin, Haweni Kes-kessa, Fisher Carmack, Noah Fain.

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

April 18 - Jean McDearman,

Lauderdale County Schools

- Monday, April 16th
Hamburger
Pizza
French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk
- Tuesday, April 17th
Steak Fingers
Fish Fillet
Broccoli Bites
Black Eyed Peas
Banana
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk
- Wednesday, April 18th
Spaghetti
Entrée-School's Choice
Green Beans
Corn Nibbles
Pineapple Tidbits
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk
- Thursday, April 19th
Chicken Nuggets
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Jell-O w/Fruit
Apple
Roll
Choice Of Milk
- Friday, April 20th
Corn Dog
Deli Sandwich
Sandwich Trimmings
Carrot Sticks
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

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

Birthdays

- April 12 - Hattie Florence, Todd Kent, C. J. Eskridge, Jere Mize, Ann Dunavant, David Jennings, Jimmy Nation, O. E. Dunaway, Rickey Terry, Sr.
- April 13 - Kathy Spoon,

- Jerry Temple, Jr., Deana Gammon, Dennis King, Jean Belton, Jonathan Searce, Nancy Brewster, Julie Pickard, James Beasley, Luke Caldwell, Phyllis Schwinn.
- April 14 - Doug Nelson, Kathy Sills, Jan Holder, Jessie Belton, Lila Waninger, Hunter Ractliffe, Cyndi McFall, Steve Sanders, Donna Galloway, Brandon Harrison, Kamryn Pennington, Dee Wright, Michael Johnston, Terisa Holcomb, Meg Fullen.
- April 15 - Syble Moore, Jeremy Maxwell, Chris Pitts, Craig Tucker, Tommie Fisher, Adrian

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ons". Norris moved that the committee reject the administration's position. "We need to be more concerned about safely managing our streets than our prisons," said Norris. The motion was approved unanimously. The legislation will advance to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Norris is Senate Republican Leader and represents Shelby, Tipton, Lauderdale, and Dyer counties.

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pointments to take road tests online.

Effective Monday, the center in Covington, 220 Hwy. 51 N., Suite 1, will be open Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Dyersburg, 361 James H. Rice Rd., will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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held on the square in Ripley from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sat., April 14th with soap box derby, kite flying, pet beauty pageant, hot air balloon glow, exhibits including vintage cars, remote control planes, model train set, motorcycles, street musicians, street dance, food, crafts, and more. The theme is 'Ripley On The Move 2007, Planes, Trains, & Automobiles'. The Lauderdale County Animal Shelter will also have pets available for adoption. The public is invited.

Items for silent auction will be on display at The Reading Place during the event. Proceeds will benefit the Books from Birth program. The auction will conclude Fri., April 20th at the East Meets West dinner.

Native Leads Troops



COL. BILL WENZLER, right, former Lauderdale County native, along with Sgt. Major Danny Hayes, left, oversee the loading of the 230th Army Liaison team at National Guard Headquarters in Nashville Monday. The team, composed of 20 soldiers, all volunteers, departed for Ft. Riley, Kan. with their ultimate destination being Afghanistan. They will serve as an Embedded Training Team for the Afghan army. Maj. General Gus Hargett, Jr., Tennessee's Adjutant General, stated the team will be commanded by Col. Wenzler, a veteran of 29 years in the Tennessee National Guard.

Anniversaries

- Terry Mills.
April 15 - Mr. and Mrs. James Sylvester.
- April 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Demeris, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jenkins.
- April 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Brian Apperson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Edwards, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Jr.
- April 13 - Mr. and Mrs. David Ream, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Terry, Mr. and Mrs. David Hamlet.
- April 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Smith.
- April 17 - Dr. and Mrs. Roy Crowder, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn.
- April 18 - Mr. and Mrs.

NOTICE

HALLS TO FLUSH FIRE PLUGS

Halls Mayor, Trent McManus says Halls Fire Plugs will be flushed at 4 p.m. April 16, 2007.

The operation could cause some discolored water for up to 24 hours.

The operation will help prepare the town in the event of an emergency requiring use of fire plugs and determine if any plugs require maintenance.

Anyone with questions may call City Hall, 836-9653.

Town Of Halls

Winner TCAP Testing In Lauderdale



MADDIE HUTCHERSON, daughter of Randy and Melinda Hutcherson, of Halls, received a MP3 player as winner of the St. Jude Math-A-Thon for Halls Elementary School. Maddie collected \$611 and the school raised \$7,050 for the charity.

Retired Minister Autographs Book

The Rev. Russell Reid, of Ripley, a retired United Methodist minister and a veteran of World War II, will sign copies of his book, *The Voyage of A Veteran*, and deliver the program at the annual Friends of the Lauderdale County Library

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HALLS, TN MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, April 16, 2007
5 p.m.
Halls Municipal Building

- A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
- B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
- C. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Review and consideration for amending the zoning ordinance to restrict neighborhood commercial (B-1) land uses in the industrial (M) zones.
 - 2. Any properly presented old business.
- D. NEW BUSINESS
- E. BUILDING AND ENFORCEMENT REPORT (e.g., permits, violations, surety bonds, enforcement issues, complaints)
- F. ADJOURNMENT

Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) will be held from April 16th through April 20th for Lauderdale County students in grades 3rd through 8th. TCAP is a multiple choice achievement test designed to measure student achievement by certain skills in five subject areas including, reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The questions test student performance in state and national content areas.

Testing is vital to structuring effective educational programs. However, it is only one part of the overall assessment. Students need encouragement and support from both parents and teachers.

Parents can help their child or children during test time by seeing that the child arrives on time, gets plenty of sleep before each day, eats breakfast, encourage the child to do their best without making them anxious, and by not checking them out of school during tests.

meeting at 7 p.m. April 17th. The public is invited.

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Hwy. 88 Crash Fatal For Halls Passenger

Highway Patrolman James Smith says Malina Halliburton, 15, of Halls, was not wearing a seat belt in the rear seat of a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Antonio Halliburton, 21, of Dyersburg, when it left Hwy. 88 west of Halls, about 5 p.m. Friday, and struck a tree. Malina died in LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis

Pinned Under Crash, Countian Walks Off

Timothy L. Connell, 43, of 4049 Poplar Grove Road, near Halls, is reported by the *Dyersburg State-Gazette* to have had his arm pinned under his 1995 Chevrolet Suburban when it was over-turned in a collision Monday of last week on the U.S. Hwy. 51 by-pass of Dyersburg.

Classmates Walk For HJH Student

The *State-Gazette* says customers of KC's One Stop rocked the Suburban to release Connell, who then asked only to visit the KC rest room.

Police report Lenual D. Rook, 46, of 3580 Hwy. 78, was driving a 1995 Chevrolet Corsica north, in the turn lane, and turned into the path of the Suburban.

Rook was charged with driving on a license suspended from 1997 and for no registration of his vehicle.

Classmates of Elizabeth Hugueley, a seventh grade student at Halls Junior High School, will hold a walk-a-thon from 9 a.m. to noon Sat., April 28th at Crichfield Park in Halls. Faculty, staff, students, parents, and the community are urged to unite for "Footsteps for Friendship". Elizabeth is a patient at St. Jude and has

Fort Pillow State Park Re-Enactment Weekend

Fort Pillow Historic State Park will hold its 143rd annual re-enactment from 2:15 until 3:15 p.m. Saturday, April 21st, and from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22nd. There will be a

Miss Halls Royalty Crowned



ANNA CLAIRE HARTMAN, second from left, was crowned queen in the Miss Halls pageant Saturday. Her court included, from left, Carrie King, second maid, Kirsten Crichfield, first maid, and Holly Crook, third maid and Miss Congeniality.

Honorary Co-Chairman



NANCY JACKSON, pictured with her husband, Buddy, is one of four co-chairman's for the Lauderdale County's Relay For Life to be held Friday, May 11th, and Saturday, May

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

NOTICE - The Halls Graphic welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be signed and include the writer's full name, address, and phone number for verification purposes. All letters are subject to editing for length

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WOMANLESS PAGEANT

It is time for Dyer County's 2007 Womanless Beauty Review to be held at 10 p.m., Friday, May 11th at Ripley City Park.

Contestants will be judged

on talent, walk, appearance, legs, question/answer, and crowd favorite. Be prepared with a female name and to do a small dance routine.

