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## UC Breaks Halls Boys' Win Streak

Halls High School's boys added two wins to their cage record before losing Friday to Union City, 98-71.

Tuesday of last week, but lost the second half they led Bradford, 53-50. periods, 11-8 and 19-13.

Halls led in the first two periods, 11-8 and 21-12, Darius Ivory scored 18 (Continued On Page 8.)

## ADA Sworn In



JONI R. LIVINGSTON, left, was sworn in Monday by Circuit Court Judge Joseph H. Walker III, center, as Assistant District Attorney General, serving the 25th Judicial District, covering Lauderdale, Tipton, Fayette, Hardeman, and McNairy counties. She graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in December 2002 from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where she was on the Moot Court Board. She obtained her bachelors of arts degree in English and Criminal Justice from the University of Mississippi in May 2000. A native of Dyersburg, she will be primarily assigned to the Lauderdale County office of the District Attorney General. She has previous experience in the private practice of law with the law firms of Spicer, Flynn & Rudstrom in Memphis; Jones, Hamilton & Lay in Dyersburg; and Bryant, Dukes & Blakeslee in Gulfport, Miss.

"I look forward to Joni joining our staff and immediately beginning to prosecute cases on behalf of the State of Tennessee. With her prior experience as an outstanding attorney in the private sector, I am confident that she will be an effective public servant to the citizens of Lauderdale County and the 25th Judicial District", said District Attorney General Mike Dunavant, right.

## Policy Discussed For Department

Members of the Highway Department committee of the Lauderdale County Commission met Monday night to discuss policy and procedures for tree and dirt removal after several complaints were heard last month about county vehicles on private property, well off the right-of-way.

Commissioners approved advertising for landowners to submit application for tree or dirt removal on their land and for Highway Supervisor Roland Henderson to have the latitude to approach landowners for permission to remove trees and or dirt on their property. Before and after photos will be submitted with the landowner's application for consideration by the committee. The work needs to be necessary and to benefit the county.

"Most of the trees are removed to allow sunshine on the roads so snow and ice can melt," said Henderson. "We use the dirt to fill holes and patch culverts that are washing away."

Commissioners also approved the placement of signs where county workers are removing dirt and trees that the work is approved by the committee and the dirt is provided to the county free of charge.

## Clothes To Be Given Away

Clothes will be given away from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday, December 8th, at the Community Center, 142 Nelson St., in Ripley. Adult and children's clothes, household items and toys are some of the items to be given away.

## Halls' Cessac Is 8-A Punter Of The Year, 4 Others All-Region

The All-Region team for Region 8-A includes Halls High School sophomore Steven Cessac (5-10, 175) as Punter of the Year.

Other Halls Tigers on the all-region team are sophomore Grant Dew and seniors Chris Hardy, Michael Hudson, and Houston Watson.

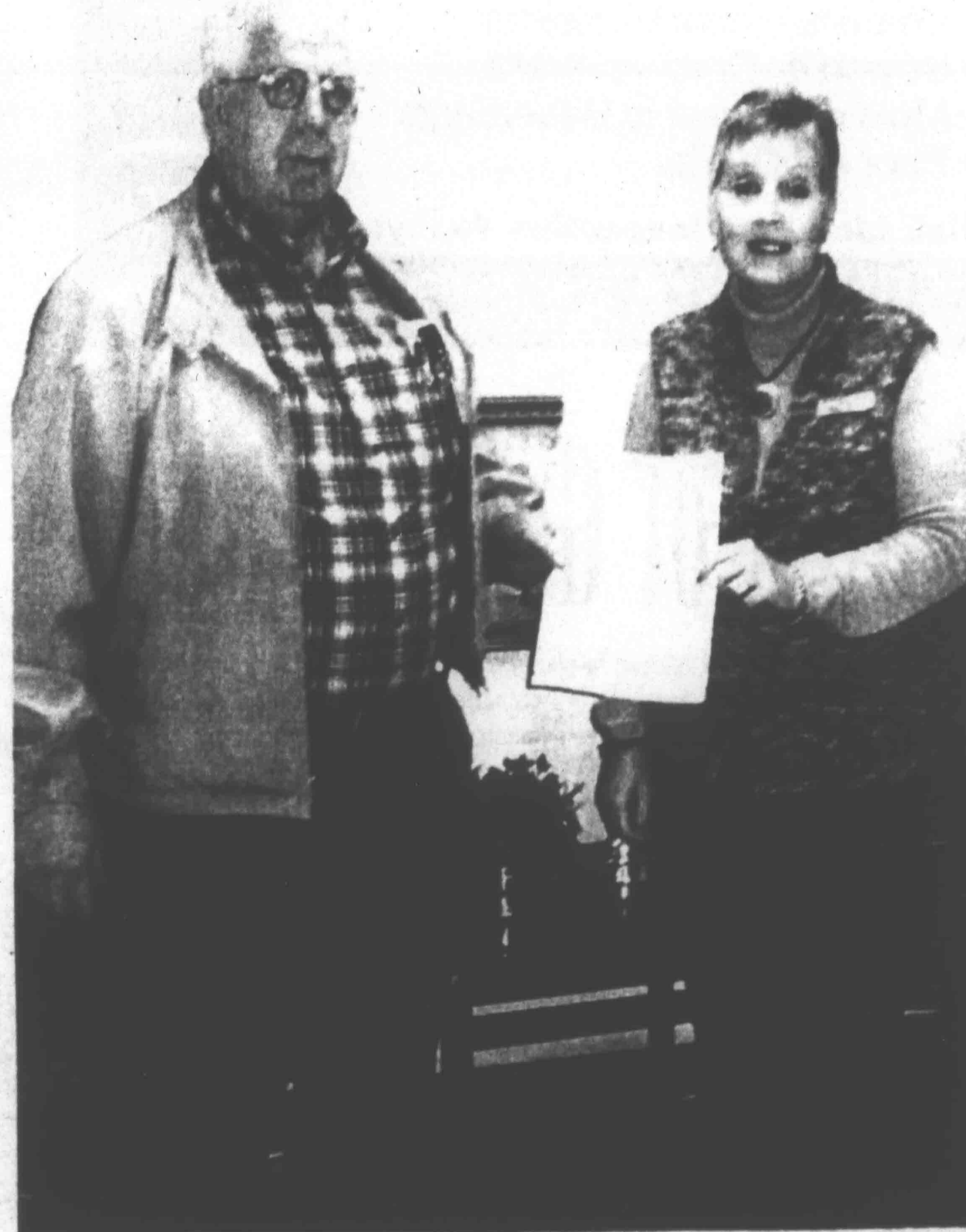
Six Tigers won honorable mention - sophs Tim Clark and David Davidson

and juniors Tahj Barlow, Craig Davis, Josh Hixson, and Tyler O'Bryan.

Of 31 players coached this fall by Chris Hurt, 11 have thus won all-region honors.

Halls closed its season 2-9, losing in the play-offs to McKenzie's 7-A champs.

## HES Receives Grant



JONI COOK, of Cook's Tire and Service Center, Inc., presented Pat Carmack, Halls Elementary School principal, with a \$500 check on behalf of ExxonMobil's Educational Alliance Grant Program last week.



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# Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! My buds didn't believe me when I told them about the Christmas Parade. It was so amazing with all of the lights and noises. I have never seen that many two leggers at one time. During the line up I was bright eyed and bushy tailed, but during the parade I was groggy and sleepy. I've been trying to figure out what happened. As I recall, Mr. Pam gave me a drink of water from this thermos bottle. That water tickled all the way down. A few minutes later, I was getting hot and sleepy. I don't want you to think that I didn't care about your nice comments, but I was a little woozy and everything looked fuzzy. I slept very good the night of the parade!

On Friday, I heard Miss Pam talking to her grandson about the two legger in the parade dressed in red that makes everyone happy. After her story about a Santa Clause and his reindeer, I have concluded that four leggers are critical for family happiness; I have even made Mr. Pam smile at times. Since Santa Clause can't get around without his reindeer, and they are too big for the couch; I feel that all you two leggers need to take home one of my buds for that special day.

That Christmas thing must have started because nine of my buds found homes this week. Stan Paige took Hanna, a beautiful German Shepherd, and Shirley Braden adopted Mabel, the Blue Heeler, and Duke, a huge White Lab. Clint Hicks and Fawn, our Chocolate Lab puppy, are a new family along with Jonathan Quilibio and his Golden Retriever named Sydney. Isaac Sorrell took home a beautiful puppy and Roger Wesley adopted Scooper, a Lab mix. Ed Diefenbach and Linda are fostering Sheba, a Doberman mother-to-be. That takes a load off Mr. Buddy and me because those newborns need a lot of extra care. Last, but not least, is Bo, the Great White Pyrenees, who will be guarding a heard of goats on Ulys Norfolk's property.

Santa Claus must be real. He actually gave me my wish. I wished for a Dry Hill Club without cats and guess what—Sherry Hinson adopted six cats while Kim Taylor and Loujis Paris took the last three. What a week! This Santa Clause thing is great. Where can I get his address? All we need is 50 two leggers for my buds. Scooter said to add a miniature English Bulldog to my list for him and his kids. Mr. Buddy wants Dixie to find a special home and for Lucky to be cured of his allergies. Miss Pam wants concrete in the outside pens along with a roof. Trey, my special two legger friend that volunteers, wants a job. If anyone out there needs help call Dry Hill. I can bark for him if that helps.

Additional good news came from Jo Ann Parker and Candy Pipkin who dropped off 150 lbs. of food.

The puppy mill is stocked full of some beautiful fat puppies that will brighten your Christmas. Winston is the oldest at three months and he has a great personality. He is a Shepherd mix with black and tan markings. We have a litter of three that would win a picture contest. Another prize winner is Maggie, a two year old Cocker Spaniel, that is house trained. I even took a second look after she got a new hair style. We also have a beautiful solid black Wire Haired Datsun-Terrier mix along with two other mixed terriers with

brown, white, and black coats.

If you all buy enough cookies Miss Pam will get her Christmas wish. The volunteers are making homemade cookies. A tray of five dozen will only cost you \$15 and they can be delivered to your location on Tuesday December 17th. Call the Club 836-7387(pets) or 635-5212 (Lynwood's Market). See you soon, I hope!

Zeek Out!

## Marriages

November 23 - Richard Dale Conrad, 22, to Bobbi Joanne Younger, 18, by Harold Blackwood.

November 24 - Lazell Beard, Jr., 31, to Shaquetta Shavonne Dubick, 28, by Glenn Strickland.

C.J. Friend, 50, to Alisa Gingery Williams, 43, by Clarence Bayes, Jr.

November 30 - Mark Edward Jackson, Sr., 38, to Catherine Jo Stewart Green, 42, by Tracy Henson.

## Anniversaries

Dec. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Best, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Carnack.

Dec. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. David Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Rich.  
Dec. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Gilliam.

Dec. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Vawter, Bro. and Mrs. Gene Sanders.

Dec. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. James L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McAdams.

Dec. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Home.

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging at 605 Airport St., in Halls, has scheduled senior activities to include Thursday, December 6th, a live dance class at 10 a.m., Christmas decorating at

# December Nuptials Set



CANDI NICOLE MILAM, daughter of Sheila Fay Buckner, of Halls, and the late Joe Keath Milam, will marry John Daniel Cox, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, of Ripley, at 1 p.m. Sat., Dec. 15th in the First Apostolic Church in Ripley, with all family and friends invited. A reception will be held in the home of the groom's parents following the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sanders, of Michigan, the late Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Milam, and the late Linda Lou Taylor Greenwood.

A 2002 graduate of Halls High School, she plans to attend the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley in January for a degree in business and computer.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Maddie Cox, of Ripley, the late Perry and Irene Henson, and the late Clarence (Pete) Cox.

A 2000 graduate of Halls High School, he is employed by Todd Uniform of Henning. He plans to attend classes in January at Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley for industrial electronics.

The couple plan to reside in Ripley.

Mayo's Flower Shop at 11:30 a.m. and visit Park Meadows at 1 p.m.; Friday, December 7th, 'Get Fit Stay Fit' at 10:30 a.m., with manicures by Youlanda at 11 a.m.

and bingo at 1 p.m.; Monday, December 10th, 'Get Fit Stay Fit' at 10:30 a.m., a program to help avoid drug interaction

with Dr. Cummings at 11 a.m., and recreation at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, December 11th, a trip to Jackson at 9 a.m. to include shopping and lunch; Wednesday, December 12th, breakfast at 9 a.m., a devotion at 10 a.m., a ceramic class at 1 p.m. and a visit from Halls High School Band at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 731-836-5444.



## Obituaries

### Amy Jowers

Amy Jowers, 56, of Jackson, sister of Jerry Parker, of Ripley, recently retired Lauderdale County Extension Leader, died Tuesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Friday in Arlington Funeral Directors in Jackson.

She was born in Madison County, Oct. 13, 1951, to the late Robert and Lallie Parker.

She was a certified psychiatric nurse and an ordained parish nurse.

She was a member of Englewood Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Jowers, and a son, David, of Jackson; six sisters, Teresa (Mrs. John) Cole, of Jackson, Joyce (Mrs. Bruce) Burt and Rebecca (Mrs. Robert) Thompson, of Humboldt, Linda Fly, of Gibson, Sarah (Mrs. Charles) King, of Medina, and Susan (Mrs. Leroy) Willis, of Trenton; and another brother, Robert Parker, of Lawrenceburg.

Memorial gifts to the nursing program of Union University in Jackson would be appropriate.

### Diane Clarke

Diane Clarke, 59, of Cordova, daughter of Nancy Long, of Ripley, and sister of Kenneth, Ricky, and Steve Long, of Ripley, died Monday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Wednesday in the chapel of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, where her husband, Dr. Darrell Clarke, is a pastoral care minister. Interment was in Memory Hill Gardens.

A 1966 graduate of Ripley High School, she was graduated from Union University in Jackson in 1970.

She was a pastor's wife for 40 years in four states and was a teacher for 15 years.

Survivors include a son, David, of Martinsville, Ind.; daughters, Dawn and Deborah Clarke, of Cordova; a sister, Emily Hill, of Walls, Miss.; and two granddaughters, of Martinsville.

### Mourned At 4



### Frances Dailey, Retired Teacher

Frances Herron Dailey, 79, retired teacher, died Tuesday in her home at 194 Lake Drive, Ripley.

Rites were set at 10 a.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where she was a member, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Grayson Holt Taylor, 4, son of Mandy Taylor, of Ripley, and Garrison Taylor, of Covington, died Thursday of last week, of brain cancer, in his home.

After visitation Saturday, rites were private, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include brothers, Brett, Justin, Preston, and Stone Taylor, of Ripley; grandparents, Danny and Karen Taylor and Gary and Alice Brown, of Ripley; and great-grandparents, Thomas Brown, of Ripley, and Charles and Anita Hayes, of Stanton.

### Mrs. McWilliams

Lucille McWilliams, 96, mother of Jane Vaden, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley.

She was a member of the Ripley Church of Christ.

Widow of Frank McWilliams, she leaves brothers, Carlton Parker, of Memphis, and W. T. Parker, of Nesbit, Miss.; a sister, Ruth Nabors, of Memphis; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Kenneth Davis

Kenneth Davis, 64, of Brighton, father of Melissa Thompson, of Ripley, died Sunday.

Rites were held Tuesday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; sons, Kevin, of Memphis, and Terry, of Drummonds; another daughter, Karry Willis, of Brighton; his mother, Minnie Davis, and his brothers, Bill and Bobby, of Covington; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Bucky Beasley

Bert Randel 'Bucky' Beasley, 52, of 188 Long Hole Rd., Ripley, died Monday at his home of unknown causes, according to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders. His companion, Linda Watkins, called deputies after she discovered his body at 7:27 p.m. when she returned from work. Sheriff Sanders stated there was no sign of foul play, but Beasley was transported to Memphis for an autopsy.

He was a Hunter Intermodal trucker in Halls.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at Garner Funeral Home.

He leaves his son, Cole Beasley, daughter, Jennifer Beasley, and brothers, William T. 'Man' Beasley and Johnny Beasley, all of Ripley; and a sister, Charlotte Monroe, of Homlake, Miss.

### Fannie Greer

Fannie Bell Greer, 90, of Halls, mother of Bobby Joe Hughes, of 55 Gum Flat Rd., Halls, died Sunday in Dyersburg.

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

She was the widow of James Greer and Raymond Hughes.

Survivors include four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

### Wilbern Dorris

Wilbern "Bill" Dorris, 86, of Sun City Center, Fla., father of Susan A. Wieber, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Sun City Center.

Rites were Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church at Arp, where he was a member, with burial there, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

A retired teacher, he was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include other daughters, Jane D. Smith, of Gainesville, Fla., and Judy Phagen, of Apollo Beach, Fla.; a brother, Homer "Clinton" Dorris, of Westmoreland; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### 'Dale' Flowers

Virginia "Dale" Flowers, 61, of Dyersburg, retired from G.E.-Sylvania, died Tuesday of last week in Jackson.

Rites were Friday in Bethesda United Methodist Church near Halls, with burial in Thurmond Cemetery near Halls, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

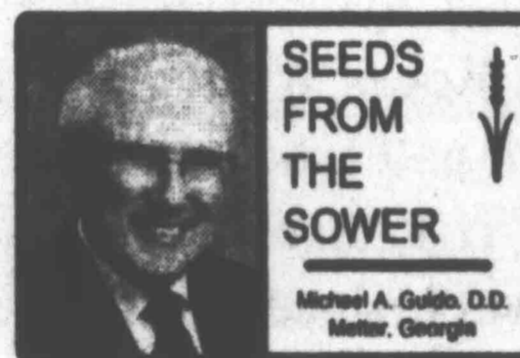
She was a member of the East Dyersburg United Methodist Church.

She leaves her mother, Syble Wiggins, and a brother, Adron Wiggins, Jr., both of 10912 Hwy. 51 north of Halls; her companion, Billy Flowers, of Halls; a son, Bryant Flowers, of Dyersburg; a daughter, Angela Weaver, of Newbern; a sister, Joyce Riddick, of Gates; another brother, Jerry Wiggins, of Friendship; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the Floyd's Chapel Benevolent Fund would be appropriate.

Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She leaves a son, Terry Thompson, of Dyersburg; and daughter, Lavern Wiggins, of Ripley.



A gardener dried two hundred pounds of earth in a special oven. Then he poured it into a large container and planted a five hundred pound willow tree in it.

He watered it for five years, and then he weighed it. The tree had gained 169 pounds, and the earth had lost only two ounces - practically nothing at all.

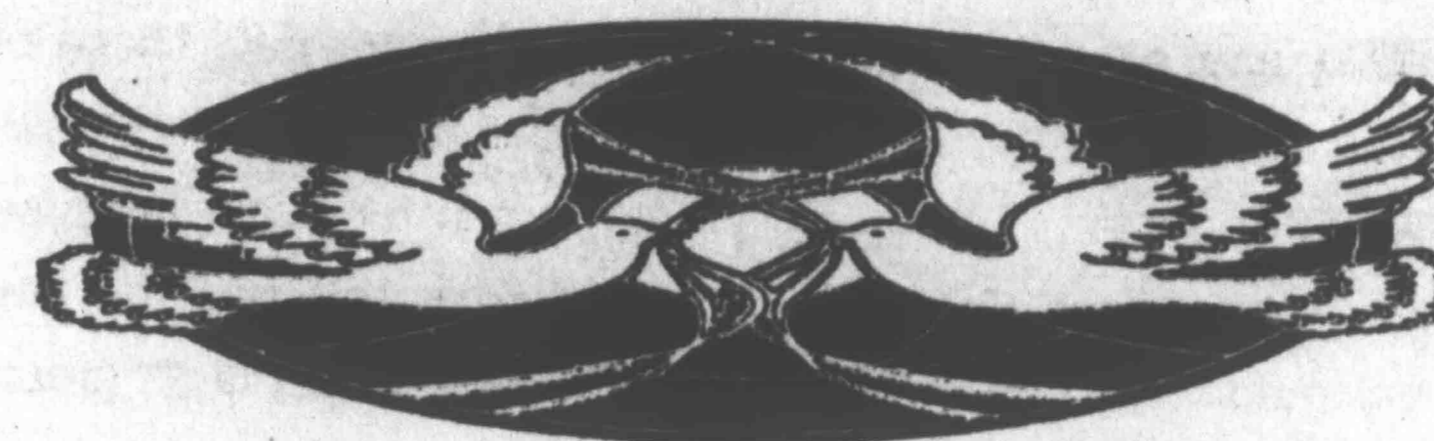
Around you are hearts that are parched for the water of life. They need what you can give them. Help them. You won't lose by it.

The Living Bible says, "It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on tightly and lose everything. By watering others, he waters himself."

### Lue Thompson

Lue Nettie Thompson, 83, of Ripley, a homemaker, died November 27th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale, of cardiac arrest.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 1st, at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Springhill Baptist Church Cemetery in



## 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.

The First Apostolic Church and Academy will present its Christmas program at 3 p.m. Sun., Dec. 23rd at the Ripley City Park. The public is invited. Bring a lawn chair and blanket. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the church, 2515 Asbury Glimp Rd.

Asbury United Methodist Church choir will present *Emmanuel* at 7 p.m. Sun., Dec. 9th with selections by the children's choir and soloists of the church. The public is invited.

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

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

## Birthdays

Dec. 6 - Curtis McLemore, Susie White, Benny Jones, Lisa U. Ennis, Larry White, Sharry Sammons, Melanie Pugh, Kelsey Jordan, Paula Smith, Conor Luck, Margaret Best, Steven Rodenhouser, Hayden Steelman, Jeff Newman, Carol McClain, Becky Hopkins, Ellen Katherine Connell, John Criner.

Dec. 7 - Nina James, Rose Mary Jones, Jeff Belton, Keith Lenderman, John Hume, Kathryn O'Hern, Jacob McNeill, Bill Chism, Matthew Walsh, Jimmy Pipkin.

Dec. 8 - Rachel Harmon, Edna Lane, Beth Escue, Carrie Glover, Brad Simpson, Linda Jennings, Gary Wayne Steelman, Brenda Hilliard, Donna Pugh, Brandy Brasfield, Ben Ray, Pansy Gibbons, Cory Vaughan, Cheyenne Hart, Summer Ross.

Dec. 9 - David Williams, Harriet King, Debra Hargett, Chris Nelson, Jeffrey Davis, Carol Broadstreet, Robert Pipkin, Carolyn Deaton, Lori Booker Wilson, Rob Burks, Ginger Vaughn, Bret Malone, Zach Kelly, Alice Halfacre, Martha Webb, B. J. Moore,

Desi Hassell, Robert Herron, Bumell Conner.

Dec. 10 - Lynn Harmon, Scott Webb, Jane White Henry, Wendy Burks, Jack Henderson, Tiffany Beasley.

Dec. 11 - Micheal Cooper, Chris Wright, Fran Dew, Terry Bentley, Laura Frazier, Vickie Hart, Janice Lee, Sharon Box, Brenda Newman, Matthew Scott Chalk, Joyce Baynes.

Dec. 12 - Jean Tims, B. B. Douglas, Chris Broglin, Erick Baker, Donna Shiree Goforth, Jessica Middleton, Jonathan Hilliard, Kathryn Pitts, Aaliyah Williams, Randy Newman, Sue Chalk, Mack Curtis, Phyllis Meade, Amy Gesford, Levi Moore, Tonya Dudney.

## Land Transfers

Nov. 25th-Dec. 1st

Williard Younger to Cheryl A. Taylor, Dist. 6, lot. Harold Compton and Martha Ann Compton to Verble Ballard and Anna Ballard, Dist. 4, 1.65 acres. Robert Henry, Sr., and

## School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Dec. 10th

Pizza  
Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Fruit Sherbet Cup  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 11th

Baked Ham  
Chicken Breast Fillet  
Garden Salad w/Dressing  
Green Beans  
Apple  
Orange Sections  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 12th

Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Pork Roast w/Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Banana  
Grapes  
Roll  
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Dec. 13th

Chili Pie  
Deli Sandwich  
Corn Nibbles  
Carrot Sticks  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Pear Halves  
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Dec. 14th

Corn Dog  
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Vegetable Soup  
Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip  
Applesauce  
Peaches  
Cookie  
Choice Of Milk

Marie W. Henry to Verble Ballard and Anna Ballard, Dist. 4, 34.61 acres.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Darrell W. Chapman and Sharon Chapman, lot.

Warren Nunn to Amanda Pugh Harris, Dist. 12, 0.9166 acre.

Tina Marie Kiestler to Alvin Slaughter and Charlotte Slaughter, 1.0 acre.

Platinum Community

Bank to Michael L. Millner, Jr., and Daran R. Millner, lot.

William Rufus Jennings and Frances Hines Jennings to Cathy Lemons, Dist. 3, lot.

D.L.J. Mortgage Capital INC and Wells Fargo Bank NA to Judy Lindsey, Dist. 17, 2 tracts.

Patricia Taylor to Martin Thompson, 5 tracts.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Gary N. Konkle, Dist. 4, 1.0 acre.

James S. Tolbert and Novella L. Tolbert to Jeannette Grantland, Dist. 2, tract.

Household Financial Center INC to Shane Lange, Dist. 11, 2.04 acres.

Bradley Mudd to Warren Coleman and Miranda Coleman, Dist. 12, tract.

Jackie Owen Walker to Jeffery D. Jackson, Dist. 12, lot.

Justin Meeks and Melissa Meeks to Max Jenkins and Misty Jenkins, Dist. 12, lot.

**If you can't be funny, be interesting.**  
—Harold Ross, founder of *The New Yorker*

## RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

Take notice that Rebecca C. McWilliams has applied to Lauderdale County for a certificate of compliance and has or will apply to the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission at Nashville for a retail liquor license for a store to be named Wine & Spirits of Halls and to be located at 11722 Highway 51 North, Halls, TN 38040 and owned by Rebecca C. McWilliams, 11982 Highway 51 North, Halls, TN 38040

All persons wishing to be heard on the certificate of compliance may personally or through counsel submit their views in writing to Halls, TN not later than 6:00 p.m. December 06, 2007.

The Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission will consider the application at a date to be set by the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission in Nashville, Tennessee. Interested persons may personally or through counsel submit their views in writing by the hearing date to be scheduled by the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Anyone with questions concerning this application or the laws relating to it may call or write the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission at 226 Capitol Blvd., Building Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37243-0755, 615-741-1602.



# Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read  
Tennessee Farm Bureau

## Uncle Sid Looks For The True Meaning Of Green

It had been a while since I had made the trip out to this part of the county to visit with my relatives. As I pulled into the long gravel driveway of Uncle Sid and Aunt Sadie's, I was already looking forward to sitting down at their kitchen table for a time of down-home discussion. And, the chance of getting some of Aunt Sadie's homemade tea cakes also helped lure me to their white clapboard house out near the county line as well.

Winter was making its presence known as I hurriedly moved from my car to the wide back porch of their farm house. The north wind was kicking up fallen leaves from the large maple trees that surrounded the farmstead and just seeing Aunt Sadie standing at the house's threshold and holding the screen door open for me to enter was enough to warm the coldest winter day.

Just as I had hoped for, she had baked her famous tea cakes that morning and the aroma of their goodness still filled the air in the couple's kitchen. After a hug and taking my coat to the bedroom across the hall, Aunt Sadie removed the cover from her cut glass cake stand that held a good supply of fresh tea cakes. They were still warm and soft. She placed two on a china plate and handed them to me along with a cup of hot cider. While trying to control my drooling, I took a place at the round kitchen table across from Uncle Sid.

Uncle Sid had hardly

noticed I had even entered the house until I bumped the leg of the table as I sat down, jiggling his cup of cider. He had a brochure laying in front of him and he was in heavy consideration over its contents. Now realizing I was across the table from him, he picked it up and proceeded to explain to me what it was all about. Out of the corner of my eye I could see Aunt Sadie shaking her head and walking off into the front of the house. I knew from her look that my tea cakes were not going to be enough payment for the information I was about to be given by the old farmer.

"Boy (he still calls me that), are you into all this being green business now going around?" he asked without a smile.

Not knowing exactly how I should answer his question, I countered with a question of my own and said, "You for it or against it?"

Seeing that I had given him a politically correct response he figured out real quick that I was there for the tea cakes and not a debate over the environment. Having been a part of the sixties revolution and still being one that enjoys hearing a song from the Beatles, I still have hope for World Peace and it wasn't going to happen that day at the table of Uncle Sid.

"What's got you all hested up about being green anyway?" I asked as I finished my second tea cake.

"I had you sort of picked more with a brown environment profile than a green one," I said to have a little fun out of him. It was dangerous to do, but I knew Aunt Sadie was close by and she would come to my res-

cue.

"My granddaughter, Suet, came by yesterday and gave me this pamphlet from some kind of environmental group. It's suppose to show ways to be green and help the environment," he said while looking at the pamphlet. "I just realized I was raised green most of my life and didn't know it. We just thought we were poor!"

He went on to say, "For example, it says to recycle paper. We did that for years with the Sears and Rearbuck catalog. After ordering what we needed, it went straight to the outhouse."

With that comment I got another tea cake and cup of cider, because I knew this was going to get interesting.

