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2006 Tennessee Technology Center Graduates



GRADUATES, of the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley, receiving diplomas Dec. 15th, include Rochelle Alford, Adrianna Cherry, Antoinette Jiles, and Kelly Moore, business systems technology; Sheila Butler, business systems technology, Alamo; Kim Apperson, Dawn Baker, Deborah Braden, Kenneth Dowell, Marissa Eastep, Ashley Evans, Catherine Holcomb, Amanda Hutson, Tammy Lynch, Rhonda McCuiston, Stephanie McNeal, Andrea Moore, James Rogers II, Lisa Rogers, Melanie Roser, Patricia Smith, Lisa Swanner, Shamekia Wright, and Amy Young, practical nursing; Tracy Johnson, practical nursing, Alamo; Leslie Arender, Mildred "Meagan" Chisholm, Neally Choat, Mary Cunningham, Amanda Droke, Jessica Dunaway, Shandetra Dupree, Angelia Gammons, Sandra Gatlin, Stacy Jennings, Shannon Long, Angela Maness, Patricia McWilliams, Paula Miller, Shelia Paris, Angela Prescott, Tammy Ray, Ursula Rivers, Robin Rose, Leanne Sanders, Carolyn Scates, Leslie Shields, Tametris Bell, and Jalisa Thompson, patient care technician; Curtis Bell, Chris Carver, Kenton Fry, and Greg Lovins, industrial electronics; Troy Brummett, Kevin Lee, David Neese, and Jule' Reynolds, truck driving; and Gina King, computer operations technology.

Officers Recover Stolen Automobile

Officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department recovered a stolen vehicle Saturday afternoon at 1505 Poplar Grove Rd., the home of Leonard Austin, according to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders. The vehicle was reported stolen from Crockett County. Paul Webb, 40, of Friendship, was spotted in the Halls area and pursued by Halls police officers. The chase covered most of northwest Lauderdale County.

After officers lost him on Key Corner Rd., deputies with the sheriff's department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol continued the search. He was stopped at approximately noon, walking on Poplar Grove Rd., by officers with the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Halls' Lady Tigers 1-2 New Year Off To In Yule Tournament A Fighting Start

In last week's Dyersburg Christmas Classic tournament, Halls High School's girls won from Munford, 57-54, before losing to Dyersburg, 66-36, and Dyer County, 81-43.

The game with Munford was close, all the way.

Munford led 11-9 after the first period and 29-26 at the half, before Halls led Munford 17-12 in the third quarter and 14-13 in the fourth.

Shacretia Foster posted 21 points for Halls, including two 3-pointers.

Christi Meeks contributed 18, including a 3-pointer.

Phylicia Richmond added two 3-pointers. Kayla Akin also posted six points.

Crystal Belew, Cassidy

Hardee, and Heather Hill put up two points each.

Dyersburg led Halls 22-5 in the first period and 40-14 at the half.

Richmond contributed 22 points for Halls, including two 3-pointers.

Foster added two 3-pointers, Belew added one.

Keyawna Parker posted 3 points and Meeks 2.

Halls teams hosted Gleason Tuesday and will visit Bradford Friday.

According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders, 2007 got off to an interesting start with several persons arrested for fighting at four different locations.

A fight at 2 a.m. Monday at the Chocolate City, or Jamaica Club, on Brogdon Rd., resulted in one treated at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale for severe lacerations on the left side of their face. Two other individuals are suspected of discharging weapons on the parking lot.

A fight at the VFW building on old Highway 51, sent three to the emergency room Sat., Dec. 30th, after midnight.

A fight at the Gates Apartments Fri., Dec. 29th resulted in four arrests. Officers were enroute back to the Justice Complex, when another call stated that gun shots were fired in the same area. Four more suspects were arrested, one for possession of marijuana. A pistol was found lying in the parking lot, which was not claimed.

Jason Obryan Miller Pride, 23, of Ripley, was charged with fighting and contempt of court. Patsy Ann Dyson, 42, of Gates, was charged with aggravated burglary, assault, and resisting arrest. Alicia Ann Brown, 27, of Gates, was charged with inciting to riot and disorderly conduct.

The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department is still investigating each and asks if anyone has any information, call the office, 635-1311.

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Birthdays

Jan. 4 - Renee Swales, Craig Crawford, Tom White, Suzanne McFall, Beth Stover, Reba Crowder, Irene Brasfield, Frank Carmack, Brooklyn Mayfield, Katie Farley, Joe McDaniel, Patricia Ward.

Jan. 5 - Bob Pasley, Pam Rizzuto, Colby Baker, Danielle Sanders, Anna Carol McDowell, Douglas Woods, Bobbi

to disregard and/edit letters that are potentially libelous. Only one letter per person or family per subject per month. Published letters are not necessarily the opinion of this newspaper or its staff. 12-tf

Younger, Heidi Strong, John Thomas Sammons, Chris Hurt, Deborah Layne, Amy Fullen, Logan Robinson, Sonja Pipkin, Linda Maxwell, Matthew Williams.

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

Jan. 7 - Jennifer M. Webster, Kelly Carmack, Samantha Novie Price, Connie Nelson, Jennifer Fee, Landon Carmack, Jenny Hendren, Irene Chambers.

Jan. 8 - Shane Morgan, Erika Alexis Lane, Zina Hamlet, Lisa Hendren, Jerri Langley,

William E. Moore, Heather Davis, Bronwynne Bain, Vance Brewster, Jr., Lindsey Carrington, Molly White.

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

Jan. 10 - Amanda Powers, Sara Pilcher, David Dunaway, Carmon Reece Belton, Robert Steelman, Sheryl Belton, Al Hamilton, James Balton, Jason Baynes, Ronnie Rickard, Amber N. Dowling, Linda Warren, Kim Douglas.

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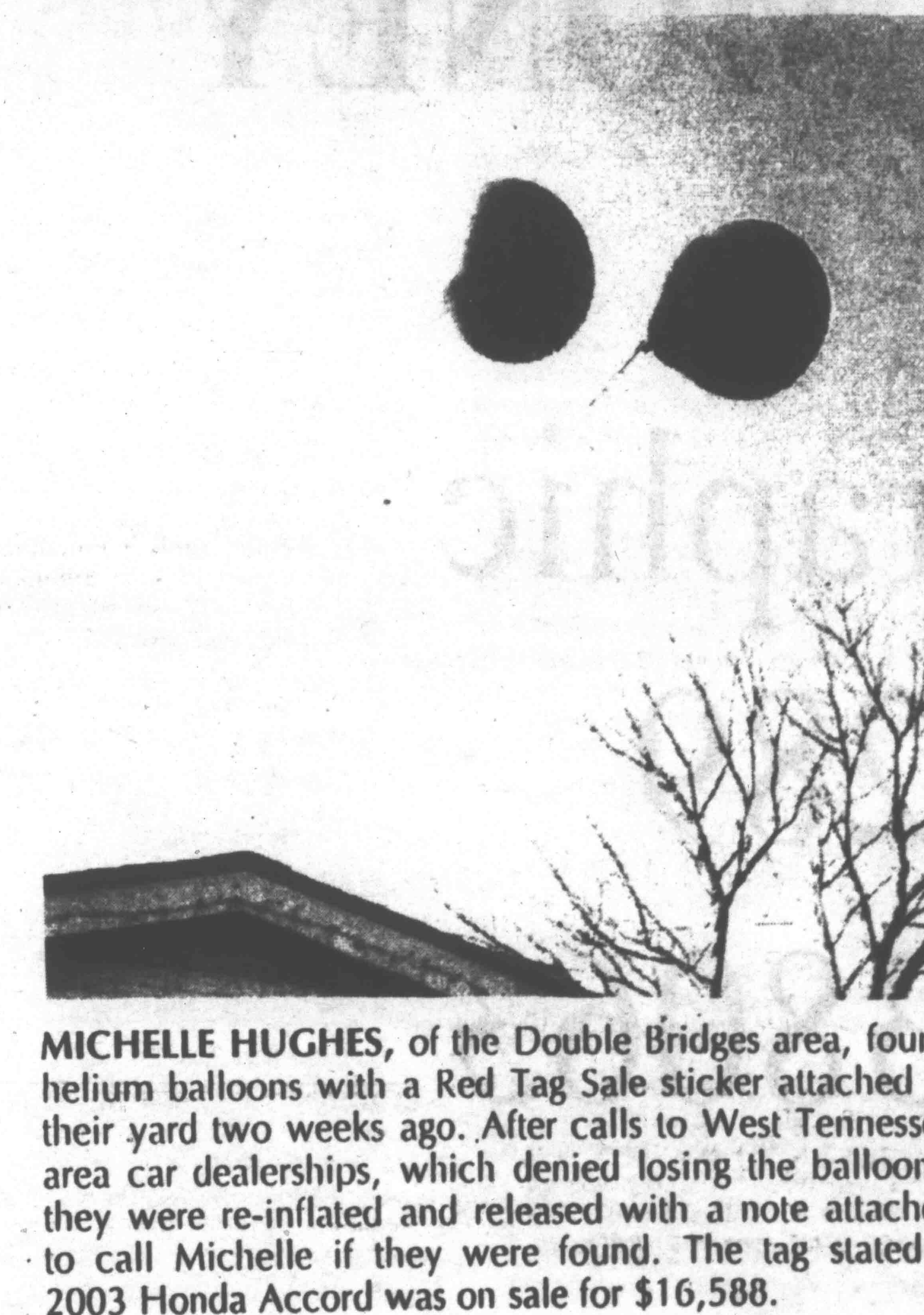
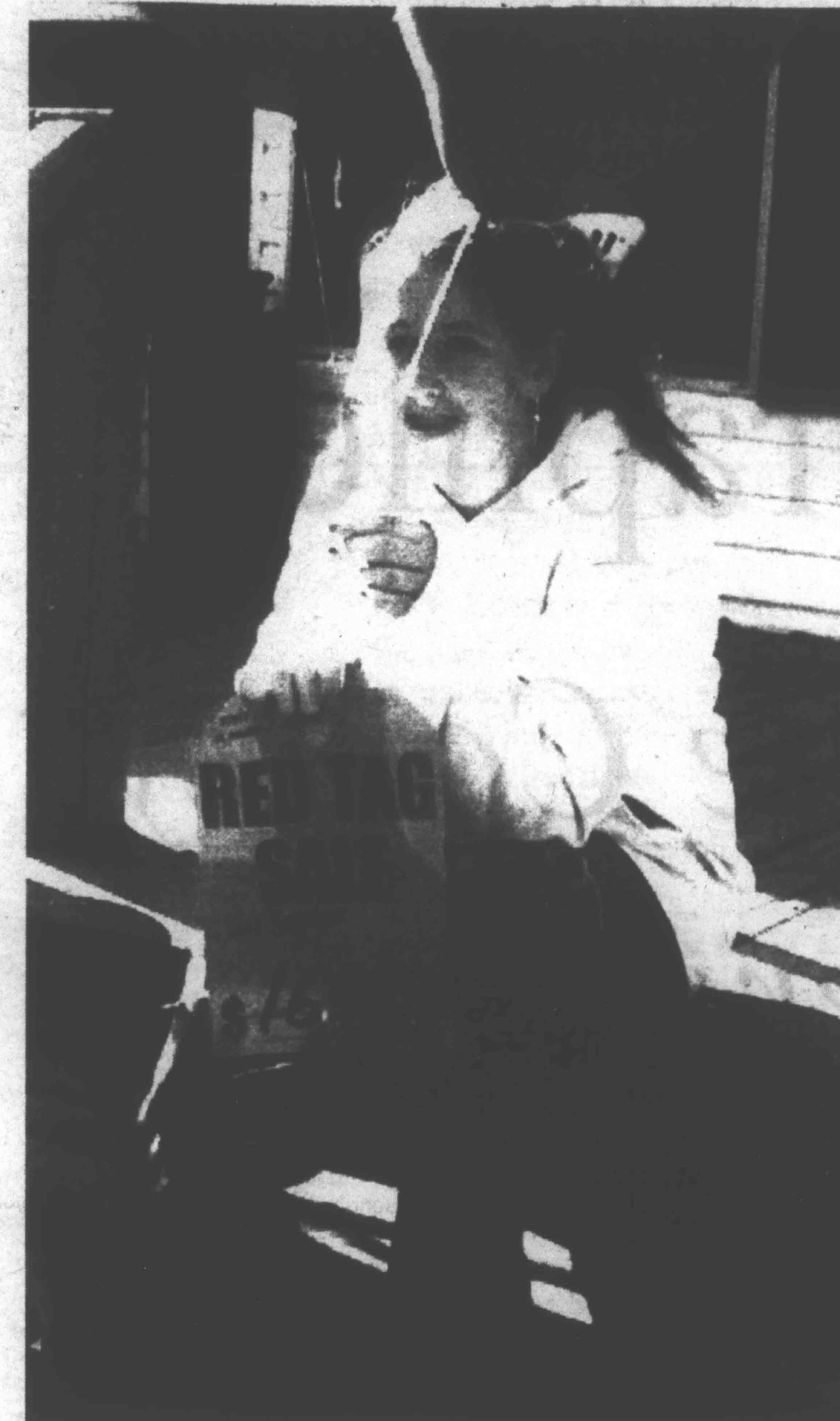
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Balloons Found