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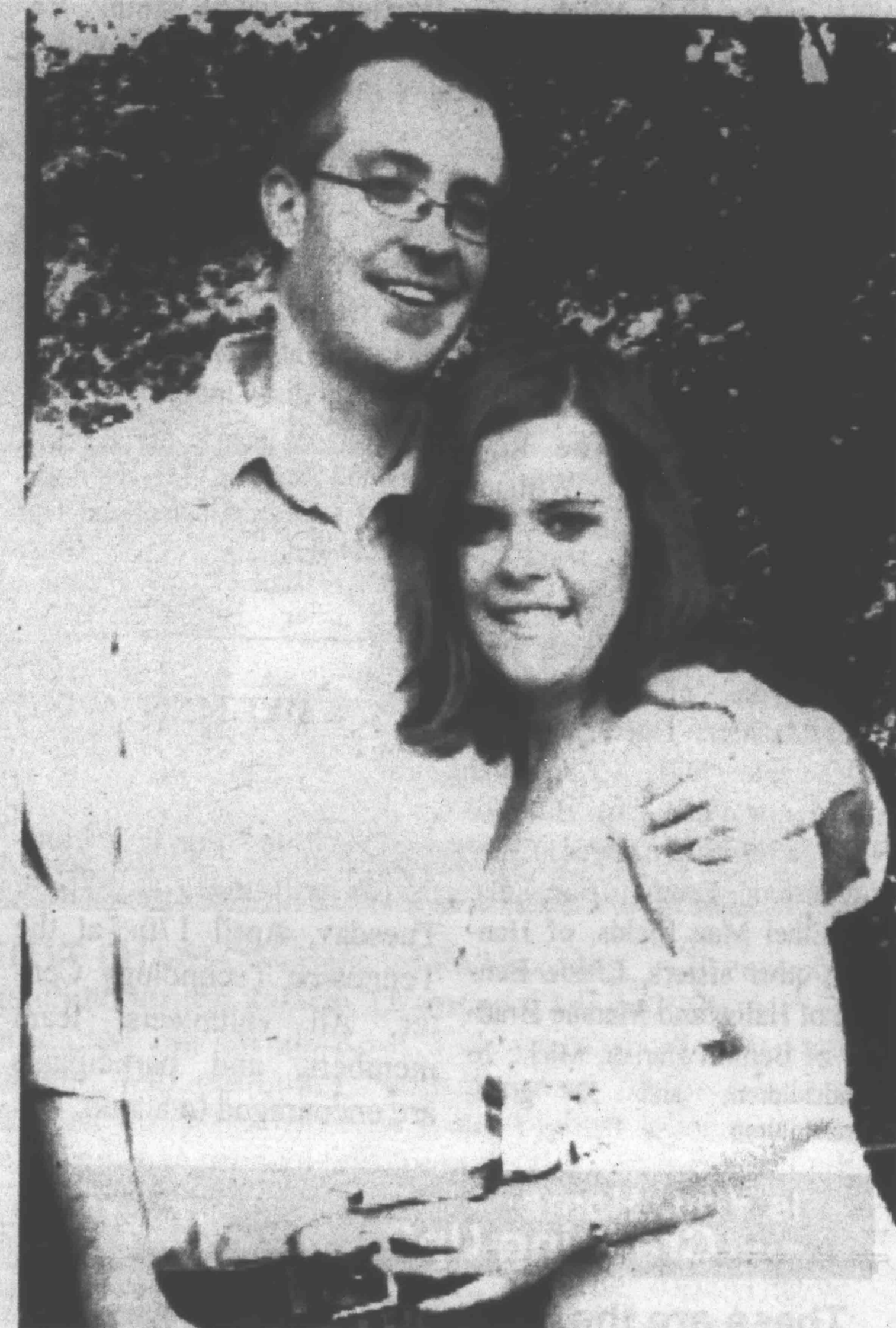
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Couple To Pledge Vows



SHELIA PARIS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Eugene Paris, of Ripley, will marry Michael Edward Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Roberts III, of Halls, at 6 p.m. May 19th in Ripley's Presbyterian Church, with formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Patricia Yancey and the late Oneal Yancey, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Neal Paris, all of Ripley.

A 2004 graduate of Gateway Christian School, she is a 2006 graduate of the Tennessee Technology Patient Care Technician class.

She is employed by West Tennessee Medical as a patient care technician.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Roberts, Jr., of Halls, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hodges, of Halls, formerly of Mississippi.

A 1995 graduate of Halls High School, he is attending Dyersburg State Community College majoring in history. He is employed by Wal-Mart in maintenance.

The couple plan to reside in Halls.

May Nuptials Slated



ELIZABETH D. BUFFALO, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Buffaloe, of Gates, will marry Joseph G. Eskridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Butch" Eskridge, of Halls, at 2 p.m. May 5th in Green Frog Wedding Chapel in Bells, with all family and friends invited. Out of town invitations will be mailed.

The granddaughter of Janie Watkins, of Halls, she is employed as a nurse at Centennial Pediatrics in Brentwood.

The groom-elect is employed as assistant operations manager at Blevins, Inc. in Nashville.

The couple plan to reside in Murfreesboro.

Newborn



ISABELLA GRACE MICUCCI, 6 lb. 14-1/2 oz. daughter of Michael and Stephanie Micucci, of Manahawkin, N.J., was born at 5:32 p.m. March 12th. Measuring 20-1/2 inches long, she is the granddaughter of Paula W. Young, of Halls, Jerry Young, of Gates, and Ron and Linda Micucci, of New Jersey, and the great-granddaughter of Jane Larkin, of Halls.

Marriages

April 6 - Justin Wayne Nelson, 20, to Kristen Renee Downs, 19, by Todd Delaney.

dard, Bill Lemons, Alene Boyd, Carmon Durham, Mike Robison, Brantley English, Carolyn Mitchell, Autumn Hutchison, Jimmy Hutcherson, Danny Belton, Natalie Hart, Madison Mountjoy, Elizabeth Burgess, Tammy Vaughan, Paul Thomas Newman, Brenda Osburn, Robert Echols, Dr. Robert Magee.

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

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

Chandler Bolton, Jeff Hamilton, Brooke Burton, Ashton Platzke.

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

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

April 23 - Christie Woo-

Birthdays

April 19 - Celeste Kiestler, Hannah Kelly, Lisa Dunham, Hannah Haynes, Martha Land, Laura Layne, Beverly Taylor, Dennis Jones, David King, Jack Oates, Sam Cannon, Jamie Jones, Alex Dunaway, Jane Burnett, Mark Hargett, Beck

Pipkin, Helen Tackett, Shelby Drumwright, Brian Bain, Amy Stanton, Randy Schwinn.

April 20 - Beverly Hutcherson, Derry Newman, Don White, June Sapp, Sarah Brassfield, Sparkle Pitts, Donna Burns, Rev. Randy Jetton, B. J. Graham, Shirley Braden, Cecil Crowder, Sr., Irene Savage, Linda Edwards, Paula Buckner,

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Obituaries

Evelyn Mullikin

Evelyn Mullikin, 64, retired production quality technician, died Thursday of last week in her home at 2651 Arp-Central Road.

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

She was the widow of Levi Abner Mullikin III.

Survivors include a daughter, Glenda Vandiver, of Ripley; a brother, Vernon Mustion, of 349 Old Glimp Rd., Ripley; a sister, Sadie Mustion, of 266 Carmack Rd., Ripley; another brother, T. J. Mustion, of Yellville, Ark.; other sisters, Norma Jean Maness, of Brownsville, Mae Gillmore, of Gadsden, Helen Chafin, of Luxora, Ark., Mildred Boren, of Greenwood, Miss., and Joyce Ann Graves, of San Diego, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Danny Kiestler

Danny Ray Kiestler, 62, of 4800 East Nankipoo Rd., died Friday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery, east of Ripley.

He was a Mason and Shriner.

He leaves his mother, Bertha Mae Kiestler, his wife, Mary Gladys Williams Kiestler, a son, Shane Kiestler, and a brother, Larry Kiestler, all of Ripley.

Mary L. Smith

Mary L. Smith, 85, sister of Johnny H. Smith and Ruby (Mrs. Warner) Pace, of Curve, died Sunday in Millington Healthcare.

Rites were Wednesday in Munford Funeral Home's Millington Chapel, with burial in Helen Cigger Cemetery.

Widow of James W. Smith, she leaves sons, Larry and Robert, of Atoka, Paul, of Arlington, and Johnny, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughters, Patricia Ward, of Brighton, Paulette Lambert, of Atoka, and Janie Clark, of Atlanta, Ga.; another sister, Jeanette Butler, of Southaven, Miss.; 18 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

W. F. Goodman

Willard Franklin Goodman, 80, of Ripley, retired farmer, died Friday in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

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

He was a member of First Assembly of God in Halls.

He leaves his wife, Mary Ellen Stephens Goodman; sons, Willard, of Halls, and Wayne, of Covington; daughters, Nancy Lee Hutcherson, of Ripley, Alice Hughes, of Halls, Carolyn Phillips, of Dyersburg, and Judy Jones, of Amarillo, Tex.; brothers, Jerry Goodman and The Rev. James Goodman, of Halls, Milton, of Dyersburg, Floyd, of Arkansas, and Danny; a sister, Carol Ann Moody, of Florida; 19 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jenkins

Melvin Roy Jenkins, 84, of Ripley, retired military serviceman, died Thursday of last week at Methodist North Hospital in Memphis.

Graveside services were Monday at Memphis Memory Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle Hargett Jenkins, a son, Aubrey Akin, and a daughter, Sherry Henderson, all of Ripley, five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

S. S. Steelman

Samuel Sylvester Steelman, 89, of Gates, retired farmer, died Sunday in the Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville.