"They say I should save my Christmas paper and ribbon from year to year. We used to do that and even ironed it to make it smoother," Uncle Sid said. "During the depression we were about as green as a gourd. We walked everywhere, reused everything, didn't waste electrical energy because we didn't have any, collected cans and scrap metal, didn't eat out much because eating out back then simply meant in the yard, and ate organic because we couldn't afford fertilizer other than what came out of the barn."

Uncle Sid took Suet's pamphlet and placed it near the center of the table. He then leaned back in his chair and said, "I have worked all my life taking care of the environment as a full-time farmer. I love this old farm and I learned a long time ago that if you don't take care of the soil, the water, the

wildlife and all your livestock, then forget about the future of your farm. Yeah, I was green before it was the popular thing to do."

Uncle Sid preached a lot of

truth that winter day. Those of us in the rural populous have been green for years because of necessity and not because of a cause. Green is as green does.

## Diabetes & You

### A Web Site For Those Living With Diabetes

(NAPS)—When it comes to getting information about health care, a growing number of Americans have a healthy respect for the Internet. According to a recent survey, one in five Americans online feels that the Internet has greatly improved the way they get their health care information.



A Web site with information and resources aims to be the "gold standard" for healthy living with diabetes. include:

- A Fitness section that provides a quick, customized, realistic fitness plan that can be maintained—for life

- A Coping & Complications section that provides the latest preventative information, and offers help and inspiration for dealing with the emotional side of the disease

- A Meds & Monitoring section that offers the latest in research and medical information

- A Special Offers section that features monthly sweepstakes, coupons, product samples and downloadable health-related books.

Registration is free and takes just a few minutes. The program provides members with an "online magazine" of the latest diabetes information. The site also features monthly articles written exclusively for the Web site by researchers at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and other experts in the field. Members can elect to receive a monthly e-newsletter with up-to-date diabetes news and health tips.

To learn more or to register, visit [www.OneTouchGold.com](http://www.OneTouchGold.com).

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## Consumer Corner

### Ten Tips For Avoiding Identity Theft

(NAPS)—It's important to protect your identity. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission reports that identity theft costs consumers, businesses and financial institutions more than \$53 billion in one year alone.

But not all identity crimes are the same. There are differences between identity theft, credit card fraud and check fraud—and the actions you should take, should you be victimized.

- **Credit Card & Check Fraud:** This occurs when a criminal steals your cards or checks and uses them without your authorization.

- **Account Takeover:** This occurs when a criminal obtains your personally identifying information such as your Social Security number, to gain access to, manipulate or use your existing bank accounts or credit card account.

- **Identity Theft:** This occurs when a criminal uses all or part of your identity to establish new bank accounts, loans, credit cards or utility accounts.

Fortunately, there are ways to protect yourself from these crimes. Try these 10 tips:

1. Guard your Social Security number. Never print your Social Security number on checks and don't reveal the number to anyone other than creditors or trusted parties such as your employer or health care provider.

2. Never give your personal identifying information or account numbers to anyone over the phone or in response to e-mails unless you initiated the call or the contact and trust the person on the other end. Avoid reveal-



New types of "walletless" systems may reduce the risk of identity theft.

ing this information in public places where you can be overheard.

3. Examine all your credit card and checking account statements for unauthorized charges. Call your financial institution immediately upon noticing unauthorized charges or if you notice your card or checks are missing. In some cases, your liability for unauthorized use is determined by how quickly you report the transaction or the loss of a card.

4. Don't let merchants and restaurants take your credit or debit card out of your sight. This can result in dishonest merchants or their employees "skimming" your card's magnetic stripe and using it to make Web purchases or counterfeit cards.

5. Never leave information about yourself lying around in your house, hotel room or in rental cars. If you can't carry it with you, use the hotel safe or a locked file cabinet.

6. Purchase a shredder and shred any document with account or personal identifying information that you don't need to retain for tax purposes. This includes bank statements, receipts,

old checks, tax returns and credit card solicitations.

7. Mail theft is a major source of identity and account theft. Purchase a locking mailbox and always mail your payments at a secure mailbox or post office.

8. Use online banking to reduce the number of paper checks you mail and the number of paper statements you receive. Choose passwords that are hard to guess but easy for you to remember. Don't write your online banking password down. Change your passwords from time to time.

9. Request a free copy of your credit report annually and check it for accuracy. Look for any loans or credit card accounts that you did not open. Consider subscribing to a credit-monitoring service that will notify you if anyone applies for credit in your name.

10. Use payment systems that reduce the number of people who physically handle your account numbers, checks and personal identifying information. A paper check has both an account number and personal identifying information. It is a risky document that passes through the hands of as many as eight people during the clearing process.

If you write just five checks per week, that creates up to 40 opportunities for someone to steal your information. Instead of checks, it is less risky to use a debit card or a secure payment system such as Pay By Touch, which allows access to your checking account only through biometric authorization.

For more information, visit [www.paybytouch.com](http://www.paybytouch.com).

## HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

### Top Tips For Garage Organization

by Leslie Segrete

(NAPS)—As life progresses, we strive to acquire items of all shapes and sizes. Some are useful and some...not so much. When we've used these items to their fullest potential, they get sent to the last stop before the garbage—

the garage. The garage can be an amazing resource for the home, but a messy one will do nothing but frustrate, and it can even be dangerous. Here are a few tips to get you started on the road to having a clean and useful garage:

- Set a time for you and your family to tackle the mess of the garage together. Everyone in the home has some level of attachment to the items in there, so make it a group activity.

- Start by sorting through everything in the garage. Decide what you want to keep and place those items in one area of the yard. Create a separate area for things that still work but you don't need anymore (those can be sold), and have a big trash bin for things that can't be sold or donated.

- Sort everything in the "keep" pile by its use. Create small piles of garden tools, sporting equipment, toys, holiday decorations, etc. This will help you to become aware of the importance of each group of items and will ultimately help determine where they should go in the garage.

- At this stage of the game (and not before), go out and buy the organizational tools that will best suit your needs.



People often make the mistake of doing this first, which tends to result in money being wasted on unnecessary items. When purchasing hardware, don't forget helpful things such as hooks, pegboards, jars and cabinetry.

- If you've been storing large items such as lawnmowers, snow blowers, and the like in the garage, find a better place for them. You may want to consider a Hillcrest Shed from Lifetime Products. The items have a higher risk of damage in the garage and take up way too much room.

These suggestions will certainly get you started, but there are even more creative and clever ways to help you on the road to getting the car back in the garage.

For more information and to see all of my garage organization tips, visit [time.com](http://time.com).

Leslie Segrete loves to sew, build, and create art in every medium including food. She can be seen on TLC's "While You Were Out" and "Trading Spaces" as a carpenter and designer. She appears on "Weekend Today" as a home improvement expert and can be heard nationwide on "The Money Pit" home improvement radio show.

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# Halls Cub Scouts Visit



MEMBERS OF Halls Cub Scouts Pack 167, Den 3, including, Amanda Hartsfield and Kelly Tillman-Moore, leaders, and Cade Moore, Sam Cannon, Jeremy Pignato, Jacob Hartsfield, Jace Moore and Chandler Nichols, scouts, visited the Halls Fire Department November 15th and learned important safety information, tried on equipment and took turns 'driving' the fire trucks.

# Miss Tennessee Performs



MISS TENNESSEE, Grace Gore, performed several songs and answered questions at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging while in town for the Halls Christmas parade Tuesday night of last week.

## Streak xxx

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for Halls, Kevan Ward 15.

Thursday of last week, Halls led Crockett, 72-50.

Friday, the Tigers lost to Union City, 98-71.

## Next Foes Impressive

Tuesday, they hosted Lake County, 27-8 last fall, losers in the semi-finals (score too late for this issue).

Friday, they visit Humboldt, 28-8 last season, 15-5 and third in Dist. 14-A, region and sub-state winners, losing in semi-finals.

Tom Boykin is in his 10th year as head coach.

Tuesday, the Tigers visit So. Fulton, 2-21 last fall, 1-16 and 9th in 14-A.

Curt Lee is in his 8th

year as head coach.

Halls' girls lost to Bradford 69-27, to Crockett, 65-50, and to Union City, 60-36.

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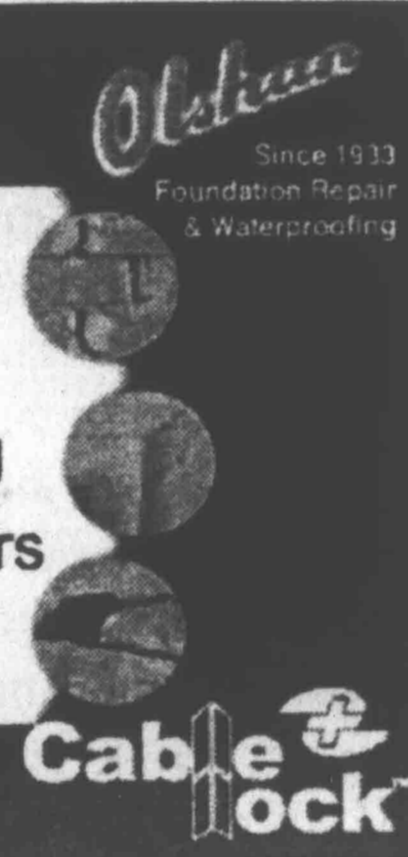
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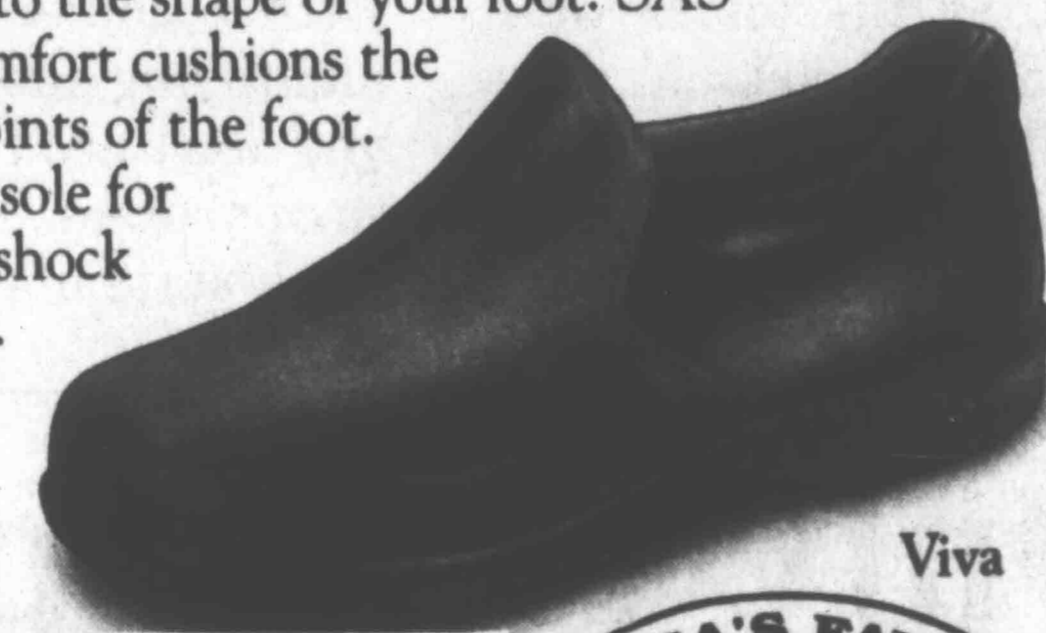
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## HHS Player Of The Year



**CODY DEW**, center, son of Brian and Shannon Dew, of Halls, was named Halls High School, Fraternal Order of Police "Player of the Year" Monday for his hard work both on and off the field. A senior, Cody has a grade point average of 3.98, was named Exchange Club Student of the Month, and won the Balfour Award this year. He has played football, baseball, and has been a member of the "Iron Club" all four years of high school. Cody was on the baseball "All Tournament Team" his junior year and is involved in the Future Farmers of America, Student Council, Upward Bound, Future Business Leaders of America, National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, of which he was Historian, and a member of the Student School Board, this year. He is a member of the Westside Baptist Church. He is pictured with members of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, Jay King, left, and Brian Kelley, right.

## Retiring



**FRANK ALLEY**, Bank of Ripley's vice-president and senior lending officer, will retire Dec. 31st after 30 years of service. The Bank of Ripley will host a Holiday Open House and retirement reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Fri., Dec. 21st in the bank's lobby at 134 N. Jefferson, Court Square. The public is invited.

He has served on the Board of Directors of Tennessee Bankers Association and on the Loan Committee for the Memphis Area Association of Governments. He has served as President of Ripley Rotary Club, Lake Chisholm Outing Club, and Ripley Jaycees. He is a member of the Executive Board of Boy Scouts-Big Hatchie District and Ripley Masonic Lodge-Scottish Rite and Shrine.

He and his wife, Julia, are members of Ripley Church of Christ. He plans to enjoy his children, grandchildren, and his hobby of buying and selling farm equipment.

## Chairman Post Offices To Observe Christmas Holiday For TN Senator

Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander was elected Thursday of last week by his Senator Republication colleagues as the Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference after promising to help craft a message that would shore up the party's base and appeal to independent voters. He was elected to the United States Senate in 2002 and served as Deputy Whip from 2003 to 2006. He also served as governor of Tennessee for two-terms, president of the University of Tennessee and U.S. Secretary of Education.

## Offices To Observe Christmas Holiday

The offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and *The Halls Graphic* will be closed Monday, Dec. 24th and Tuesday, Dec. 25th for the Christmas holidays. We will re-open at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

The offices will close Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, for New Year's Day.

## Hargett Named To TRA Position

Former House GOP leader, Tre Hargett, 38, son of Maj. General Gus Hargett, Lauderdale County native, was nominated to serve as director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. The TRA is responsible for setting the rates and service standards of privately owned telephone, natural gas, electric and water utilities.

After the nomination is approved by majorities in the House and Senate, Hargett would serve out the rest of former director Pat Miller's term, which ends June 30, 2008, followed by a full six-year term.

# Grants To County Total \$1,185,000

Gov. Phil Bredesen reports, of more than \$21,000,000 in Community Development grants:

- \$500,000 to replace Lauderdale County Water system lines, with \$227,450 in local funding required.
- \$500,000 to improve Ripley sewers, with \$44,000 in local funding required.
- \$185,000 to buy a pumper for the Halls Fire Department, with \$27,645 in local funding required.

## Savings Recognition



**PHILLIP JACKSON**, second from right, Lauderdale School Board Superintendent, Eva Drain, right, School Board Chairman, and Michael Walsh, second from left, Lauderdale County Department of Education Energy Educator/Manager, were recognized Thursday of last week for achieving a 28% cost savings totaling \$274,475 in 12 months since forming a strategic alliance with Energy Education, Inc., a national energy conservation company. Dr. William S. Spears, left, CEO and founder of Energy Education, Inc.

Miller was named Governor Phil Bredesen's legislative director last month.

Hargett is currently a vice-president of emergency services provider rural/Metro Corp. in Oak Ridge. He defeated a three-term Republican incumbent in 1996 to represent Bartlett in the General Assembly. In 2005, he announced plans to step down from elected office to take a lobbying job with Pfizer Inc. in Nashville, though he did not

The TRA has four directors which are selected by the speakers of both chambers, the governor, and one selection is made jointly.

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## Early Dead-Lines

Christmas holidays move our dead-lines to noon Friday, Dec. 21st for the Dec. 27th issue, and to noon Friday, Dec. 28th for the New Year's issue, Jan. 3, 2008.

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# Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! Last night I had a dream about old four leggers. It started with Mr. Pam taking me on an African safari. One day, I was chasing rabbits and before long I discovered that I was lost. While I was wondering around, I noticed a leopard heading rapidly in my direction with the intention of having me for lunch. I thought, "I am in deep --- now!" I noticed some old bones on the ground close by, so I immediately settled down to chew on the bones with my back to the approaching cat. Just as the Leopard was about to leap I exclaimed loudly, "Boy that was one delicious leopard!" "I wonder if there are any more around here." Hearing this, the young leopard halted his attack and slithered back into the forest with his tail between his legs. "Whew!" says the Leopard, "that was close!" "That old four legger nearly had me." Meanwhile a monkey, who had witnessed the whole scene, decided to tell the leopard the real story in exchange for his own protection. Lucky for me I saw the monkey take off and I figured he was up to no good.

The monkey finally caught up to the leopard and spilled the beans and the leopard agreed not to eat him. Well, the young leopard became furious at being made a fool of and says "here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!" Well, your hero, Zeek, saw the leopard coming quickly through the trees with a monkey on his back. But, instead of running, I sit down with my back to my attacker. Pretending I hadn't seen them and just when they got close enough to hear I yelled, "Where's that dam monkey?" "I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard." About that time I woke up, but the moral of the story is, don't mess with us old four leggers---age and skill will always overcome youth. Bull and brilliance only come with age and experience. It also means what I always knew, that canines are smarter than felines (cats).

I would like to thank Rebecca Mills, Dwight Shoemake, Sue McBroom, Paula Holmes, and Evonne Maness for the cash donations to the Club. Miss Evonne runs the Dairy Queen and her customers dropped their change in a jar for our care. Oh, yes, Miss Evonne, before your next trip, I want you to know that I love ice cream. We also received some warm blankets to protect us from that cold concrete from Tammy Barham.

My buds enjoyed Saturday's visit from Troop 63 Boy Scouts. They cleaned pens, walked my buds, and painted canine houses. Thanks go to Caleb Currie, Bruce Moore, Chris Quick, and Nick Simpson. We also thank the leaders Mike Currie and Michael Moore.

A male Golden Retriever from Dry Hill Road West showed up this week, his owners must have gotten lost. I hope Santa Claus finds our beautiful puppies a home. Fancy, a friendly nine month old female Lab needs an owner; along with Old Goldie and Bell, both of which are Labs and would add joy to a family. Our Friday night karaoke party has improved since Lula the Red Bone Coohound arrived. We also have a sweet two year old Red Doberman female, and a four year old male German Shepherd. He has a black back with a buff head and four buff legs. The selection of my smaller buds are four American spotted Terriers, two Jack

Russell Terriers and one Wire Haired Dash hound-Beagle mix along with a short, long-bodied black Scottish Terrier. We also have a Border Terrier that is durable, can stay outside and has a good personality. The pretty award goes to a six month old tri-colored Kerry Beagle by the name of Dawn. These are just a few of our great selection.

Christmas is closing in and we still have plenty of cookie trays for sale. You get five dozen homemade cookies and candies delivered December 18 for \$15. The proceeds will help build additional quality shelter for my buds at Dry Hill. Please call the Club with your orders 836-7387 (pets) or 635-5212, Lynnwoods Market. Don't forget your four legger this Christmas.

Zeek Out!

## Birthdays

Dec. 13 - Joel Cummings, Willie Griggs, Bill Williams, Charlotte Ammons, Kaylee Schrotberger, Allison Marie Winn, Carol Anderson, Brett Curtis, G. H. Mills, Anthony Jones, Nita Harrell, Shirley Kelley, David Olds, Darren Dedmon, Preston Terry, James L. Crowder, Kris Northcott, Cody Houston.

Dec. 14 - Billy Lankford, Rick Vowell, Laura Walker, Tyler Wood, Kathy Wiggins, Paula Bales, Robert D. Maxwell, Paris Tackett.

Dec. 15 - Sarah Hutcherson, F. A. Blakely, Jr., Amanda Ivey, David Cove, Lacy Barnett, Hunter Hyde, Mike Moore, Evans Hartman, Kathi Wilder, Kennisha Stowe, Hannah Haislip.

Dec. 16 - John David Box, Kevin Williams, John Allen Noblin, Zachary McBroom, Randy Burns, Sarah Beth Warren, Sally Jo Turner, Tim Carter, Sam Barry, Bill Hendrix, Martha Crews, Conner Blakely, Virginia Austin, Rebecca Barnett, Katrina Smith, Tommy Pilcher, John C. Humphries, Kara Shea McKinnie.

Dec. 17 - Joann Nelson,

## New Birth



AVA GRACE BOOKER, 7 lb. 7 oz. daughter of Lani and Shane Booker, of Jackson, was born Nov. 15th at Jackson Regional Hospital. She is the sister of Marley Faith, the granddaughter of Nathan Booker, of Halls, and Cindy Evers, of St. Henry, Ohio, and the great-granddaughter of Christine Booker, of Halls, and Maggie Lindsey, of Jackson.

## He's One



OWEN 'TUCKER' OZMENT, son of Scott and Melissa Ozment, of Halls, will celebrate his first birthday Dec. 14th at his home with family. Born Dec. 8th, he is the brother of Colton and Mollie, the grandson of Enesta Olds and Chris Goforth, both of Halls, Bill Olds, of Ripley, and David Ozment, of Maury City, and the great-grandson of Ezra Cates, of Halls, and Cratis Hand, of Frog Jump.

R. Bartlett, Debbie Brown, J.D. McNeill, Elizabeth R. Temple, Bethany Booker, Marsha Chambers, Kay Moore.

Dec. 19 - Michael Fullen, Stephen Jenkins, Kevin Jenkins, Paula Henderson, Joshua Edwards, Darlene Palmer, Danny E. Cates, Holly Crook, Linda Ward Feltus, Ben Ewell, Justin Northcott, Ashley Brooks, Conner Morgan, Ann Parsons, Shawna Crowder, Gloria Brandon.



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## Obituaries

### Bonnie Jackson

Bonnie Lynn Jackson, 93, of Millington, sister of Mary Caldwell and Ruth Zabel, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Forest Hill Funeral Home East in Memphis, with burial there.

A member of East Acres Baptist Church in Millington, she was the widow of Thomas Cloyce Jackson.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce DeFranco, of Memphis; a brother, Jack Peyton, of Covington; another sister, Farah Elani, of Bartlett; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Jean Britt

Jean Ballentine Britt, 77, of 327 Hazel, Halls, died Saturday in Dyersburg.

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

A former employee of Universal Electric in Ripley, she was a member of First United Methodist Church in Halls.

She leaves three daughters, Sherri Smith, of Halls, Romona Rhoads, of Henning, and Carol Woods, of Dyersburg; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### Florence Acton

Florence Acton, 95, of Memphis, sister of Mattie Cox, of 223 Kellar, Ripley, died Thursday of last week.

Rites were Monday in Forest Hill Funeral Home Midtown in Memphis.

She was a member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Olive Branch, Miss.

She was the widow of Charles Fred Acton. Survivors include sons, Charles, Jr., of Olive Branch, and Woodie Acton, of Collierville; daughters, Margaret (Mrs. Richard) Underdown, of Collierville, and Charlotte Johnson, of Hernando, Miss.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

### Lora Winchester

Lora Jean Winchester, 62, of Dyersburg, mother of Jason Winchester, of Gates, died Nov. 27th, in her home.

Memorial services were held Dec. 1st in Westside Baptist Church in Dyersburg, where she was a member.

She was born in Prentiss County, Miss., March 30, 1945, to the late William Henry Augdon and Mirtie B. Cartwright Augdon.

Survivors include her husband, Ruie Winchester, sons, Jeff and Steven Winchester and Russell Chism, daughters, Crystal Bullard and Shelia Canada, a brother, W. H. Augdon, Jr., and sisters, Judy Mullins, Martha Jean Langston, and Patricia Haley, all of Dyersburg; another son, Kenneth Chism, and another daughter, Karen Winchester, both of Newbern; and 13 grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the Community Cancer Fund, P. O. Box 1002, Dyersburg, Tennessee 3805-1002, would be appropriate.

### Wanda O'Dell

Wanda O'Dell, 81, of Halls, widow of G. W. O'Dell, died Sunday.

Rites were held Wednesday in the Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with burial in its cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves daughters, Annetta Camp and Janet Baker, of Halls; one son, Dennis Reid O'Dell, of Chicago, Ill.; a brother, Don Hilliard, of Halls; a sister, Willowdine Cagle, of Paducah, Ky.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Jimmy E. Poole

Jimmy Ernest Poole, 56, of Dyersburg, brother of Elizabeth Champagne, of Ripley, died Monday, December 3rd, at Dyersburg Regional Medical Center in Dyersburg.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 8th, at Maury City Church of God, Hwy. 88, in Maury City.

He leaves his sons, Brain Poole, of Humboldt, and Steven Poole, of Dyersburg; a brother, Robert Holley, of Smyrna; other sisters, Peggy Holley, of Adams, and Cindi Thomas, of Gadsden; and three grandchildren.

### Emmaz Hendrix

Emmaz Hendrix, 89, of Unionville, retired from 19 years with the dietary department of Methodist Hospital of Dyersburg, died Dec. 2nd, in her home.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in the Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, where she was a member.

She was the daughter of the late Walter and Elsie Clendennin.

Survivors include daughters, Jimmie Sue Tittleton, Mary Kendall, and Vickie Hooper, brothers, Cleveland and Walter Clendennin, and a sister, Elsie Webb, of Unionville; another daughter, Glenda Davis, of Dyersburg; another sister, Frankie Taylor, of McKenzie; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

### James N. Love

James Newton Love, 72, of Brownsville, father of Billy Love, of Gates, and Conrad Edwards, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Haywood Park Community Hospital in Brownsville.

After visitation from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, rites will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, with burial in Love Cemetery at Halls.

He leaves a brother, Doris Love, and a sister, Linda Love, of Ripley.

Survivors include daughters, Donie Watkins, of Brownsville, and Jamie Love and Tina Tatum, of Jackson; other brothers, Daren, of Brownsville, Terry, of Dyersburg, Willie, of Decatur, Ill., and Thomas, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; other sisters, Alice and Debra Love, Cleo Jones, and Georgia Wright, of Milwaukee, and Virgie Currin, of Sacramento, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

### AMPLIFICATION

Bert Randel "Bucky" Beasley, 52, died Dec. 3rd at his home of a heart attack, according to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders.

## Halls K-9 Unit Visits



HALLS K-9 UNIT, Anthony Davis, officer, and Isha, K-9 partner, of Halls Police Department, visited the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging November 15th. The seniors watched Isha perform her routine search and recovery of illegal substances.

### Berinese Carter

Berinese Carter, 87, of Halls, mother of Charles Earl Carter and Jane Snyder, of Halls, died Nov. 30th in Dyersburg Manor Nursing Center.

Rites were Monday of last week in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

She was a member of the South Side Baptist Church.

She was the daughter of the late Jessie Arthur Ozment and the late Shellie Blanche Ray Ozment, and the widow of Earl Grady Carter.

Survivors include another son, Edward Alford Carter, of Dyersburg; other daughters, Cindy Oliver, of Medina, and Mildred Brady, of Humboldt; sisters, Linda Dessie "Dimple" Otto, of Lafayette, Ind., Martha Gosch, of Greenwood, Ind., and Garnetta "Dot" Marchiese, of Wilmington, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

### David Maness

David Ronald Maness, 58, of Ripley, brick-layer, died Wednesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were held Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

He was an Army veteran.

He leaves his wife, Debra Nichols Maness, sons, Billy and Bobby, and a brother, Bobby, all of Ripley, and four grandchildren.

### Sonya Meischner

Sonya L. Meischner, 41, of Princeville, Ill., daughter of William Louis Wood, of Ripley, and a sister of Michelle Poorbaugh, of Ripley, died Dec. 1st, in her home.

Cremation followed rites Thursday of last week in Princeville United Methodist Church, Hammitt-Hott Funeral Home, of Princeville, in charge.

She was born in Peoria, Ill., Aug. 1, 1966.

She was employed by Jim's Bistro in Peoria.

Survivors include her grandmother, Velma Persich, of Chilli-cothe, Ill.; her mother, Treva Rose Persich Wood, of Marquette Hts., Ill.; a son, Jacob, and a daughter, Brittany Meischner, both of Princeville; and another sister, Stephanie Wood, of Pekin, Ill.

Memorial gifts to the Meischner Benefit, c/o Princeville State Bank, 142 E. Main, Princeville 61559-7510, would be appropriate.

### Divorces

Ginny Ann Wakefield Barham vs. Jerry Lynn Barham.

David L. Wesson vs. Stacy Wesson.

Stacey Renee Massongill vs. Thomas Massongill, Jr.

Leslie Diane Crowder Shields vs. Troy Dale Shields, Jr.

## Grain Bin Safety



GRAIN BINS should be installed properly. The following suggestions should aid in its placement. The proper positioning of storage structures in relation to existing electrical conductors is extremely important. Planning adequate clearances will reduce the risk of accidental contact between power lines and tall farm equipment such as portable grain augers, elevators, or grain probing devices.

A bin placed too close to a power line may need to be moved, or the power line relocated, due to a code violation. These costs can be considerable and are likely the responsibility of the bin owner. Considerable lead time is needed to properly design the electric supply service, make necessary improvements to the electric system, purchase materials, secure permits, and allow time for construction.

## FBLA Shows Support



MEMBERS of Halls High School Future Business Leaders of America, sponsored by Cynthia Lacy-Jones, assisted staff and volunteers of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging November 14th with the annual Thanksgiving dinner fundraiser.

## Tips To Prevent Theft Of Identity

With consumers writing checks and using credit cards while shopping for the holiday, here are a few tips to guard against identity theft and other forms of fraud:

- Monitor your checking and credit cards accounts and monthly statements to ensure their accuracy.