MICHELLE HUGHES, of the Double Bridges area, found helium balloons with a Red Tag Sale sticker attached in their yard two weeks ago. After calls to West Tennessee area car dealerships, which denied losing the balloons, they were re-inflated and released with a note attached to call Michelle if they were found. The tag stated a 2003 Honda Accord was on sale for \$16,588.

Newborn



OWEN 'TUCKER' OZMENT, 8 lb. 7 oz. son of Scott and Melissa Ozment, of Halls, was born at 10:35 a.m. Dec. 8th in Baptist Hospital for Women in Memphis. Measuring 19-1/2 inches long, Tucker is the brother of Colton and Mollie Ozment, the grandson of Enesta Olds and Chris Goforth, both of Halls, Bill Olds, of Ripley, and David Ozment, of Kemp, Tex., and the great-grandson of Erma Olds, of Ripley, Ezra Cates, of Halls, and Cratis Hand, of Frog Jump.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Jan. 8th
Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Sandwich Trimmings
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 9th
Chicken Breast Fillet
Baked Ham
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Green Beans
Apple
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 10th
Pork Roast w/Gravy
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy

Television Winner



JOE WHITE, right, pictured with his wife, Sheila, was the winner of the Christmas Eve drawing at Crain's Pharmacy for a new television.

APPRECIATION

The photograph of the Lauderdale County Officials, printed in last week's issue, was provided courtesy of Ches Hamby Studios.

Marriages

Dec. 16 - Kevin Michael Byrd, 28, to Kimberly Nicole Short, 25, by James M. Jones.

Dec. 25 - Anthony Bernard Rollins, 43, to Brenda Carol Sipes Henson, 47, by John R. McBride.

Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 10th
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Grapes
Roll

Thursday, Jan. 11th
Choice Of Milk
Chili Pie
Corn Nibbles
Peaches
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Jan. 12th
Corn Dog
Vegetable Soup
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

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

Monday, Jan. 8th
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Applesauce
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 9th
Baked Ham
Green Beans

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THE WOODEN BOWL

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table.

But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor."

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl!

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?"

Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening, the husband

took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life

sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you, but, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch — holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn!

-Anonymous

Reprinted from the September 14th issue of *The Hickman Courier*.

Any Time Can Be The Right Time For Cherries



(NAPS)—Canned, frozen and dried tart cherries are a welcome ingredient in just about any pantry. This versatile, nutritious fruit can play a tasty role in a wide variety of meals.

For example, when the weather turns crisp, here is a fun variation on traditional cherry pie. It can be a great addition to family get-togethers, school gatherings, even for a fall picnic. It's quick and easy to prepare, and the ingredients are easy to have on hand.

Cherry Crisp Pie

¼ cup (½ stick) butter or margarine
¼ cup quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats, uncooked
¼ cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup firmly packed light-brown sugar
¼ cup chopped pecans, if desired
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 (21-ounce) cans cherry pie filling
1 (9-ounce) prepared

graham cracker crust (10-inch)

Melt butter in medium saucepan. Remove from heat and stir in oats, flour, brown sugar, pecans, if desired, and cinnamon. Spoon pie filling into crust. Sprinkle oats mixture over top. Place pie on a baking sheet.

Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 40 to 45 minutes, or until topping is golden brown. Cool on wire rack, then refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Cherry Crisp Pie is one of seven new cherry recipes developed by the Cherry Marketing Institute. All recipes are on easy-to-read recipe cards, so you can store them away to use again and again.

To order the free recipe cards, write to CMI: The Cherry People, P.O. Box 30285, Dept. New, Lansing, MI 48909-7785 or send an e-mail to assistant@sascherries.com and request new recipe cards.



Church Happenings

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

Grace Bible Baptist Church, located three miles south of Halls on Highway 51, will hold a New Year's revival Sun., Jan 7th through Fri., Jan 12th with Bro. Steven and Tanya Blankenship, founders of Truth for Troubled Teens Ministries. Services will begin at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and continue at 7 p.m. nightly. The ministry, founded in 1993, provides Bible based programs, teaching the truths of God's word to meet the spiritual needs of the young people incarcerated in America. Bro. Blankenship encourages and assists local churches in beginning a juvenile delinquent ministry. Jerry Hickson, pastor, invites the public. For a ride, call 836-5501.

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold special winter services during the month of January and February. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. A noon meal will be followed by Winter Bible study, of the Books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John and a prophecy study, "Surviving the Last Days". There will not be a night service. Roy Harkness, pastor, invites the public.

New Beginnings Christian Center Church will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical contest at 2 p.m. Sun., Jan. 21st. The Rev. Cyronose D. Spicer, Sr., pastor, invites all youth to participate. Categories include short recitation for ages 5 to 8; medium length recitation (16 lines) for ages 9 to 11; recite a poem or speech by any author (more than 16 lines) for ages 12 to 15; recite a speech by Dr. King for ages 15 to 18; and for ages 12 and above, the speeches should be dramatic and expressive. Parents or church youth directors can contact New Beginnings Christian Center, 635-2008, by Jan. 10th for registration information. Certificates, prizes, and trophies will be awarded to the winners, there are no losers!

Holly Grove Baptist Church, 155 College St., will hold a 12-hour prayer vigil, which will be divided into four prayer watches. The first watch will begin at 6 p.m. Fri., Jan 12th and the last watch will end at 6 a.m. Sat., Jan. 13th. The alarm has sounded for God's people of His new covenant, through Jesus Christ, to stand together in "prayer watches" for our churches, schools, community, nation, and world. For further information, call Ellena Gooch, 731-635-0965. 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.

Land Transfers

Dec. 17th to Dec. 30th

James A. Goodman and Rozell O. Goodman to Gerald C. Crotwell and Lennie E. Crotwell, Dist. 3, lot.

Albert F. Cox to Albert F. Cox, Jr. and Audrey Cox, Dist. 7, 1.5 acres.

Patricia Burney to Thomas W. Cox and Teresa L. Cox, lot.

Thomas Cox and Teresa Cox to Louis Minner and Shirley Minner, lot.

Frederick Steve Clark and Lawanda J. Clark to Daniel J. Clark and Renee C. Clark, Dist. 3, lot.

Ellen Barfield to Manson Younger and Stephen Floyd, Dist. 3, lot.

Fisher Enterprises LLC to Daniel Bourcier, Dist. 6, lot.

Ellen P. Barfield to Carrie Goforth, Dist. 2, lot.

Ellen P. Barfield to Chris Fleming, Dist. 2, lot, Dist. 2, lot, and Dist. 11, lot.

Bruce W. Lancaster and Vickie Lancaster to Forerunner Baptist Church Inc., Dist. 2, 5.00 acres.

Matthew Brady Henderson to Ronald V. Roberts and Nina C. Roberts, Dist. 16, 40.70 acres.

Don Burnham, Mike Burnham, Danny Burnham, Mary Sue Rose, Pat Sanders, Tammy Carroll, Melody Weaver, Mark Broglin, and Barry Broglin to Cassie R. Burnham, Dist. 6, 2 tracts.

Pat Coffey, Pam Carmack, Monte Griggs, Tammie Chilcutt, Willie Griggs, and Margaret Sellers to Thomas E. Yelverton and Stephanie D. Yelverton, Dist. 2, lot.

William B. Williams III to Cifton Kelly Downs and Carol Downs, Dist. 6, 31.8773 acres.

Martha Stephens to Johnny E. Stephens, Dist. 6, 2.0 acres.

Matthew Brady Henderson to Logan Roberts, Dist. 16, 18.60 acres.

Goldie Savley to Robert L. Savley, Sr., and Jeanie Savley, Dist. 7, lot.

Samuel M. Edwards and Danny R. Tillman to Dale

FIRE PERMITS

The Tennessee Division of Forestry would like to remind Lauderdale County landowners that they need a burning permit for outdoor burning within 500 feet of any forest, woodland or grassland until May 15.

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To obtain a permit in Lauderdale County, call 635-1105. Permits will be issued Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Permits will not be issued more than two days in advance and will be valid only for the date specified. The Tennessee Division of Forestry can refuse to issue permits or can revoke permits based on fire danger or fire activity.

The Tennessee Division of Forestry asks for the cooperation of Lauderdale County landowners in obtaining permits. Please call 1-866-570-4165 if you intend to burn.

Hutcherson and Dolores Hutcherson, Dist. 2, 0.93 acres.

William Maxwell to Paul J. Wolf, Dist. 6, lot.

James M. Smith and Hope C. Smith to Jeremy Tillman and Christina Tillman, Dist. 16, lot.

Bobbie M. Hunter to Julia B. Rouser, lot.

Jerry Buckner, Craig Buckner, and Jeff Buckner to Brian Bailey and Laura Bailey, Dist. 17, 9.00 acres.

Anniversaries

Jan. 4 - Mr. and Mrs. John Reece, Jr.