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

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Woodville Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy; sons, Sammy, of Gates, and Gary, of Halls; daughters, Brenda Scallions and Patty Vaden, a brother, Glenn, and a sister, Elizabeth Koonce, all of Ripley; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Copeland

Shirley Mae Copeland, 63, of 258 Dock Bates St., Henning, widow of Thomas Copeland, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery west of Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Thomas Dean Fuller, of Henning, and David Lee Fuller, Michael Anthony Copeland, and Terry DeWayne Copeland, of Ripley; brothers, Johnny Frank Love, of Ripley, and Rodney Love, of Liberal, Kans.; sisters, Jarlene Love, Lula Mae Taylor, and Eloise Gwathney, of Buffalo, N.Y.; a brother, James Lake, and sisters, Emma Jean Lake and Ethel Mae Fields, of Henning; other sisters, Lizzie Bennett, of Halls, and Marsue Bradley, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; 26 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Bettie Haynes

Bettie Jean Haynes, 80, of 449 Robeson, Ripley, widow of H. V. Haynes, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

She was a member of Cross-visit Baptist Church.

She leaves brothers, Billy Cunningham, of Ashland, Miss., and Milton H. Cunningham, of Horn Lake, Miss.; and sisters, Blanche Matthews, of Memphis, and Effie Chandler, of Ocala, Fla. Nieces include Amy Maragos, of Ripley.

Mrs. Williams

Ora Bell Williams, 88, retired factory worker, widow of Roy Herman Williams, died Thursday of last week in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

She leaves a son, Billy Wayne Williams, of 1103 Lightfoot-Luckett Rd., former state highway patrolman and former Lauderdale County General Sessions judge; a brother, James H. Goff; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Louise Wright

Louise Wright, 84, former cook at Stanley's Kitchen in Ripley, died Monday of last week in her home at 305 Saw Mill Road, Henning.

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

She leaves her husband, Henry Wright, and sons, The Rev. Marshall Lake and William Lake, of Ripley; other sons, Terry and James Henry Wright, and a daughter, Cheryl Winbush, of Henning; another son, Kirby Lake, of Union City; other daughters, Doris Lockhart, of Temple Hills, Md., and Eloise Gwathney, of Buffalo, N.Y.; a brother, James Lake, and sisters, Emma Jean Lake and Ethel Mae Fields, of Henning; other sisters, Lizzie Bennett, of Halls, and Marsue Bradley, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; 26 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Meyers

Mary Nell Meyers, 81, of Bartlett, sister of Sammy Reviere, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week.

Rites were Monday in Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel, with burial in Memphis Memory Gardens.

A retired legal secretary, she was a member of Raleigh United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Norwood "Snookie" Meyers; a son, Jim, of Hernando, Miss.; and four grandchildren.

MEETING

The Relay For Life committee will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 17th, at the Tennessee Technology Center. All volunteers, team members, and participants are encouraged to attend.

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STEVE CHAISSON, right, of Re/Max Elite, in Brentwood, qualified for the Re/Max Diamond Club in 2006. He was presented the award April 13th in Nashville by Dave Liniger, left, co-founder and chairman of the board of Re/Max International. This is the highest level award in the company recognizing annual sales production. Only 250 of the 119,000 affiliates worldwide achieved the award in 2006. It recognizes associates who have earned \$1 million or more in one year. A former Ripley native, Steve is the son of Larry Chaisson and the late Andrea Chaisson. He dedicated his award to his mother, who passed away in 2005.



STANLEY YATES, British born renowned guitarist, will be presented in a free performance at 7:30 p.m.

Fri., April 20th in the Dyersburg State Community College's First Citizens National Bank Auditorium. His program will include works by 20th century composers from around the

world including Czech Stepan Rak, Cuban Leo Brouwer, and Argentinian Jose Luis Merlin and Alberto Ginastera, as well as a classical work from Spaniard Fernando Sor. He directs the guitar program at

Austin Peay State University where he is editing a comprehensive series of teaching materials for Mel




SHIRLEY DANCY, Town of Gates City Recorder, rode in the town's Easter parade April 6th. She was in a train-car, pulled by her son, David Koonce. An egg hunt at the Gates Community Center followed the parade.

Bay Publications. While with Dyersburg State guitar visiting DSCC, he will offer major, David Tyler Thor-

a one-on-one master class ton.

NOTICE
 The Town of Halls regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2007, at City Hall.
 A public hearing at 6:45 p.m. will precede the meeting concerning an ordinance to establish ethical standards for the Town of Halls officials and employees.
 Town of Halls

NOTICE
 Halls Police Department will sell five vehicles awarded to the City, by sealed bid only, Friday, April 20th, 2007 at 9 a.m. at Halls City Hall.
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Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here and greetings from Dry Hill, the puppy mill! We had a cold damp weekend for the Merchant's Day event but my friends from the Club enjoyed every minute of it. They had never been to town before, let alone the court house. All they could talk about on Sunday was their ride in Mr. Lynwood Shoemake's horse trailer and those tall buildings. They were also envious of those lucky four-leggers in the parade that actually had owners. The good news was that five of my little buddies were adopted Saturday and we collected \$150 in donations. This will supply the club with medicine for two months. We also added Christy Wilkes and Ann Tate to our volunteer committee.

I guess I missed out on all the fun, because when Miss Pam came home she looked like a "poodle head"—a wet one to be exact. She wanted me to thank Andrea Tims, Judy Lindsey, Angie Shoemake, and Jayne Bane for their help on Saturday. She said our next big adoption day will be at the Relay for Life.

I have another doctor's visit Friday. I am due another shot and twenty days of light duty. Then I will be fit as a fiddle. Miss Pam says our first visit will be a tour of the nursing homes.

I hear there is a special young lady by the name of Amber Hutcherson that adopted Billy the Blue Heeler. Miss Pam said Billy had a smile on his face from ear to ear. I heard this is her second adoption. She gave Ginger to her grandmother. Other special two-leggers include Dan and Mark Keck. They dropped off 60 lbs. of puppy chow. June Hopkins and her Girl Scout troop brought us toys, but the best thing is they will be at the club Saturday to play with the gang.

On my tour of the club I discovered a miniature Zeek. He is a newborn with my exact markings and color. I think we need to start a contest to name this handsome little one. I get first dibbs with the name of Zeekster. Call 836-pets with your ideas.

We will have Christy and Misty, our daily caregivers, choose a name that is submitted. If you win, you will receive an autographed picture of me, one rawhide, and a Nankipoo hat that has a partially revamped Dry Hill name. It's going to be a pretty week, so come out to the Club of Dry Hill to get your thrill on our Blueberry Hill and take home one of my Buds!

Zeek



Church Happenings

Elon Baptist Church, 240 Double Bridges Rd., Halls, will hold its spring revival at 6 p.m. Sun., April 22nd and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly Mon., April 23rd through Wed., April 25th with Dr. Joe Wright as guest speaker. The public is invited.

Tomato Festival Royalty



CATHERINE CARPENTER, daughter of Steve Carpenter and Jill Carpenter, of Ripley, was crowned Miss Lauderdale County in the annual Tomato Festival pageant. Her court included Robin Greaves, first maid, daughter of Tom and Cindy Greaves, of Ripley; Cassie King, second maid, daughter of Joey and Melody King, of Gates; Adrian Wilson, third maid, daughter of Barry and Connie Wilson, of Henning; and Lauren Bivens, Miss Congeniality, daughter of Nancy Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bivens, of Ripley. The pageants were held Fri., April 13th and Sun., April 15th. Winners will represent Lauderdale County in the annual Tomato Festival July 6th and 7th. The winners from the Junior King and Queen and Miss Lauderdale County will also represent the county in the Strawberry Festival in Humboldt.



CRAYTON ROSE, son of Joseph and Melissa Rose, and Hayley Vaughn, daughter of Andy and Tammy Vaughn, all of Ripley, were crowned king and queen in the Lauderdale County Junior King and Queen division. Their court included Tristan Terry, prince, son of Rickey Terry and Brenda Terry, of Ripley; Chandler Kent, princess, daughter of Jimmy and Tiffany Kent, of Halls; Ashton Pipkin, page, son of Thomas and Brandy Pipkin, of Henning; and Bayleigh Conatser, maid, daughter of Tracy and Curree Conatser, of Ripley.