- Shred documents containing any personal information before disposing.

- Never write your personal identification number (PIN) on your ATM/Debit card or credit card.

- Never write your social security or credit card number on checks.

- Remove passwords, pin numbers, and identification cards containing your social security numbers from your purse or wallet.

- Never put outgoing mail that contains checks or tax documents in your mailbox at home.

- Keep a checklist of the critical items stored in your wallet, purse, laptop, or any other personal data item to aid in reporting loss.

- Only order from internet sites with secure methods of obtaining personal account or credit card information.

- Always log off after an online banking session.

- If you suspect your identity has been stolen, immediately file a report with the local police and contact the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your record.

## Anniversaries

Dec. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Barcroft.

Dec. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Myrick.

Dec. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Clay Dew, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Summar, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pilant, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Kee, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Glenn.

Dec. 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hawks, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Mills, Mr. and

## Educational Material



WENDELL WILEY, center, with his wife, Jane, left, of Halls, delivered additional material to inform the public about the various types of cancer to Joni Cook, right, executive director of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging. The center, located at 605 Airport St., Halls, is rapidly becoming a major distribution location for literature concerning the medical needs of the elderly. The majority of literature provided by Mr. Wiley has been published for distribution by the American Cancer Society. Wendell continues to receive medical care for complications from aggressive prostate cancer and cancer surgery which has left him with severe anemia, fatigue, and weakness, plus other problems. If he continues to heal, he plans to obtain a medical release next year. The Wileys hope to inform as many people as possible about the importance of early detection as the best way to fight cancer. Call 731-836-5444 for further information.

## Lemons Demonstrates



ROSIE LEMONS demonstrated the art of making bows November 28th with seniors at Lauderdale County Commission on Aging in Halls.

Mrs. Burnell Conner.

Dec. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Wieber.

Dec. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. David Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. David Young, III.

Dec. 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeff

Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Brian

Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Nipp.



## Halls Hoopsters Are Losers To Humboldt

Nipped by Lake County Tuesday of last week, 70-68, Halls' boys lost to Humboldt Friday, 82-45, Halls girls losing 68-38.

Humboldt's hosts led Halls, by quarters, 17-8, 28-12, 17-16, and 21-9 (one point mis-reported).

Rodney Foster and Cedric Jones led Halls Tiger scoring, with 10 points each.

Humboldt led the Halls girls, by quarters, 24-5 and 21-10, before Halls took the third, 13-12, to lose the fourth, 11-10.

Phylicia Richmond led

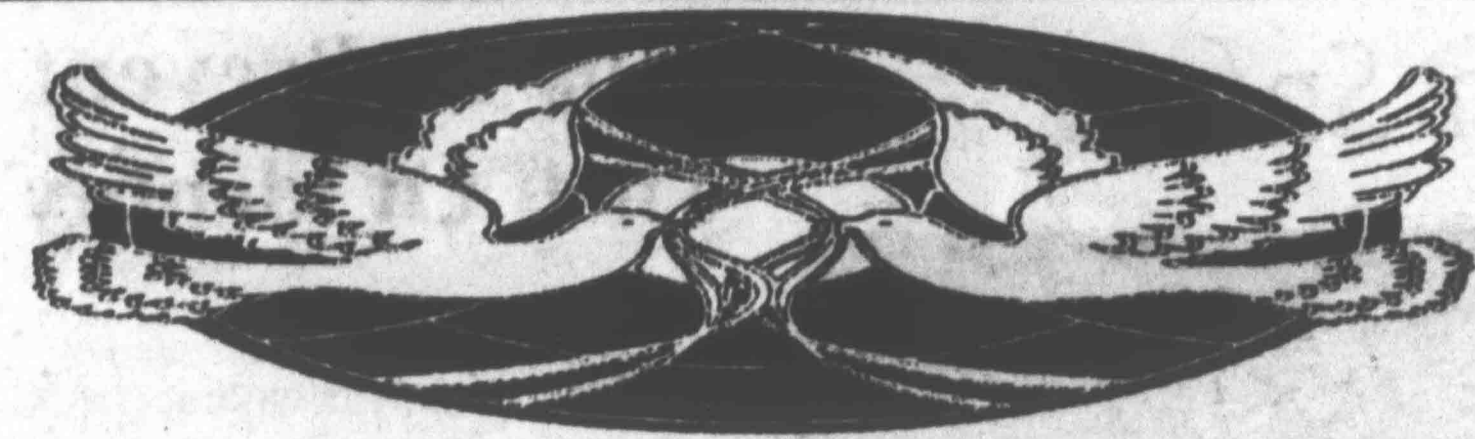
the Lady Tiger scoring with 18 points, including two 3-pointers.

Christi Meeks added 9, including two 3-pointers.

Halls played Tuesday at South Fulton (scores too late for this issue).

Thursday, it hosts Madison, and Friday, Greenfield, at 6 p.m.

Next Tuesday, Halls visits Gleason, at 6:30 p.m.



## 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.

The First Apostolic Church and Academy will present its Christmas program at 3 p.m. Sun., Dec. 23rd at the Ripley City Park. The public is invited. Bring a lawn chair and blanket. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the church, 2515 Asbury Glimp Rd.

Halls First United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve candle lighting service at 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 24th at the church, 110 Gate 6 Rd., Halls. The public is invited.

The adult sanctuary choir of Whitefield Assembly of God Church, 5796 Conner Whitefield Rd., Ripley, will present its Christmas musical, Imagine, at 7 p.m. Sat., Dec. 15th and 5 p.m. Sun., Dec. 16th. The Rev. Mike Poston invites the public. A nursery will be provided.

Light Players for Jesus will perform at Ashport Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Sun., Dec. 16th. The public is invited to celebrate the Christmas message with lights.

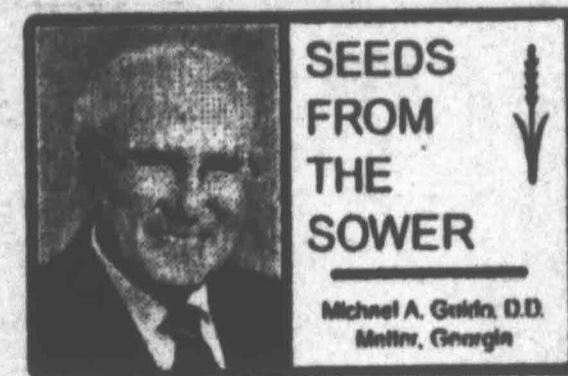
Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., Halls, will present A Night In Bethlehem at 6 p.m. Sun., Dec. 16th and 7 p.m. Mon., Dec. 17th. If anyone has wondered what it would have been like to take a journey to Bethlehem and witness the birth of Jesus, don't miss this spiritual evening. The public is invited.

Macedonia Baptist Church, at Edith, will present its Christmas Cantata, "Shine On Us", at 11 a.m. Sun., Dec. 16th. The

public is invited.

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

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



There was a man by the name of Joe Bit. He married a woman. Then there were two Bits.

They had twins, then there were four Bits. More children came, until there were eight.

One asked, "How do you manage to support so many?"

He said, "Every little Bit helps."

One day more than five thousand came looking for the Lord. They had no food, and they were hungry.

There was a boy in that crowd with five loaves and two small fish. He gave his lunch to the Lord.

He blessed it and fed the five thousand. Everyone ate until full.

Little is much when given to the Lord, and "every little bit helps."

# Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read  
Tennessee Farm Bureau

## Country Hog Killin Almost A Thing of the Past

Every car salesman, furniture store owner and replacement window hawker on TV is wearing a Santa hat, so it must be Christmas time in Tennessee. For some reason, the older I get the earlier the holidays arrive each year. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were taking down our Christmas decorations and now I'm back in the attic getting them down.

Christmas is a special time of the year for most of us and especially those of us who have come from rural back-grounds. It is the time of the year when most of the farm harvest is complete and the coldness of winter is settling in. A time when everything has decided to take a rest from a really tough long summer and a brisk fall.

In years past, it was also a great time to go to the smoke house and check out just how successful we had been during "hog killin" time. Modern day processing has pretty much taken that old tradition away and made home processing a thing of the past. In fact, the weather has also changed and it is really difficult to find weather cold enough anymore to do it right like we used to. But, for many of us those memories of cold days, wood fires, sharp knives and hard work will always linger.

For those of you who are not of those generations who did their own processing and get your pork products from a

grocery store, a "hog killin" may sound somewhat crude. However, it was a necessity back many years ago that often would turn into a social event as much as a necessary job on the farm.

The cold weather during the month of November served as a perfect setting for harvesting hog meat for the coming months on my grandfather's farm. And, boy would it be cold on "hog killin" day.

I will never forget the taste of fresh pork tenderloin and sausage, as well as the sight of fresh meat lying out in the smoke house to chill before it was salted down. Hog killings were also a time for families to get together and work side by side to put up the meat supply for the months ahead.

At my grandfather's, I have seen 20 or 30 people working together in cold temperatures to prepare the meat. Men usually took care of the killing and scalding box as well as the cleaning of the hog. The women would prepare the lard, help with cutting up the meat and skim off the cracklins. There is nothing like good cracklin bread on a winter's day. In fact, everything was harvested except the squeal!

One of the most important procedures in hog killings was the preparing of the hams. These valuable delicacies would become the feature at next year's Thanksgiving meal, or even more important, they would be the

family's official Christmas ham.

A very special feature of our holidays, which continues today, is the annual cooking of the country ham. I know the doctors say the salt is bad for us, but it just wouldn't be the holidays without one ham and biscuit. Over the years in my column, I've given our family recipe for cooking a country ham in a lard stand. I have had numerous requests to run it again. However, a major controversy developed a few years back over the correct name of the container used to cook a country ham.

So, once again let me explain to everyone what a lard stand is, at the very beginning, and the rest is up to you. In Middle and West Tennessee, a large metal can with a lid used to store lard after processing is called a lard stand. In East Tennessee, the same can is called a lard can. The lard stand term has been around for centuries in the area where I grew up, and since this is my column and my recipe, I will use the term lard stand to describe the vessel used to cook the ham.

My mother always cooked our ham in a lard stand on top of the stove. You are basically boiling the ham. First, you wash the whole ham thoroughly with a brush or rough cloth. Trim off any dark, dry edges and soak the ham in water overnight, then drain. This also removes a lot of the salt. After the ham is ready

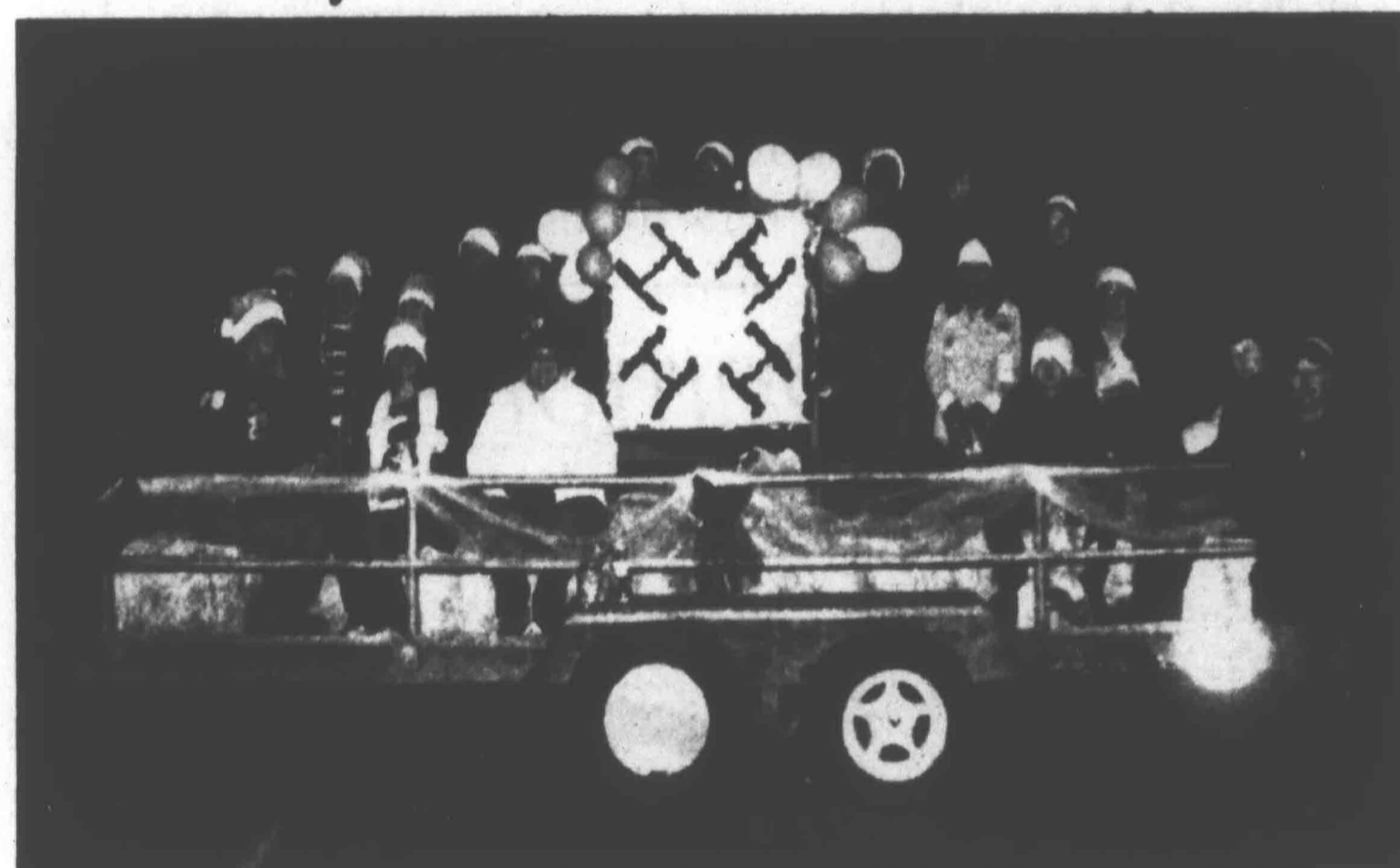
for cooking, place it on an old plate or rack in the bottom of the lard stand. Cover the ham with cold water. One tablespoon of brown sugar or molasses per quart of water may be added, but is not really needed.

Bring the water to a boil, and then reduce heat. Simmer until the meat thermometer registers 165 degrees F. Cooking time is about 15 to 20 minutes per pound for whole hams. Now here is the secret to cooking a ham this way: After cooking at the desired minutes per pound, take the lard stand off the stove and wrap it in several layers of newspaper and a quilt.

Let the ham slowly cool in the broth for approximately 20 hours. This is part of the cooking procedure and will bring the internal temperature to 170 degrees F. Later, take your ham out of the lard stand and put your favorite glaze on it and enjoy some real Tennessee eating.

Give it a try this Christmas. I know this is some repeated information for some of you, but for those who still call and ask me to repeat it, Merry Christmas. This method of cooking a ham is an old tradition that has been around Middle Tennessee prior to the War of Northern Aggression. It is truly a family tradition at our house that I hope will be carried on for generations to come.

## 4-H Christmas Float



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County 4-H Honor Club and 4-H Home-school participated in the Ripley Christmas parade Nov. 29th.

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tion, Inc., presented the award. "This program is definitely saving taxpayer dollars," stated Mr. Jackson. "With energy costs continuing to rise, conservation programs are a must. Otherwise, energy consumption becomes a budget buster. Our employees are doing a great job in supporting this program."

The conservation program examines all areas of energy use throughout the Lauderdale County Department of Education. Energy Education's conservation experts in natural gas and electricity, water and sewer, HVAC systems, Energy Management Systems (EMS) and mechanical systems, behavior modification, communications, grounds care, data analysis, information systems management, organization development, construction management, human resources, utility rate structures, and many other areas of specialization that positively impact energy conservation and work closely with Mr. Walsh. He is trained to analyze all energy use throughout the department systems and to ensure that energy is used as efficiently as possible, following Energy Education's Transformational Energy Management Process.

**4-H Members Of The Month**



**4-H MEMBERS OF THE MONTH** were awarded during the November meetings at school. The members are selected from each class or club in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade that have excellent participation and leadership in their club. Halls Elementary School students include, in front, from left, Mariah Carmack, Kearra Eisom, and Noelia Hernandez, in middle, Alisha Midkiff, Jeremy Lents, Jacob Walters, and Hannah Blackwood, and in rear, Hunter Farley, Gaylon Broglin, Amanda McBroom, and Jessie Belton, plus, not pictured, Jordan Smith and Madison Smith.

**M.L.K. Oratorical Contest Scheduled**

The 2nd annual The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Oratorical Contest is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, January 20, 2008, at Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley. The contest winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds. The four categories include, ages 5-8; 9-12; 13-15; and 16-18. Speeches may be selected from the writings of Dr. King or other American poets and should not exceed five minutes.

All individuals or groups interested in participating should attend a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2008, at New Beginnings Christian Center in Ripley.

For more information, contact The Rev. Robert Cecil Morgan-Wilde at 635-2008.

**School Lunches**

**Lauderdale County Schools**

**Monday, Dec. 17th**

- Hamburger
- Pizza
- French Fries
- Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle
- Apple
- Fruit Mix
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 18th**

to

**Fri., Dec. 27th**

- Winter Break
- No School

**School Lunches**

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

**Monday, Dec. 17th**

- Pizza
- French Fries
- Fruit Mix
- Cookie
- Choice Of Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 18th**

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- Winter Break
- No School

**Cancer Care Scholarship**

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Scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's answer to a question about how cancer has affected their life. A total of ten \$500 scholarships will be awarded to seniors across West Tennessee.

Scholarship applications must be received by Monday, December 31st to be considered. For additional information, visit [www.cancercarecenter.org](http://www.cancercarecenter.org) and click on the scholarship tab.

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18th, Curve Woodville FCE at 10 a.m. and delightful designs at 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday, December 19th, breakfast at 9 a.m., a devotion at 10 a.m., Christmas gift wrap at 11 a.m. and a ceramic class at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 731-836-5444.

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William D. Drake to G.K. Ballard and Geral Dean Ballard, Dist. 2, lot.

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For more information, call State Representative Craig Fitzhugh at 615-741-2134 or email, [rep.craig.fitzhugh@legislature.state.tn.us](mailto:rep.craig.fitzhugh@legislature.state.tn.us).

**Offices To Observe Christmas Holiday**

The offices of *The Lauderdale County Enterprise* and *The Halls Graphic* will be closed Monday, Dec. 24th and Tuesday, Dec. 25th for the Christmas holidays. We will re-open at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

The offices will close Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, for New Year's Day.

**Miss Tennessee Visits**



**GRACE ARNOLD GORE**, left, Miss Tennessee 2007, served as the Grand Marshal of the Halls Christmas parade. The granddaughter of Doris and Sammy Arnold, of Halls, she is the daughter of Jay and Darlene Gore, of Nashville. After the parade, she visited with several young ladies including the 2007 Halls Junior High Miss Merry Christmas, Taylor Brasfield, right, daughter of Ty and Tammy Brasfield, and the granddaughter of Dorothy Clark and the late Rusty Clark, all of Halls, and John and Faye Brasfield, of Troy.

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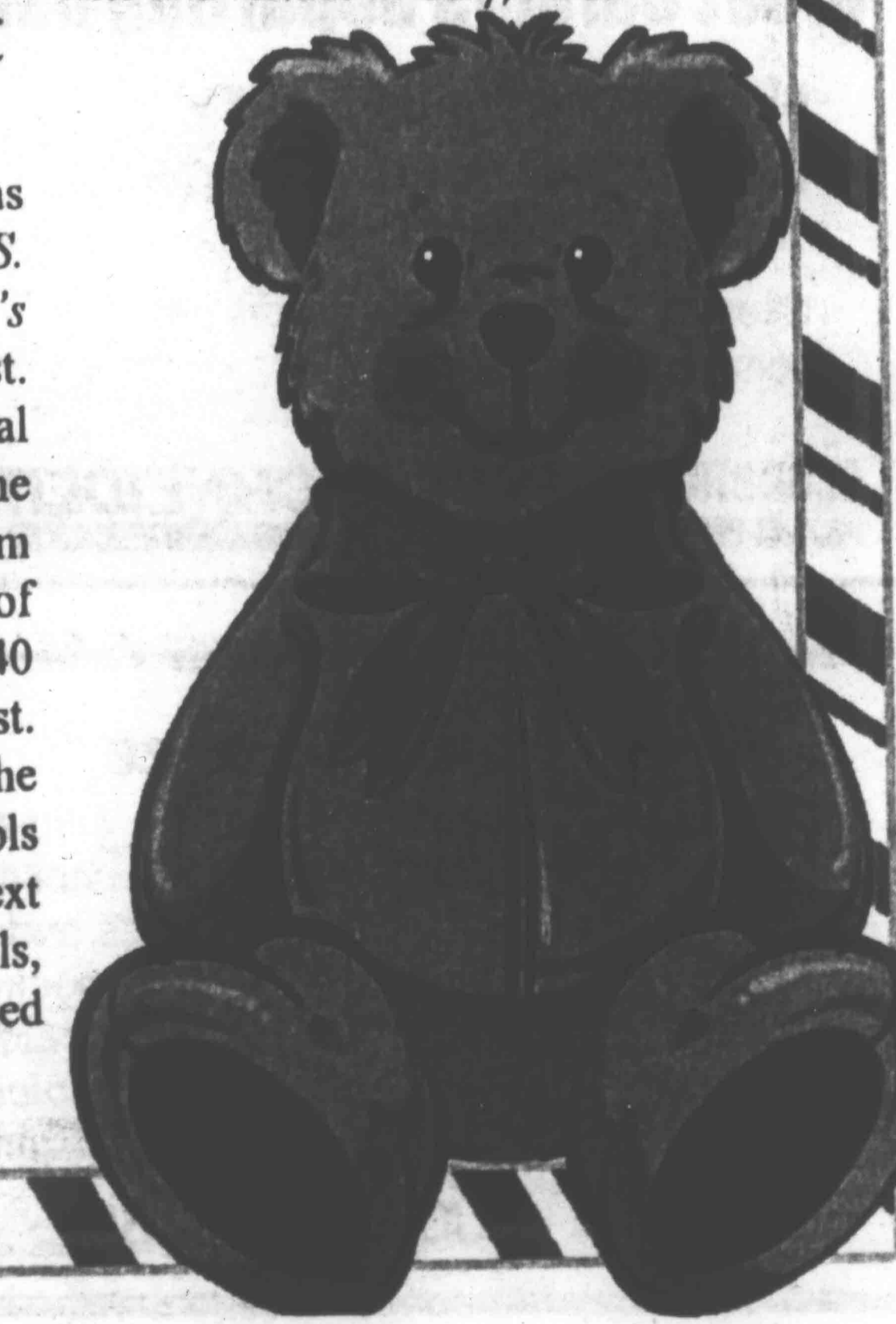
**CYNTHIA TEETZEN**, daughter of Jere and Carol Keen, of Milan, formerly of Halls, was promoted to the position of Federal Program Manager with the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in October. In her new capacity, in addition to various administrative responsibilities, she currently assigns and oversees the work performance of Federal Investigators and State law enforcement personnel assigned to a task force. She has a distinguished 17 year career with the agency, having served as a special agent within the states of Tennessee and Arkansas, prior to her advancement. She has been the recipient of numerous commendations including the coveted Secretary's Award (the highest honor bestowed to an investigative employee), personally selected and presented by the United States Secretary of Transportation. A 1976 graduate of Halls High School, she holds a degree in business and resides in Cary, N.C.

**Home Invasion Halls High On Said Shot Off 2008 Best List**

Sheriff Steve Sanders says that a resident of Church Rd., south of Unionville, called 911 just before mid-night Wednesday of last week to report firing five shots from a 12-gauge shot-gun to repel a home invasion.

No traces of the reported incident have been found, including no trace of the older model, dark-colored Oldsmobile or Pontiac 6000-type vehicle reported involved.

Halls High School has earned a place on the *U. S. News and World Report's* Best High School 2008 list. They earned a bronze medal for the accomplishment. The magazine analyzed data from the 2005-2006 school year of 18,790 high schools, from 40 states, to compile the list. Only 1,591 schools made the list. The top 100 schools earned gold medals, the next 405 earned silver medals, and the remainder earned bronze medals.





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## Obituaries

### Katelynn Hill

Katelynn Elizabeth Hill, 3-week-old daughter of Michael Hill, of Humboldt, and Amy Vaughn Hill, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week.

Rites were held Saturday in Poplar Grove Cemetery, with Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Jistine Lawson, of 115B Northcrest, Ripley; great-grandparents, Lanny and Shirley Braden, Mary (Mrs. Roy) Vaughan, and Herman Waterson, of Ripley; grandparents, Andy and Tammy Vaughan, of 3075 Conner-Whitefield Road, and Linda Johnson, of Humboldt; brothers, Nicolas and Tyler Hill, of Humboldt; and sisters, Morgan Hill, of Ripley, and Alissa Hill, of Humboldt.

### Ronnie Bluew

Ronnie Bluew, 57, of Halls, a petroleum manager, died Tuesday.

Services were set for 1 p.m. Thursday, December 20th, at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery near Dyersburg.

He leaves his wife, Brenda Bleu; sons, Jamie Bluew, of Tennessee, and Paul Bluew, of Nashville; his mother, Ruby Lee Bluew; sisters, Peggy Bryan, of Ohio, and June McBride, of Washington; and three granddaughters.

### Jeroline Tims

Jeroline Tims, 84, of Ripley, widow of Samuel Jefferson Tims, died Friday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

She leaves five children, Randy Tims and Mary Helen (Mrs. Bobby) Howard, of Ripley, Carolyn Hale, of Bartlett, and Robert Tims and Lola (Mrs. Cecil) Wells, of Camden; a brother, Billy Ashmore, of Ripley; 20 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

## Milton Woodard, Trucker, Insuror

Robert Milton Woodard, 85, of Ripley, died Saturday in Lauderdale Community Living Center.

Rites were held Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mary's Chapel Cemetery.

He had owned Woodard Trucking Co. at 261 N. Main in Ripley and had been, for 40 years, an agent for Shelter Insurance.

He had been a deacon in First Baptist Church; Master of Ripley's Masonic lodge; president of the Ripley Shrine Club, a Paul Harris Fellow in the Ripley Rotary Club; and active in the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy Summar Woodard; a son, Robert, Jr., and a daughter, Rebecca (Mrs. Robert F.) Hendrix, of Ripley; a brother, Jack Woodard, of West Memphis, Ark.; sisters, Anne Decker, of Hendersonville, N.C., and Shirley Matthews, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; and a granddaughter.

### 'Jack' Molder

Jackie Duane Molder, 60, of Covington, employed by Marvin Windows in Ripley, died Monday of last week, in his home.

Rites were held Thursday of last week in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Morrison Memorial Cemetery at Brighton.

Son of the late J. W. and Evelyn Molder, he was a Marine veteran of Viet Nam.

He had formerly owned Tip-Top Shoe Shop in Covington.

He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Conley Molder; daughters, Jennifer (Mrs. Tim) Conrad, of 70 Bondurant Road, Ripley, and Becky Swan, of Cordova; sons, Jason Edward Molder, of Covington, Chad Conley, of Cordova, and Richard Conley, of Arlington; his twin brother, Jerry Wayne Molder, and sisters, Mary Culver, and Ruby Molder, of Covington; Ruby's twin, Clara Curle, of Germantown; and eight grandchildren.

## Mourned



**GLADSTONE T. NEWMAN**, 84, a farmer in Fayette County's Bethlehem - Hebron community, brother of Mary (Mrs. S. C.) Forysthe, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Friday in Peebles West Funeral Chapel on Hwy. 64, near Oakland.

Burial, with military honors for Navy service in World War II, was in Hebron Cemetery.

He had been a deacon in First Primitive Baptist Church of Memphis and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His wife, Birdie Marie Leath Newman, died in 1972. Survivors include his second wife, Jotye Espey Newman; children, Ronnie Gene Newman, and Diane Graves, and step-sons, Danny and Jimmy Leath, all of Stanton; other daughters, Judy Patton and Sandra Dowdy, of Somerville; a stepdaughter, Faye Howse, of Brownsville; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### B. C. Broadnax

Brennan 'Boo Bop' Copeland Broadnax, 33, a former Quebecor employee, died Saturday at his residence from cancer.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Sunday, December 23rd, at St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem

Cemetery in Henning, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

He leaves his wife, Brandie Copeland, father, Edward Broadnax; and daughter, Ashley Copeland, all of Henning; a brother, Taovaras Copeland, another sister, BreSandria Copeland, and grandmother, Lennie Ruth Copeland, all of Ripley; mother, Barbara Sue Boyd, of Brownsville; and other daughters, Tiesha Copeland and Brinisha Copeland, both of Detroit, Mich.