Jan. 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Al Wofford.

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

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

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

Jan. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean.



On November 28, 1929, Ernie Nevers of the Chicago Cardinals celebrated Thanksgiving by scoring all 40 points (6 touchdowns, 4 points after) in the team's 40-6 win.



In 1964, golfer Norman Manley achieved consecutive holes in one on a course in Saugus, California and both holes were par 4s.



Technically, the coin that we call a penny does not exist. At the U.S. Mint, it's officially called a "cent."



The Jerusalem artichoke has nothing to do with either Jerusalem or artichokes. It is actually part of the sunflower family.



No matter what anyone says, it's impossible to drink like a fish. Fish don't drink. When they take in water, it passes through their gills so they can extract oxygen.

Hints For Homeowners

Taking On Home Renovations

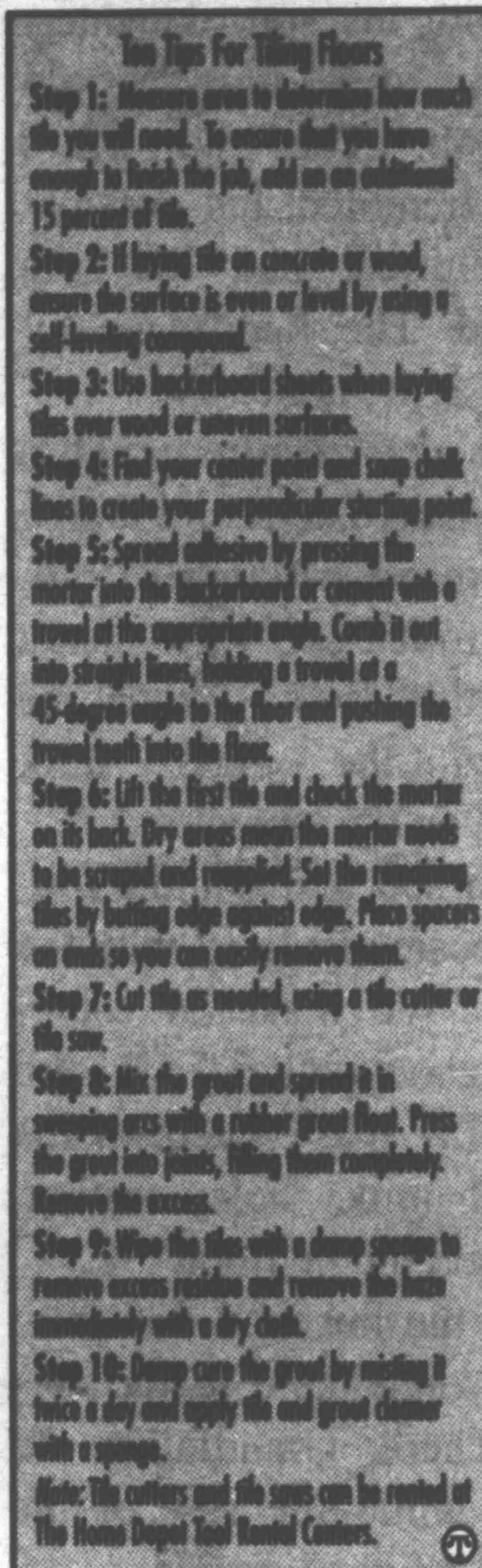
(NAPS)—Tackling a major home improvement project can seem like less of a chore if you follow a few tips.

First, if you plan to hire a little outside help, do some homework. Get estimates from a few contractors and make sure the company you hire is fully insured, bonded and can supply references.

If you're a DIYer, plan your project wisely. Start by listing materials that you'll need and give yourself a concrete time frame in which to complete the job. Next, take a tool inventory. If you're short on tools, you could save yourself a little cash by renting what you need, rather than buying it.

You can rent tools for a day, the weekend or as long as it takes to finish the project. For example, The Home Depot Tool Rental Center, which is located in more than 1,175 locations around the country, provides homeowners with up to 325 different types of tools to complete most any type of project. The center also provides hands-on training on most rental equipment, as well as a list of tips on most frequently rented tools.

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Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—Adding one well-chosen ingredient can turn an ordinary meal into an extraordinary one. So why not add a casual sense of elegance to your next meal by incorporating creamy, fresh California avocados? The nutty, creamy flavor of avocados is a delicious complement to many everyday foods, such as salads, sandwiches and pasta. For delicious recipes, visit the California Avocado Commission Web site at www.avocado.org.

Keep canned, frozen or dried tart cherries on hand to make family meals this fall. Cherries add nutrition and color to recipes. You will also discover that cherries are versatile. They go well with squash. Stir canned cherries into baked acorn squash. Jazz up breakfast by adding dried tart cherries to oatmeal. For more ideas on using tart cherries, visit www.usacherries.com. To receive a free set of recipe cards with new cherry recipes, write to CMI: The Cherry People, P.O. Box 30285, Dept. New, Lansing, MI 48909-7785 or send an



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Obituaries

Mrs. Henning

Charlie Mae Henning, 69, of Ripley, widow of James V. Henning, died Dec. 21st.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, where she had been Sunday School superintendent and a choir member, with burial in its cemetery, Barlow Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She leaves sons, Terrance, of Ripley, Gregory, of Dyersburg, James, of Jackson, and Anthony, of Miami, Fla.; a sister, The Rev. Florence Baker, of St. Louis, Mo.; and 12 grandchildren.

Gladys Longan

Gladys Maxine Longan, 91, a sister of Darlene (Mrs. B.C.) Underwood, of 619 E. Dry Hill Road, Halls, died Dec. 20th in Good Samaritan Village in Hobbs, N.M.

Rites were Thursday of last week in the Little, Okla., Cemetery, Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home, of Roswell, N.M., in charge.

She was the daughter of the late Charlie and Minnie Bray.

She had worked in laundries and restaurants.

Survivors include a brother, Franklin Bray, of Crane, Tex.; and other sisters, Ruby (Mrs. Leonard) Heald, of Crane, Betty Van Matre, of Hobbs, Blanche Bethany, of Duncan, Okla., and Jessie Parsons, of Davis, Okla.

Belinda Greer

Belinda Greer, 54, a guard in the West Tenn. State Penitentiary at Fort Pillow, died Dec. 22nd in her home in Covington.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in Covington Memorial Gardens, Maley-Yarborough Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves her mother, Beanie Hise Hunter, a daughter Rebecca, and a brother, Jerry Hunter, of Covington; another brother, Jim, of Southaven, Miss.; a granddaughter, two step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Samuel Pace, Jr.

Samuel Pace, Jr., 80, of Henning, retired Ford factory worker, died Dec. 23rd in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

He leaves a sister, Inell Washington, of Henning.

Other survivors include a son, Robert, of Dyersburg; daughters, Carolyn Pace, of Dyersburg, Annabel Parish, of Princeton, Ind., and Louise Williams, of Detroit, Mich.; 40 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

E. T. Johnson

Elliott Thomas Johnson, 68, former Riplian, brother of Garfield Johnson and Emma Lee, of Ripley, died Dec. 21st in St. John's Hospital in Detroit, Mich.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Corinthian Baptist Church, with burial in Detroit's Mount Olivet Cemetery, Barksdale Funeral Home in charge, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, assisting here.

Survivors include his wife, Olivia; sons, Gerald, Trevor, and Zerrick, a brother, Earl, and a sister, Dorothy Copeland, of Detroit; another brother, Clarence, of Peoria, Ill.; and nine grandchildren.

Charlie Tuggles

Charlie Edward Tuggles, 81, of Dyersburg, father of Cherry Dennis, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in a Jackson hospital.

Rites were set for noon Thursday in Tabernacle Baptist Church in Dyersburg, with burial in Dyersburg Memorial Park, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He was the widower of Josephine Tuggles. Survivors include sons, Nathan Tuggles, of Dyersburg, Edward Tuggles, of Nashville, Howard Tuggles, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Willie Stephens, of Los Angeles, Calif.; other daughters, Linda Kate Tuggles and Lois Vaughn, of Dyersburg, Arleese Tuggles, of Bolivar, and Shirley Miller, of Memphis; a brother, John, of Detroit, Mich.; and 14 grandchildren.

Mrs. Churchill

Margaret M. Churchill, 68, of Ripley, died Friday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Tuesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Edith Cemetery.

She leaves sons, Jimmy Churchill, Shane Barrs, and Daniel and James Phelps, of Ripley; daughters, Debbie and Lois Harris and Kay Dyer, of Ripley, and Nicki Hurd, of Florida; brothers, Jack, Ray, and Richard Leroy Barrs, and sisters, Betty Shaw and Rachel Toler, all of Florida; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Geneva Heath

Geneva Lou Heath, 79, of Maury City, sister of Brenda (Mrs. Jerry) England, of 541 E. Tigrett, Halls, died Sunday in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were held Tuesday in Friendship Funeral Home, with burial in Friendship Cemetery.

She was the daughter of the late Marshall and Florence Joyner Davison.

She leaves a brother, Monroe Davison, of Crockett Mills, and another sister, Celia Rodgers, of Forest Hill, N.C.

Linda Lewis

Linda Ruth Lewis, 69, wife of Glynn T. Lewis, died Wednesday of last week in her home in Halls.

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

Survivors include sons, Billy, Donnie, and Ronnie Davis, of Halls, and Timothy Davis, of Perryville, Mo.; a sister, Thelma Blakely, of Halls; 25 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Divorces

Clayton Elliot Taylor vs. Leslie Michelle Chumley Taylor.

Louis S. Rose, Jr. vs. Sherrie Lynn Sebasta Rose.

Elizabeth Craft Hinnard vs. Willis L. Hinnard.

Heather W. Warren vs. Jeremy N. Warren.

Lisa Freels Mauppins vs. Larry Dean Mauppins.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE COLUMN

Gerald Ford, A Humble Hero

By Rex M. Rogers

The passing of a former president of the United States always brings with it a host of memories and feelings for the American people. This is especially true for me in the December 26 death of President Gerald R. Ford, at age 93 years, the nation's longest-living former president.

I never met President Ford, but I've felt a kinship to him throughout my adult life. On Aug. 8, 1974, President Richard M. Nixon announced he would resign effective the next day. On Aug. 9, 1974, the nation's first unelected Vice President, Gerald R. Ford, became the nation's first unelected President, and on Aug. 10, 1974, Sarah and I were married. So for a young man interested in politics and in a certain young lady, it was quite a weekend. The 895-day Ford Administration paralleled the formation of our new family.

Years later in 1991, Sarah and I moved our family of four (three boys and a girl like the Fords) to President Ford's hometown, Grand Rapids, Mich. Not long after this I made my first of many visits to the Gerald R. Ford Museum downtown, and during the ensuing 16 years I grew to appreciate the values in this community that formed "Jerry Ford": a strong work ethic, integrity, frugality, patriotism, commitment to faith and family, and a respect for individual liberty and achievement.

I remember one of the key words of the Ford presidency, "candor." President Ford used it often and so did others. In the wake of Vietnam and Watergate, it was what the nation yearned for, and President Ford embodied the concept.