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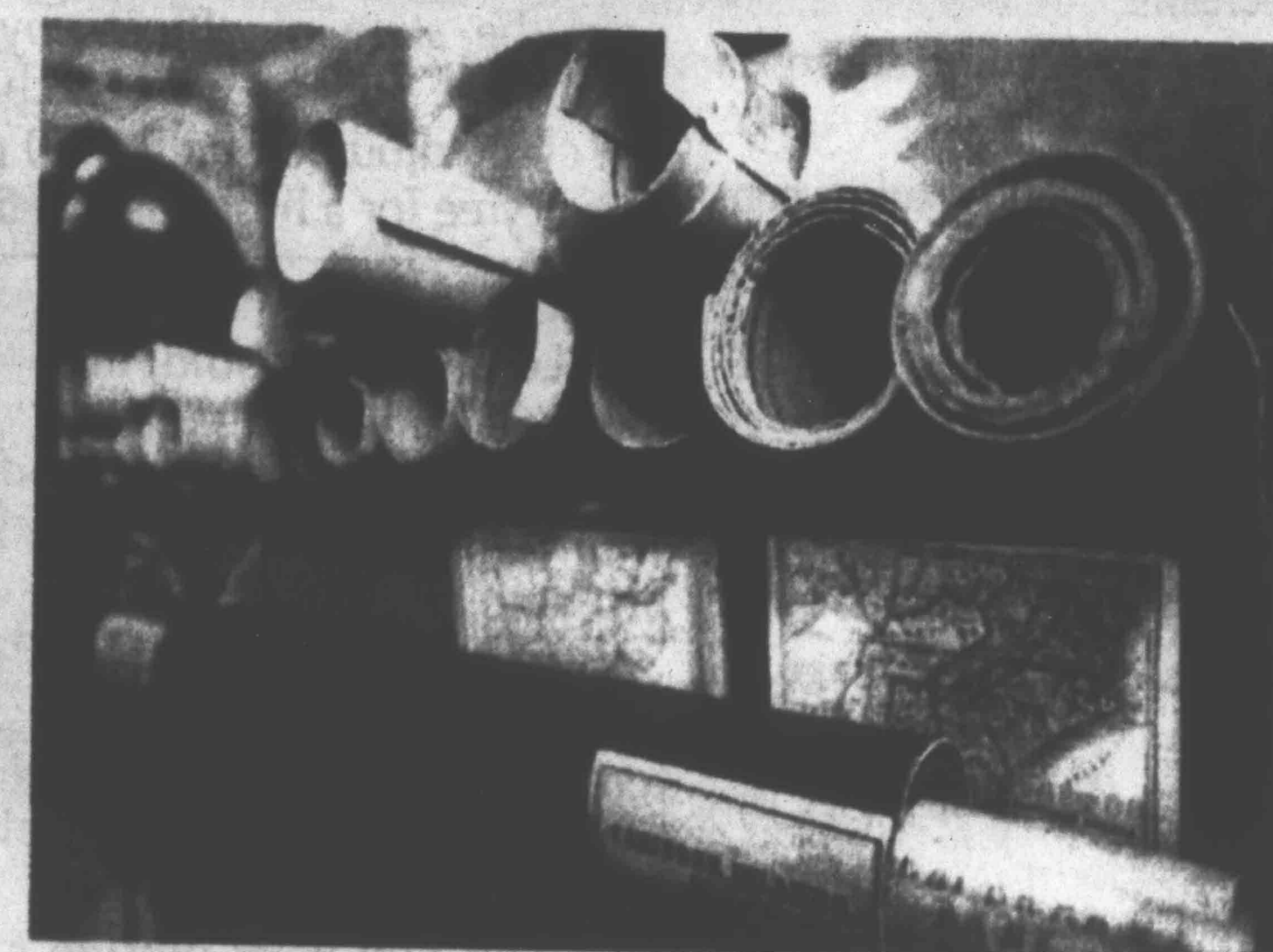


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MURRAY HUDSON, of Halls, Antiquarian Books, Maps, Prints, and Globes, on South Church St., was featured in the April issue of *Southern Living* magazine. The article entitled, 'The Map Man', was written by James T. Black. The interview covers his history and love of maps and antiques. "So far I've catalogued 45,000 items. That's about two-thirds of the inventory," said Hudson.

vention service event in the club's 96-year history. "Believe in the Blue" is an effort to reach families all across the nation with positive parenting tips. "This will be an event to raise aware- ness about the positive impact parents and caregivers can have on children and to offer some helpful tips about positive parenting," said Exchange Club's National president Kim Hodges.



COLTON ROSE, son of Joseph and Melissa Rose, of Ripley, and Maya Delaney, daughter of Jamie and Crystal Delaney, of Halls, were crowned king and queen in the Little Mr. and Miss Lauderdale County division. Their court included Cayden Michaels, prince, son of Ricky and Diana Michaels, of Ripley; Delaney Mann, princess, daughter of Bobby and Barbara Mann, of Gates; Tanner Maners, page, son of Wayne and Billie Maners, of Ripley; and Ailee Adkerson, maid, daughter of John Adkerson and Kelli Adkerson, of Ripley.



COBE MANERS, son of Wayne and Billie Maners, of Ripley, and Maddie Grace Peyton, daughter of Chris and Stacy Peyton, of Henning, were crowned king and queen in the Little Mr. and Miss Tomato Babes division. Their court included Courtlyn Cheyanne Helton, princess, daughter of Justin and Stephanie Kissell and Gary Helton, Jr., of Halls, and Makenzie Vowell, maid, daughter of Brian and Kimberly Vowell, of Ripley.

Anniversaries

- April 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drumwright.
- April 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Ron Feakins, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Caldwell.
- April 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thebeau, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Ing.
- April 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Stan Matras.
- April 25 - Mr. and Mrs.

Divorces

- Shawnta Buckner Duna- way vs. Terry Dunaway.
- Rhonda Joy Thomen vs. Donald Glen Thomen, Jr.
- Shatori Nixon Cliff vs. Derrick Dixon Cliff.
- Kathleen Jean Zumbach vs. Gerald Lewis Zumbach.
- Perry Garrett, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurt.

Exchange Club's "Believe In Blue"

The National Exchange Club, with more than 10,000 Exchange Club members, will participate in the "Believe In The Blue" Child Abuse Prevention project April 21st. It will be the single biggest child abuse pre-

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been diagnosed with lung cancer and osteosarcoma. She has undergone surgery to remove spots on her lung and a second surgery to replace hip and thigh bones as well as her knee. She is scheduled to begin another round of chemotherapy this week. All proceeds will benefit Elizabeth and her family.

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variety of programs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, such as cannon demonstrations, a medic tent, the Tennessee State Park mascot, video, hikes, church service (Sunday only), and more. Campsites will be open to the public from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The park closes at sunset.

Vendors will provide food, beverages, baked good and ice-cream.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Robby Tidwell, park manager, or Greg Taylor, park ranger, at 731-738-5581.

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12th, at the Ripley City Park.

"Three months to live!". The doctor had come by the recovery room and told me I had done well. Three months? I thought my husband was joking, but through his tears and the look on his face, I realized it was true. I had beat cervical cancer in 1980 and had lost Sandy and Nita, my sisters, to cancer over the years.

"You can't imagine the silliest things that pop into your head when you think you're going to die soon. My husband, my daughter, my granddaughter, the books I wanted to read, lose weight, and even start

Ada Nixon Officers



OFFICERS, from left, Elizabeth Mosely, parliamentarian; Janice C. Craig, second vice-president; Johnnie Matthews, secretary, treasurer, reporter; Wanda Morris, first vice-president; and Rachael Anthony, president-elect; plus, not pictured, June Bates, assistant secretary, treasurer, and reporter, for the Ada Nixon Book Club were introduced at the meeting April 11th at the home of Diane Maness. Fifteen members were present. Mrs. Morris, president, called the meeting to order after the social time. Pound cake with coffee and an assortment of nuts and candies were served. Carolyn Ammons was responsible for the program. She read aloud several poems composed by Mrs. Shirley Morris, widow of Tom Morris and Wanda's mother-in-law. The poems were inspired by her faith and ranged from serious to humorous. She has written numerous poems about her beloved West Tennessee and are bound in a booklet. After the roll was called, the minutes were read. Elaine Neal moved to accept the slate of officers by acclamation, seconded by Judy Tyree. Books were exchanged among members and the club adjourned until 3:30 p.m. May 9th at the home of Mrs. Tyree for a business meeting.

exercising.

"Lord, how could this be? I've only been married one month and still haven't moved all my things up here.

"Fear, anger, and sadness are just a few of the emotions you wake up with everyday. You pray and cry a lot. Then there are days you walk outside and talk directly to God. Between my family and friends, my name was on prayer lists in six states.

"Two weeks later, we had our first of many appointments with West Cancer Clinic in Memphis with Dr. Robert Johnson. He was a God-send. He wanted to take an aggressive approach with the chemotherapy, two-treatments-in-one. Oh, and you're going to get sick, very weak, lose all of your hair and we can't guarantee this will work.

"I had watched both

Sandy and Nita go through all the chemo-treatments and die. I didn't know if I wanted to go through all of this and still die! Someone had told me, 'you can't have a testimony with a test'. Let the test begin.

"After the chemo-treatments, Dr. Johnson called Dr. Joseph Smith at Vanderbilt Medical Center about my cancer and he agreed to do the surgery. Our first appointment with Dr. Smith was great. This tall, unassuming, kind spirited man spent 45 minutes talking about the surgery, our families and his marathon winning. He had such a calming effect on me. It wasn't until we met his assistant that we learned Dr. Smith is one of the leading authorities on bladder and prostate cancer and he created the neo bladder, which is made from a section of

your lower intestine. His patients come from all over the world and God has placed another healer in my life.

"The surgery was performed the week of Thanksgiving 2006. The truly amazing thing was during the first doctor's appointment since the surgery all the lab work showed no sign of cancer in the bladder, uterus, or lymph nodes that were removed during surgery," said Nancy.

Land Transfers

April 8th-April 14th

Katie Webb Missildine and H.P. Webb II to Donna Moore and Calvin Moore, Dist. 6, lot.

Carter Custom Homes LLC to Mary L. Washington, lot.

Jerry Buckner, Jeremy Helton and Dan Douglas to Brian Miller and Crystal Miller, lot.

Bank of New York, TR, to Shane W. Lange, Dist. 7, tract.

Terry Vestal to William Pike and Stacy Pike, Dist. 17, lot.

Barry Bates and David Snell to Edie E. Conrad, lot.

Norene Douglas to Dale Snipes and Doris Snipes, Dist. 11, lot.

Mary Mitchell to Sharon Pruitt, Dist. 2, 0.24 acre.