### Bobby Glass

Bobby Glass, 66, of Decatur, Ill., a molder, brother of Clyde, Louise, Marvin, and Toyce Glass, Gladys King, and Joyce Singleton, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week, of cancer, in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Rites and burial were Monday in Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Henning, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; children, Bruce Neal Glass and Sharon Rayner, of Decatur; another daughter, Deborah Tomlin, of Clarksville; other brothers, Charles, Gordon, and James, of Memphis; other sisters, Clara Miller, of Decatur, and Bernita Powell, of Flint, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

### Mrs. Burroughs

Edytha Mae Burroughs, 71, of Dyersburg, a homemaker, sister of Wymond, John and Sol 'Sam' Burroughs, all of Halls, died Tuesday.

Services are set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 20th, at Halls Funeral Home.

She leaves son, Terry Allen, and daughter, Shelia Seay, both of Quebec, Canada; another brother, Jerry Burroughs, of Dyersburg; sister, Bernice Bryce, of Arkansas; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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## NOTICE

The Town of Halls Regular Board Meeting will be at 7 p.m., Monday, January 7th, 2008 at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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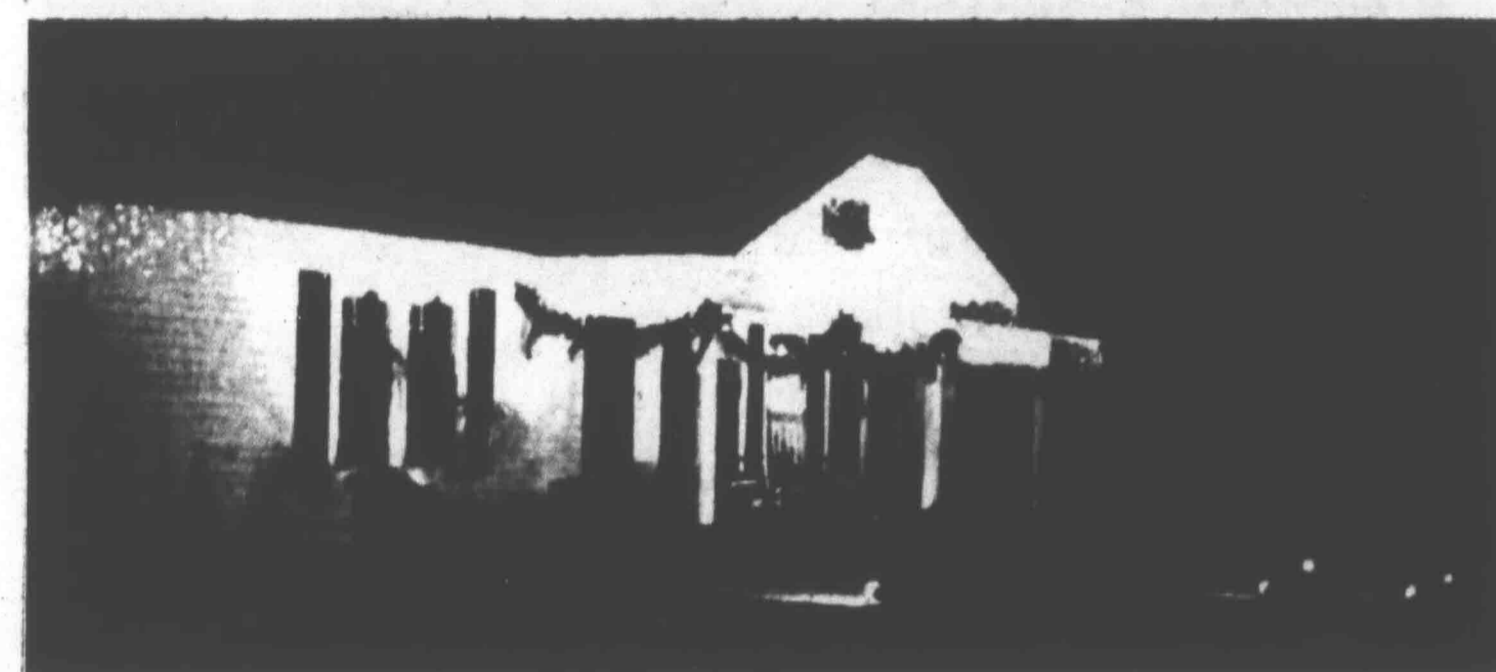
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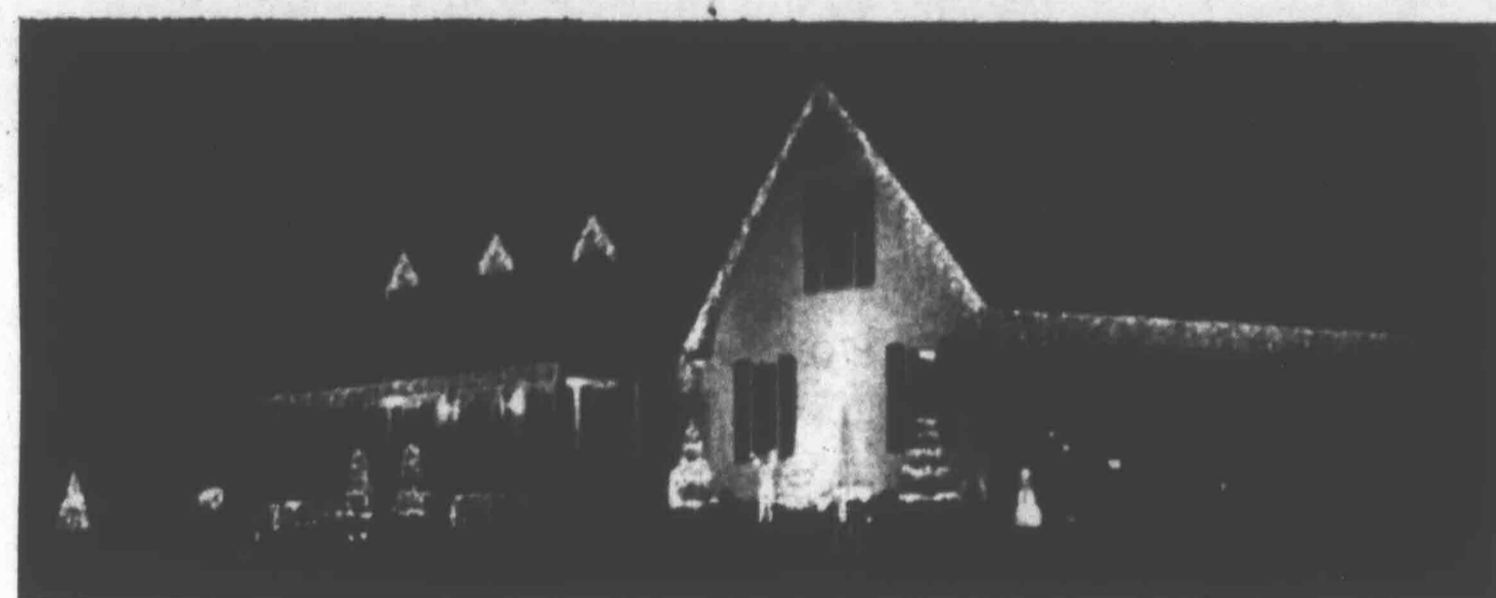
# Christmas Winners



**WINNERS** in the annual Halls "Deck the Halls" Christmas decorating contest include, Best Display of Lights, the home of Thomas and Angie Terry, 965 Mitchell Lane.



**MOST BEAUTIFUL** was awarded to the home of Ben and Elizabeth Goodwin, 2677 Beech Bluff Cemetery Rd.



**MAYOR'S CHOICE** was awarded to the home of Dwayne and Janet Haley, 55 Armour Rd.



**MOST ORIGINAL** was awarded to the home of David and Wendy Hardee, 124 N. College St.



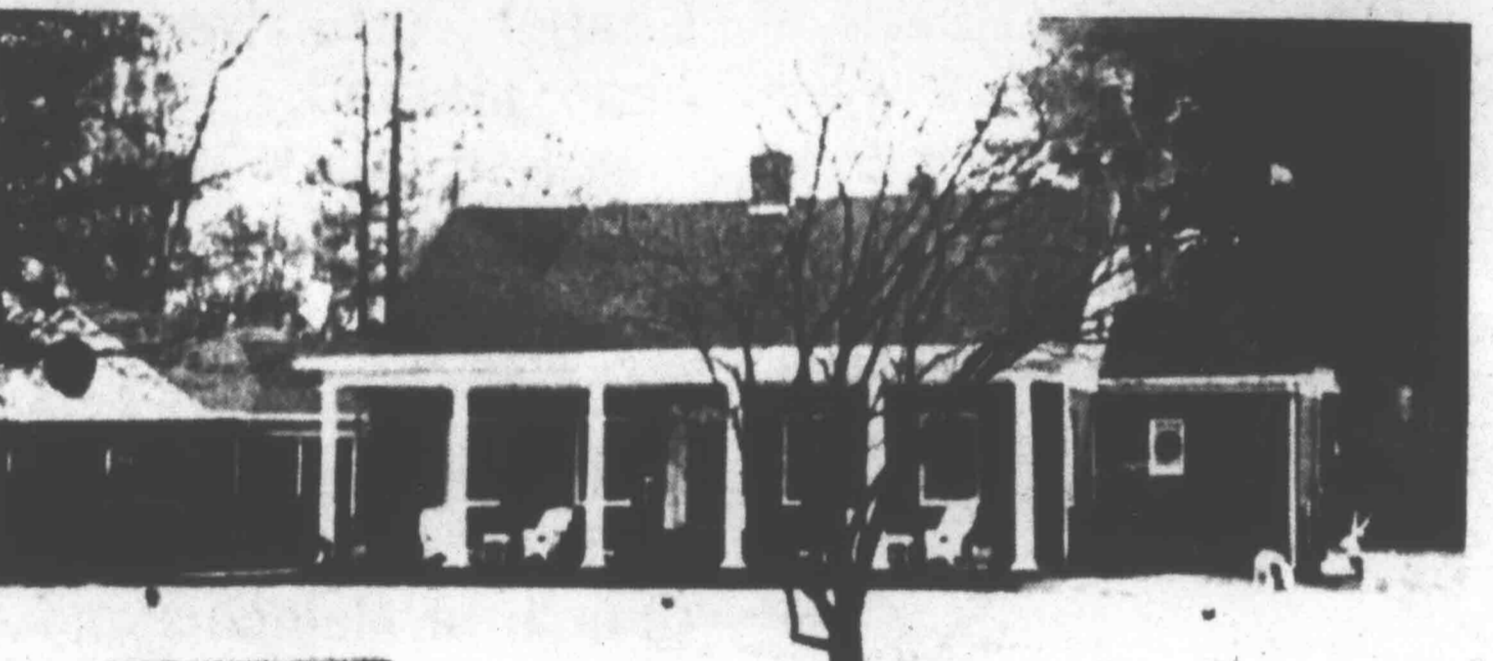
**MOST CREATIVE** was awarded to the home of Steve and Tracy Brown, 516 W. Main St.



**MOST UNIQUE** was awarded to the home of John and Angie Eskridge, 702 W. Main St.



**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS** was awarded to the home of Don and Linda Smith, 630 W. Tigrett.



**BEST DISPLAY OF A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS** was awarded to the home of Greg and Kristi Carihfield, 429 W. Main St.



**CHRISTMAS FANTASY** was awarded to the home of Mike and Donna Moore, 400 Elementary School Rd.



**BEST YARD DISPLAY** was awarded to the home of Robert and Connie Layne, 202 W. Main St.

## Historical Survey Location Marked

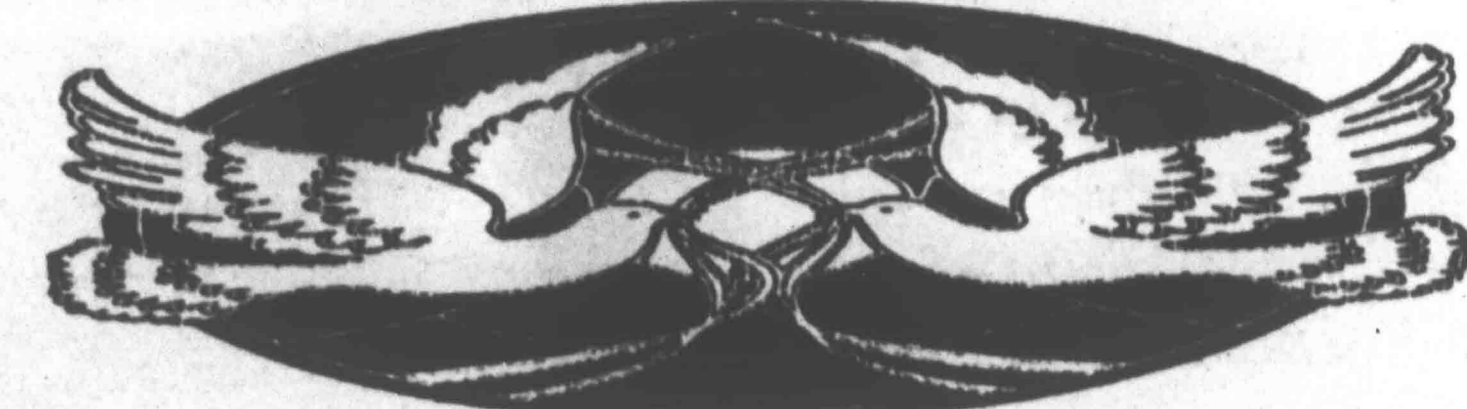
James H. Hanna, 84, Hubert Williams, 84, and Jerry Smith, 74, all of Jackson, were at Key Corner Friday to mark the spot of the original survey corner established by Henry Rutherford in 1785.

Hanna, an engineer, has been studying old survey lines since his retirement, and has taken a special interest in the work of Henry Rutherford. The leaning sycamore tree on the bank of the Forked Deer River from which Rutherford began his surveys for tens of thousands of acres in northwest Tennessee had long since disappeared, and the river had changed course. A large concrete monument placed sixty feet from the original point in the 1930's, along with the brass plaque commemorating the spot, had also disappeared, so Hanna, along with Hubert Williams, retired from Southwest Electric Co-op as general manager, and Jerry Smith, co-owner of George Smith & Sons Funeral Home, have worked intermittently for five years to re-locate the point.

With transit and poles, Hanna, with his friends as survey crew, over the years shot property lines from all points, and Friday they returned to make one last measurement and to set an orange stake with a sign reading "Key Cor" at the point they found to be at or as near to the original point as they could make it. They were joined there by Bettie Davis and Ronnie Roberts.

"This is such a historic site," Mr. Williams said, "that something like a circle drive needs to be built down to it. When I come back in a few years in my wheel chair, that's what I expect to see." The importance of the Key Corner as a historic site is accentuated by the interest and dedication shown in it by Jim Hanna and his Madison County crew.

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## 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.

The First Apostolic Church and Academy will present its Christmas program at 3 p.m. Sun., Dec. 23rd at the Ripley City Park. The public is invited. Bring a lawn chair and blanket. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the church, 2515 Asbury Glimp Rd.

Halls First United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve candle lighting service at 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 24th at the church, 110 Gate 6 Rd., Halls. The public is invited.

Halls First United Methodist Church will sponsor a program, entitled "The Resolution", at 8 p.m. Dec. 31st at the church featuring Adam Cunningham. Adam is the worship leader at The Loop in Nashville, a city-wide, non-denominational young adults' ministry. He has since led worship on the 2006 Dove Award winning album, "His Renown" as well as on the Dove Award nominated album, "The Word Alive". Local church artists and Christian speaker, Don Dowdy, are also scheduled to appear. Games, snacks, and student fellowship will be offered leading to a humbling night of worship, followed by a message from God's Word, ending in worshipping the New Year in. The public is invited to join the youth and family from 8 p.m. to midnight at the church.

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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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me playstation mp3 player i pod Wii Rock Band

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.  
Love,  
Caitlyn J. Kelly

Dear Santa,  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a laptop, a cellphone, a computer, 64 led pencils, and one more thing. I want one of your elves. Please. I promise. But tell him to be good

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.  
Love,  
KeAyshia Harrell

Dear Santa,  
My name is Elizabeth Tatum and I have been a good girl. I hope everything is well at the North Pole. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me an ipod i can play guitar the high school Musical dolls. Jesse Mcartney cd. A talking Diary

I love you,  
Elizabeth Tatum  
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stuffed Santa and Mrs. Clause and I'd love a nitendo ds if you can bring me a game to go with it. I LOVE YOU AND Mrs. Clause! Merry Christmas.

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

Love,  
Kalie Blakely

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me playstation mp3 player i pod Wii Rock Band

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.  
Love,  
Jermiah L. Johnson

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas! Santa, if you can, could you please bring me Wrertleing porter, autograph from Under-taker, Scotty 2 Hotty action figure

Merry Christmas,  
Jamie Delaney

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jenna Moore and I have been a good girl. I hope everything is well at the North Pole. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me 3 I-pods a Wii and a P.S.P.

I love you,  
Jenna Moore

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me Heleys and High School musical stuff and get ready stuff

Love,  
Bailey Chapman

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a radio, gocar cD box, ipod, m.p.3 player, Drake and Josh go to Hollywood move, Drake and Josh really Big shrimp.

Love,  
James Ryan Hilliard

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas! Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a puppy, Xbos 360 and drps3 i have Been goog Boy

Merry Christmas,  
Dylan Clark

Dear Santa,  
I want a Be Bratz to go on my computer, And A Nintendo Wii to share with my sister and a Bratz's game for me.

Sara Kaye Pruitt

Dear Santa,  
I have been good kinda. I really want a dirtbike and 2 flying helicopters for me and my daddy. Also a playstation 3. I will have milk and cookies for you.

Love,  
Ty

Dear Santa,  
I'm looking forward to Christmas. I'm going to make some cookies for you to eat when you come to my house. I'm going to be the best I can, so you will bring me a "Little Mommy" baby doll. Santa, your the best!

Love,  
Faith Pilkington

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas! Santa, if you can, could you please bring me my too front teeth and a teck deck and iPoid

Merry Christmas,  
Colby Allen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Courtney Spires and I have been a good girl. I hope everything is well at the North Pole. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me A 4-wheeler, Pink camo Blue doll baby pen cabich patch doll new born in it's name MP3 player

I love you,  
Courtney Spires

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Peyton Stone and I have been a good boy. I hope everything is well at the North Pole. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a gun and a game for my Xbox and a ramp and teak-beaks.

I love you,  
Peyton Stone

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alena Thayer and I have been a good girl. I hope everything is well at the North Pole. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a guitar playstashen 3, wii, guitar hero3, traplen, a pro skate bard, I can play guitar guitar maneyu

I love you,  
Alena Thayer



Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all of the toys you have given me. This year I would like to have a radio, a big radio and some CD's. I would also like a Nintendo DS with some games. Maybe a Barbie game and a dog game. I want a Hannah Montana CD and a Kids' Praise and Worship CD. Maybe a CD about Christmas too. Or a princess CD. Please could you bring me these things and I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love  
 Joslyn Prater

Dear Santa,  
 I would like for you to bring me a Barbie computer, a robe, some shoes, Baby Doll stroller, bed, high chair, and a walker. Thanks

Love  
 Chasity Shaw

Dear Santa Claus  
 Ho! Ho! Ho! I'm very good, and I want one present toy of a big Power Ranger and a monster truck. I like to have a big SpongeBob. I wish Sissy to have a baby doll. Sissy's bad sometimes so only gets one toy.

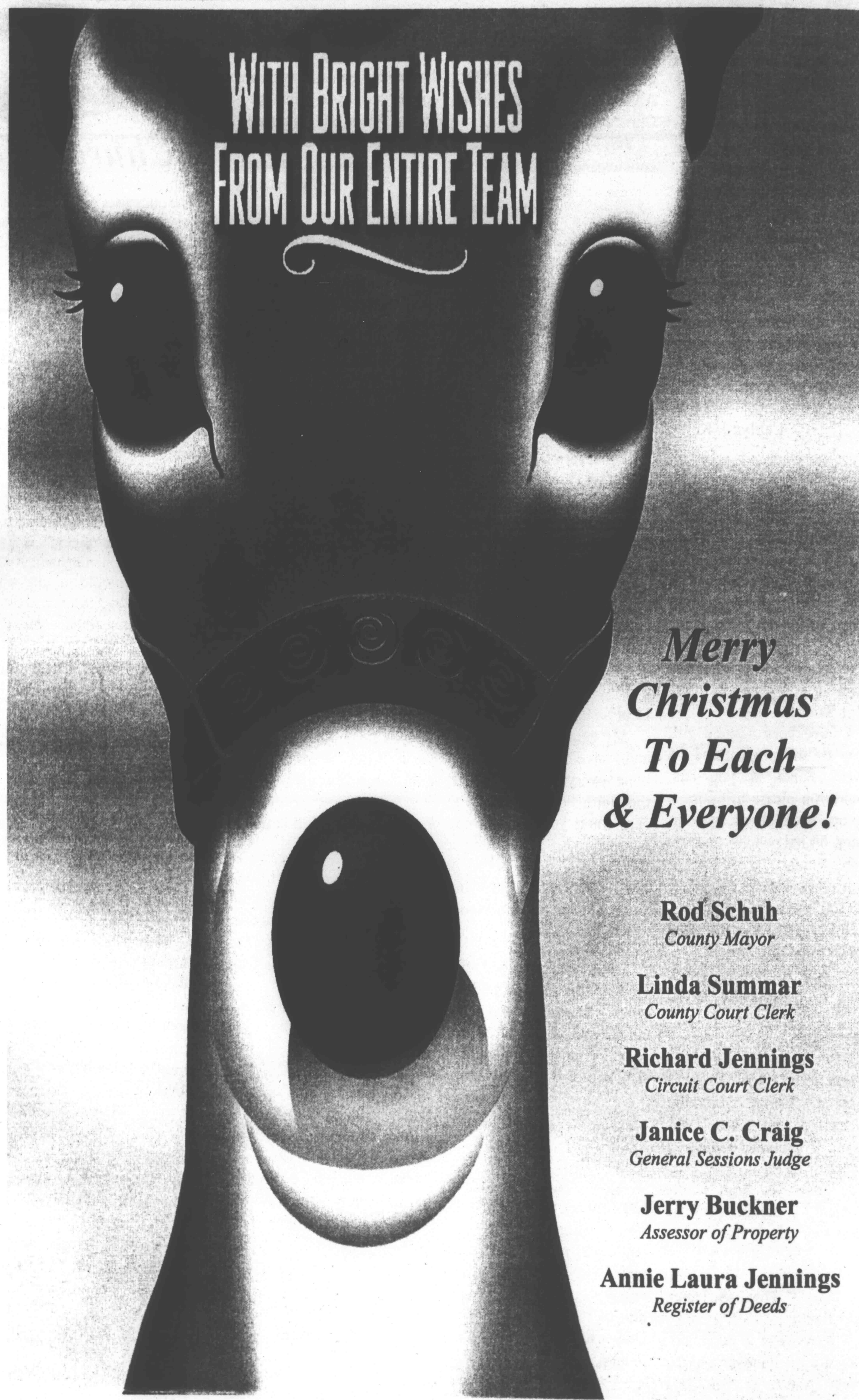
Thank you very much,  
 Gabriel Mathis

Dear Santa,  
 How are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas! Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a blue Tyco Teraniac, every pokemon card in the world, a lego starwars ship, a electric guitar, a new four-wheeler, a fusion skate board, a new bik, a playstation 3, a PSP

Merry Christmas,  
 Hayden Ford

Dear San  
 My name is Macayla and I have been a good girl. I hope every thing is well at the North Pole. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me robo quad Jhoncena T-Shirt, lap top, a girl rag doll please bring me these things if you can.

I love you,  
 Macayla Shapiro



*Merry  
 Christmas  
 To Each  
 & Everyone!*

**Rod Schuh**  
 County Mayor

**Linda Summar**  
 County Court Clerk

**Richard Jennings**  
 Circuit Court Clerk

**Janice C. Craig**  
 General Sessions Judge

**Jerry Buckner**  
 Assessor of Property

**Annie Laura Jennings**  
 Register of Deeds

**Jr. Auxiliary Welcomes Members**



**NEW PROVISIONAL MEMBERS**, pictured with provisional trainer, Rebecca Carmack-Summar, left, and president, Christina Stanley Baynes, right, including, Stephanie Turner, Jessica Lee, Lynette Seay, Felicia Warren, Kelly Tillman Moore, and Krissy-Jones, were welcomed at the annual dinner Nov. 6th at the Olympic Steak House in Ripley. In lower photo, new active members, Amanda Hunt, left, and Melissa Summar, right, were also welcomed. They are pictured with their provisional trainer, Jennifer Henderson, center.

**Birthdays**

Dec. 20 - Jeffery Etheridge, Scotty Rambo, Amanda Britt, Allen Voss, Rebecca Carmack-Summar, Blonda Robison, Chandler Roberts.  
 Dec. 21 - John Gaddy, Tim

Hearnberger, Breanna Buckner, Alesia Craig, Erin Hutcherson, Marvin Terry, Hunter Mountjoy, Madison Hamlet, Sue Ward, Shelbie Hurt, Marlon Devon Taylor, Jonathan Hyde, Scott Hartman, Tristan Smith, Grant Carihfield.  
 Dec. 22 - Christy Hamilton,

**Wal-Mart Donations**



**PAT CARMACK**, right, Halls Elementary School principal, was presented a \$700 community grant check week before last from Justin Powers, left, Wal-Mart assistant manager.



**STEVE SANDERS**, right, Lauderdale County Sheriff, was presented a \$500 community grant check week before last from Justin Powers, left, Wal-Mart assistant manager.



**NED LEWIS**, right, Halls Junior High School principal, was presented a \$500 community grant check week before last by Susan Lenderman, left, Wal-Mart customer service manager.

Jerry Smith, Joyce Avery, Kim Summar, Rebecca Chandler, Austin Maxwell, Chrissy Burnham, Jim Drake, Bill Lawrence, George Vaughn, Brandi Ables, Katharine White, Justin McGarity.

Dec. 23 - Alan Douglas, Helen Pollard, Jim Kellner, Amanda Taylor, Ian Culver, Angela Ezekiel, Ethel Nash, Charlie Moore, Sarah Bing, Haywood Mays.

Dec. 24 - J. W. Hilliard, Dana Young, Frankie Adams, Katie Honey, Mike Ferguson, Mark Dillard II, Sharon Cagle, Randy Wilson, Vickie Hayles.

Dec. 25 - Judy Cummings, Sheri Mitchell, Alan Castellaw, Hunter Daum, Jonathan Gaines, Chadliss Mosby, Tammy Kiestler, Dorothy Bringle, Barbara Bullington, Jeff Fain, J. A. Dunaway, Bailey Hutcherson, Joe Eskridge, Terry Burns, Jerri Gail Jackson, William Kyle Maclin, John Cleek.

Dec. 26 - Judy Groenke, Payton Chandler Kent, Jimmy (Chico) Hill, Jennifer Reynolds, Stacy Paris, Grant Dew, Joe Lovelace, John Reece, Jr., Dawn Pease Orman, L. Q. Russell, Patricia Jackson, Sherrin Reviere Nissen, Jack Glenn, Brad Wiley, Sam Poe, Tracy Vaughn.



# Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek Here! I had a very frustrating week. If you recall, last week, I outsmarted a leopard and a monkey. This week, I was challenged in some sporting events by my buds. They dared me to challenge this old run-down, female, four legger, with long legs, to a foot race. Her name was Freda and we bet double vittles for a week. I was keyed when the big day finally arrived and as I inched up to the starting line I heard Scooter say, "Here comes Rusty," and before I took one jump she had a three stride head start, when she hit the finish line, I was only at the half way point. After the race, I told her she was one fast hound and she said, "No, I am just an old Gray-Hound". Scooter then brought out this little skinny, short, four legger named Waldo the Whippet. Well, he made a fool out of me, then I decided that a game of catch was my game. I told Scooter to bring out his best ball player. I have had a lot of practice catching treats from Miss Pam, so I was pretty confident about my next event. Scooter pulls out a plastic Frisbee for us to catch, he then returns with a black and white Border Collie named Laddie. The first two times Scooter threw me the Frisbee from about three feet away, I caught it with ease and so did my competition. Then Scooter decided to throw the Frisbee about thirty feet away. Needless to say Laddie not only caught up with the flying saucer, but he showed off and jumped four feet in the air and clamped on to that piece of plastic like it was a flying steak. It was now my turn and lets just say that acrobatics are not my strong suit. I am proud to report that I did win one trophy and that was the gobble your food event.

After three defeats, I needed Miss Pam to tell me how good I was and give me those loving pats. When we got home she started making cookies. I was at attention all afternoon and night as I nibbled at every morsel that hit the floor. While on the phone she started talking about all the work in front of the Dry Hill Volunteers. She said they had 10,000 cookies to make for the shelter fund raiser. Their goal is to make various building and ground improvements at the club.

I think I need to thank all the two leggers who purchased cookies and give two Thank Yous to the cooks. Miss Pam said some of the cooks need three Thank Yous. I did learn one thing raw oats don't have a lot of taste and whoever cooks the pupperoni's needs to give Miss Pam the recipe.

The week finished up well with the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW contributing food to the club along with Lindsey McBroom and various students of LMS through their school representative, Kathleen Doss. Sandy Goodman adopted Maggie, the black Cocker Spaniel, Jacob Smith adopted Kitty, the red Doberman and Holly Pignato took home two cats.