Two other words come quickly to mind regarding President Ford: courage and character. It took personal and political courage to pardon former president Nixon September 8, 1974, and though this decision contributed to the loss of the presidency in 1976, time rewarded President Ford with the affirmation of the American people.

Now President Ford is remembered for his character. He was a man of principle who quietly tried to do what is right. I'll always remember him as a humble hero.

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HALLS BOARD MEETING

The Town of Halls board meeting was held Monday, January 8th at Halls City Hall. Mayor Trent McManus reported to the board that he had set a goal to develop more sites in Halls to be available to potential industries and announced that a site next to the Tupperware property was submitted as a "Deal Ready" site by the West Tennessee Industrial Association. The town was notified Thursday of last week that the site had been officially approved.

The mayor formed an Alcohol and Beverage Panel to make recommendations to the board about regulations concerning package liquor stores. The panel members included Jimmy Clendenin, Wayne Hilliard, Cathy Jarrett, Hunter Mountjoy, Regina Nash, Stan Young, and Trent McManus. The members met and presented their recommendations for an ordinance. There will be a special called meeting to pass or edit the ordinance.

Halls will be hosting a Mayor's Night In program at the Halls community center at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16th to give anyone the opportunity to ask questions of city or county officials. Those attending will be Halls Mayor Trent McManus, County Mayor Rod Schuh, City Recorder Vanda Shelton, Public Works Director Alan Cherry, Chief of Police Rod Ward, Fire Chief Ricky Huey, Airport Manager Neal Doolin, Senior Center Director Wendi Henry, Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Director Lisa Hankins, and County Commissioner Don Fisher. Other officials have been invited.

Mayor McManus ap-

County Commissioners Elect Highway Dept. Administrator

Lauderdale County Commissioners re-elected Roland Henderson to the position of Chief of the Highway Administration Board by a vote of 14 to 9 with Commissioner David Caldwell absent. Commissioners Kathy Alston, John L. Bates, Billy P. Brandon, Judy Conrad, Talmadge Carihfield, Sr., Tommy Dunavant, Ronnie Elder, John Gaines, Danny Hartsfield, L. C. Hayslett, Eugene Pugh, Robert J. Reviere, Coy Summar, and Carol Walker voting for Henderson, while Commissioners Gene Edwards, Jesse Edwards, Don Fisher, Dennis King, Monty McWilliams, Angie Phillips, Louis C. Ruff, Dwight Shoemake, Sr., and Lynnwood Shoemake voting for Derrick Kissell, who was nominated by Commissioner Jesse Edwards, and seconded by Commissioner Ruff. William Dukes applied for the position and was approved by the State Certification Board in Nashville, but received no nominations.

In other business, commissioners approved the motion to allow Correction Risk Services to negotiate medical bills for the county's inmates, at no cost to the county. The county will receive a portion of the savings from each reduced bill.

The Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority received approval to interview for an additional employee, in a strictly clerical position, to assist with paperwork. The ambulance committee also asked commissioners to approve a rate increase, the first since 2000. The rates will increase approximately \$100, some higher, on a slightly lower than average of the surrounding counties. Mileage rates will go from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per mile. "Our supplies have gone up, gas has gone up, we need this increase," said County Mayor Rod Schuh. The motion passed unanimously.

Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Director Lisa Hankins informed commissioners that 2006 was a banner year for growth in the county with several factories adding jobs and contributing millions of dollars to the economy. Three deal ready sites have been certified, making the county near the top for businesses looking for new locations.

The county road list was accepted, with 442.9 miles of paved roads and 54 miles of gravel roads.

pointed Ricky Huey as fire chief, Wayne Belton and Donald Gooch as assistant fire chiefs and the board approved. The board also accepted a bid from West Tennessee Fencing company to install an automatic security gate at the airport and agreed to sell three acres of land on the air base to Eugene Coffey at the cost of \$7,000 an acre in order for him to expand his current pallet business. A contract was renewed with Mike Walker Signs to put up advertising signs at Crichfield Park. A resolution was passed to purchase (with a grant) a GIS package for the Halls Water System from GEO-Jobe GIS Consulting.

F.O.P. Football Player



STEVEN COWART, center, Halls High School senior, was presented the Fraternal Order of Police Player of the Year award Jan. 8th during the Halls High School annual football banquet. Brian Kelley, left, and Jay King, right, members of the F.O.P., presented the award for his outstanding performance on and off the football field.

Officers Arrest Local Husband

Bradley Alley, of Halls, was arrested Jan. 1st and charged with aggravated domestic assault according to Halls Police Department, Patrolman M. C. Swims. During a verbal argument

with his wife, Alley allegedly pulled a gun, placed it to her head and threatened to kill her. He then turned the gun on himself, threatening to kill himself. After pointing the gun into the air, he fired one round into the ceiling. He was released on bond.

Silver Gloves Champ



KEITH McCALLISTER, left, member of the Lauderdale County Boxing Club, defeated his Jackson Boxing Club opponent Saturday as he was crowned the Bantam Weight Silver Gloves Champion. Keith outclassed his opponent showing skill and much more illusive. The tournament was held in the Golden Gloves Arena in Jackson. His bout was voted the best bout of the tournament in the 12 to 13 year old intermediate division, earning both boxers trophies for their efforts.

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Students Writing 'Round The Town



STUDENTS, in upper photo, Ripley Primary School second graders, and in lower photo, Halls Elementary School fifth graders, are pictured during their daily writing practice. The students are preparing to participate Jan. 17th in the county-wide writing event. All students in grades K-8 will write about the same topic to emphasize how important writing is at every grade level and in every subject. The best examples, from each class, will be compiled in a county portfolio to keep track of the progress made throughout the year. The students' motto is "We only write on days we eat!"

School Lunches

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

Monday, Jan. 15th
No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 16th
Pizza
French Fries
Applesauce
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 17th
Spaghetti
Green Beans

Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Jan. 18th
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Pear Halves
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Jan. 19th
Cheese Toast
Chicken Noodle Soup
Carrot Sticks
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tanner Sworn In



CONGRESSMAN JOHN TANNER, right, pictured with his wife, Betty Ann, and their grandson, Tanner Atkins, was sworn in for the 110th Congress Jan. 4th in the U. S. capitol. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, left, presided over the ceremony on the first day of Congress. Congressman Tanner represents the 8th District in West and Middle Tennessee.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

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Pizza
French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Applesauce
Pineapple Tidbits
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 17th
Spaghetti
Entrée-School's Choice
Green Beans
Corn Nibbles
Pineapple Tidbits
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Jan. 18th
Chicken Nuggets
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Jell-O w/Fruit
Apple
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Jan. 19th
Corn Dog
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Chicken Noodle Soup
Fresh Vegetable Sticks w/Dip
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

RELAY FOR LIFE

The 2007 Relay For Life are urged to attend a meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 16th at the Tennessee Technology Center. Please come and help out in the fight against cancer. All fund raised benefit the American Cancer Society. If you are interested in having a team or volunteering to help out, you

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Read all about it...

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To Eat Cloned Or Not To Eat Cloned - That's The Question

As 2006 went out of existence and 2007 came forward with mixed feelings of excitement and concern, I was taken somewhat aback by the announcement in the news media about people's concerns on consuming cloned food products. With an announcement from the USDA that meat and milk products from cloned livestock and offspring are as safe as those from conventional animals for human consumption, many people across this country immediately assumed that today's hot dogs and hamburgers have come from animals of like test tubes. The report was from a draft risk assessment released by U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials and doesn't mean cloned animal food products are a norm on today's food chain.

The ink on the report had not much more than dried when opinions from every off-the-wall food watch-dog group in America began predicting all of our future demises. In an early morning news report I saw an on-the-street interview up in New York City with a lady saying how terrible our food has gotten due to crazy scientists cloning animals. The lady was preparing to go into a sushi bar for lunch and that immediately waved a red flag in my direction.

This lady was concerned

about a steak from a cloned cow, but she was going to eat fish bait for lunch. I know there are those who enjoy raw fish, but before you start casting concerns about a science that is only in an assessment period at this time, let's wait a while before we start passing judgement.

Agriculture Online says, "The peer-reviewed assessment comprising three separate documents -- a draft risk assessment, proposed risk management plan and draft guidance for industry -- is now subject to a 90-day public comment period. The risk assessment alone shows the safety of products from cloned animals, while the risk management plan and draft guidance for industry address risk mitigation in the cloning process and a blueprint for livestock operators utilizing the technology, respectively."

They also report that USDA says there are currently no products from cloned animals and their offspring in the market. The publication of the FDA's draft risk assessment will begin an essential public discussion on the technology and how it can be successfully used by farmers. Success with cloning livestock occurred back in 2002 and 2003 in Tennessee when the University of Tennessee cloned the first Jersey dairy heifer Millie up in Knoxville. Of course everyone has heard the news about the cloned sheep Dolly. Dolly the sheep became a scientific sensation when her birth was announced in 1997. Her relatively early death in February 2003 helps fuel the debate

about the ethics of cloning research. Dolly contracted a lung disease problem and there is no proof that cloning had anything to do with her death. Sheep get ill every day and die whether cloned or not cloned. However, animal cloning is the newest development that farmers may use in animal production and can deliver a product that consumers will want in the future.

Right now, the cost of cloning is too expensive for farmers to mass produce for consumption. So, the chance of getting a cloned steak right now is very slim. But, just as many USDA officials say, this technology may someday provide people in developing countries with greater access to protein-rich animal food products which will increase community health and well-being.

It does not take much to cause fear in our populous these days when it comes to food. If we had avoided hybrid production with seed, animals and plants in earlier years of agriculture, due to public opinion of the type that we have today, it is questionable if we could feed the millions that is possible with that long ago science we use in our daily farming practices.

Someday, cloning may be a farming practice of choice, rather than of chance.

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SISTER STUDY

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) needs 19,000 more women to join the Sister Study, the nation's largest research effort to find the causes of breast cancer. Researchers still don't know what causes the disease. NIEHS hopes to enroll a total of 50,000 women whose sisters had breast cancer. The Sister Study must meet its enrollment goal by the end of 2007.

Available in English and Spanish, the Sister Study requires very little time from its volunteers. The 10-year observational study begins with participants answering questions about diet, jobs, hobbies, and things they've been exposed to throughout their lives to determine what may influence breast cancer risk. Later, at a convenient

time and location for the participant, a female health technician collects small samples of blood, urine, toenail clippings, and house dust, which will also help give researchers a better picture of the woman's environment and genes.

Women in the U.S.* and Puerto Rico, ages 35 to 74, may be eligible to join the Sister Study if their sisters (living or deceased) had breast cancer. Women who join the Sister Study must never have been diagnosed with breast cancer themselves. Breast cancer affects women from every walk of life, so the Sister Study is seeking women of all backgrounds, occupations, ages, and ethnic groups.