Kenneth Bauman and Kathleen Bauman to Darrell Conrad, Dist. 7, lot.

Mary Diane Bane, Brenda Sue Thurmond, Shelia Lee Williams and Audrey Dean Turner to Chapman O. Thurmond and Brenda Sue Thurmond, Dist. 16, tract.

Maggie L. Savage and Maggie L. Fullen to Mary Mitchell, Dist. 2, lot.

C.E. Gable and Marilyn Gable to Carey J. Latham, Jr., Dist. 10, lot.

Jerry A. Lewis and Patricia C. Lewis to James D. McDaniel and Katina L. McDaniel, Dist. 12, lot.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 23rd

- Hot Dog
- Pizza
- Tater Tots
- Carrot Sticks
- Applesauce
- Fruit Mix
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 24th

- Tacos w/Trimings
- Chicken Fajitas w/Trimings
- Corn Nibbles
- Rice
- Grapes
- Banana
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 25th

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
- Whipped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Orange Sections
- Apple
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 26th

- Menu - School's Choice
- Friday, April 27th
- BBQ Pork Ribbit
- Grilled Chicken On Bun
- Baked Beans
- Corn On The Cob
- Pear Halves
- Peaches
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Ripley Primary School
Halls Elementary School
Pre-K to 3rd**

Monday, April 23rd

- Hot Dog
- Tater Tots
- Applesauce
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 24th

- Tacos w/Trimings
- Rice
- Grapes
- Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 25th

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Whipped Potatoes
- Orange Sections
- Roll
- Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 26th

- Menu - School's Choice
- Friday, April 27th
- Deli Sandwich
- Carrot Sticks
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

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Spirit of Enterprise Award



CONGRESSMAN JOHN TANNER, left, was presented the United States Chamber of Commerce "Spirit of Enterprise" award April 18th. The award was presented by Tom Donohue, right, U.S. Chamber of Commerce president, in recognition of his strong voting record on critical business issues in the second session of the 109th Congress in 2006. The award is presented annually to member of Congress based on ranking it gives for key business votes outlined in its yearly publication, *How They Voted*. Tanner compiled an 86% score with the Chamber last year and holds a cumulative 69% ranking during his tenure in Congress. Tanner is serving his tenth term in the U.S. House, is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He is a founding member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Democrats.

New Facility Completed



CONSTRUCTION has been completed on the new Forked Deer Electric building, located near the former facility in Halls. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 5th to celebrate the opening.

**Easter Freeze
Crop Damage
Not Yet Clear**

Record low temperatures April 7-8th damaged farm crops, but no one is sure just how much.

Much depends on how mature crops were. No statistics are available for that.

Warming may have revived some fields, to some percentage of normal.

Except for extremely late plantings (in December), Chris Main, Extension Service specialist in small grains, expects crop losses of 30% to 50%.

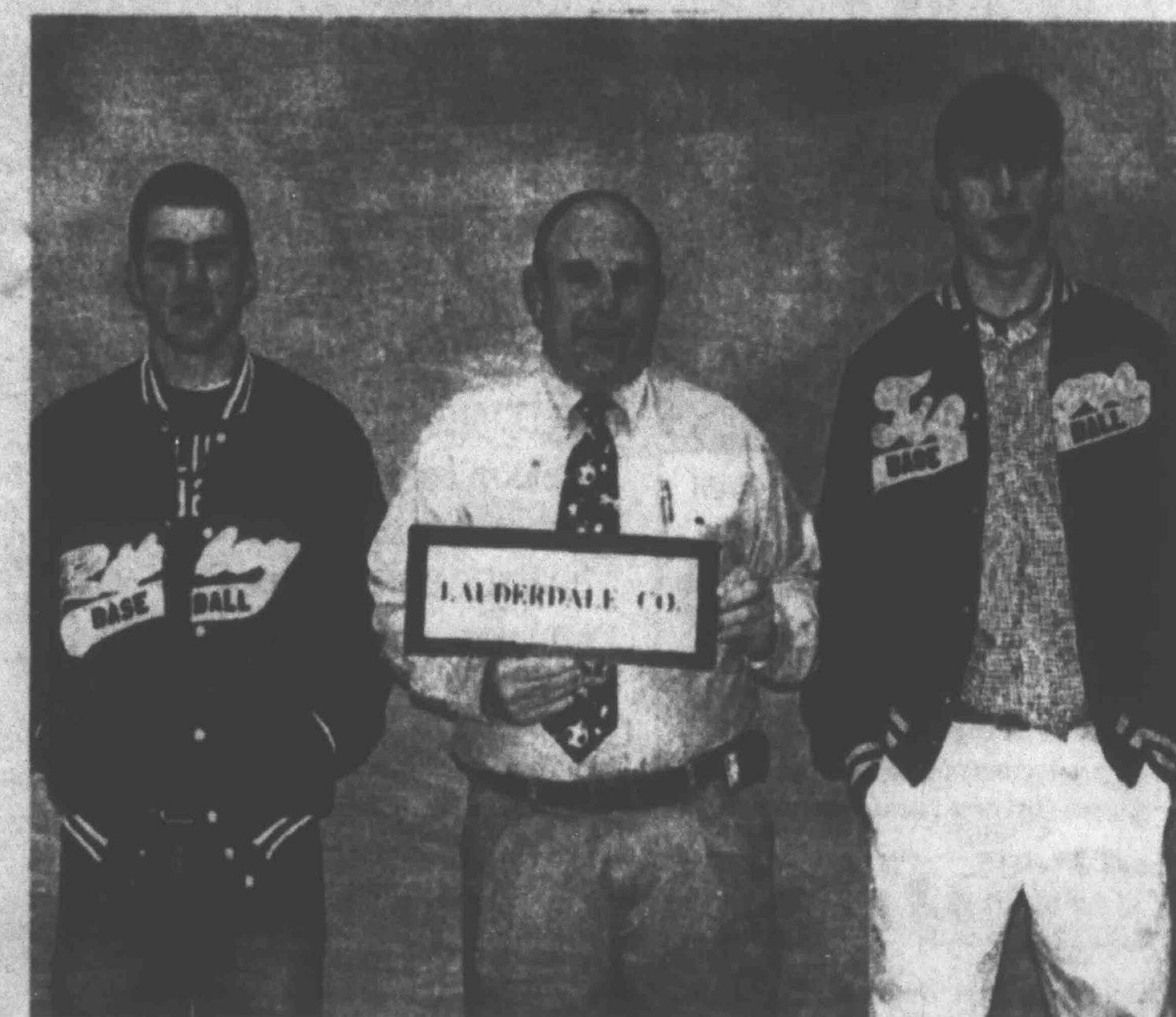
"It depends on what the farmer will do if he had insurance, and what the possible rotation crops are."

Some farmers may have been able to re-plant damaged acres with other crops, depending on previous pesticide use and other factors.

**Chamber To
Host Banquet**

The Lauderdale Chamber/ECD will host its annual membership banquet at 7 p.m. Thurs., April 26th at Rolling Hills Country Club. The theme is a western hoo-down. Winners of the small and large business of the year, chamber citizen, and two honorary members will be announced. The centerpieces, submitted by and representing local businesses, will be judged and the theme will be incorporated into the design. Members of the chamber are urged to attend and dress in western attire.

SCOPE Students



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, Thomas Pillow, left, Ripley High School, and Cody Dew, right, Halls High School, along with chaperone, Bobby Baker, center, Ripley High School principal, participated in a SCOPE, Student Congress on Policies in Education, program held at the Tennessee State University in Nashville in March. More than 350 students in grades 9-12 convened to express their views on public education in Tennessee. The annual event was hosted by the Tennessee Schools Board Association. SCOPE is designed to give students a voice where public education issues are concerned and to involve them in finding solutions to the topics that are discussed. The students participated in mock school board sessions, assuming the role of school board members, school officials, parents, students, and concerned citizens.

**Halls' Nine On 10
Game Win Streak**

Hall High School's baseball team, on home turf, led Crockett County Monday, 9-4, to push its win streak to 10 games and its record to 21-9-1 (10-1 in District 14-A).

**Charged With
Abortion Plan**

Last week, Halls led Trenton 8-0 and 1-0, Obion County 6-1 and 14-4, and Rosemark 12-2. Halls played at Union City Tuesday; plays Gibson County Thursday; and visits Greenfield Friday. David R. Ford, 30, of 1090 John White Rd., Ripley, was jailed Monday of last week on charges he attempted an abortion. He posted \$100,000 bail.

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Readers Speak

Editor:

It is difficult for me to understand why the Town of Halls would even consider expanding beer sales to 3 a.m. and Sunday sales.

The Town of Halls and our community will not benefit from the booze business. God's word says, 'Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, Habakkuk

2:15. The curse of almighty God is upon all who have a part in it, and they will stand before Him and give account of it. Anyone who votes in favor of the dirty booze business is voting for the devil and his cause.

The curse of God is on the city that tries to profit in the ruin of people, and the innocent lives lost on our highways because of drunk driving.

God gives this warning, 'Wine is a mocker, strong

drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise', Proverbs 20:1.

There are over one hundred and sixty-two verses of scripture condemning booze. I pray the Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will VOTE AGAINST this ordinance. Abraham Lincoln said, 'Liquor has no defense'. I agree.