Picks of the week, we have eight beautiful Beagle/Fiest puppies, two top notch Chocolate Labs, a full blooded two year old female Walker Hound, along with Ann and Dan both Red Bone Hounds. Cupcake, Patches, and Dipstick are precious along with a handsome male Golden Retriever. Off of Dry Hill Road. The pretty award goes to a six month old tri-colored Kerry Beagle/Fiest mix by the name of Dawn.

Remember it's the time of year for you to be good as you pet thinks you are. Call 836-7387 (PETS) before you buy a pet. Because we have the Best. Please remember to spay and neuter.

Zeek Out!

# Boxing Club Tournament Champs



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Boxing Club, in front, from left, Blake Maynard, 7, Brandon Smith, 10, Marquan Arnold, 10, in middle, Jacob Sprayberry, 11, and in rear, Jeremy Jackson, 11, Heath Conrad, coach, Elvis Ray, 23, Clay Conrad, Keith McCalister, 13, competed Dec. 14th and 15th in the State Silver Gloves Tournament in Jackson at the Golden Gloves Boxing Arena. Blake attends Ripley Primary School and is preparing to box in January; Brandon attends Halls Elementary School and won a trophy for outstanding boxing junior division; and Marquan attends Ripley Elementary School and was unopposed champion in his division. Jacob is a 5th grade student at Ripley Elementary School and was a runner-up in his intermediate division. Jeremy is a 5th grade student at RES and was a runner-up in his intermediate division and awarded an outstanding sportsmanship award. Elvis was unopposed in the heavy weight championship. Keith is an 8th grade student at Halls Junior High and was the lightweight champion. He will advance to Little Rock, Ark. in the Southern Regional Tournament in January. The club was the runner-up team and received a trophy.

# Jr. Auxiliary Dance Held At Center



MEMBERS of the Junior Auxiliary, including, from left, Amanda Hunt, Krissy Jones, Rebecca Carmack-Summar, Melissa Summar, Felicia Warren, Tina Hartsfield, Jessica Lee, Dana Parmenter, Kristy Cihfield, Dawn Steelman, Kelly Tillman Moore, Christina Stanley Baynes, and Lynette Seay, held their semi-annual dance for the Helen Tucker Center Nov. 13th at the Halls First United Methodist Church.

Dear Santa,

My name is Gary Taylor Jr. I really would like for you to bring me a Drum Set, Electric guitar and a CD boombox player. I would love for you to pray for all of the unfortunate childrens that they get what they wish for Christmas.

S - Sent to  
A - All  
N - Nations  
T - To tell  
A - About

C - Christ's  
L - Love  
A - And His  
U - Ultimate Gift of  
S - Salvation

Dear Santa,

I want a spiderman shooter

from,  
Isaac Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a singing Hannah Montana tooth brush. Hannah Montana doll, High School Muscial stuff, Bratz doll and poster, Bratz movie, High School Musical movie and book, Barbie car, camera, jewelry, baby cradle, baby doll, and iPod. I really hope I get all these things. I love you very much.

from,  
Alaina Marie Truelove

Dear Santa,

I would like a desk to do my homework I would like a doll and a doll house, iPod, clothes, shoes and doll High-chair. Thank you Santa

from,  
Jada Lorene Wright

Dear Santa,

I want a Football player, hihja turtle spiderman batman

from,  
Jordon Yohye

Dear Santa,

My name is Brenden Evans I am 5 years old. I have a brother named Bryant Evans Jr. and a sister named

Bre'Onna. I am writing you this letter so I can tell you that I have been a good boy so far this year but also to let you know what I would like for Christmas. And they are as follows: A race car, a hockey game, a basketball game for my PS2, lots of clothes, gym shoes, a monkey flash light, creepy crawler bug maker.

P.S. I'll make sure there are lots of cookies and milk waiting on you!!

from,  
Brenden Evens

Dear Santa,

WWE Elimination Spiderman spy. A guitar, some gloves, A laser. A 4-Wheeler. My mom a flower. My sister a toy and some clothes. I want a dirt bike. A dog, some shoes. My grandparents some money. A pirate ship a pair of socks. My mom a swimming pool. A video game, some pictures, a mocontrolled yukon Denali

from,  
DJ Dyntayis Beard

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, some Heely's, a skateboard, a trampoline, and a swimming pool!

P  
Alayna Dew

Dear Santa,

I want a bike with no training wheels and a horse that walks by itself. I want an ipod and a dog that grows. I also want moon shoes.

Pahton Blackwood

Dear Santa,

I have Been good i would like a Princess dress and a little doll thank you

Victoria Pratner

Dear Santa,

I would like a toy airplane and a toy jeep for Christmas. I have been very good this year. I also want a bike!

Brennan Seidel

Dear Santa,

A babydoll, a pony, brats

doll and a toy house, stroller, teddy bear, ring, shoes, shirt, pants thats it

Jaycie Beal

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Dinosaur Hot Wheels V-tech games, fur real puppy, puppy in my pocket, Mario Party 8. Thank you

Lauren Coonts

Dear Santa,

I want it to snow for the winter. Please bring me Bratt Babies and a baby doll with a Baby bed and two bunk beds with two babies

Marissa Riley

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I would like some DVD's and CD's

Mollie Cates

Dear Santa,

I want a Dora bike and a Princess car.

Aliyah Dixon

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, kids Build-A-Bear, real microphone, Hanna Montana and Mylie Barbie and a little guitar.

P.S. I have a big stocking, please fill it up.

Dear Santa,

I want an ultimate Bumble Bee Transformer. I also want the Ultimate Jazz, a Ben 10 playstation game, a transformer playstation game. And please bring my brother a Diego truck.

Ian Sills

Dear Santa,

I Want a Wrestling Shirt. I have been good. I like Christmas I want toy race car and a new light for GG.

Marc Parr

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been real good this year. I want a chinchilla. Mommy says I can't have one till I can spell it. I want a horse, Playstation 3, & another four-wheeler.

Love,  
Tanner Savley

Dear Santa, i wan Ta-horse, Cow, Book

Lance

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a Carrie Underwood cd, a baby doll, coloring books, and a leapster

Maggie Lussier

Dear Santa,

Please bring Me A xbox and some wrestling men

Jolen Brown

Dear Santa,

I want a Bratz Doll, a Barbie Doll Jeep clothes. Princes Doll shoes, and Cell Phone

Eriana Brown

Dear Santa,

I want wrest le men

Kylah Bonds

Dear Santa,

I hope you've had a great year. I would like to have a sponge Bob toy. And maybe a toy butterfly with colored wings. And a angel for my whole family for the tree. Also please brings some toys for my sisters, and something good for my mom and dad.

Love  
Lindsey Stover

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Doll with a pool in a back of house. I want a new box of crayons. And I want a coloring book. I want a toy table with a cooking kitchen with a baby doll with diapers. And I want toy flowers. With vampire teeth with a costume. And I want a llaptop with games.

Love  
GaKyra Flowers

Dear Santa,

I have been trying to be good this year. Please bring me something. I would like a little bit big dirt bike bicycle with a number on the front I want woodshop motor shop and a little toy car with a remote control I would like

Phillip Goodman

for you to bring the little boy that does not get anything for Christmas a toy too. Thank you Santa Clause one more thing is elves are real

Blayne

Dear Santa

This is KeDasia Woods. Santa I have not been the best little girl this year but, I would like for you to bring me a Baby doll, a X-box, a wheel of future game, and a race car game with a 007 game. Thanks for reading my list and checking it twice.

Love  
KeDasia

Dear Santa,

I Love you. I wont you To bring me a Doll House, Tea pot set, shoes. Barba Dolls and a car for my mother Table set, Balls Drum set

Love  
Minika

Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike and a 4 wheeler and a robot

Thank you  
Chris Henson, Jr

Dear Santa,

I want a little motorcycle. A Brat doll. I want Dora toys. I want video game for kids. A new pretty jacket

Your friend  
Hana

Dear Santa,

My name is Phillip. I am six years old. I am in kindergarten at Halls Elementary School. Well, Santa my parents think that I have been a good boy all year. So for Christmas I would like to have a big Genreal Lee car and some SpongeBob house shoes and some SpongeBob PJ's. And also a big train set. And some new clothes, and a big truck. Well, Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

P.S. I also want some SpongeBob sheets for my bed.

from  
Phillip Goodman



Dear Santa,  
I have been so good I game I will would like a new put some milk and cookies by the tree.

Love,  
Caitlyn

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good I would like a new recket I will put some milk and cookies by the tree.

Love,  
Curtis

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good I would like a new Bratzdoll. I will put milk and cookies by the tree.

Love,  
Gracie Terry

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good I would like a new Bratz doll I will put some milk and cookies by the tree

Love,  
Derrica

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good I would like a new spider-man laptop I will put some milk and cookies by the tree.

Love,  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good I would like a new Bratz. I will put some milk and cookies by the tree.

Love,  
Sheree

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good I would like a new bike. I will put some milk and cookies tree.

Love,  
Kyle

Dear Santay,  
How are the reindeer I know you have been very busy! Are you and Mrs. Claus doing ok! Has it been snowing in the North Pole yet! Only 1 month until Christmas! Yea! I would like to get a laptop for Christmas and a Bunch of presty and a

fish and a cat and a dog.  
Love  
Madison Kayanna Mires

Dear Santay,  
how are you doing. Her's My list for Chistmas. Firt I want a fourwiller. Then I want a skatebord. Then I want some rollerskates. Then I want some Hanna Montana Backstage passes. Then I want a Billd a Bear workshop Bear I want it to be a bunny.

Love  
Colby

Dear Sonta,  
Haw are the reindeer I want a pink ladtop and a know paier of scast Because it is onmost intell crismis and plus i haf bin a good gril and i blefin you it is fun to get presetin from you and i went a ipod and sum Black Boost and a pupy Thank you

Love  
Lauren

Are you and Mrs Claus Doing good. have it Been snowing I want a game Boy a salephon a real won and a mp three plar clous I would like a Picture

Love  
Shunkeith

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing and m.s. claus doing and the raindeer how are the elfs doing I hope the elfs working hard I hope all the elfs are working hard on the toys I want a foyrwheeler I want a ipod I want a choper I want a three wheeler

Chris Hall

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa is it cold up there and Mrs. Claus. How roodoff and all of the raindeer are they doing good. And I want for Cresmess a wii a bike a blue stixx labtop play stayshon 3.

Love,  
Cameron

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I have been good this year. I

Like Chrimas do you. Only one mont befor Chrntmas I would like a motcintrol car a toy gun and a ninj kit and and a motcintroair plan. YoYo. Thin you

Love  
Enrique

Dear Santa,  
Wow! Only 1 month until Christmas! Santo I know you will be bees. How are the reindeer and the elves? I just went 6 things the game mater masuule 2x water guns and 20x toys cars and a electric gettrer and the game Atlaletes square Petes and a Paint ball gun.

love  
Tristan Blake Terry

Dear Santa,  
Wow! 1 month until crismas. I have more coockies and milk and raindeer food i triyeing to get a dirt bike for daies but I peeking in are living room. I would like a 2 dirtbiks under water Ipod eletrik amogittar and a alFi moke Kuntrol spi car and a robbot

Love  
Will

Dear Santa,  
how are You doing Santa I want a durt Bike I want a Bike I want a I Pot I want vans I want a Bowgostick thank you

love  
Dylan YarBro

Dear Sante,  
halr you beiweg tobay naldre youw. Ranirgow. i wot a don fry crims i wot a ddy Boo. ensuvleges. en suv mulmimres uv HaPe. en agupsroqn un Pet. en aguseg im Blake

Dear Sants,  
I Know you have been very Brave to come to my house. But I like to have a games and a big Shawn and spider man3.

Love,  
Brian

Dear Santa,  
How is the helper. I can't

wait! I waited just becunse of you I want for my mom is a New car and to be clean! I work hard to wait just becunse for I will like a wii phon junie B computer stapler Thak you Santo

Love:  
Callie

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer and the elves. I can't wait I am going to make cookies for you and Mrs. claus and a lot of cookies to. Here is 5 thing I want a Mp3 playr and a some cloes and a car hart blue jackt and some a gettrer and a Weckny with a Weckny Pruse!

Love,  
Mackenzie

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I'm doing good. I wont a baby anuben, a pogowstick, a lacket, a sell foan and a ladtop for chrismes

love:  
Camryn

Dear Santa,  
It's not long til Christmas. How have you been? I know you've been busy. It's cold in Halls Tennessee. For Christmas I would like a lap-top, magicdust to make my cat have kittens, all Little House on the Prarie books and Hardy boys and Nancy Drew books

love,  
Alex

Dear Santay  
Only 1 month until christmas How are the reinder? I know you have been very busy! I won't a bike and a cook play hose and I won't a bratz peshe I won't 3 bratz charte and 3 bratz pants.

Love  
Atlanta

Dear Santa  
How is Roodoff and How is the uthar radis. I wote a bike and a big moketrolebig Truk

Love  
Ontraus

Dear Santay  
Wow only I month until Christmas I can't wait I hope uoy Have been doing good.

Terian

Dear Santa,  
I want a bunkbed I also want a Dora TV Santa I want my room painted. I wiy leave you some cookies

from,  
Alexis Williams

Dear Santa,  
My nAme is KeAnna Dewlt, and I've been a good girl this year and I think I deserve lots of good things this year. some of the things I want is a computer, cloths, dogs, and many more. so if you could, can i get that for Christmas. Please and think you

from,  
KeAnna Dewat

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want a bike to ride. Then I want a puppy to play with. After that I want a TV to wach it so my sister want bother me. Then I want a toy car to play with. Finally I want a lot of candy to eat all of

from,  
Jhon Eli Mach

Dear Santa,  
I wantd super Man laptop And a Leapster and a Penguin and Motrbike

from,  
Bradley Johnson Jr.

Dear Santa,  
I would like to say hey. I would like my family to be together for Christmas. I would like anything to do with Cars (the movie). I would like a dirt bike, big trucks and a 4-Wheeler. I would like for you to bring my sister (Haley) a Game-boy. My brother some games. Also Dylan needs some more PS2 games. I just want to have a good Christmas & a Great New Year. Merry Christma Everyone.

P.S. Mom & Dad need some rest if you can get that for them.

from,  
Brandon Sherrod

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy. I would like cot, skool shoes, and a shert...

Love,  
Cole

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy. I would like a wurm jaket, Ratdue and hunting boos.

Love,  
Chance Terry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl. I would like Shrek the Thurd, durt bike and rateutowy.

Love,  
Maggie Sanders

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy. I would like a dot bik, 4ruler, and a go cot.

Love,  
Kalob Blakely

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl. I would like a compor lab, baby tat looks like me, and a frelr.

Love,  
Brittany Shaw

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl. I would lilke a fulr, baby doll, and a drot bick.

Love,  
Brandi Shaw

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy. I would like a gamboy, gams, and mo tuys.

Love,  
Cameron

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a

very good girl. I would like bo and erro, cande shop, and Shrek Three.

Love,  
Aleigha

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the beads you brought last year. I love it a lot! This year I would like a little pony and a princess camera.

Love,  
Kylee Layne

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the baby-doll you brought last year. I love it a lot! This year I would like a dog and a kite for myself.

Love,  
Lacey Stenson

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the movie "Scoobydoo Meets Batman" you brought last year. I played with it a lot! This year I would like a Doodle Dinosaur and a Doodle Pirate.

Love,  
Wes Crowder

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the Baby-doll you brought last year. I love it a lot! This year I would like a vacuum.

Love,  
Miracle Lockett

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the bike you brought last year. I love it a lot! This year I would like a gocart.

Love,  
Elandra Payne

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the Power Rangers you brought last year. I love it a lot! This year I would like a Fish Power Ranger.

Love,  
Knox Willis

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the big car you brought last year. like it a lot! This year I would like toys.

Love,  
Abel Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the toy car you brought last year. I played with it a lot! This year I would like an X Box 360 and a TV.

Love,  
Jeremy Pignato

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the car you brought last year. I love it a lot! This year I would like a turkey and a TV.

Love,  
Tyler Lents

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the dog you brought last year. I play with it a lot! This year I would like a puppy dog.

Love,  
Patrick Clark

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been so good. I would like a new gameboy. I will put milk and cookies by the tree.

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good. I would like a new Barbie doll. I like it a lot! This year I would like a Barbie car and a Barbie swimming pool.

Love,  
Taiveyell

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the Barbie doll you brought last year. I like it a lot! This year I would like a Barbie car and a Barbie swimming pool.

Love,  
Brooklyn Elessa Frensley

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the gift you brought last year. I played it a lot! This year I would like a game and truck.

Love,  
Jarvis Haley

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the X men you brought last year. I love it a lot! This year I would like a rope and hat.

Love,  
Thad Harrell

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the "The Superman Movie" last year. I watched it a lot! This year I would like a bear and the Spiderman Web Blaster.

Love,  
Jacob Hartsfield

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the yoyo you brought last year. I it a lot! This year I would like a Barbie Doll Head and actual butterfly.

Love,  
Lauren Holcomb

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the Fairy Dora you brought last year. I played it a lot! This year I would like a Barbie, Build a Bear, and toy cat.

Love,  
Davious

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good. I would like a new psp. I will put some milk and cookies by the tree.

Love,  
Eddy

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good. I would like a new Bratz doll. I will put same milk and cookies by the

Love,  
Destiny

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good. I would like a new Bratz Doll. I will put some milk and cookies by the tree

Love,  
Zoe

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good. I will put some milk and cookies by the tree.

Love,  
Aiyana

To Our Customers At The Holidays  
We're sporting our holiday cheer To thank you for your visits here And no matter what you play May it all go smoothly this holiday!  
Halls Trophies & Engraving  
230 S. Church St. In Halls 836-5919

Merry Christmas  
We're wishing you a "aleighful" of cheer, along with our thanks for your stopping here.  
SONIC America's Drive-In.  
171 S. Washington 635-4646



Dear Santa Claus,  
All I want For Christmas is a comput and a telephone, a purse, camera, jacket, earphones, hat, scarf, some boots and a doll house.

P.S. I want everyone to be happy in the world.

Love,  
Alycia

Dear Santa,  
I know Christmas is coming soon and I need to get my letter in. I want very much for you to bring me these toys:

1. A big red truck
2. A blue flat motorcycle
3. A lap-top computer

I really haven't been very bad; but if I get these toys. I Promise to be better next year.

Love,  
Jermiah

Dear Jesus,  
I'm being a good little girl, and can you buy me a hamster. Then I like a princess castle and I want a reindeer. And that's all. And some Heelys.

Emily Crum

Dear Santa,  
All I wont for Chirstmas is a Doll, and Bike and for my family to be well and a play car, radio.

Madison Yarbro

Dear Santa,  
I want a aircraft carrier please, a call of duty 4 game, army man that crawls, battle ground game, and a light sketcher. And please bring my dog Brandy a toy too.

Carson Parham

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year all I have on my list is just a few small things. I would like a new flashlight for camping, a new shiny bike, and a Night light for my room I also need a cool pair of shoes and some really neat monster trucks and other truck with trailers. The only other thing I'm asking for is some cowboy stuff like spurs for my boots and some chaps for my pants.

Thank you,  
Hunter

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my gifts last Christmas. This year, I would like a Thomas the Train Train set, a Hot Wheels Dinosaur Race set, and a pogo stick. I would like you to bring my little sister, McKenna, a Barbie doll. I love Jesus and I love you and I love Christmas. I hope you have a good time this Christmas.

Love,  
Reece Ward

Dear Santa,  
How's it going? How is the reindeer and Mrs. Claus? This year I would like a Pirates of the Caribbean Jack Sparrow ship, and a Yoda saber like Haleigh has. Also, I want Pirates In The Tub like in the magazine. I would like Transformers like Jazz. I would like a big, electric train like the Polar Express. Last, I would like 2 Tie Fighters that me and Elizabeth can play with. Have a safe, great trip, Santa!

Love,  
Whit Hurt

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jertavious and i am five years old. What i would like for Christmas is, A Motorcycle, Toy Gun And A skate board with pictures of dragons on it. And if i'm not asking for to much, could you please throw in A Big Bike O.K.

Thank you,  
Jertavious D. Stevenson

Dear, Santa  
here is a list of my Christmas wish list  
pink Dora bike  
Dora the explorer movie  
pink sparry belt  
Dora flashlight  
playstation 3  
with many cool games  
A Dora tent  
A Big picture of Barney  
Summer Billings

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. electric guitar 2. spy kit 3. scientist kit 4. horn 5. bug maker 6. real binoculars 7. work gloves 8. water jug I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.

Love,  
Joseph Meeks

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a Baby that talks and a Strawberry Shortcake Baby too. I would like a Baby seat also. I would also like a New Bike because my dog ate my seat. A real Bunny Rabbit, some Barbie dolls, New Backpack, oh and the Baby with Band-aids and all the check up stuff that goes with it. Merry Christmas Santa

P.S. I've been a really good girl this year and I love you

Love,  
Chessney C.

Dear Santa,  
I want to have a lot of Toys. I have been very good I want a train, a horse, and an airplane.

Thank you  
Mackenzie Moody

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl. I would like baby dol, heels, and jaket.

Love,  
Alisha Shaw

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy. This year I would like an xbox, wii, dirt

Love,  
Hayden Steelman

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy. I would like moder scooter, play station, and bick.

Love,  
Bruce Logan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl. I would like Dora Mrad, kitchen and helz.

Love,  
Kyrah Glynn

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl. I would like a bik.

Love,  
Ally Pennington

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love what you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl. I would like Hane Montena clock, Hane Montena bed and a puppy pet shop.

Love,  
Paige Gitchell

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marterrica and I have been a good girl. I hope everything is well at the North pole. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me sum Pampers and a Science book and math games and a Bratz set and a Barbie pool. Merry Chistmas!

Love  
Marterrica Mann

Dear Santa,  
My name is Carmen and I have been a good girl. I hope everything is well at the North Pole. How are you and Mrs. Clause? Santa, if you can, could you bring me a D.S., and a phone, and a i-pod, and Hannah Montana tickets, and High School Musicial tickets, and can you bring me a beyonce phone. I love you.

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies on the table.

Carmen McKinney

Dear Santa  
My name is Johnathan Paul Lilly and I have been a good boy I hope everything is going We at the north pole if you coue you please bring. Me, and How is nice Mrs. Claus.

- 1.
2. skat boad
3. a pony
4. aI dog
5. Heelys

Love,  
Johnathan Paul Lilly

Dear, Santa Claus  
I have been a good girl I hope. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa if you are not to busy this year, could I have a giga ball please and if I could be so kind I would like a reindeer prety please. if you can that would be great! thank you!

Love,  
Noah Reaves

Dear Santa  
My name is Shelby and I have been a good girl. I hope everything is well at the north pole. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a pink ipod and some pink and

black Heelys how are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas! Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a Pink gutare. I have been a good girl how are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a purple pretty bed set.

P.S. i will leave milk and cookies under the tree

Love:  
Shelby Orchard

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a cel Phone, ipod. how are the reindeer. Can I please have a toy reindeer and a toy elfe. Can I have a horse please. I will leave cookies, and milk out for you. Can I please have a saddle for Eore My horse and I will nead a Britle. I have wished to have a real reindeer, so Please please can you Bring me one. Can I have a puppy please. Santa haw are the elves and reindeer doing this year. haw is roodolf. Sinsery Santa Claus

love  
Brittany Pride.

Dear, Santa Clause  
I have been a good girl. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me Black and pink heeleys, a barbie laptop, school suplise, a tinker bell lamp, a side talbe to put my lar on, a cabge patch kid, a tinker bell reido, a Peter Pan movie, a little lite up Cristmas tree.

P.S. I will leave milk nad cookies under the tree.

Love,  
Hope Comeaux

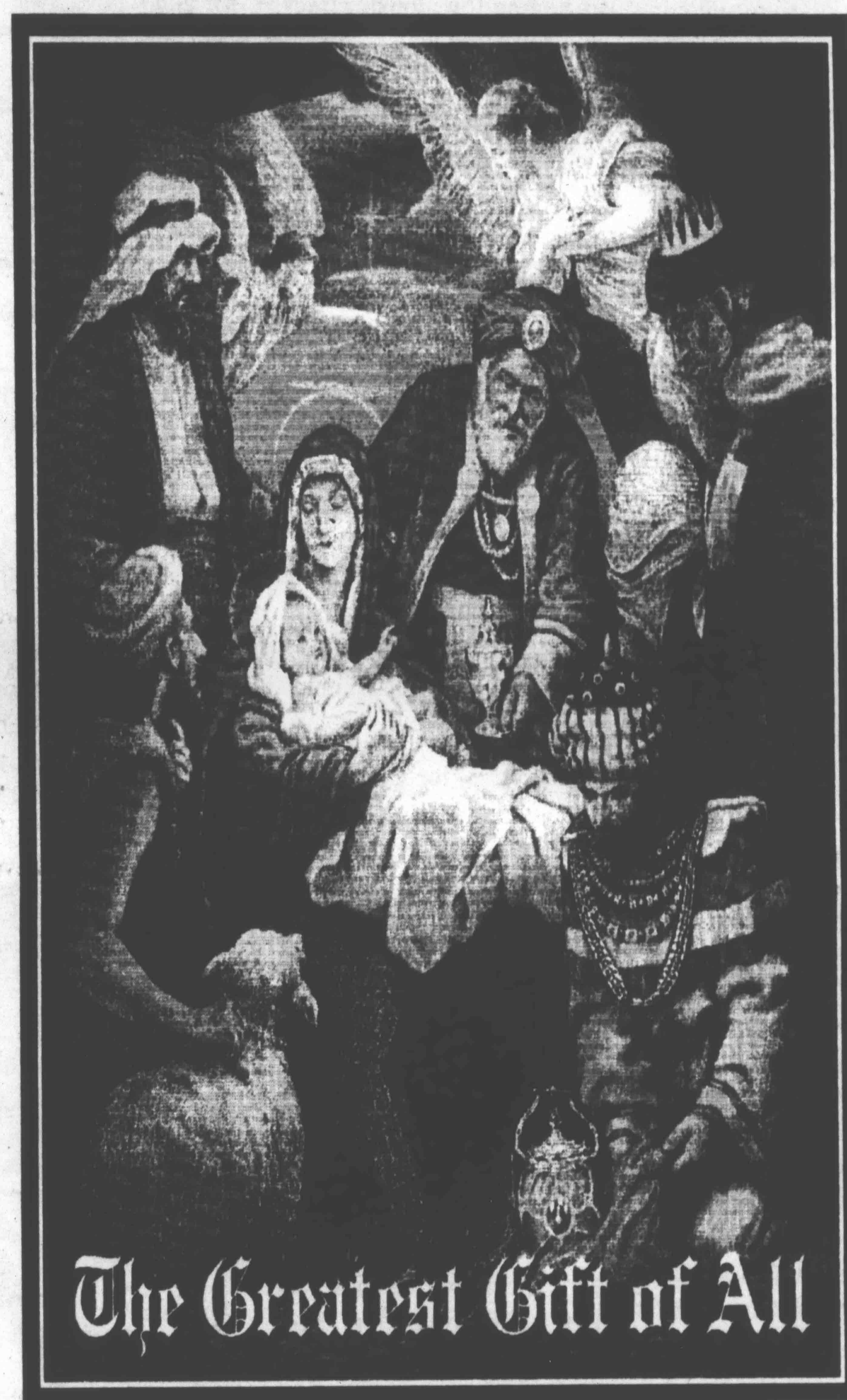
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me a miopap, yorkie, drums, a new 4-wheeler, nentendo ds, i pod naneo, and Hannah montana tickets.

ps. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

Love  
Brie Bluew

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl.

How are the reindeer and the toys full house movies bike cookies for you.  
elves? Santa, if you can, Game Cube,  
could you please bring me P.S. I'll have milk and  
love,  
Haley McCallister



The Greatest Gift of All

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*  
-Isalah 9:6

*Wishing you and your family the gifts of peace, faith and enlightenment throughout this holy season.*

The Lauderdale County Bank

305 S. Church St.  
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731-836-5000

331 Cleveland St.  
Ripley, TN 38063  
731-635-0500

We Will Close at 2 p.m. Mon., Dec. 24, 2007.  
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We Will Observe Regular Business Hours On Other Days.

*The Spirit Is Growing!*

To all our customers, associates and friends, we wish you a season of exceeding great joy and promise.

For the role you have helped to play in our growth, you have our deepest gratitude. Merry Christmas to all

**Higher Ground**  
COFFEE & GOURMET BEVERAGE SHOP

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ON THIS SEASON OF GIVING ...

*We'd like to give you our thanks as well as best wishes for a beautiful one-of-a-kind holiday season.*

*Thank you for making this past year a very merry one for us!*

**Merry Christmas**

**Town of Halls**



Dear Santa,  
I have been very good  
This year. Thank you for the things that you left for me last year. this year I would like 4wheeler cellphone wii  
Hunter Pounds

Deas Santa'  
I have been very good this year. Thank you for the things that you left for me last year. This year I would like hannan montanna dol hannan montanna necles hannan montanna gam  
Erica Padron

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good This year. Thank you for the things that you left for m last year. This year I would like Playstation3 4wheeler bike

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Thank you for the things that y left for me last year. This year I would like a will video camera

Dear, Santa  
How are you? Can't wait till Christmas! Santa Please bring me a Mp3 player, real makeup, 2 pairs of pants, finger nail polish, North pole shoes, high hills, jumprope, diary with a key, fashion belts, barbie dolls, baby dolls.