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Practical Nursing Ceremony Held



MEMBERS, of the Four Rivers Regional Practical Nursing Program at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley, in front, from left, Lisa Swanner, salutatorian, Stephanie McNeal, Andrea Moore, Catherine Holcomb, Florence Nightingale Award recipient, Dawn Baker, and Debbie Braden, and in rear, Beth Street, RN Practical Nursing Senior Instructor, Kim Apperson, Tricia Smith, Florence Nightingale Award recipient, Shemekia Wright, Tammy Lynch, James Rogers II, valedictorian, Lisa Rogers, Melanie Rouser, Amy Young, Rhonda McCuiston, Kenny Dowell, Ashley Evans, Marissa Eastep, Kim Hastings, RN Part Time Clinical Instructor, and Belinda Douglas, RN Practical Nursing Coordinator, held the capping and pinning ceremony Dec. 8th at the Calvary Hill Baptist Church.

VITAMIN AWARENESS

January 8th - 14th is National Folic Acid Awareness Week and an ideal time to make taking a daily multivitamin an important and affordable health commitment. The Tennessee Department of Health and other health organizations have long recommended that most women take a multivitamin along with eating a varied, healthy diet. Studies suggest multivitamins may reduce the risk for some cancers, heart disease and stroke. For women, taking a multivitamin with 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid dramatically reduces the risk for serious birth defects of the brain and spine called neural tube defects (NTD). Tennessee resi-

dents gave birth to almost 200 babies with spina bifida or anencephaly, the two most common NTD's, between 1999 and 2003, according to the Tennessee Birth Defects Registry.

Surveys by the Gallup Organization for the March of Dimes indicate that many women forget to take a daily vitamin. Only one third of women ages 18 - 45 said they take a vitamin containing folic acid on a daily basis, according to their 2005 survey.

For more information on healthy eating and general information on the state's infant mortality prevention campaign, visit www.mypyramid.gov, www.4woman.gov, or www.tn.gov/health/infantmortality.

Birthdays

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

Jan. 12 - Greg Summar, Jeff Maclin, Crystal Land, Preston Gilliland, Tim Vincent, Wayne Alley, Kenneth Daniels, Gary Scheiblein, Melissa Stutzman, Carley Mills, Joyce Mills, Jody Murphey, Rodney McBroom, Jo Baker, Walt Nichols, Nicole Griggs.

Jan. 13 - Gloria Lake, Janet Brasch, Susan Patterson, John Whitley Francis, Cheryl Follis, Sharrion Cox, Hutch Dunavant, Charles Buckley Gooch.

Jan. 14 - Marcia Ivory, Scott White, Jr., Lisa Scott, Mark A. Brown, Tony Cannon, Maudie Gaters, R. C. Ward, April Jetton, Bob King, Lorie Lovelace

Barnett, Ellis Graham, Virginia Holcomb, James Colvin, Sr., Dr. Courtney Hoffman, Thelma Williams, Bobbie Hunter, Patti Rowan, Zelma Latham.

Jan. 15 - Phillip Neal, Anita Swinford, Maurice Waninger, Mary Harrison, Michael Douglas, Scooter Hardee, Melanie Maxwell, Angie Smith, Phil Vestal, Chris Pegg, B. G. Robbins, Steve Arnold, Luanne Tillman, Louise Maners, Dr. Alice Scott.

Jan. 16 - Nina Carmack Hopkins, Rachel Taylor, Russell Langley, Jr., Bonnie Sanders, Alma Ward, Danny Bailey, Krishenna Patrick, Jerry W. Colvin, Brian Woodard, Paul Buckner, Charlotte Bartlett, Cheri Baynes, Doris E. Brown, Elaine McCoy, Brian Fiedler, Charlotte Hamilton, Stacy Manley, Aaleigha Buck, Gail Griffin.

Jan. 17 - George Rose, Leatha Nelson, Lucy Mullins, Alice Meeks, Connie Hutcherson, Reid Hilliard, Terry Trout, Lloyd Bernard, Drew Wright, James R. Weir, Barbara Savage, Melanie Jones, Tony Dew, Suzanne Hamby, Leasha Nelson, Jon Ashton Welch, Rachel Criner.

UT-M Students On Dean's List

Lauderdale County students, attending the University of Tennessee at Martin, named to the fall dean's list, include, James A. Akin and Katie L. Privett, both of Gates, Alicia D. Gooch and Krista N. Newman, of Halls, and Joshua D. Emerson, Jamilah Z. Holloway, Brittany N. Koonce, Lyle S. Morris, Elizabeth K. Patterson, and Paul R. Webb, all of Ripley, honors; Wade C. Privett and Angela Stokes, both of Gates, Bessie L. Cherry and John H. Dodson, of Halls, and Roger B. Burns, Christopher R. Davis, Robert W. Maxwell, Whitney N. Murley, Jonathan Peet, and Clarissa A. Turner, all of Ripley, high honors; and Rebecca A. Carmack-Summar, Brian W. Hall, Rachel J. Hammond, Anna V. Spence, and William G. Spence, all of Halls, and Sandra S. Dennis, Ashley M. Hamby, Walter E. Hunt, and Suzette C. Stanley, all of Ripley, highest honors.

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

Dec. 15 - Timmy Levell Rouser, Sr., 36, to Felicia Michelle Maclin, 31, by Willie E. Dyson.

Dec. 30 - Richard Ray Benson, 28, to Cassie Lynn Hinson, 20, by Tracy Henson.

Jan. 2 - Joseph Earl Elam, Sr., 59, to Vonda Kay Stafford Cox, 46, by Tracy Henson.

Jan. 5 - Eric Manns, 18, to Renesh Shantae Williams, 18, by Tracy Henson.

Bradford & Crockett Top Halls Cagers

Bradford, hosting Halls cagers Friday, led the boys, 69-52, and the girls, 60-39.

Crockett County, hosting Halls Saturday, led the boys, 80-49, and the girls, 79-43.

Bradford Spurt In 3rd

Halls' boys trailed Bradford 19-12 after the first period and 32-27 at the half.

Bradford led 24-14 in the third and 13-11 in the fourth for the win.

Demarcus Patrick topped the Tigers' scoring with 14. Kevan Ward had 12.

Girls Blitzed At Outset

Bradford blitzed the Halls girls, 19-3, in the first period and led 31-13 at the half.

A 19-10 lead in the fourth put Bradford out of reach of a 16-10 fourth for Halls.

Phylicia Richmond posted 16 points for Halls, including three 3-pointers.

Shacreteria Foster scored 15, with three 3-pointers.

Crockett Spurt In 2nd

Crockett's boys led only 24-17 in the first period but 50-31 at the half, adding 19-13 and 11-5 margins in the final two periods.

Scoring multiple points for Halls were Kevan Ward, (11), Cedric Jones (10), Tony Hudson (6), Rodney Foster (3), and Nathan Smith (2).

Halls Girls Faded Late

Crockett led Halls' girls 24-11 in the first period, but Halls led the second, 13-11, for 35-24 at the half.

Crockett turned in a 17-12 third period and a devastating 27-7 fourth quarter.

Phylicia Richmond topped Halls scoring with 15 points, including two 3-pointers.

Crystal Belew had 8, including a 3-pointer; Shacreteria Foster 6; Kayla Akin and Heather Hill 4 each; Jessica

Resisting Officers Results In Arrest

Ricky Jones, of Halls, was arrested Dec. 31st after officers with the Halls Police Department stopped his vehicle and he became defiant with officers, according to Patrolman M. C. Swims. Jones was charged with driving on a revoked driver's license, violation of open container law, interfering with an investigation, and resisting arrest. While officers were giving him commands to remove his hands from under his sweatshirt and out of his pockets, he made threatening movements towards officers as they were patting him down. He was taken down for officer and suspect safety and placed into handcuffs.

Land Transfers

Dec. 31st to Jan. 6th

Randy Lankford, L. W. Poston, Jr., Dennis Lee, and William E. Hendren to Sammie Leo Arnold, Tonya K. Arnold, Randall J. Harris, and Virginia S. Harris, Dist. 2, lot.

Household Financial Center, Inc. to Norene Douglas, Dist. 11, lot.

Ellen Barfield to Evelyn J. Latham, Dist. 11, lot.

Howard R. Houston and Nancy L. Houston to David Hamlet and Zina Hamlet, Dist. 12, 1.66 acres.

U.S. Bank NA to Mary Mitchell, lot.

Janes, Christi Meeks, and Nakeysha Wilson, 2 each.

Halls teams played Tuesday in Union City, results too late for this edition.

[The 81-43 score reported to us for the Halls' girls' loss to Dyer County in the Dyersburg Christmas Classic, was not correct. Dyer County led, by periods, 24-8, 19-14, 25-11, and 15-11, to win the game, 83-44].

UT-M Ripley Center Groundbreaking



OFFICIALS, with the University of Tennessee Martin Ripley Center, Lauderdale County, City of Ripley, and many others, participated in a groundbreaking ceremony Friday at the site of the new center, 317 S. Washington St., the former Wal-Mart building. Holding golden shovels were, from left, State Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor Jon Pavletic, County Mayor Rod Schuh, Youlanda Jones, director UT Martin Ripley Center; Dr. Nick Dunagan, Chancellor University of Tennessee at Martin; Leslie Sigman, Bank of Ripley, who has made a \$100,000 commitment for scholarships; Dr. Jack Britt, UT Executive Vice-President; and Frank Wagster, of TLM Architects and Engineers, who designed the project. Mayor Pavletic spoke on his 38 years at Ripley High School, the last ten as principal, stating this center "was a dream come true". State Rep. Fitzhugh stated this project only happened because of the community. The students of the UT Martin Ripley Center were recognized, along with members of the Education Committee. A gift giving campaign has begun to raise funds for the scholarships, with any money raised to stay in Lauderdale County. The commitments by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fitzhugh and Marvin Windows and Doors, and donations by private citizens, along with the commitment by Bank of Ripley, have raised approximately \$200,000 already.

Family Career Expo Committee



MEMBERS, of the Annual Family Career Expo, Mary Jo Crihfield, Jana Parnell, Sue Toles, Gail Anglin, Steve Vandergriff, Johna Arwood, Rachel Erwin, Renate Jennings, Chris Cole, David Oakes, plus, not pictured, Melody Caldwell, Donnell Baltimore, Linda Jennings, Beaton Matthews, and Rick Tackett, met Monday to discuss this year's event, scheduled for 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thurs., March 1st at the Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. The goal of the committee is that the event will offer students, as well as their families, the opportunity to discuss education needs for certain occupations. Employers will showcase various jobs as well as the education and skills needed. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the Lauderdale County Board of Education, 635-2941, or the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, 635-9541.

Anniversaries

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

Jan. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman.

Jan. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sneed, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jeff Crihfield, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tommy Kiestler.

Jan. 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Gabbard.

Jan. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lankford.

Obituaries

Gerald C. Boxx Served At HHS

Gerald C. Boxx, 40, of Dyersburg, who had taught and coached in Halls High School and had instructed in Dyersburg Community College, died Wednesday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Friday in Curry Funeral Home.

A graduate of Bethel College in McKenzie, he had served in the Air Force; including escorting President George Bush.

He had been a coach and umpire at the Dyersburg Activity Center.

He attended Hillcrest Baptist Church.