Sincerely Yours,
Jerry Hickson, pastor
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The addresses and phone numbers of area churches are 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.

The annual National Day of Prayer will be held at 11 a.m. Thurs., May 3rd at the Lauderdale County Courthouse. The public is invited.

Bethlehem Goldust Baptist Church, 6435 Hwy. 19 W., Ripley, will hold its "Day In Pink" at 2:30 p.m. Sun., April 29th with Prophetess Alice Montague, of Gates, as guest speaker. The program is for all cancer survivors, loved ones, and friends. The Sensational Southerners are scheduled to attend. Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by Theresa Porter-Strange, Reach to Recovery volunteer for the American Cancer Society. James T. Byars, pastor, invites the public.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold its annual choir day at 2:30 p.m. Sun., May 6th with Canaan Baptist and St. Mark Baptist Churches, of Henning, and Morning Star Baptist, Truth and Faith Baptist, Forerunner Baptist, Elam Baptist, and Mt. Pleasant Churches, of Ripley, along with many other churches as special guests. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, 3694 Coffee Shop Rd., will sponsor its pastor aide program at 2:30 p.m. Sun., April 29th with Charlie Peat, pastor of Truth and Faith, along with church members as guests. Claxton Reese, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley Church of Christ, 1499 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold its annual ladies day from 9:30 a.m. to noon Sat., April 28th with luncheon to follow. The theme is 'You Can't Always Have It Your Way! A Study of How To Handle Life's Ups and Downs.' Celicia Grider, of Collierville, will be the guest speaker. The program is for ladies only.

Archer's Chapel United Methodist Church, located off Hwy. 88 between Gates and Maury City, in the Frog Jump Community, will host professionally known southern gospel artists, Palmetto State Quartet, at 10:45 a.m. Sun., April 29th. A love offering will be accepted. For more information, call Ashley or Caren Jordan, 731-656-4306.

Ripley Church of God will host a Cecil Henson Family Reunion at 6 p.m. Sat., April 28th. The theme, 'Then and Now' will celebrate 32 years of gospel music. Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the public.

Spiller Hill Church of God in Christ, 146 Osborne St., Ripley, will host a program at 9 a.m. Sun., April 29th with prophet Francis James, pastor, God's Word Outreach Centre, C.O.G.I.C., of Armia, Trinidad. The theme is "Do You Need A Miracle From The Lord? Bring the sick, lost, and bound; Come expecting your miracle from the Lord." Supt. L. C. Hayslett, pastor, invites the public.

Ashtport Baptist Church, 6742 Hwy. 19 W., Ripley, will host

The Light for Jesus Players, at 5 p.m. Sun., April 29th. The Light for Jesus Players are blacklight performers who use music, puppetry, and drama to "Let Their Lights Shine" for Jesus. The public is invited.

The Gospel Rock Holiness Church, 182 Nelson St., will hold its annual family and friends day service at 2:30 p.m. Sun., April 29th with Elder L. C. Hayslett, pastor of Spiller Hill Church of God In Christ, and church members as special guests. Raymond C. Barnes, Sr., pastor, invites the public.

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

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

BENEFIT SINGING

A benefit singing for Relay For Life will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28th, at the Lauderdale County Justice Center hosted by the Lauderdale County Justice Center and Elder Surplus.

Participating groups will be TNT, 3 p.m.; Calvary Echoes, 4 p.m.; Good Ole Boys, 5 p.m.; Stairways, 6 p.m.; A.G., 7 p.m.; and Darin Dedmon, 8 p.m.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools
Monday, April 30th
Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Sandwich Trimmings
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, May 1st
Chicken Breast Fillet
Baked Ham
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, May 2nd
Roasted Turkey
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Banana
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, May 3rd
Chili Pie
Deli Wrap
Corn Nibbles
Carrot Sticks
Pineapple Tidbits
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, May 4th
BBQ On Bun
School's Choice Sandwich
Baked Beans

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School
Halls Elementary School
Pre-K to 3rd

Monday, April 30th
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, May 1st
Baked Ham
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, May 2nd
Roasted Turkey
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Thursday, May 3rd
Chili Pie
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Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, May 4th
Deli Sandwich
Carrot Sticks
Pineapple Tidbits
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

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Obituaries

Henry L. Norfolk

Henry Lee Norfolk, 72, who had been facilities supervisor at the West Tenn. Penitentiary at Fort Pillow, died Friday in his home at 546 Ross Road, Ripley.

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

He leaves his wife, Mosezine; sons, Ira Joe Norfolk, Jerry Wayne Norfolk, and Willie Norfolk, of Ripley, Charles, of Henning, Marvin and Rondell, of Covington, Timmy, of Brownsville, and Henry, Jr., of Memphis; daughters, Teresa Ann Norfolk and Carolyn Delores Lee, of Ripley, Frances Harris, of Henning, Virginia Norfolk, of Saginaw, Mich., and Joyce Anderson, of Detroit, Mich.; step-sons, Jimmy Robinson, of Ripley, Danny Robinson, of Gates, and Johnny Robinson, of Halls; step-daughters, Betty Dowell and Fanny Yanders, of Ripley; brothers, Ulu, of Ripley, Robert, of Milan, Ventrus, of Morristown, and Thomas, of Detroit; a sister, Venedia Norfolk-Malcom, of Detroit; 26 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Freddie Glass

Freddie Wayne Glass, 53, of Covington, brother of Sidney Glass, of 237 Eastland, Ripley, died Monday of last week in Temple, Tex.

Rites were Friday in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Magnolia Gardens Cemetery.

He was a driver for Averett Trucking.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Lavelle Glass; his father, Fred Glass, of Covington; sons, Johnny Glass, of Covington, and Devon Stringfellow, of Brighton; another brother, Jerry, of Memphis; sisters, Annette Glass, of Covington, Diane Byrd, of Brighton, and Janet Glass and Margaret Pensak, of Newark, Delaware; and five grandchildren.

F. T. Malone

F. T. Malone, 70, of Ripley, a farmer who worked at Universal Electric in Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in St. Luke Baptist Church near Ripley, with burial there, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves his wife, Warline; a son, Bret, of Memphis; daughters, Claudia Macklin, of Covington, Kimberly Malone-Barlow, of Jackson, Dauna Tuggle, of Nashville, and Paula Mosby, of Murfreesboro; step-children, Cornelius Ivy, Karen Shaw, and Shirley Bester, of Ripley; brothers, Aaron, of Gates, and James, of Lafayette, Ind.; sisters Hattie Garrison, of Ripley, and Ellenora Snipes, of Brownsville; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Emily Mayfield

Emily Irene Mayfield, 75, of Ripley, wife of Charles Mayfield, died Wednesday of last week, in her home.

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

She leaves daughters, Kimberly Stephens and Yvonne Wells, of Ripley, and Charlene Cunningham, of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, Montell and W. L. Sandlin, of Ripley; one sister, Clarcie Ritenour, of Cleveland, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dana Cure

Dana Ferguson Cure, 81, of Memphis, formerly of Ft. Worth, Tex., born in Halls and attended Halls High School, died Thursday of last week.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday, April 23rd, at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

The widow of Harold R. Cure, she leaves a daughter, Carol Davis Perkins, of Rockport, Tex.; a sister, Doris Clinton, of Memphis; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services Mourn

HHS Freshman

Rites Saturday in the Halls High School gym, where she had played basketball, said farewell to a freshman, Malena D. Halliburton, 15.

She was fatally injured about 5 p.m. April 13th when a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by her brother, Antonio Halliburton, left a curve on Hwy. 88 west of Halls and struck a tree.

Antonio and a passenger, Ashanti Figgs, 17, of Ripley, wearing seat belts, survived.

Malena, in the rear seat, was partially ejected from the car, to die, that day, in LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis.

Burial was in the Garden of Everlasting Life north of Covington, Barlow Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include her grandparents, Louis and Edna Hudson and Dorothy J. Stenson, her mother, Doris S. Halliburton; and her father, Paul T. Hudson; all of Halls; nine sisters, Cecilia Campbell, Paulita Edmondson, Ashley, Destinée, Paula, Tackena, and Tayler Hudson, and Brandi and Brittany Singleton; and her aunt and legal guardian, Gloria Williams, of Halls.

Betty Alma Davis

Betty Alma Davis, 64, of Newbern, sister of Carolyn Metcalf and Marie Creed, of Ripley, died April 13th, in her residence.

Rites were April 16th in Johnson-Williams Funeral Home in Newbern, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Newbern.

She was the daughter of the late Iria E. and Elsie L. James Parrott.

Survivors include her husband, Larry G. Davis; daughters, Mary O'Guinn, of Newbern, and Joyce O'Guinn, of Huntsville, Ala.; a step-son, Craig Davis, of Mobile, Ala.; a step-daughter, Crissie Parker, of Southaven, Miss.; brothers, Earl Parrott, of Tiptonville, Larry Parrott, of Waverly, and Gene Parrott, of Baton Rouge, La.; two grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Mrs. McCloud

Geraldine Lumley McCloud, 57, of Gates, a farmer, died Monday.

Graveside services are set for 4 p.m. Thursday, April 26th, at Belliel Berry Cemetery, near Ripley.