Merry Christmas  
Aliyah Cheyenne Adkerson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. How are the reindeer and the elvs? Santa if you can. could you please bring me A pool, race car tract a nurf gun, A wii, P.S.2, P.S.3, yahtzee, ipod, Xbox.

Merry Christmas,  
Trey Fain

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nolden and I have been a good child. I hop everything is well at the North pole. santa, if you can, could you please bring me a Helio. Thanks you are the best.

Nolden Ryan  
Dear santa,  
My name is Chandler

Street and I have Been a good Boy. I hope everything is well at the North pole. Santa, If you can, could you please Bring me, some mud tiers and some play shoes and some toy monster trucks and some hot wheel cars and some audios and some skates, and wheave you can thank of thanks.

from.  
Chandler Blake Street

Dear Santa,  
My name is Camryn and I have been a good girl. I hope everything is well at the North Pole. Santa if you can, could you please bring me a bratz tent bed, a mechanical typewriter, a bratz bike, a Nintendo, bratz sleepover kit.

I love you  
Camryn Hudson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aleee I have been a good girl. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can, could you please bring me Game boy games A doll for my sister Katie and a little toy for my baby sister Natalie and an Ipod for me.

Merry Christmas,  
Aleee Jones

Dear, Santa  
My name is Megan Bullock. I have been a good girl this year. I hope everything is going good at the northpole. And Mrs. Clause. Can you bring me some stuff? If so I want a wii, a DS, and a Gameboy and games, A baby Ragen & Peyton, and stuf to play school with, a real puppy, a real laptop, a new tv in my room, an ipod, and games to go with the wii, and stuff for my sister some movies, a cell phone, My dad some socks, My mom a new car. And hope to see you soon

Merry Christmas  
Megan Bullock

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. How are the reindeer and the elves? Santa, if you can,

could you please bring me A celphone, A ipod, A Labtop, A Hannah Montana Wig, and some new snow boots, Hannah Montana tickets, p.s. I will have milk and cookies for you.

Love  
Lucy DeSpain

Dear santa  
How are you and Mrs. Clause I can't wait until Christmas Santa if you can could you Please bring me

toys. and i want some cars and skate board for Christmas.

Love,  
Isaiah Moses

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas! Santa, if you can, could you please bring me lego star wars the complete trilogy, Iclops, and spiderman friend or foe.

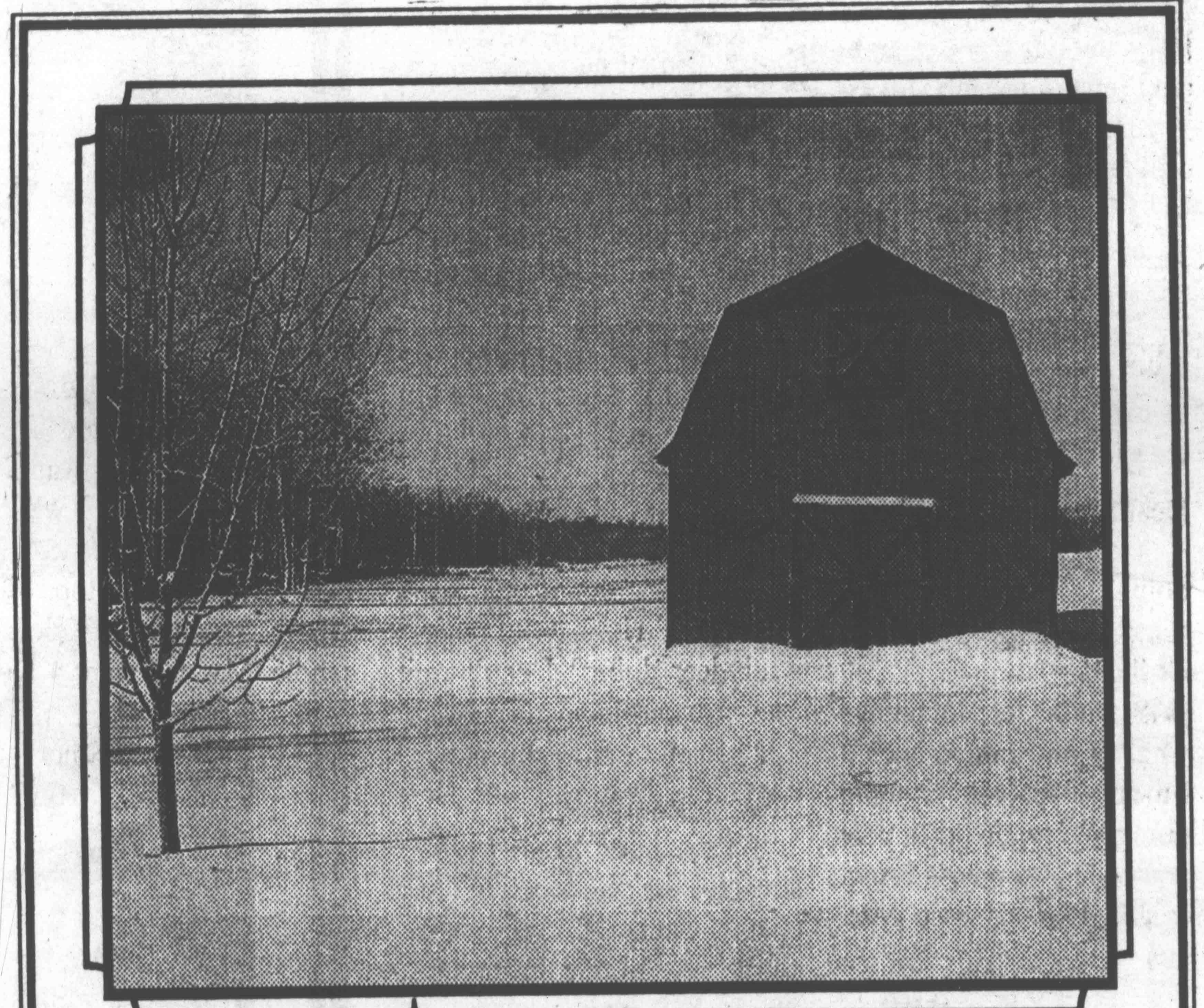
Merry Christmas,  
Skylar Caviness

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas. Santa, if you can, could you please bring me A Bratz doll, Bratz game.

Amanda Spivey

Dear Santa,  
i Lave bady ball can you get me one i like thay are so pretty and i like in i went a bady for Christmas to and a bady cred i like bady cred

Marry Christmas  
LaKeshia Kindred



# Best Wishes for the Season

Even though snow is blanketing the landscape, we're warmed by having such good friends and neighbors around us this season. We hope you have a joyful and festive holiday, and a very happy and healthy year ahead.

## BANK OF HALLS

We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? I have been very, very good this year! So, This is what I wont for Christmas. But, if you cant bring The orphans something, than don't bring me anything. But, if you do, this is what I want you to bring me: mp3 player, bike, shotgun, & a psp.

Love,  
Madelyn M.

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? How are your reindeer doing? I can't wait until you come to visit. When you come, this is what you can bring me: Hanna Montana DVD, Wii Ds, Extra controllers 4, High school 2 DVD - sing it, Nintendo Ds and games, PSP, Video Camera, Lap top, 1,000,00 money, Xbox 360, four-wheelers are you smater tha a 5th grader, High School Musail Twister

Love,  
Warren

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? I have been good this year. Please, bring what you can. My list: Mp3 player Motercycle Xbox 360 playstation3 playstation 3 games PSp

Sincerely,  
Warren

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? How are Your reindeer doing? I can't wait until You come to visit. When You come, this is what You can bring me: Motor scooter, heely's, clothes, shoes, wii, video

camera, and Playstation 3. I've been good this Year. I have worked hard this Year. Please bring what you can.

Sincerely,  
A'nYzha D.  
MerrY Christmas

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? How are your reindeer doing? I can't wait until you come to visit. When you come, this is what you can bring me: Hanna Montana DVD, Wii Ds, Extra controllers 4, High school 2 DVD - sing it, Nintendo Ds and games, PSP, Video Camera, Lap top, 1,000,00 money, Xbox 360, four-wheelers are you smater tha a 5th grader, High School Musail Twister

Love,  
Kayla B.

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? How are your reindeer doing? I can't wait until you come to visit. When you come, this is what you can bring for me: Now 20 C.D. I have been good

Love,  
Kayla B.

this year. I have worked hard this year. Plese bring what you can.

Sincerely,  
Roy CS

Dear Santay  
Hello, how are you doing? How are your reindeer doing? I can't wait until you come to visit when you come, this is what you can bring for m: hanna Montana tickets, shoes, Xbox 360 Money Compatar; play Station trampalire, Jewelry, and Lizzy McCuir Clothes. I have been good.

Sincely,  
Tierre S.

Dear Santa,  
How are your elf doing? How are you doing? Is it realy cold there? How are your reindeer? If you bring everything I don't want it. All I want is a: wii, a lamptop, My sister want a ipod and a lamptop. My mom want some clothes candle. My dad want a New tv for upstair.

Sincerely,  
Ben V.

Play Station at home, High School musical 2 extended edition, a Game Cube, an in-Door hot tuB. The heelys must Be Pink, a white miniature girl Poodle, and Dog clothes for it, and a wii with Sonic Games for it.

Sincerely,  
Mary C.

Dear Santa,  
Hello how are you doing? How are your reindeer doing? I can't wait until you come to visit when you come, this is what you can bring me: Nintendo DS. I have been good this year. I Have worked hard this year. Please bring what you can.

Sincerely  
Dianey I.

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing. How are your elves. I want a PSP. I love you Santa.

Thanks,  
Zachary

Dear Santa  
I'd like to have a dora doll, dora blanket and a Barbie doll for Christmas this year.

Thanks  
Alexus Harrell

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll, a bratz doll. A kitchen set, a bike with a helmet so I won't get hurt if I fall. Some clothes and shoes. A little Cheetah Phone, a Motor Scooter, a girl doll and a bratz doll house.

Thanks Santa  
Brianna G. Jones

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? Is Mrs. Clause doing good? I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Are the reindeer happy to give gifts to kids all over the would? Can't wait until you come to visit, What you can bring me: Computer, video Camera, SP tickets, CDs, four-wheeler, wii, mp3 player, money, movies, DvDs, jewelry, make up kit, swimming pool, and cute shoes.

Love xoxoxoxoxo  
Kyra D.

Dear Santa,  
I love your presents! I would love a wii, and a new baby doll would be nice, too. I need some more big paper to paint on. That's all!

Love,  
Emily Escue

JeKyla Ward Christmas List  
I would a dora Princess, CD Player, A big coloring book, A Baby Alive doll, dora Back pack, A dora Four wheeler, dora ball, Jump rope, dora cooking kitchen, Princess house, a pair of shoes, some clothes, Barbee dolls, money. I love you Santa.

Love  
JeKyla Ward

Dear Santa,  
I want power AnGers, Spiderman Big YeLLow Transformer MonstERHouSE toy toy.

Cameron Frazier

Peace On Earth  
Goodwill Toward Men

... And sincere thanks for all the goodwill you've shown toward us this past year.

We look forward to your next visit.

H & A  
Partners  
Hwy. 88, Halls  
836-9507

### Merry Christmas & Many Thanks!

At the most joyous time of the year, We'd like to publish our best wishes here Along with our thanks and gratitude, too 'Cause we wouldn't be here without all of you!

### Garden Cafe & Cee Cee's Station

117 S. Front St., Halls 836-0701



Dear Santa  
I am a good boy How are the reindeer and the elves Santa if you can, could you please bring me a DS or a wii How are you and Mrs. Clause I can't wait until Christmas Santa if you can could you please bring me a P.S.P.

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

Love  
Myron DaQuion McKinney

Dear Santa Claus

I have been a good boy How are The elves and reindeer This year? Could you bring me towair so Ft guns and an xBox 360 and some toy birt Bikes and forweelers Pretty Please

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies on the table

Marry Christmas  
Cole Edwards

Dear Santa

My name is Tyrese and I have been a good boy I hope everthing well at the North pole Santa if you can, could you please bring me a white PSP playstaion game and the Spy car. and some clothes

and shoes  
love Santa  
Tyrese Johnson  
Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas Santa i could you please bring me Babyalive Hhanna motana doll high school musicaldoll The magic tree house books Janie B. Jones books The blace logon books cars movie Elf movie Hamealone movies solgerboy cd, Gorgie Streit cd Rebo Duets cd schoolset, Jhon derrgator Miphis tigers plon colep Miphis tiger purple

Ps I will leave milk and cookies under the tree

Love:  
Jordan Eno

Dear Santa

How are you and Mrs. Clause? I can't wait until Christmas! Santa if you can, could you please bring me a bratz collection and new clothes.

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree!

Love to you santa and Mrs. Claus

Love  
Quantella Pearson

Dear Santa  
my name is logan Crowder I have been a good boy how are the reindeer and the elves santa if you can could you Please bring me a Ben10 watch Ben lovelga Xbattelsnia Ben10 grad Phamas traler crepe crolers Ben logo me that gose one game boy

Dear Santa

My name is Greyson and i have been a good boy I hope everything is well at the North pole Santa if you can could you please pretty please bring me a minie chopper I love you Santa

ps I will leave coke and some cookies

Dear Mrs. claus How are you doing i can't wait until Christmas Mrs. Claus and Santa Merry Christmas

Love  
Greyson Jones

Dear Santa,  
My name is Drew White and I have been a good boy. I hope everything is well at the North Pole Santa, if you can, could you please bring me. AR2-D2 off of star wars please. I have been waiting it all year So can you please bring me it I would be very very happy if you did.

P.S. Merry Christmas and how are the reindeer. Love you Santa

Love  
Drew

Dear Santa,

Hello, how are you doing? I can't wait until you come to visit when you come, this is what you can bring for me: a video camera, heely's, laptop, and a comeputer. I have been good this year. Please, bring what you can.

Sincerly,  
Kaylee M.


Dear Santa,  
Hello, How are you doing? This is what you can bring for me: I want a PSP, an X-box 360, and a wii. A Playstation3, a flat screen TV, Nintendo DS, and my own room, a lap top, dirt bike, and a trampoline, a bb Gun, Heely's, and that is all. GooD-Bye.

Sincerely,  
Zackrey R.

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? How are your reindeer doing? I can't wait until you come to visit. When you come, this is what you can bring for me: I have been good this year. I have worked hard this year. Please, bring what you can: mp3 player X box 360 wii play Station3 clothes shoes

Love,  
J'Quante'

*Peace on Earth*



*Wishing you and yours, a most harmonious and enlightening holiday season.*

*For your goodwill and friendship, we feel truly blessed. Noel!*

**Kee Motor Company**  
836-9273  
Glyn & Janice

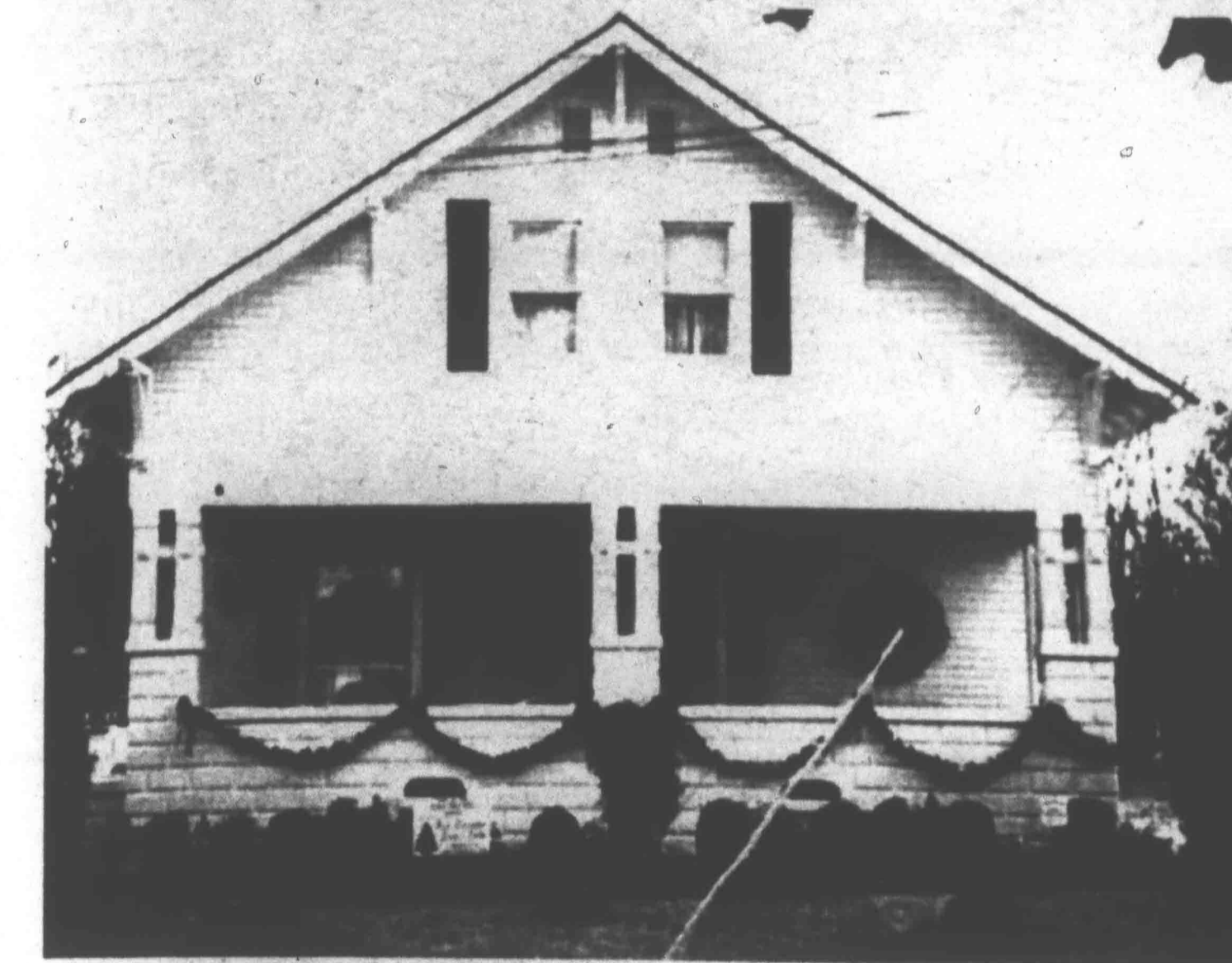
*Best Holiday Wishes*

Thanks for all the support you've given me this past year. My family and I hope you will find peace and contentment, hope and happiness this Christmas season and always.

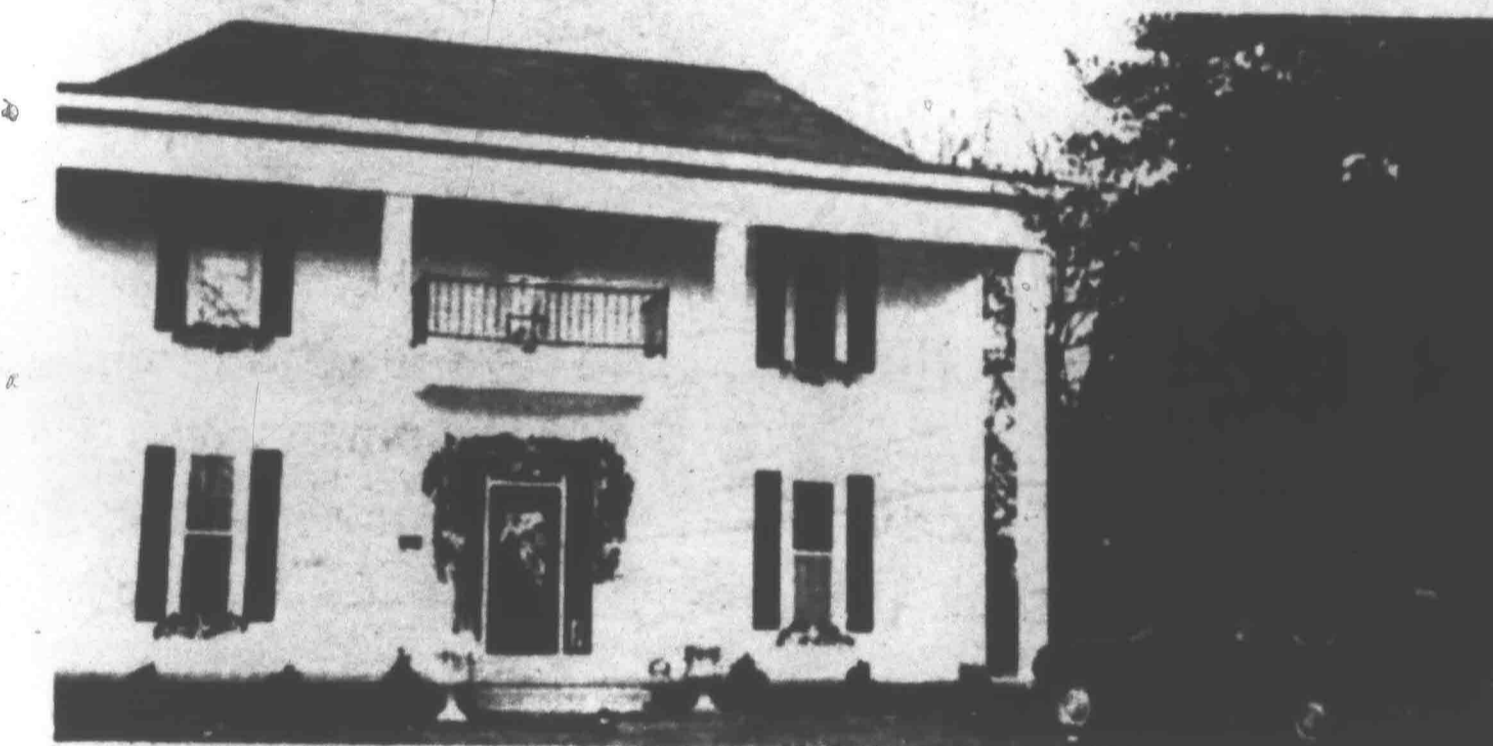
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*Craig Fitzhugh*  
YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
82nd District

**Winners xxx**  
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**BEST DECORATED DOOR/ENTRY** was awarded to the home of Winford and Linda Buffaloe, 417 Park St.



**CHRISTMAS MEMORY** was awarded to the home of Brian Jetton, 602 E. Tigrett.

**Golden Anniversary**



**MR. AND MRS. BILLY WOODS**, of Trenton, formerly of Lauderdale County, will be honored from 2 to 4 p.m. Sat., Dec. 22nd in the fellowship hall of the Trenton First United Methodist Church with a reception for their 50th wedding anniversary. The event will be hosted by their family, son, Richard Woods, his wife, Judy, and daughter, Susan Wilson, and grandchildren. The only gift requested is your presence.

Billy and Judy were married Dec. 21, 1957 in Crockett Mills. The first 21 years, they made their home in Memphis, where he worked in the banking industry and she reared their two children. In 1978, Billy accepted a position with the newly formed Lauderdale County Bank and they moved to Gates and the Halls community.

Since 1984, they have made their home in Trenton. Billy is past president of Citizens State Bank/Bancorp South and Judy worked for several years with the Circuit Court clerk's office. They are active in their church and involved in many civic organizations.

Kenny Light, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Blakley.

Dec. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Montell Sandlin, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Houston.

Dec. 24 - Mr. and Mrs. Jamie McBroom, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Oates.

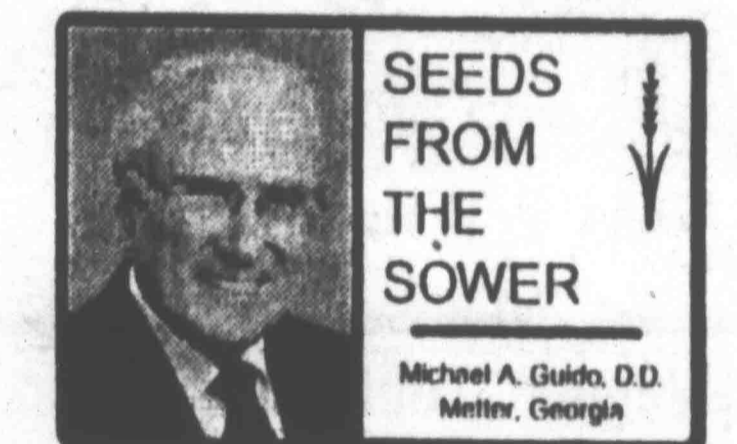
Dec. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chalk, Mr. and Mrs. Montelle Parsons.

**Marriages**

December 8 - Bradley Shane Adams, 28, to Krystal Dawn Ward, 19, by Christopher C. Ward.

December 10 - Carlos Cortez Beasley, 29, to Tiffany Nicole Coleman, 28, by Ann Camper.

December 13 - Luis Emique Rodriguez, 43, to Amy Beth Ozment Rogers, 32, by Jon Pavletic.



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**Land Transfers Anniversaries**

**Dec. 9th-Dec. 15th**

Betty Evelyn Holcombe to John A. Wood, Dist. 17, lot.

Raney Webb to James R. Harper, Jr., Dist. 1, 6.5038 acres.

Carl Anderson and Emma Jean Anderson to Austin E. Lee, Dist. 3, lot.

Marian Barr to Charles V. Wilson, Dist. 3, tract.

Zandra G. Wardlaw to Chris Unthank, Dist. 2, lot.

Ronnie Hatley and Linda Hatley to Danny Battles and Sarah Battles, Dist. 8, 0.3 acre.

Zane Fisher, Roger Fisher and Janis Fisher to S & W Properties LLC, 1.2 acres.

**Dec. 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Major Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. David Snell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Day.**

**Dec. 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wayne Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wheeler.**

**Dec. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pipkin, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs.**

**Firefighter Of The Year**



**HALLS FIREFIGHTERS**, from left, Captain Tony Riley and Assistant Chief Donald Gooch, were awarded the Firefighter of the Year award Dec. 7th at the annual Halls Fire Department Christmas dinner. Both men have been long standing active members of the department.



# Halls Boys Register Three Straight Wins

Halls High School's boys are 9-4 for the year after three consecutive wins last week.

In Dist. 14-A' play in South Fulton, Tuesday, the Red Devils committed 10 turn-overs in the first period (five of them over-thrown passes). A 9-2 run by the Tigers put Halls ahead 14-6 in the quarter.

SF closed the gap to 16-12 before a 19-0 run by Halls sealed its fourth consecutive loss.

Halls led 35-18 at the half and 52-27 after three periods, to win, 66-34.

Kevan Ward led Halls points with 22. Quaylon Smith put up 12, Cedric Janes 8, Rodney Foster 7, Michael Hudson and Darius Ivory 6 each, Tahj Barlow and Hollis Belton 2 each, and Kenya Brown, 1.

### Next 2 Wins Narrow

At Madison Academic Magnet High School in Jackson, Thursday, Halls boys won. 52-48.

Hosting Greenfield Friday, they won 60-56, in over-time.

Halls ended 2007 play Tuesday at Gleason (results too late for this issue).

HHS opens 2008 hosting Trenton, at 6 p.m. Jan. 4th.

### Lady Tigers Struggling

Halls' girls were 0-9 after a 54-40 loss to South Fulton.

SF led, by quarters, 15-12, 13-6, 13-11 and 13-11.

Phylcia Richmond led Halls points with 20. Christi Meeks put up 11, Kelsey Layne 4, Jessie Ellison and Sharda McKinney 2 each, and Tori Pease, 1.

The Lady Tigers lost to Greenfield, 51-35.

Though they led their visitors 16-14 in the first period and 5-0 in the fourth, they lost the second period 18-5 and the third 19-9.

Richmond led Halls scoring with 19 points. Meeks posted 10, Layne 4, and McKinney 2.

During The Holiday Season & All Year Long!