He leaves his mother, Mary Helen Boxx, daughters, Brianna and Tristan Boxx, a brother, Stephen Boxx, and a sister, Kathy Boxx, all of Dyersburg; and a son, Adam Williams, another daughter, Savannah Williams, and another sister, Pat Singleton, all of Newbern.

William Gray

William Vernon Gray, 82, of Memphis, step-father of Darrell and Randy Chapman, of Henning, died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were Friday in Memorial Park Funeral Home.

An Army veteran of World War II, he worked for Memphis Furniture Co. for 35 years.

He was a member of Richland Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife for 45 years, Margaret Alice Sanders Gray; a daughter, Diane Gorney, of Memphis; and seven step-grandchildren.

Steve Rice

Steve Rice, 73, of Henning, farmer and trucker, died Sunday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Tuesday in the cemetery of St. Paul United Methodist Church at Durhamville, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves no close relatives.

Willie Jelks

Willie Quincy Jelks, infant son of Willie Quincy Jelks IV and Candice Gingery Jelks, of Ripley, died Dec. 28th in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Canaan Baptist Church, Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

Survivors include a brother, Quinterian, a sister, Quenique Jelks, grandparents, Cliff and Farris Manns and Nick and Chantey Gingery, great-grandparents, James and Alice Williamson, and his great-grandmother, Maria Williamson, of Ripley, and other great-grandparents, Florida Gingery, of Henning, and Ruth Gingery, of Decatur, Ill.

Thelma Criner

Thelma Carter Criner, 82, of Ripley, retired from Tupperware in Halls, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Concord United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of James Wilmer Criner.

She leaves a son, James W. Criner, Jr., of Halls; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Daphne Yants

Daphne Alene Evans Yants, 44, of Newbern, mother of Van Allen Yants, of 115 Floyd Akin Road, Gates, and sister of Mike Newman, of Halls, died Dec. 30th, in her home.

Rites were Monday of last week in Johnson Funeral Home in Newbern, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Newbern.

She had been an employee of Wal-Mart.

Other survivors include another son, Adam Wilton Yants, a daughter, Rebecca Alene Yants, and her father and step-mother, Garland and Maggie Evans, of Newbern; other brothers, Garland, Jr., and Jeff and Patrick Evans, of Dyersburg, and Ricky Newman, of Alamo; and a granddaughter.

'Jere' Escue

Jerald "Jere" Henderson Escue, 50, was found about 10 a.m. Saturday in his home at 3500 Hwy. 19 west of Ripley, dead from a gun-shot wound to his head, which Sheriff Steve Sanders reports as apparently suicide.

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

He was born in Ripley March 5, 1956, to Joe Turner Escue and Ella Mae Henderson Escue.

Jere was graduated from Ripley High School in 1974, after four years on its football team.

He was an Eagle Scout and spent two weeks at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

He attended the University of Tennessee in Martin and Dyersburg State College before joining his father in a partnership on the family farm.

He leaves his wife, the former Angelia Dianne Ray, whom he married in 1981; his father, of the same address; a daughter, Melissa Victoria Escue, of Ripley; a brother, Joe T. Escue, of Anniston, Ala.; and a sister, Joan (Mrs. Mike) Vaughn, of Franklin.

Ann Shepard

Ann Grear Shepard, 63, of Ripley, died Tuesday at her home.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Edith Cemetery, near Ripley, with Garner Funeral Home, Ripley, in charge.

She had a love for gardening.

Survivors include a son, Christopher Shepard, a daughter, Tammy Hickman, her parents, O. B. and Dorothy Grear II, and a brother, O. B. Grear III, all of Ripley; another daughter, Shannon Massey, of Memphis; two sisters, Barbara Ward, of Olive Branch, Miss., and Carol Linton, of Germantown; and eight grandchildren.

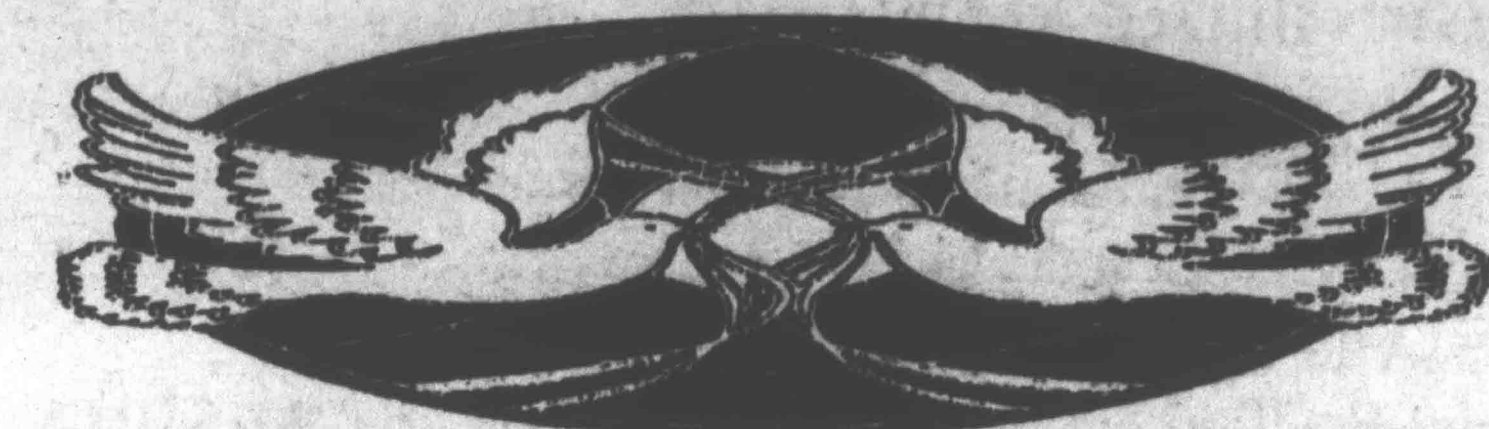
The family request any memorials to Crossroads Outreach in Ripley.

Calvin Holloway

Calvin Holloway, 78, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Ripley, died Saturday in Loretto Hospital in Chicago.

Services were set for 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 13th in Jordan-Shepard Funeral Home in Chicago, with burial in Parkholmes Cemetery, LaGrange, Ill., Currie's Funeral Home, Henning, has charge locally.

A retired factory worker, he leaves his wife, Annie Ruth Holloway; three sons, Calvin, Jr., of Memphis, Derrick, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Stanley, of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Sherry Liedell, of Phoenix, and Mary Douglas, of Memphis; a brother, Robert, of Chicago; and a sister, Jerlene Holloway King, of Jackson, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.



Church Happenings

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

New Beginnings Christian Center Church will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical contest at 2 p.m. Sun., Jan. 21st. The Rev. Cyronose D. Spicer, Sr., pastor, invites all youth to participate. Categories include short recitation for ages 5 to 8; medium length recitation (16 lines) for ages 9 to 11; recite a poem or speech by any author (more than 16 lines) for ages 12 to 15; recite a speech by Dr. King for ages 15 to 18; and for ages 12 and above, the speeches should be dramatic and expressive. Parents or church youth directors can contact New Beginnings Christian Center, 635-2008, by Jan. 10th for registration information. Certificates, prizes, and trophies will be awarded to the winners, there are no losers!

Holly Grove Baptist Church, 155 College St., will hold a 12-hour prayer vigil, which will be divided into four prayer watches. The first watch will begin at 6 p.m. Fri., Jan 12th and the last watch will end at 6 a.m. Sat., Jan. 13th. The alarm has sounded for God's people of His new covenant, through Jesus Christ, to stand together in "prayer watches" for our churches, schools, community, nation, and world. For further information, call Ellena Gooch, 731-635-0965. The public is invited.

The Women of Purpose will present "Becoming Women of Purpose and Praise" Winter Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Jan. 27th at Elam Baptist Church. Guest speakers include Minister Ellena Gooch and Sister Tenthly Pounds. Workshop speakers include Sister Jennie V. Bradford, Sister Gloria Webster, and Sister Renica Yarbrough. The teen workshop speaker is Sister Yolanda Alston. Lunch will be included. Call 612-2717 for more information and conference fee. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public.

James S. Choat

James S. Choat, 68, of Ripley, a farmer, died Jan. 2nd in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Services were Friday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Nance Cemetery, in Alamo.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth, of Henning, and Neal, of Ripley; three daughters, Judy Mooney, Tammy Lambirth, and Terry Sandlin, all of Ripley; two brothers, Roy and Arthur, Jr., of Linden; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Riplian Flees Jail, But Not For Long

Eugene Spivey, 27, formerly of Ripley, who escaped from the Crockett County jail in Alamo about 8 p.m. Friday, turned himself in to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders at 7 p.m. Monday, after a fellow escapee was found in Jackson.

Escaping with Spivey was Antonio Reed, 22, of Bells, recaptured early Monday in the Old Hickory Inn in Jackson.

Spivey was charged with the first degree murder, in 2003, of Leonard John Neely, 56, of Maury City.

Reed was jailed on charges of statutory rape, introducing drugs into a county institution, and parole violation.

Sanders says Reed's wife was giving birth in Jackson-Madison County Hospital at the time of his arrest.



Eugene Spivey



DENNIS McCASLIN retired at the Halls Community Center with over 150 co-workers and friends. He was honored Jan. 11th

Local Author To Autograph Book.

Brenda Roberts, of Halls, will autograph copies of her book, *The Zebra Means A Lot To Me*, from 2 to 4 p.m. Fri., Jan. 26th at the Halls Public Library. The public is invited.

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The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has partnered with Education To Go to offer "Teaching Science: Grades 4 - 6," an online course.