The widow of Marvin McCloud, she leaves daughters, Marline McCloud Obregon, of Gates, Kathy Allen Conlee, of Covington, and Joyce Ann Allen Selby, of Phoenix; her mother, Ada Bell Ozment Fortner, and brother, Travis Lumley, of Halls; other brothers, Larry Lumley, of Brownsville, and James Lumley, of Dresden; a sister, Maxine Greene, of Newbern; and five grandchildren.

Blanche Haislip

Blanche Viola Haislip, 77, widow of Jeff Haislip, died Tuesday of last week in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

She had been a cook for Lauderdale County schools.

She leaves step-sons, Freddie and James Haislip, of Ripley; sons, Donnie Haislip, of Covington, and Bobby Davis, of Decatur, Ala.; a sister, Nellie Lovelady, of Amarillo, Tex.; and four grandchildren.

CORRECTION

The obituary of Willard Franklin Goodman, 80, of Ripley, omitted the names of his step-son, Chancey Earl Prescott, of Amarillo, Tex., and a brother, Larry 'Sonny' Goodman, of Halls. Another brother, Danny, lives in Dyersburg.

HE'S MEETING

The Halls Elementary School will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26th, at Halls Elementary School cafeteria to give parents with children turning five years

Readers Speak

Editor:
In light of the recent tragic shootings at Virginia Tech University, I thought this poem would be of interest to the readers of your newspaper.

Prayers in School
Now I sit me down in school where praying is against the rule. For this great nation under God finds mention of Him very odd. If scripture now the class recites, it violated the Bill of Rights. And anytime my head I bow becomes a federal matter now. Our hair can be purple, orange or green, that's no offense, its freedom scene. The law is specific, the law is precise, prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice, for praying in a public hall might offend someone with no faith at all. In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the state. We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks. They've outlawed guns, but first the Bible, to quote the good book makes me liable. We can elect a pregnant senior queen and the 'unwed daddy', our senior king. It's inappropriate to teach right from wrong we're taught that such judgments do not belong. We can get our condoms and birth controls, study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. But the Ten Commandments are not allowed. No word of God must reach this crowd. It's scary here I must confess when chaos reigns the school's a mess. So, Lord, this silent plea I make, should I be shot: my soul please take. Amen.

Anonymous
Sincerely,
Jerry Hickson, pastor
Halls

Each day, with all its unknowns, we all face challenges. Many lives were effected that spring day in Blacksburg, Virginia. Lives cut short by death can never be replaced. Those affected by injury or the loss of someone close have been changed forever. And, those of us who simply watched a news cast and wondered why, will always remember where we were and what we were doing at the time the tragedy was reported.

I wish I could make things better right now, but of course that is not possible. Time and a whole lot of prayer is the true healer for this time in our country's history. Americans have seen tough times like this before and have made it through with a new and improved determination each time. I believe we are no different this time. Just as generations before during major wars and other troubles, this generation will also go for-

ward. Maybe a little spoiled with all of our conveniences, but somewhere down deep in all our American genes, determination is there.

The thing that makes us Americans so different is our ability to forget and go on to the next level. It is amazing how quick we forget even the simplest things. Of course as I get older, forgetting is a lot easier.

The differences in our generations also help us to pull through tough times. I have reached the age where I now remember things that happened way back then. My children are more concerned with what is happening now. And that is the way it should be. We need the two to balance out the present, to avoid errors in the future, and never forget the past.

For our recent wedding anniversary, my daughter gave us a box of candies from the days when my wife and I were children. She found a site on the Internet that specializes in candy of days gone by. Her gift brought back a lot of memories of some really good times.

It contained large red wax lips just like those we bought at the annual 4th of July picnic during our childhood days. They tasted terrible then and still do today. There was a box of Crows in the gift which are black licorice flavored jelly beans. I used to get a brown paper bag of those at the store for a nickel that would last all day. There were also Clark bars, all types of peony candies

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Time Is A Great Healer

The American people, due to modern day communications, have once again been part of a front row audience to tragedy. The terrible campus shootings at Virginia Tech have captured all of the news reporting sources and placed each of us in the middle of this tragic event.

We all have become helpless in action, but our prayers and thoughts go out to the families involved. The long time of healing will once again be extended to us all, but as Americans, we will overcome and attempt to make things better than before.

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and candy cigarettes.

Do you remember when kids could use candy cigarettes with red tips for fire and not be a political outcast? Candy cigs never caused me to want to smoke. Instead they pushed me more over to the dessert way of thinking.

What about getting a cold drink from a machine that dispensed glass bottles that only contained eight ounces? They could also quench your thirst as well as today's super jumbos and only cost a nickel. How did eight ounces do the job years ago that 44 ounces can't do today?

Did you ever drink milk at school from a glass bottle wrapped in red cellophane with a cardboard stopper? Have you ever used Butch hair wax for a flat top haircut, 45 RPM records, metal ice trays with levers, blue flashbulbs, Mimeograph paper, wash tub wringers and S&H Green Stamps?

If you remembered none of these things, then I assume you are being read this article by your parents or grandparents and I am honored they took the time to share it with you. I also thank you for humoring them by acting like you understand what in the world they are talking about and smiling politely.

However, if you remembered most of these then welcome to my world. We are not hardly as old as the ark, but we may be pushing for lifetime membership in the "I Saw Haley's Comet The First Time Club."

Our generations are dif-

By Ellen Jackson

The Halls Public Library has a good collection of books, videos, C.D.'s, and D.V.D.'s all about dance and music. Some items of interest include Shirley Temple Collection, Lord of the Dance, MGM's Singing in the Rain and Learn to Line Dance Texas Style.

The library is open Monday through Saturday from noon until 5 p.m.

For more information, call 836-5302.

ferent and it is hard for me to believe that in 50 years someone will be telling their children about remembering having to use an old DVD

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Osgood, of East Waterboro, Maine, visited Ellen Jackson last week and spent two days in Branson, Missouri.

player to watch a movie or checking their E-mail on their Blackberry, but they will. And, the fun small things will be the most remembered, thank goodness.

Time does change a lot of things. But, it cannot flee fast enough for the students, families and faculty at Virginia Tech to forget their recent tragedy. We can just hope it does.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE COLUMN

Exercise Influence

By Rex M. Rogers

The slaughter of innocents at Virginia Tech University is a form of apparently random killing rooted in a rage that most of us, thankfully, cannot understand. More than thirty students dying at the hands of a lone gunman in the otherwise bucolic atmosphere of a small town university is, in former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's words describing the death toll of 9-11, "more than we can bear."

In the wake of such carnage people have done the human thing. In their understandable grief, anguish, fear, and confusion, they've looked for someone to blame. But the real culprit "robbed" us of an opportunity for justice by taking the coward's way out—suicide.

But we still needed someone to blame, so major news media outlets, some students, some parents, and a host of other Americans tried to lay the horrible ordeal at the feet of the university and its beleaguered administration, particularly the president. While it's true that any human endeavor can be evaluated on the basis of 20/20 hindsight and that such hindsight can always find ways things could have gone differently, this days-long media frenzy at the expense of V Tech was over the top and unfair.

We've already learned from 9-11 that no tragedy will ever again go unreported by its unfortunate participants. Cell phone calls, photos, and videos, IM mailings, and emails were underway before the shooter finished his brutal work. Meanwhile, the university administration—the people ostensibly "in charge," could not communicate as rapidly as participants because the administration is "the authority" and leaders cannot comment until they triple-check their facts. This takes time.

My point is that no authority figure will ever again be able to outpace the communications capacity of the people experiencing a catastrophe. So it is more than presumptuous for securities experts to go on air the day after the mass killings at Virginia Tech University and pontificate that "If the university had done (thus or so) lives would have been spared."

First, we really don't know that lives would have been spared because events didn't happen according to the expert's analysis. Second, even if it may be so, the same could be said of the Battle of the Bulge. Leaders lead, generally and most often with their best efforts, and consulting experts who have for the most part never lead anything or anyone are not fair measures of leaders' effectiveness.

Major news media also tapped psychologists and other students of the mind, trying to make sense of a senseless event. "How could this happen?" "Why did it

happen?" In a search for meaning every human being at least viscerally understands, media stars act as our surrogate pastors, providing comfort and solace in the face of uncertainty and loss. But more information doesn't always meet our need.

The bigger question, generally unasked and unanswered in major media presentations, is "How could or why would a loving God, if one exists, allow this to happen?" Or another way of asking the question, "How can one believe in a loving God, or any God for that matter, and make sense out of this kind of suffering?"

The answers are these. First, we don't really know. The Omniscient Creator God's ways are not our ways. He keeps His own counsel and sometimes we cannot discern His purposes.

Second, we know the Sovereign God is not surprised, that tragic as the Blacksburg horror is, it is not an "accident" in the sense that God didn't see it coming.

Third, the Just, Loving, and Righteous God is not the source of evil, but he has allowed evil to exist in this world since Lucifer challenged him in eternity past and later tempted Adam and Even in the Garden of Eden. Allowing human beings to choose evil also allows them to choose good. Human beings are free moral agents in God's design for the universe.

Four, a young man full of hate, a lost sheep, apparently marched determinedly toward the fateful day at V Tech. His sinful heart and sinful choices are the blame for this unspeakable tragedy.

Five, God is still in charge. His purposes are greater than what we can see or what will likely ever be reported on cable news. Even as the massacre unfolded, God's grace was at work in others' hearts in ways we may never fully understand.