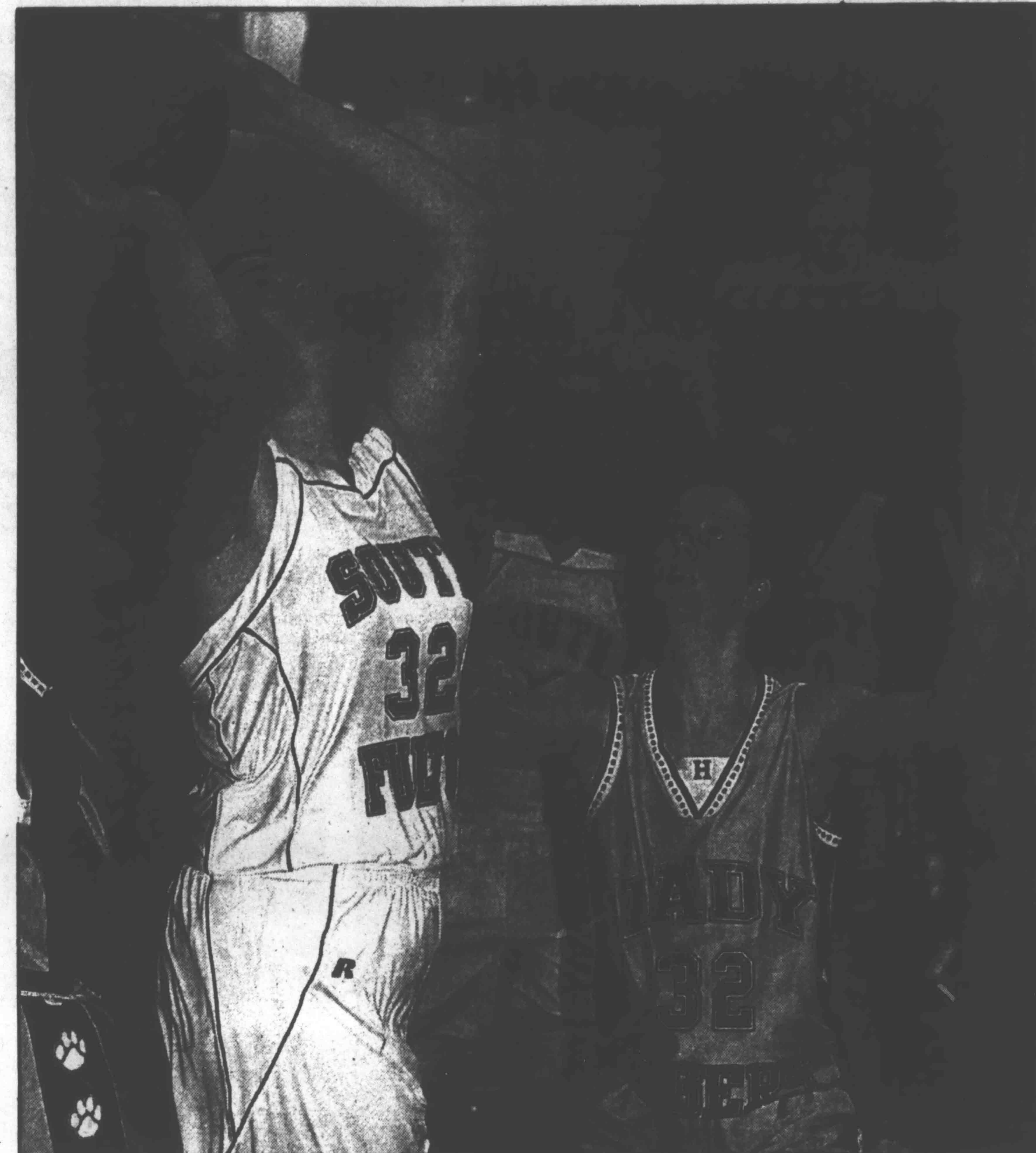
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The most points scored by a single player in an NBA basketball game is 100, by Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors, on March 2, 1962.

**HEATHER HILL (32) defends as South Fulton center Brooks Kane (32) buckets a re-bound in Halls' loss, 54-40.**

## HJH Sponsoring Memorial Fund



**STUDENTS** at Halls Junior High School are sponsoring the Tina Arwood Memorial Fund to be used for upgrading the front exterior of the school. Mrs. Arwood, who passed away in June, was a very popular and dedicated educational assistant at HJH. Her philanthropic efforts in the school and community were far-reaching. Students are also seeking community contributions.

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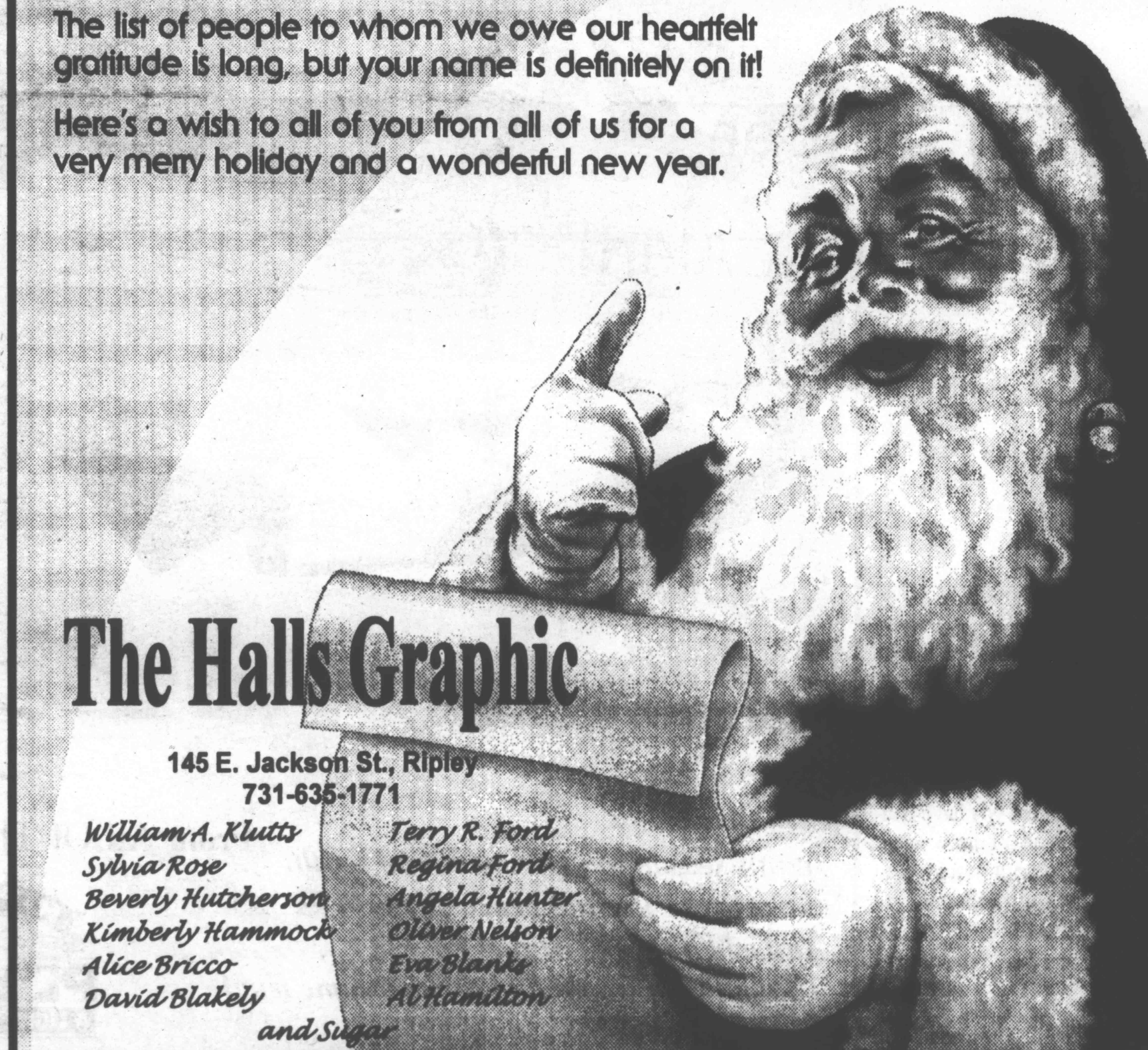
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## \$2,588,050 For 727 At Marvin

The 25th annual profit-sharing meeting of Marvin Windows and Doors of Tennessee, in Ripley, Wednesday of last week, awarded 727 workers \$2,588,050 (an average of \$3,560, some receiving more and some less, based on pertinent records of employment).

## HHS Boys Led Gleason, 60-21

Halls High School's boys are 10-4 for the year after a 60-21 win from Gleason Tuesday of last week.

Halls led three periods, 14-0, 24-3, 20-8, before losing the fourth, 10-2.

Rodney Foster posted 14 points; Kevan Ward 10; Darius Ivory 9, (with a 3-pointer); Kenya Brown and Reginald Glass, 7 each; Nathan Smith 6; Hollis Belton, a 3-pointer; and Ricky Bennett and Tony Hudson, 2 each.

### UTM DEAN'S LIST

Lauderdale County students named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the colleges of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Business and Public Affairs, Education and Behavioral Sciences, Engineering and Natural Sciences and Humanities and Fine Arts include, from Gates, Alisha R. Beavers and Angela Stokes, highest honors; and Katie L. Privett, high honors; from Halls, Brian W. Hall, Melissa Ozment, Anna V. Spence, and Sara E. Wright, highest honors; John H. Dodson, Amber N. Moore, and Yalanda P. Parr, high honors; and Chrissy R. Burnham, Landon N. Eynans, and Joshua W. Nolen, (Continued On Page 5.)

## Students Earn UT-M Degrees

Lauderdale County students earning undergraduate degrees during the fall commencement ceremony December 15th at the University of Tennessee at Martin include, from Ripley, Kelli Renee McKee, Amy Katherine Sanders, and Stephen Curtis Wilson, and from Halls, Krista Nicole Newman and Lamar Stenson.

## Top Accelerated Readers Named



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School recognized as top-accelerated readers for the second nine weeks include, first place, Chelsy Aitken, 6th grade; second place, Julie Hill, 5th grade; third place, Jessie Belton, 6th grade; fourth place, Valerie Patrick, 5th grade; fifth place, Chase Ward, 4th grade; sixth place, Quenatassja Elijah, 5th grade; seventh place, Matt Colvin, 4th grade; eighth place, Hailee Wallace, 6th grade; ninth place, Macayla Shapiro, 3rd grade; and tenth place, Grayson Morris, 5th grade. Chelsy had 159.6 points. She was only required to have 16, so that was a huge accomplishment. The students are pictured in front of the AR Dragon, which has been used this year as a motivational tool. The student's name is placed on the dragon when they reach their AR goal, achieving all of their points for the nine weeks. For the second nine weeks, 355 students, from second through sixth grades, gained all of their AR points, which is a majority of students.

## Retirement Party



FRANK ALLEY, left, was honored with a retirement party Friday, Dec. 21st at the main lobby of the Bank of Ripley. An employee for 30 years, he served as the bank's vice president and senior lending officer. Frank served

on the board of directors of the Tennessee Bankers Association and on the loan committee for the Memphis Area Association of Governments. He served as president of the Ripley Rotary Club, Lake Chisholm Outing Club, and Ripley Jaycees. He is a member of the Executive Board of Boy Scouts-Big Hatchie District, and Ripley Masonic Lodge-Scottish Rite and Shrine. He and his wife, Julia, attend Ripley Church of Christ. Frank plans to spend time with his children, grandchildren, and his hobby of buying and selling farm equipment. He is pictured with Craig Fitzhugh, right, Band of Ripley Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.



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## Land Transfers

Dec. 16th-Dec. 22nd

Billy Jackson to Jessie L. Harris, 1.23 acres.

Thomas E. Collins to Carolyn C. Reeves and Charles E. Collins, Dist. 16, 2 tracts.

Bank of New York Trust Company NA to Chris Fleming, tract.

Page Latham to Xiuzhu Yang, Dist. 2, 0.344 acre.

Randy Lankford to Diondra Henderson, Dist. 7, lot.

Jerry W. Pierson and Diane C. Pierson to James P. Wallace and Phyllis A. Wallace,

Dist. 11, lot.

Steve D. Reeves and Carolyn Reeves to Steven D. Reeves, Dist. 17, lot.

Barry Diggs and Jim Scott to C & C Rental LLC, Dist. 3, tract.

Herman Reviere, Exec., Lonnie Eugene Maxwell, Estate, Robert Dwayne Maxwell, Donnie Eugene Maxwell and Dianne Burns to Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere, Dist. 7, 2 tracts.

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## Guest Speakers



**GUEST SPEAKERS** at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging included, in upper photo, Dec. 7th, Kelly Todd and Connie Dew, of Amedisys Home Health; in middle photo, Dec. 4th, Rachel Erwin, University of Tennessee Extension agent; and in lower photo, Nov. 26th, Carol Foley, of the Shelby County Adult Protective Services. Kelly and Connie provide the monthly health screenings and entertain the participants in games of Bingo. Rachel demonstrated how to prepare a nutritious dish, provided healthy eating tips, and distributed brochures on nutrition. Carol spoke to participants on shopping safety tips, especially during the holidays.

## Hughes Family Celebrates Graduation



**DAVID B. HUGHES**, center, in rear, of Jackson, formerly of Lauderdale County, graduated Dec. 8th from the University of South Alabama with his master's degree in nursing. He was recognized at the convocation ceremony with the Excellence in Clinical Practice Award and was named Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Student of the Year by the nursing faculty at the university. Hughes' major was in geriatrics and psychiatry. He is the senior pastor of Gregory's Chapel Assembly of God Church. He plans to enter a private practice setting in the Jackson area upon completion of his certification. The son of Jerry Hughes, of Gates, and Judy Brandon, of Dyersburg, he is married to Mary-Elizabeth, and the couple have two children, Brianna and Charissa. Attending the ceremony were, in front, from left, Sarah Hazlehurst, Brianna Hughes, and Charissa Hughes, and in rear, Cathy Hughes, Jerry Hughes, Angela Hazlehurst, Mary-Elizabeth Hughes, Judy Brandon, and Thirza Sloan.

## Anniversaries

Dec. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrahd, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reviere.

Dec. 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neil Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wilson.

Dec. 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Troutt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Land, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oates, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Childress, Mr. and Mrs. William (Shayne) McKee, III.

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### Best Wishes for a Happy New Year & God Bless!

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## Obituaries

### Franklin Green

Franklin Green, 74, of Atoka, brother of Helen Yarbrough, of Gates, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton.

Rites were held Saturday in the Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Concord Cemetery, east of Gates.

He had retired from the Stewart Sandwich Co.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Vickery Green; sons, Terry, of Covington, Gregory, of Atoka, and Jeffery, of Pensacola, Fla.; brothers, Guy, of Atoka, and Larry, of LaGrange; another sister, Peggy Potter, of Jackson; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

### Mrs. Thompson

Tammy Thompson, 45, of Ripley, died Dec. 14th in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were Saturday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in the cemetery of St. Luke Baptist Church, Ripley, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves her mother, Annie T. Thompson, of Halls; sons, Daniel LaShun Thompson, of Ripley, and Lafayette Marcellous Nance, Jr., of Gates; sisters, Linda Faye Johnson, of Ripley, Shelia Thompson, of Maury City, and Billie King and Dottie West, of Nashville; and a brother, Danny O'Neal Thompson, of Covington.

### Ruby Crecelius

Ruby Crecelius, 82, grandmother of Dianna Jackson, of Ripley, died Dec. 13th in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were held Dec. 15th in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, near Gadsden.

Retired from Heckethorn in Dyersburg, she was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Lloyd Crecelius. Survivors include two daughters, Debbie Goins, of Newbern, and Elizabeth Cooley, of Friendship; four other grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Douglas Kissell Was Paramedic

Douglas Eugene Kissell, 43, of Ripley, an ambulance paramedic in Lauderdale and Tipton Counties, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were held Saturday in the Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

He was a member of the Brighton Church of Christ.

He was the son of the late Myron Kissell and the late Mildred Loretta Brown Kissell.

He leaves his step-mother, Peggy Kissell, of Ripley; a daughter, Paige Kissell, and a step-daughter, Rachel Motes, of Covington; brothers, Kirk and Phillip, of Ripley; and sisters, Cheryl Sinclair, of Ripley, Vicki Durham, of Brighton, and Anita Moore, of Huntingdon.

### Joe Simpson

Joe Simpson, 72, of Atoka, brother of Linda Enders, of Ripley, died Dec. 15th in Methodist Healthcare North in Memphis.

Rites were held Dec. 18th in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Mudville Cemetery.

He was a retired construction worker.

Survivors include sons, Billy, of Brighton, Jeff, of Burlison, Scott, of Bethel Springs, and Joe, of Buchanan; daughters, Joyce Montague, of Mason, Melissa Mercer, of Millington, and Sharon Smith, of Burlison; other sisters, Addie and Mable Moody, of Atoka, Billie Roach and Dorothy Kight, of Drummonds, Ora Lee Elam, of Brighton, and Janet Ferguson, of Brownsville; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

### "Love Lights A Tree" Memorials

The Christmas season is upon us. What better way to remember your family and friends than to give a donation to the American Cancer Society. Those donations can be made to the Love Lights a Tree campaign going on now. You can mail your donation to Annie Laura Jennings, o/e the Register

### Mr. Copeland

Brennan "Boo Bop" Copeland, 33, of 362 E. McFarland, Henning, formerly employed by Quebecor in Covington, died Saturday, of cancer, in his home.

Visitation will be 2-7 p.m. Saturday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, rites at 2 p.m. Sunday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, and burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning.

He leaves his wife, Brandie; his grandmother, Lennie Ruth Copeland, of Ripley; his father, Edward Broadnax, of Henning; his mother, Barbara Sue Boyd, of Brownsville; daughters, Ashley Copeland, of Henning, Breshandra Copeland, of Ripley, and Brinisha and Tiesha Copeland, of Detroit, Mich.; and a brother, Taovaras Copeland, of Ripley.

of Deeds office, 100 Court Square, Ripley, TN, or bring them by the office.

Donations received for "Love Lights A Tree," to benefit the American Cancer Society, in memory or in honor of loved ones include:

In memory of Jackie McNeely by Melvin, Boe, Billy, Sis, Kat, and Larry.

In memory of Elizabeth Criner, Juanita Woodard, James Jenkins, Frances Dailey, Tina Arwood, and Grayson Taylor by Ivan and Jean Criner.

In memory of Harold Crowder, Frances Dailey, Milton Woodard, and Kate Rochelle by Kitty Crowder.

In memory of Lex Sanders by Rae Sanders, Tony Sanders, Danny Sander, and Susie Owen.

In memory of Bryan Hyde by Jonathan, Dawn, Tyler, and Hunter Hyde, and Blake Hyde.

In memory of J. R. "Boxes" Wade by Julia and Franklin Alley.

In honor of Rita Criner by William Criner.

In honor of Mary Frances Summar by Louise Land.

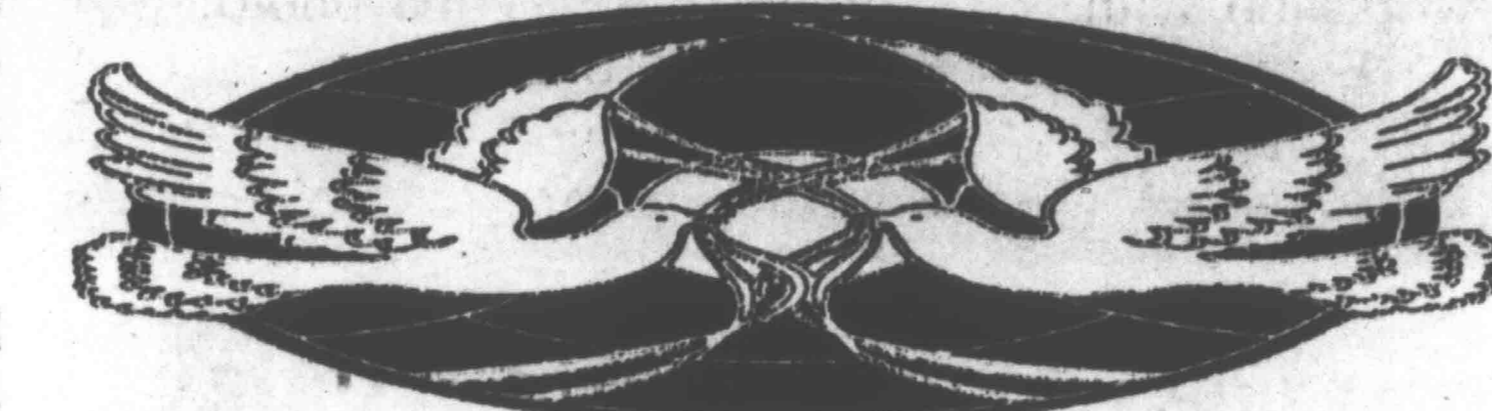
In honor of Rachel Erwin by Town and Country FCE.

Donations to the American Cancer Society or for "Love Lights A Tree" can be given to Annie Laura Jennings in the Register's Office in the Lauderdale County Courthouse.

## Diabetes Classes



RACHEL ERWIN, UT extension agent, is preparing for the Dining with Diabetes class beginning January 4th at the Lauderdale Commission on Aging Center in Halls from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During the four week class, diabetics and their caretakers will learn about nutrition, diabetic health issues, the importance of exercise, and how to prepare for tasty meals for a fit diabetic. The program is sponsored by Le Bonheur and is at no cost to participants. Deadline to register is Monday, December 31st. For more information or to register, call Rachel, 635-9550 or 635-9551 or the center, 836-5444.



## 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.

Halls First United Methodist Church will sponsor a program, entitled "The Resolution", at 8 p.m. Dec. 31st at the church featuring Adam Cunningham. Adam is the worship leader at The Loop in Nashville, a city-wide, non-denominational young adults' ministry. He has since led worship on the 2006 Dove Award winning album, "His Renown" as well as on the Dove Award nominated album, "The Word Alive". Local church artists and Christian speaker, Don Dowdy, are also scheduled to appear. Games, snacks, and student fellowship will be offered leading to a humbling night of worship, followed by a message from God's Word, ending in worshipping the New Year in. The public is invited to join the youth and family from 8 p.m. to midnight at the church.

## Commission On Aging Activities



PARTICIPANTS of the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging, in upper left photo, received a kit to take home to make bows for their Christmas packages December 18th. The Curve-Woodville FCE conducted the bow making workshop with the seniors. In lower left photo, members of the Halls High School band performed at the center December 12th. In upper right photo, a musical performance was given December 13th by the Helen R. Tucker Center. In lower right photo, seniors received instruction December 6th on making a Christmas centerpiece using fresh greenery. Myrtle Jackson, of Mayo's Flower Shop, demonstrated.

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

### Birthdays

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging at 605 Airport St., in Halls, has scheduled senior activities to include Thursday, December 27th, a line dance class at 10 a.m., and a nursing home visit at 1 p.m.; Friday, December 28th, 'Get Fit Stay Fit' at 10:30 a.m., and bingo at 1 p.m.; Monday, December 31st, 'Get Fit Stay Fit' at 10:30 a.m., and a New Year's party; Tuesday, January 1st, the center will be closed for New Year's; and Wednesday, January 2nd, a devotion at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 731-836-5444.

Mike Lawson, Donya Welch. Dec. 29 - Patricia Gallo-way, Greg Mitchell, Maurice Gaines, Missy Raye Miller, Joey Hassell, Jennifer Akin, Katelyn Cherry, Amy Robertson, Dave Clark, Jennifer Clark, Kelly Carmack, Damian Dowling, Logan Jones, Daniel Adkins, Colin Webb, Jennifer Carmack, Jimmy Trobaugh.

Dec. 30 - Beth Bailey, Philip Herron, David Rose, Jr., Rufus Lowrance, Maryann Ennis, Libby McBride, Thelma Hurt, Mary Patterson, Yawanda Hubbard, Kim Castleman, Jackie Betz, Jason Hayles.

Dec. 31 - Ashton Gaines, Brent Tucker, Ken Sutton,

Caitlyn Hurt, Sarah Callender, Violet Burks, Jamie Holder, Ashley Adkins, Olivia Gaines, Bethany Allysa Buckner, Charlie Miller, Makayla Holmes, Chris Nelson, Mia Maxwell.

Jan. 1 - Louis Craig, Martha Thornton, Liz Craft, Joy Beard, Emma Bonds, Perrilyn Cherry, Gertie M. Davis, Janet Hurt, Jimmy

Haynes, Kathryn Dunigan, Connie Nelson, Richard West, Olgie Patrick, Bill Pol-lard, Jennifer Terry, Richard Adams, Arthur R. Walker, Barbara Walker, Bobby Baker, Jackie Webb, Jennifer Camper.

### Dean's List xxx

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honors; from Henning, Clisty L. Buie, Bobby L. Cook, and Ruth C. Harris, high honors; and Chris M. Glass and Rachel L. Grigsby, honors; and from Ripley, Buddy G. Autry, Roger B. Burns, Zachary L. Caldwell, Deborah Cherry, Cameryn L. Gaines, Anna R. Garrett, Jamilah Z. Holloway, Angela C. Jones, Sara A. McBroom, Thelma Peet, and Cassandra H. Williams, highest honors; Annie M. Barnes, Wallace D. Boyd, Virginia A. Cherry, Catelyn D. Meadows, and Jonathan Peet, high honors; and Jonathan R. Fisher, Walter E. Hunt, Sheneka D. Morgan, and Tara L. Taylor, honors.

To be eligible for dean's list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

### Marriages

December 15 - Brian Eugene Dishman, 38, to Stephanie Denise Medford, 33, by Don Medford.

John Daniel Cox, Jr., 25, to Candi Nicole Milam, 24, by William T. Welch, Jr.

### Divorces

Delene Burns Gaskins vs. Wade Joseph Gaskins. Johnathan Pounders vs. Krystle Pounders.

Cassandra Currie Young vs. James C. Young. Brandi Ables Moffatt vs. Jonathan Bradley Moffatt.

Williams Hawkins Tippitt vs. Tommy Walker Tippitt. Billy Wayne Compton vs. Melanie Mathias Compton.



# IT'S TIME TO SAY "THANKS!"

We really mean it when we say that we loved every minute of serving you this past year.

Happy New Year and sincere thanks to each and every one of you. We look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

The Staff At

## The Halls Graphic

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## Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read  
Tennessee Farm Bureau

### Counting ALL Of America's Farmers Is A Lot Like That Needle In The Haystack

The Agricultural Statistics Service in Tennessee has been a very important source in our state for agricultural information that keeps all of us informed on what's going to really happen down on Tennessee farms. They keep us aware of trends, current growing conditions, acres planting and just where we are going. In fact, they could even cure the problem of counting cats if given the challenge.

Every five years the United States Department of Agriculture conducts its Census of Agriculture. In 2002 the last census was taken and once again it is time to do some counting out on the farms across America and right here in our own state.

To get a count that will be right we need everyone to fill out their forms when they get them in the mail and mail them back as soon as possible. However, getting everyone to get involved is not as easy as it may sound. A story is told of just such a problem a few years ago when the census was taken by census takers and those being interviewed were not always the friendly type.

The story goes that it had been a very satisfying day for

the old man as he settled down on his porch to watch the afternoon sun start to set in the west. As he made himself comfortable, he noticed a young man walking up his sidewalk with a yellow pad and number 2 lead pencil in his hand. The old man was not really interested in talking to anyone this late in the day and especially a "kid" trying to sell his way through college or something.

"I hope you are not selling something, young feller," he stated in somewhat of a short-tempered reply. "I don't have any money for magazines, brushes or vacuum cleaners."

Being taken back by the old man's grumpy concerns the young man stopped in his tracks and said, "I'm not selling anything, sir."

"Well, what are you doing here?" the old man asked.

Hoping to get an even chance to just talk to the old man the young man replied, "I'm a volunteer with the US government. I'm the Census Taker."

"A what?" the man asked. The words from the government immediately sent up red flags for the old man and the word census even confused him that much more.

"I'm a Census Taker. The government is trying to find out how many people are in the United States," the young worker said.

Getting up out of his chair and opening the door to his white frame house the old man answered and said, "Well, you're wasting your time around here with me."

As he started in the door, he stopped and looked back at the young bewildered Census Taker and said, "Because, I have no idea how many there are or even suppose to be."

Just as hard as it was for that young man to get to talk to that old man, it is sometimes just as hard to get all the forms in from our modern day reporters. The information provided to the Ag Statistics Service could mean the difference in a farm program happening or not.

"The Census of Agriculture provides information that is not available anywhere else - information that benefits agricultural producers and their communities in a myriad of ways," said Debra Kenerson, director of the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

"For instance, policy-makers factor census data into decisions concerning agricultural and rural programs. Community planners use census data to target needed services to rural residents. Companies rely on census data when determining where to locate their operations and farmers themselves can use

census data to help make critical decisions about their businesses," she explained.

NASS will mail out census forms on December 28, 2007, to collect data for the 2007 calendar year. Completed forms are due by February 4, 2008. During the cold and snowy weeks ahead, use the time spent by the fire to complete your census. Producers can return their forms by mail or, for the first time, they have the convenient option of filling out the census online via a secure Web site.