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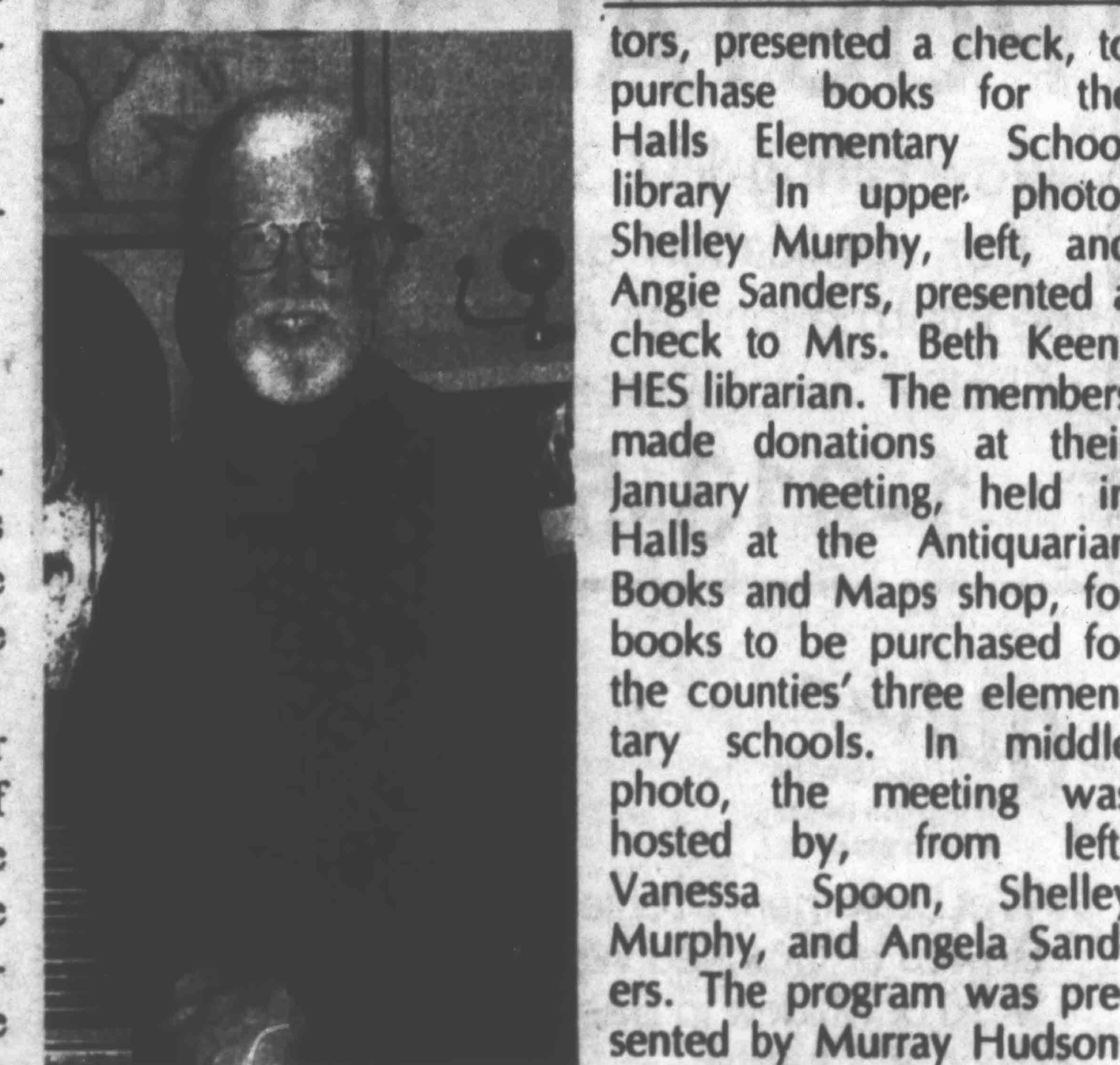
For more information about this course, visit the online instruction center at www.ut-m.edu/departments/ecce/online/courses.php. Click on Education To Go.

NORRIS ELECTED

State Senator Mark Norris, (R-Collierville), was elected last week by Senate Republicans to serve as the Senate Majority Leader.

The Majority Leader serves as the chief officer of the Republican Party in the Senate, representing the Caucus in all matters affecting state government. The Leader also serves as the chief negotiator with the Executive Branch and Democratic leadership.

Sorority Make Donation



MEMBERS, of the Pi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority for Women Educa-

tors, presented a check, to purchase books for the Halls Elementary School library in upper photo, Shelley Murphy, left, and Angie Sanders, presented a check to Mrs. Beth Keen, HES librarian. The members made donations at their January meeting, held in Halls at the Antiquarian Books and Maps shop, for books to be purchased for the counties' three elementary schools. In middle photo, the meeting was hosted by, from left, Vanessa Spoon, Shelley Murphy, and Angela Sanders. The program was presented by Murray Hudson, in lower photo, an antique map and globe collector/dealer, owner of the shop.

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NOTICE

A special called meeting of the Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen is scheduled Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of:

First Reading on an Ordinance to establish location Restrictions and Rules, Regulations, and Procedures For the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in the Town of Halls
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Tanner Named Chairman Celebrating Golden Anniversary



CONGRESSMAN JOHN TANNER, seated, center, in upper photo, lunched with the Tennessee troops from the 18th Military Police Brigade during a trip to Iraq with the NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Parliamentary Assembly. In lower photo, Tanner, right, lunched with the Tennessee troops stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. He was named chairman of the U. S. delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly, which is the civilian arm of the NATO alliance. The U. S. delegation meets regularly with its counterparts from the other 26 NATO member countries to discuss global security, economics, and other ongoing NATO operations. The Parliamentary Assembly meets Feb. 18th through 20th at the headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Tanner has represented the United States on the NATO Parliamentary Assembly since 1998. He served as the organization's vice-president in 2005 and in November was elected chairman of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly's Economics and Security Committee. He was also appointed to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which handles NATO related policy. He will retain his membership on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Births

To Jered and Jennifer Olds, of Woodville, a 7 lb. 6 oz. daughter, Allasyn Marie Olds, bom Dec. 21st in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. Grandparents are Ronnie and Dana Olds, of

Woodville, Helen Williams, of Friendship, and the late Charles Williams. Great-grandparents are Lloyd and Mattie Sue Reynolds, of Frog Jump, and Erma Olds, of Lightfoot.

It is the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter.

—Marlene Dietrich



MRS. BERLIE MCGARRITY, pictured in her 20's, known lovingly to her family as Mama Mack, will celebrate her 100th birthday with a reception from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 28th at the Halls First United Methodist Church, where she is a member, all friends and family are invited. Your presence is the only gift requested.

Born Jan. 27, 1907, she is a native of Crockett County, born at her homeplace on the Eaton Corckett Mills Road, near Freindship. Her parents were Jake and Jennie Harber, and siblings, Walter, Effie, VOLLIE, Hautie, R. B., and Bertha Harber, Irma Harber King, and Thelma Harber Smith. Mrs. McGarrity was a member of Bethesda Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a child and young adult. She graduated from Crockett Mills High School in 1926 and married Bill McGarrity in 1932. They were married for 56 years until his death in 1988. She currently resides in Halls, where she has made her home for nearly 65 years. She has three children, Billie McGarrity Belton, of Halls, Kay McGarrity Stamps, of Collierville, and Douglas McGarrity, of Atlanta, Ga., six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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

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



CHARLEY AND PERRILYN CHERRY, of Ripley, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun., Jan. 21st in the fellowship hall of Ripley Church of Christ, all family and friends invited. Your presence is the only gift requested. The event will be hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cherry, of Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mack Cherry, of Greenbrier, and their grandchildren.

Birthdays

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

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

Jan. 20 - Oliver Nelson, Cassidy Brummett, Amy Sonderoth Fisher, Levi Thompson, Allan Kiestler, Billy Lynch, Pamela Martin, Ree Cates, Jerry Tolene, Trevor Reece Belton, Austin Powell, Hailee Edwards, Crayton Rose, Colton Rose, Angela Duncan Smith, Laura Duncan Bivens, Billy Joe Heron, Barbara Bain, Suzanne Hogue.

Jan. 21 - Rachel Best, Cindy Cherry, Maxine Hardy, Ed Allmon, Dennis Weaver, Jr., Will Bringle, Guilford Williams IV, Floyd Taylor, Sue Jennings, Alan Austin, Tyler Lynch, Carole Whitnel, Cheryl Leo, Alison Griggs.

Marriages

Jan. 10th - Brady Johnson, 49, to Marsha Sue Gillmore Bishop, 48, by Tracy Henson.

Rabbit Buckner, Andrea Ammons.

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

Jan. 23 - Oliver Nelson, Cassidy Brummett, Amy Sonderoth Fisher, Levi Thompson, Allan Kiestler, Billy Lynch, Pamela Martin, Ree Cates, Jerry Tolene, Trevor Reece Belton, Austin Powell, Hailee Edwards, Crayton Rose, Colton Rose, Angela Duncan Smith, Laura Duncan Bivens, Billy Joe Heron, Barbara Bain, Suzanne Hogue.

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

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Aquatic Weed Management

By Hayden E. "Gene" Miles, 286-7821
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Herbicides are just one method of managing aquatic weeds. There are also preventative methods such as proper pond site selection and construction, fertilization and periodic draw-downs. Also, biological methods such as grass carp and mechanical methods such as cutting, seining and raking can reduce aquatic weed populations. Using a combination of methods within a comprehensive plan is the most cost effective and environmentally safe way to manage aquatic weeds. Once undesirable weeds are eliminated, applying fertilizer periodically will stimulate planktonic algae blooms that suppress the growth of submerged weeds.

When selecting a herbicide to control aquatic weeds, it is important to identify the weed and whether or not it grows submersed, floats or is immersed. It is also important to note if the herbicide is toxic to fish or whether or not other restrictions like prohibiting swimming, livestock watering or irrigation should be followed after treatment with a particular herbicide.

The best time to apply a herbicide is in the spring when water temperature is between 70 and 80 degrees and weeds are small and easier to control. Treating a pond with herbicides during the hot summer months is risky because at that time of year dissolved oxygen concentrations tend to be lower and weed growth higher. Treating one-fourth to one-third of the total surface of a pond at one time can minimize the risk of depleting dissolved oxygen. Some herbicides cannot be used for partial pond treatments so follow the label to use the desired herbicide correctly.

Copper sulfate often called "blue stone" is primarily used to control algae. Trout and koi are particularly sensitive to copper. Most fish kills after copper sulfate treatment are related to massive algae kill and the subsequent depletion of dissolved oxygen. The toxicity of copper sulfate to fish increases as water temperature increases. Avoid copper sulfate applications during hot summer months.

Diquat is a recommended herbicide for use in ponds which is not toxic to fish. This herbicide has activity on algae, submersed, floating and immersed weeds. Repeated applications on surface mats of algae may be necessary.

Sonar is another recommended herbicide which controls floating weeds on ponds. Sonar is a trans-located herbicide which controls floating weeds on ponds. Sonar is a trans-located herbicide that slowly kills plants over a 30 to 90 day period. Sonar is not effective as a spot treatment. The entire pond must be treated to control the target weed.

Rodeo (glyphosate) is a recommended herbicide to control immersed weeds. A nonionic surfactant should always be added and used with this herbicide.

Navigate (2,4-D) is a recommended herbicide used to control submersed and immersed weeds. This material is a trans-located herbicide that may be available as a granular or liquid formulation. Use only formulations of 2,4-D that are labeled for aquatic weed control.

For further information regarding this subject, contact your local U.T. Extension Service office, 731-635-9551. The University of Tennessee Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability and veteran status and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Turkey Quota Hunt Applications Sought

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will accept applications during the month of February for the 2007 turkey quota hunt, to be held at Reelfoot, Lower Hatchie, and Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuges. Reelfoot Refuge, the Long Point, and Grassy Island units will hunt, April 6th through 8th; Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie will have three hunts, April 5th through 8th; April 12th through 15th; and April 19th through 22nd.

In March, a computer drawing will be used to randomly select 25 hunters each for the Grassy Island and Long Point units of Reelfoot, and for the three hunts for Lower Hatchie Refuge. Chickasaw NWR will draw 75 hunter for each of their three season hunts. A permit fee of \$12.50 per hunter is payable upon notification of selection for the quota hunt.