For most of us this is another reminder that we live in the Last Days, a time of increasing prevalence of evil, increasing intensity of evil, and more far-reaching harm from evil. But it's also a time when the love and hope of Christ, the message of a God of second chances, and the value of a biblical moral view shine in bolder relief than ever.

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SOFTBALL CAMP

The Tennessee Martin softball program will host two weeks of summer camps in 2007. Registration for all camps is currently under way.

The first camp will run from May 29th - June 1st. The popular Skyhawks day camp will begin at 9 a.m. and last until noon each day. Campers must be between the ages of 6 and 13 years of age to attend. In addition, UT Martin softball coach Donley Canary and Heather Ford will offer an advance hitting and pitching camp each afternoon from 2 - 4 p.m.

Another session of advanced pitching, as well as advanced hitting, will be held June 11th - 14th from 4 - 6 p.m. Campers must be between the ages of 14 and graduating high school seniors.

To register for camp or for more information, please call the UT Martin softball office at 731-881-7162 or the main Athletics office at 731-881-7660.

NEWLY APPOINTED

Christy A. Allen was appointed, as the new assistant commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Health's Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation Tuesday of last week. In this role, Allen will oversee a staff of approximately 500 in the Divisions of Health Related Boards, Health Care Facilities and Emergency Medical Services.

Halls Elementary Studies Flight



FIRST GRADE STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School in the classes of Mrs. Beth Meeks and Mrs. Tracie Taylor read and studied Amelia Earhart and her adventures. Mrs. Taylor asked a parent to demonstrate how to make a paper airplane. The students were able to fly their planes outside.

Locals Perform HES To Host In Jazz Ensemble Blood Drive

Jeremy Rhoads, of Ripley, and Kevin Ward, of Halls, were among several students in the University of Tennessee at Martin jazz ensemble concert at 7:30 p.m. April 25th in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre at the school.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 8th at Halls Elementary School, 601 Carmen St., for donors 17 years of age and older. Anyone who weighs a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health is urged to donate. Area high school and college students make up approximately 14% of blood donors. Each donation can save up to three lives.

Marriages

April 14 - Justin Tyler Hendrix, 20, to Rachael Marie Sandoval, 18, by Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

April 17 - Donald Lee Clevenger, Jr., 38, to Charlotte Rena Ayers Lilly, 32, by Tracy Henson.

April 20 - Kenantwon Hayes, 27, to Amy Jean Guyton, 31, by Tracy Henson.

Trust, Frances C. Hargett, Revocable Living Trust, and Mary Frances Hargett Carnell to Stephen Floyd, Dist. 6, lot.

Joyce Ola Dunaway to Michael D. Newman, Dist. 16, 4.902 acres.

Jeremy Helton and Dana Freeman, Jr., to Willie Quincy Jelks and Candace Jelks, Dist. 2, lot.

Sandra Laney to Mitchell D. Allen and Tobey K. Allen, Dist. 2, lot.

Fisher Enterprises LLC to Elizabeth M. Rose and Douglas Rose, Dist. 3, lot.

Martha M. Hunt to Tiffany Benoit and Logan Davis, Dist. 2, lot.

Larry T. Anderson, Sr., and Christene S. Anderson to Donald Mooney, Jr., and Kristen Mooney, Dist. 3, 5.0 acres.

Carter Custom Homes LLC to Sondra Cline, Dist. 2, lot. Lynn Gay and Verna D. Gay to Sherry Morris, Dist. 2, 8.0 acres.

Don L. Brasfield and Bonnie K. Brasfield to Charles Lenderman, Dist. 2, lot.

HALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Halls Public Library is open from 12 until 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The library offers best sellers from Mary Higgins Clark, Danielle Steel, James Patterson, Jonathan Kellerman, Robert B. Parke, and Janet Evanovich. They will soon have *Train Wreck (The Life & Death of Anna Nicole Smith)*. A memorial donation was made by Michelle Hargett for Mary Meeks.

Everyone is invited to come and check out the books.

Anniversaries

April 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Searce, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Pery Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Folger.

April 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Demeris, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jackson.

April 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kitts.

May 1 - Mr. and Mrs. David Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Goss, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Castleman, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Best.

May 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes.

Birthdays

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

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

April 28 - Lauryn Emilee Caldwell, Frankie Bostic, Chris Shoemaker, George Grugett, Emily Anthony, Kevin Hog-

gard, William Belton, Jim Jarrett, Ken Long, Brooke Mays.

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

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

May 1 - Sonny Vaughn, Willie Stowers, Mark Ryan Patterson, Mary Beth Caldwell, Steven A. Koonce, Dr. Roy E. Crowder, Jr., Frank Sanders, Roger Pease, John Terry, Moneka Temple, Linda Geary,

David Blakely, Anna Dailey, Cheryl Vaughan, Madeline Kennedy, Gary Turner, Marie Wofford, Andy Crowson.

May 2 - Sarah Beth Craig, Billie Jane Gray, Amy Vaden, Auzie Harrell, Joanne Scott, Shira Parish, Jamie Summar, Shakandra Whitelaw, Leon Pattat, Libba Shoaf Burns, Barbara Thomas.

Land Transfers

April 15th-April 21st

Otis A. Hill and Noretta Hill to Alfredo Torres, 7.25 acres.

Leon E. Hargett, TR, Frances C. Hargett, TR, Leon E. Hargett, Revocable Living

Letters From The Capital

By Governor Phil Bredesen



A Special Column for Cover the Uninsured Week
April 23-29, 2007

Dear Fellow Tennessean,

Across America, the problem of the uninsured is escalating, and Tennessee is not alone in facing this troubling trend. More than 800,000 Tennesseans are currently without health insurance of any kind. While the problem is national in scope and scale, Tennessee is not waiting for a national solution. Tennessee is acting today with a unique approach to tackle this growing challenge.

We have confronted the issue head-on by creating Cover Tennessee to help Tennesseans who have no health insurance. Cover Tennessee is a commonsense, affordable and sustainable set of initiatives that provide much needed health care access to Tennesseans who have long needed it. We have done this the right way by developing these initiatives within the limits of the state's budget and control.

Cover Tennessee is an umbrella initiative with five targeted programs, including three health insurance products and pharmacy assistance: CoverTN for employees of small businesses and self-employed individuals; CoverKids for children and pregnant women; AccessTN for individuals who are uninsurable due to their medical condition; and CoverRx for stop-gap prescription drug help. All are currently accepting applications.

CoverTN is the centerpiece of this health care program. Access to health care is about keeping Tennesseans healthy. But on a business level, it's also very much about competitiveness. The vast majority of new jobs are started by small businesses. By helping businesses succeed, we help Tennessee succeed – and that is what CoverTN is all about.

At its heart, CoverTN is a partnership – a partnership between the state, individuals and small businesses. It offers affordable, portable and basic insurance coverage to those who have not been able to afford comprehensive coverage. The program pays for what's most important and cost-effective; and, it incorporates the concept of personal responsibility. CoverTN isn't the end-all, be-all to our health insurance problems, but it is a solid step forward in helping Tennesseans who've been without options for too long.

CoverKids offers comprehensive health insurance coverage to children 18 years-old and younger. Benefits are similar to those offered to dependents of state employees with emphasis on preventive care such as vaccinations, well-child visits and developmental screenings and maternity coverage for pregnant women.

CoverKids features no monthly premiums, but each participant will pay reduced co-payments for services. A family of four with a household income of \$51,625 or less is eligible. Families above the income limit may purchase coverage for their child by paying monthly premiums.

AccessTN was created for individuals with one of 55 specified medical conditions, or those who are unable to get insurance in the commercial market because of their health status. There is no income test for this program and premium assistance is available for low-income individuals.

CoverRx is designed to help those who have no pharmacy coverage, but have a critical need for medication. For many folks, access to prescription drugs for chronic condi-

County's GAC Committee



MEMBERS of the Great American Clean-Up's Keep Lauderdale County Beautiful Litter Committee include Ann Tate, Pamela Cherry-Kerby, Angie Phillips, Bonnie Sanders, County Mayor Rod Schuh, and Lynn Harmon. The group meets regularly planning for the May 5th Great American Clean-Up effort. Volunteers will gather at 10 a.m. at the north end of the Lauderdale County Courthouse in Ripley, Halls City Hall parking lot, or Henning City Hall parking lot to clean up, fix up and beautify Lauderdale County. A wrap-up cookout will be held following the event at the Lauderdale County Criminal Justice Complex on Highway 51. For more information, call Pamela, 836-0637, or Lynn, 635-3791. Sat., May 5th, free dumping will be allowed at the county landfill between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for individual households and dumpsters will be located for public use at the Justice Complex and H & A Partners in Halls.

Divorces

Tracy Jean Danley vs.
William Jason Danley.

tions can mean the difference between debilitating illness and a productive life.

I understand that health care is complex, that there are a lot of constraints and obstacles, but I believe with all my heart that there is no excuse whatsoever why we shouldn't strive for and achieve an island of excellence right here in Tennessee.

That's what I believe we're doing with Cover Tennessee.

To learn more about Cover Tennessee, go to www.covertn.gov or call 1-866-COVERTN. If you have questions or comments about this issue or any other, please email me at phil.bredesen@state.tn.us.

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