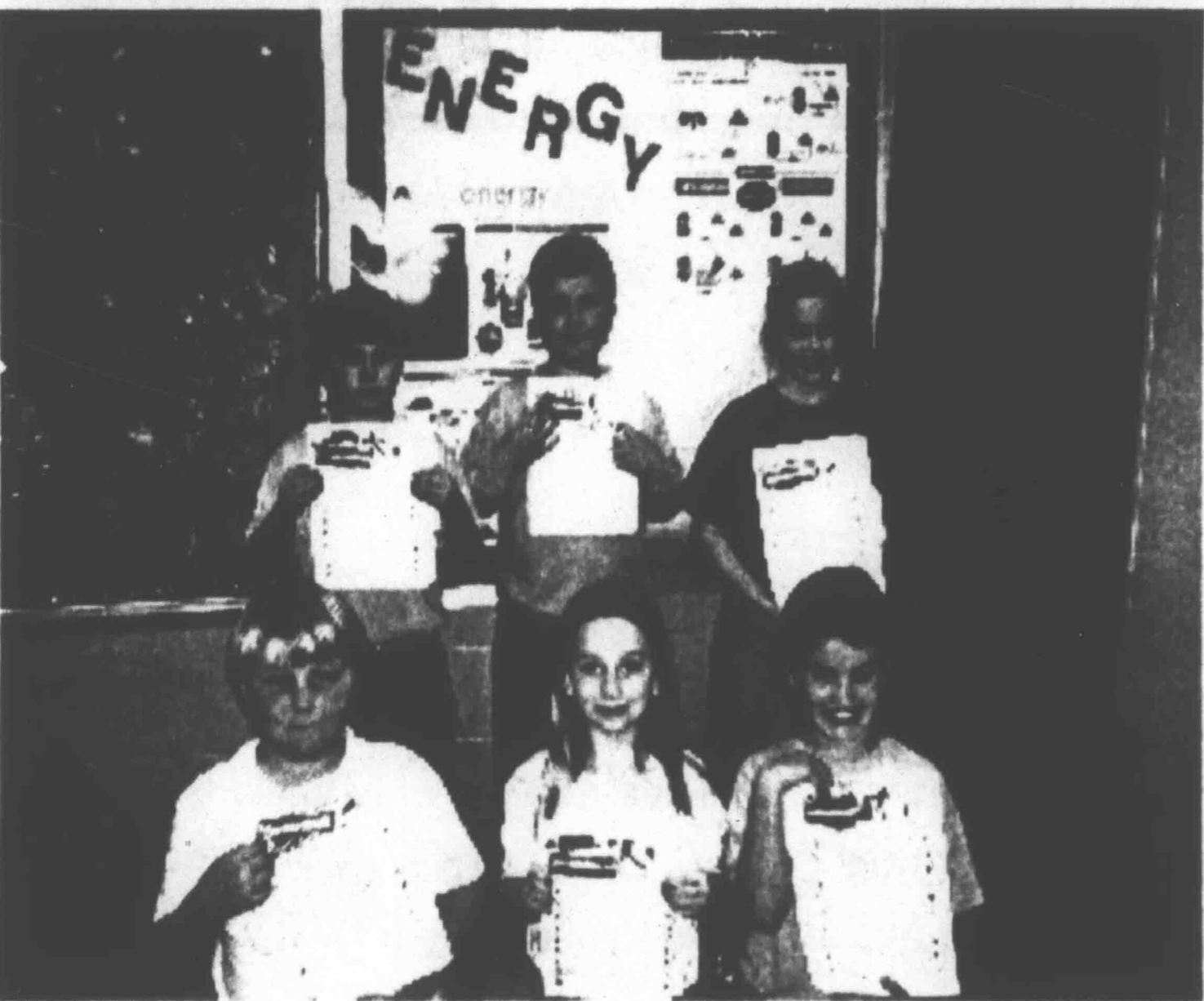
With the farming population now less than two percent of our country's total population, it is very important that we get an all out effort on the 2007 Ag Census. When you are the needle in the haystack, it's important to make your "point" known.

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- Pettus L. Read may be contacted by e-mail at [pread@tbf.com](mailto:pread@tbf.com)



## Excel Students At HES



**STUDENTS** in the sixth grade Excel classroom of Mrs. Mandy Bushart, in upper photo, at Halls Elementary School were asked to construct a hovercraft that would truly hover. They worked in teams to complete the project, researched and evaluated a plan that would be economical to build. Working together, the students all chipped in and created an actual hovercraft.

In middle and lower photos, students in the second, third, and fourth grade Excel classroom of Mrs. Bushart created their own "Circuit Quiz Board". The students researched energy of all types and created a quiz using the knowledge obtained. The students used a light, batteries, foil, quiz and file folder to construct an interactive learning quiz board that would light up when the correct answer was identified.

## Build A Bear Party



**RACHEL HILL**, in front, daughter of Jeff and Karen Hill, of Gates, celebrated her seventh birthday Nov. 10th at Build A Bear Workshop with, in second row, from left, Harrison Daniels, Hannah King, and Houston Daniels; in third row, Maggie C. Sanders, Hannah Daniels, and Alex Hurt; and in rear, Elizabeth Spiller and Julie Hill. She was born Nov. 13th.

## Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek Here! I had another rough week at Miss Pam's house. It all started when she dragged in a green pine tree into the house. As you may guess I have a sensitive nose. The aromas of the pine needles and something new in the house went to my brain and all of a sudden my back leg would go into a salute pose. The first time it happened she was out of the room. Did you know she actually started putting stuff on that tree. As I layed there and watched her do her project I got that urge again.

Well, as I was saluting a second time I got severely scolded, paddled, and sent outdoors. As I layed there shivering I thought what's the big deal. She doesn't get upset when I am outside doing the same thing. Then it struck me there must be a difference between inside and outside. After three or four hours I was allowed back in the house. The marked tree was beautiful with all the lights and she had put presents under the tree. As I trotted over to the tree to see if my name was on a package I was yelled at again. Over the next two days, each time I attempted to survey the packages for my name I was scolded. I am worried and I think since I was bad that Santa Clause may not have a present for Zeek under his tree. If it's not asking too much would my readers call Santa

## Non-Alcoholic New Years Eve Punch

SUBMITTED BY: Kina S.

"This recipe is great for kids or designated drivers. It is great for all occasions, but it is really popular on New Years. Serve into ice-filled glasses."

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 1/2 liters ginger ale
- 2 quarts orange juice
- 2 oranges, sliced into rounds
- 20 maraschino cherries

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a large punch bowl mix ginger ale and orange juice. Place sliced oranges on top of punch and arrange the cherries on top of the orange slices.

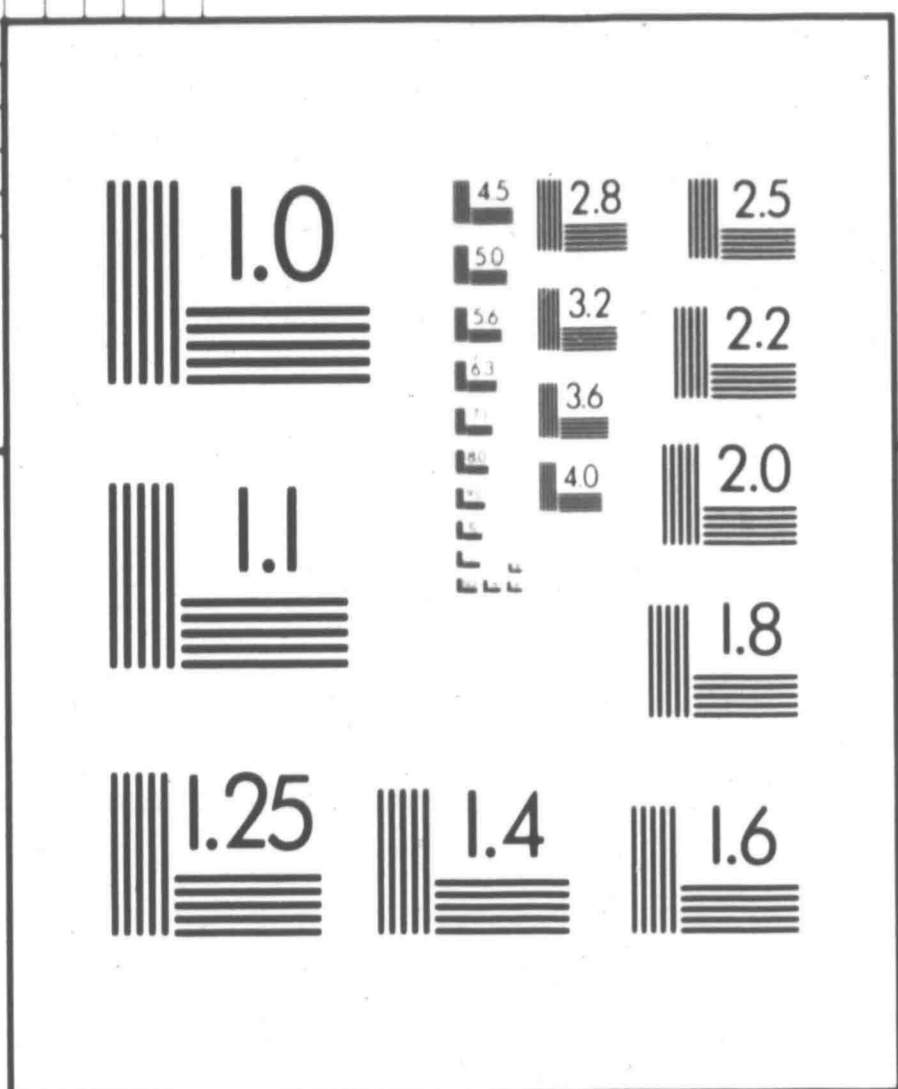
and tell him I am very sorry that I saluted his tree.

In addition tell Santa to make a present for Donna Barbee since she stepped up and took home three of my buds last week. I hope Santa sees the students of the Halls FFA because they brought food out for the fifth time since September. Kristen Deaton gave us a four legger house and a fifty dollar donation and Mrs. Elvis Moore brought food. To finish up, Louis Wheatley brought us a bunch of aluminum cans.

I think Santa has already been to the Club. He left us some beautiful puppies and they will make great presents. My favorites this week are Winston, a beautiful two year old male Boxer. Some other quality four leggers are a Golden Retriever, two Labrador Retrievers, and a silver and white German Sheppard by the name of Saddle. We have plenty of small lap four leggers and all of my Buds are top quality. The only problem that might exist is that the males may salute your trees. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and thanks to everyone who helped the Club in 2007.

Zeek Out!



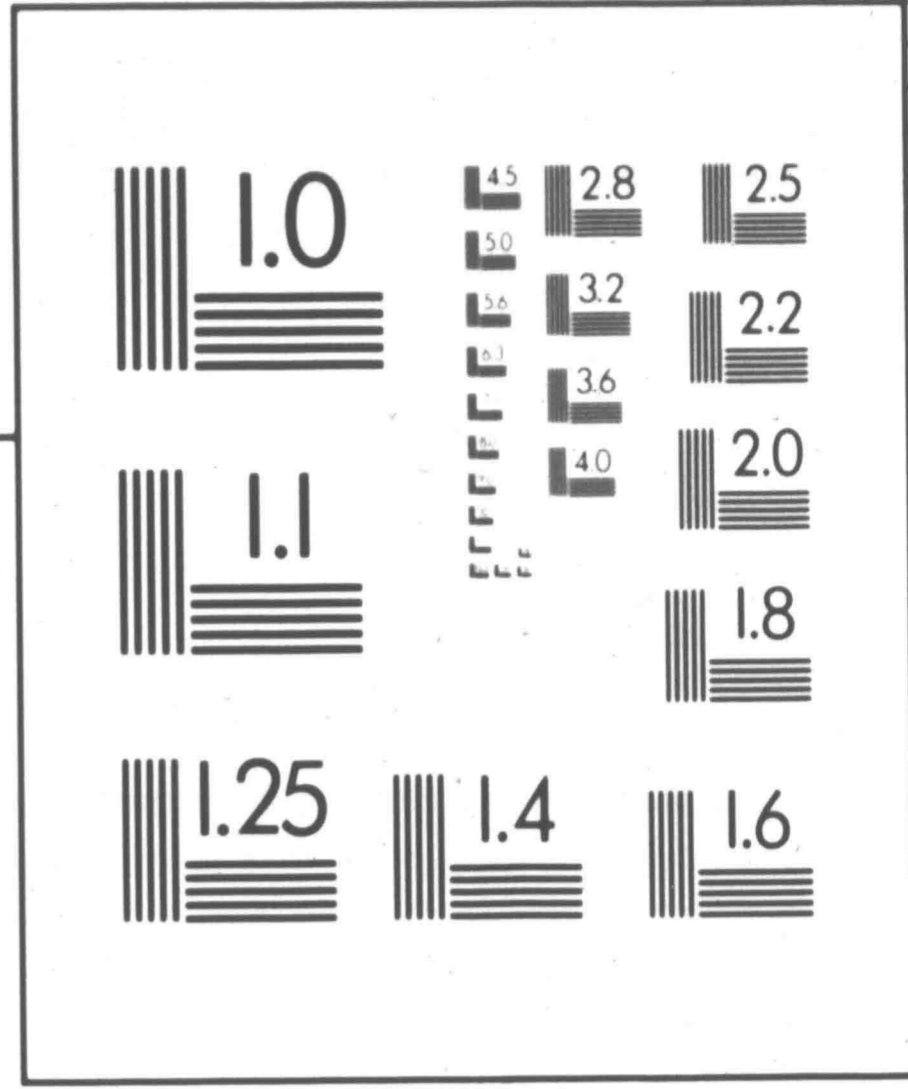


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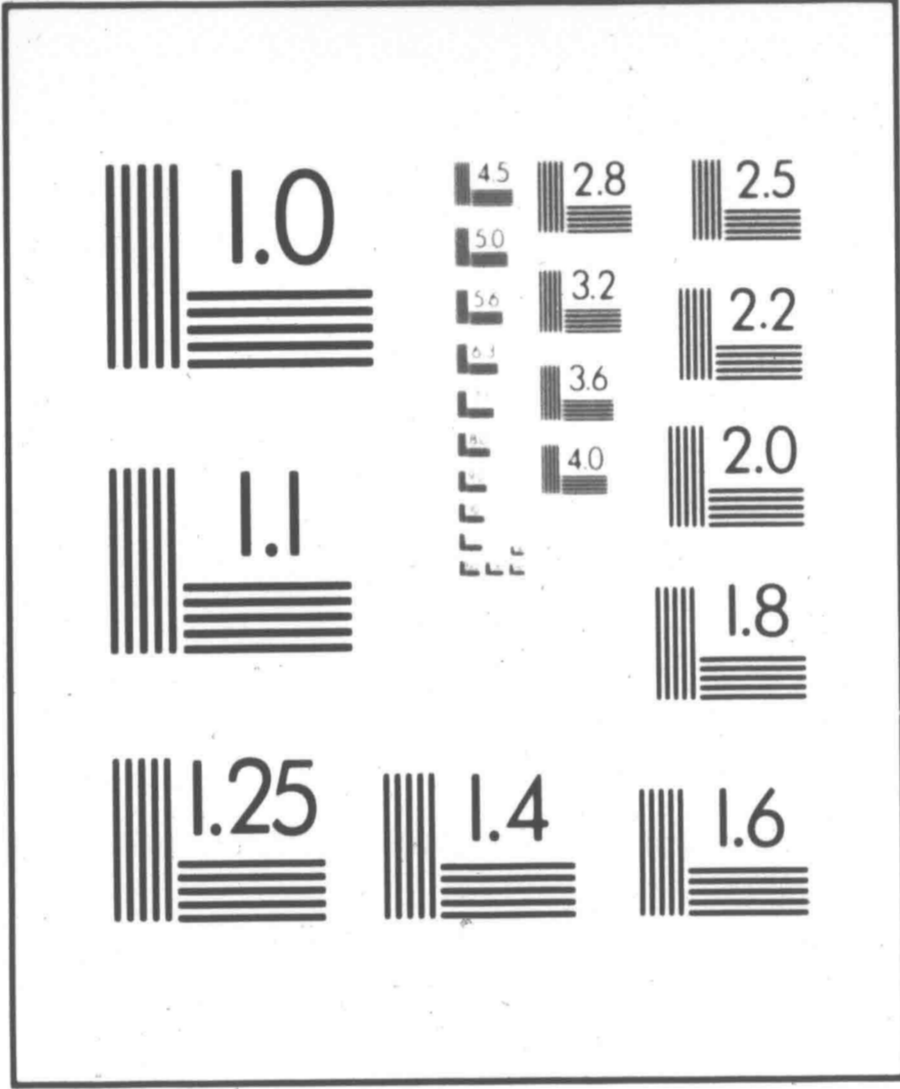
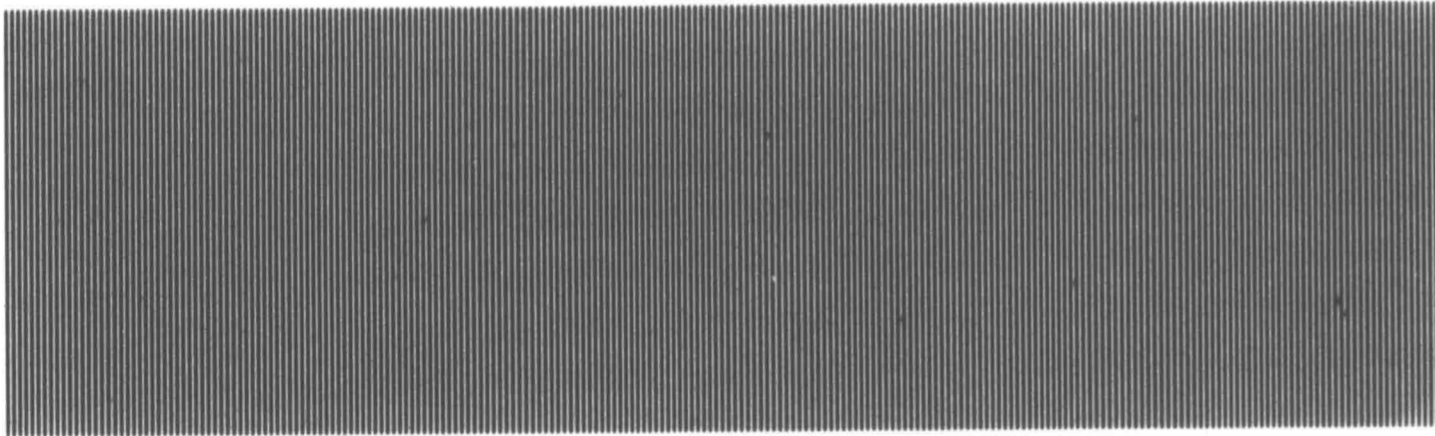
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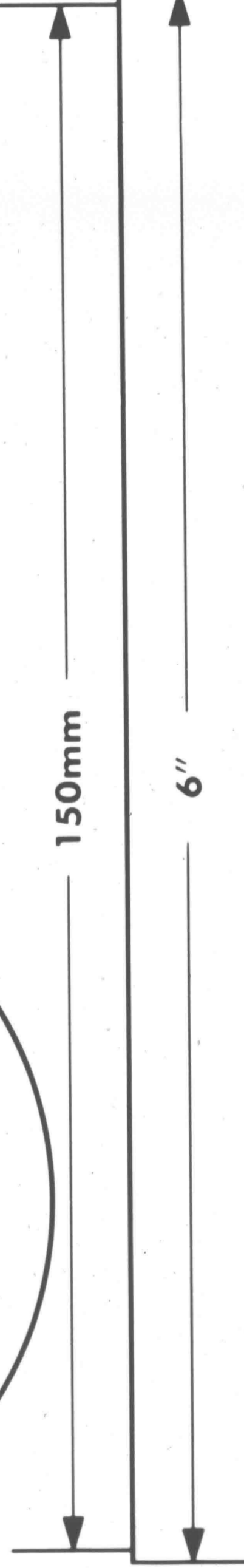
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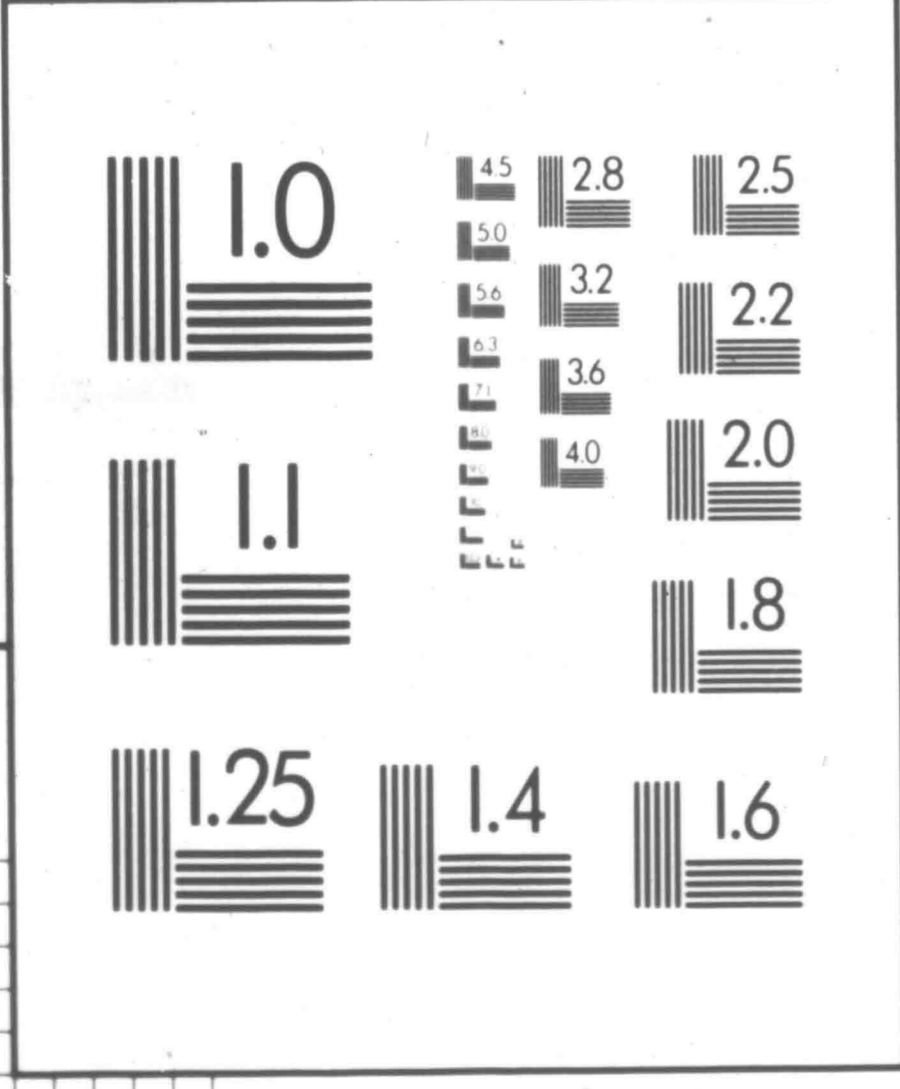
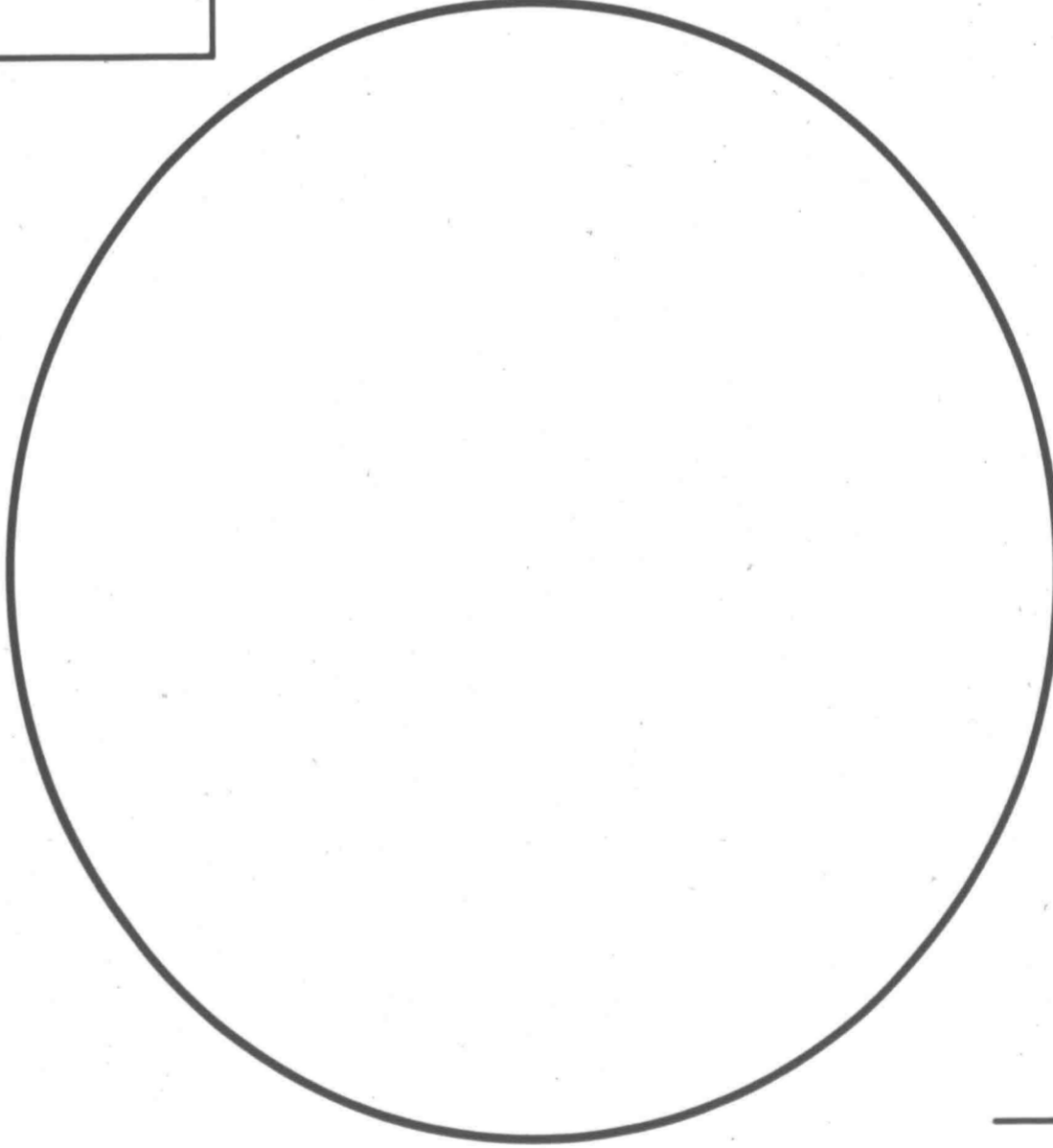
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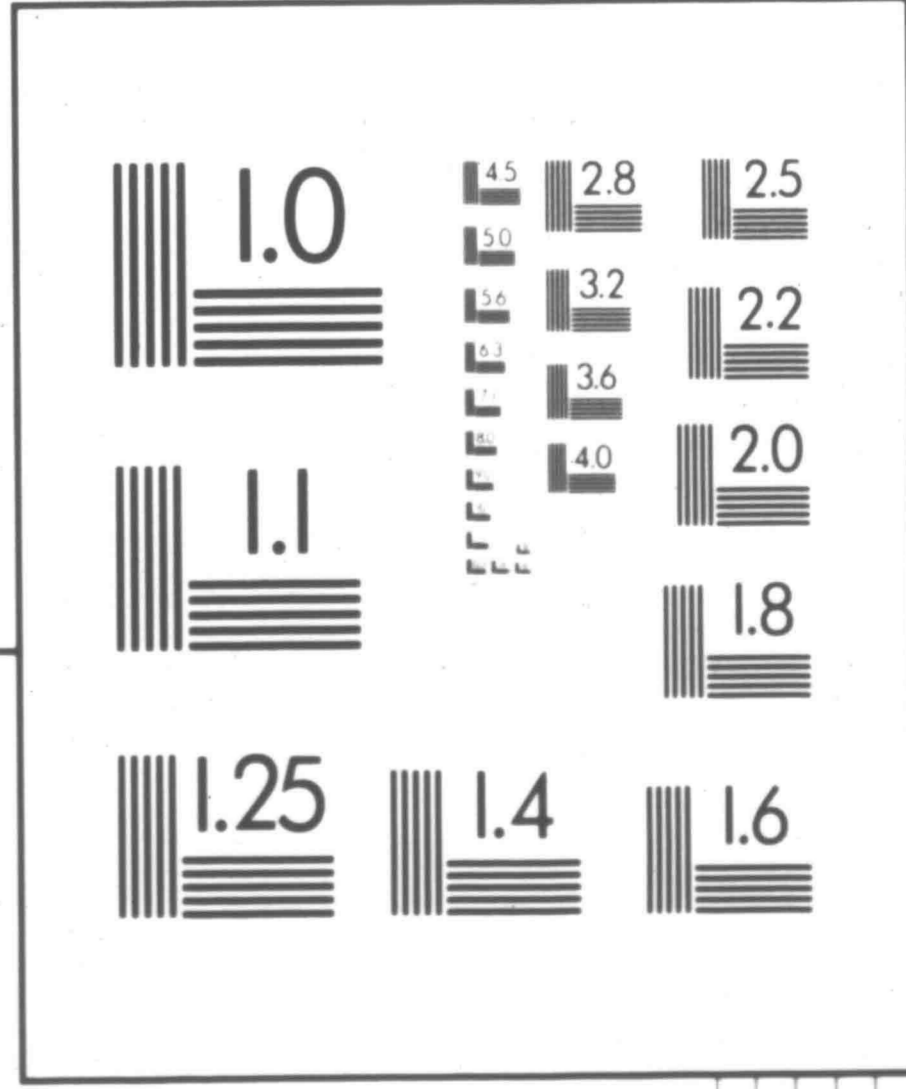
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