To apply, send a stamped, self-addressed, U.S. Postal Service Postcard, in an envelope, addressed to either of the three following addresses:

1. Reelfoot NWR, Refuge Manager, Turkey Quota Hunt, 4343 Hwy. 157, Union City, TN 38261, 731-538-2481.

2. Chickasaw NWR, Refuge Manager, Turkey Quota Hunt, 1505 Sand Bluff Rd., Ripley, TN 38063, 731-635-7621.

3. Lower Hatchie NWR, Refuge Manager, Turkey Quota Hunt, 234 Fort Prudhomme Dr., Henning, TN 38041, 731-738-2296.

Type or clearly print the following information on the back of the postcard: name, address, for up to three hunters, and choice of hunting area, from a specific refuge, and hunt date, from the three choices, when applying for Chickasaw or Lower Hatchie. If a date is not indicated, a date will be randomly chosen.

Illegible or incomplete names and addresses will dis-

2007 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Set

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale began Jan. 13th and will continue through Feb. 15th. Hunters must comply with regulations for Tennessee, while Long Point hunters must comply with hunting regulations in Tennessee and/or Kentucky, in accordance with the state in which their license was purchased. The bag limit is one bearded turkey, which counts as bonus turkey.

with local Girl Scouts taking orders until Jan. 28th. Cookies will be delivered between Feb. 16th and March 11th. Cookies include Samoas, Thin Mints, Dosidos, Tagalongs, Trefoils, All Abouts, Café Cookies, and new this year, the sugar-free Little Brownies. Troops will use the proceeds for meeting supplies, field trips, camp outings, and more. To place an order, contact Beverly Jelonek, chairperson for the Dyer/Halls area, 731-285-0923.

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Halls Cagers Lag In Week's Games

Halls High School's basketball teams lost last week to Union City and Greenfield.

No surprise in the boys' loss in Union City, 83-47.

The victors, reigning state champs and 17-3 (10-0 in Dist. 14A), ranked No. 2 in one state poll, led Halls, by quarters, 21-9, 28-16, 13-9, and 28-13, to put the Halls boys' season record at 6-11 (4-6 in Dist. 14A).

Demarcus Patrick led Halls scoring with 12 points. Rodney Foster added 10.

UC Girls Turn Around

HHS girls had better hopes against a team which, though 8-7 (4-5 in Dist. 14A) had lost six of their last seven games (three straight).

But Union City led, by quarters, 15-5, 24-16, 18-8, and 18-10, to win, 75-39, and set the Halls' girls' record at 1-18 (0-10 in Dist. 14A).

Phylicia Richmond posted 15 points for Halls.

Greenfield Well Ahead

Friday, the girls lost to Greenfield, 62-46.

Richmond posted 12 points, including three 3-pointers.

Christi Meeks had 11, including one 3-pointer.

The Halls boys lost their game, 55-29.

Foster led Halls scoring with 15 points.

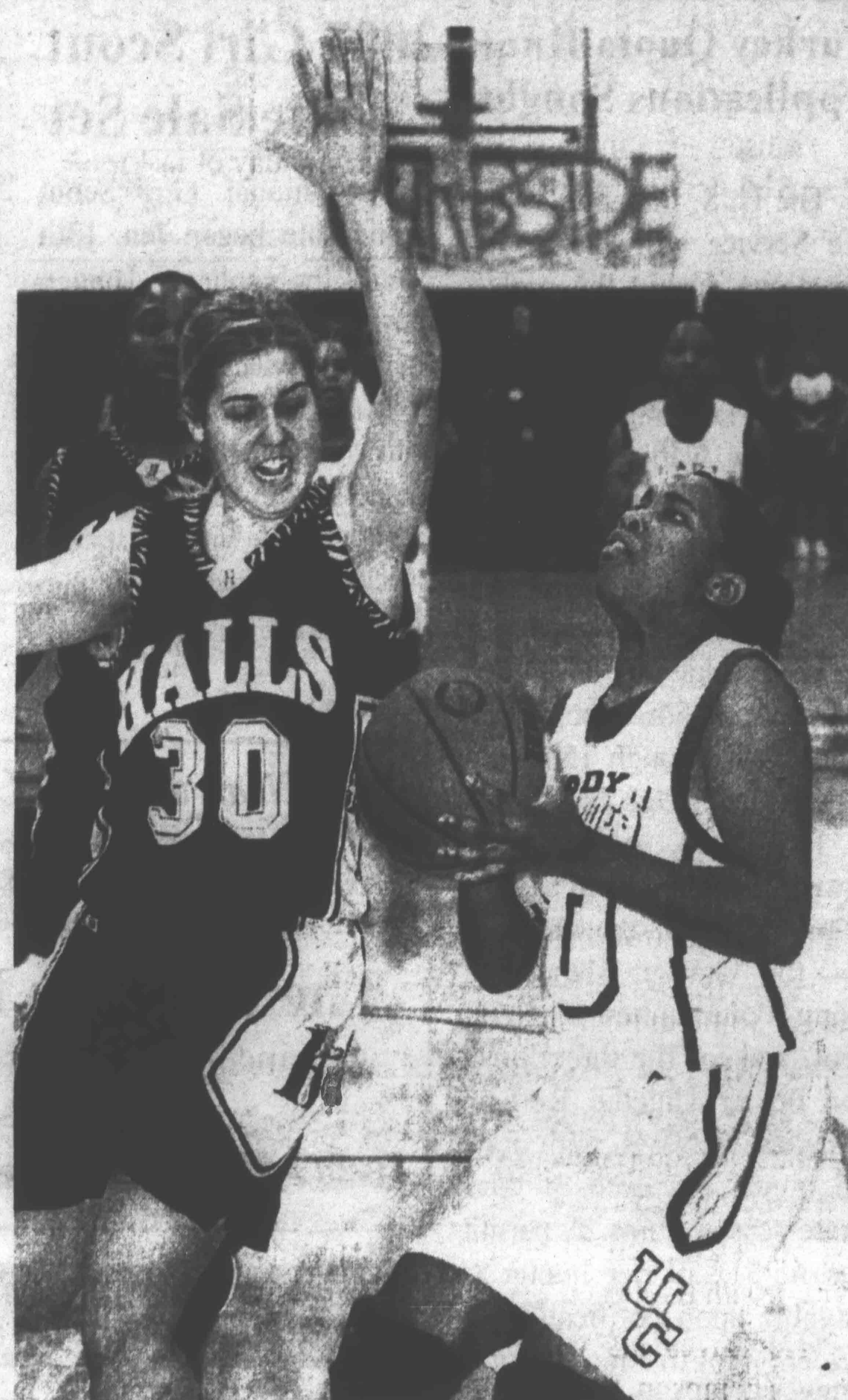
Humboldt Boys Fierce

Halls teams hosted Humboldt Tuesday (scores too late for this edition).

Humboldt's boys went in to the game 14-5, off a 88-70 loss to Union City, which had led the Vikings 84-71 Dec. 1st.

Before that loss, they were ranked No. 3 in the state poll. UC trailed by 11, midway through the third period, but forced 10 turn-overs and hit seven 3-pointers in the final 14 minutes.

Two 6-5 Humboldt play-



--Union City Daily Messenger

CRYSTAL BELEW (30) guards Union City's Doreal Strayhorn in the Dist. 14-A contest which Halls lost, Tuesday of last week, 75-39.

ers, Derek Sain and Charles Taylor, suffered injuries.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Jan. 22nd
Hot Dog
Pizza
Tater Tots
Carrot Sticks
Applesauce
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 23rd
Tacos w/Trimmings
Chicken Fajitas
Corn Nibbles
Rice
Grapes
Banana
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 24th

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

Thursday, Jan. 25th
Menu - School's Choice

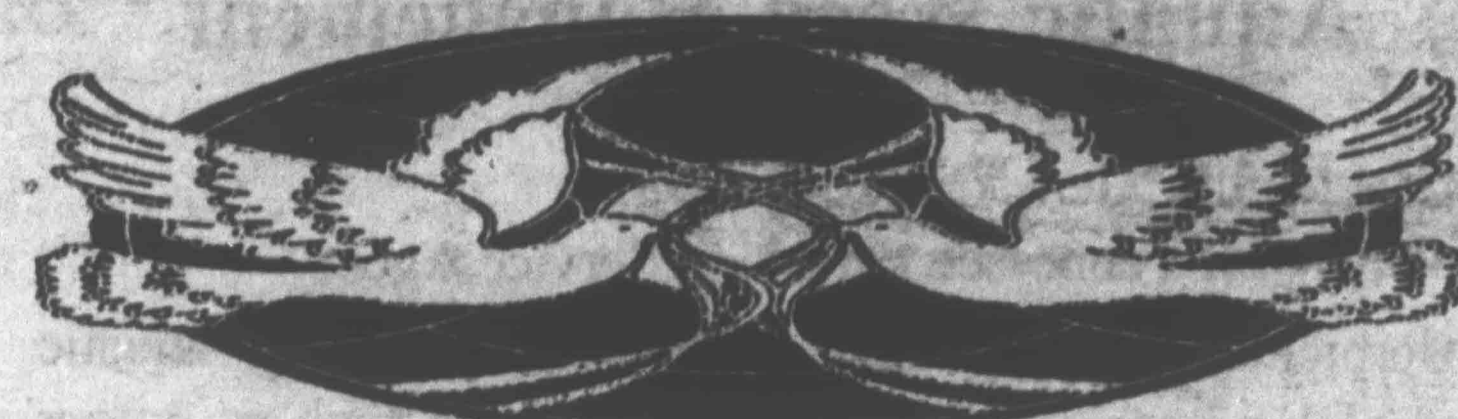
Friday, Jan. 26th
BBQ Pork Ribblet On Bun
Chargrilled Chicken Sandwich
Baked Beans
Corn On The Cob
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

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

Monday, Jan. 22nd

Hot Dog
Tater Tots
Applesauce



Church Happenings

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

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold special winter services during the month of January and February. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. A noon meal will be followed by Winter Bible study, of the Books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John and a prophecy study, "Surviving the Last Days". There will not be a night service. Roy Harkness, pastor, invites the public.

New Beginnings Christian Center Church will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical contest at 2 p.m. Sun., Jan. 21st. The Rev. Cyronose D. Spicer, Sr., pastor, invites all youth to participate. Categories include short recitation for ages 5 to 8; medium length recitation (16 lines) for ages 9 to 11; recite a poem or speech by any author (more than 16 lines) for ages 12 to 15; recite a speech by Dr. King for ages 15 to 18; and for ages 12 and above, the speeches should be dramatic and expressive. Parents or church youth directors can contact New Beginnings Christian Center, 635-2008, by Jan. 10th for registration information. Certificates, prizes, and trophies will be awarded to the winners, there are no losers!

Edith United Methodist Church will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Sat., Jan. 20th to benefit Grayson Taylor, a 3-year-old cancer victim. The Frog Jump Quartet and the Reed family are scheduled to perform. All donations will be matched by the home office of the Modern Woodmen of America, up to \$2,500. The public is invited.

The Women of Purpose will present "Becoming Women of Purpose and Praise" Winter Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Jan. 27th at Elam Baptist Church. Guest speakers include Minister Ellena Gooch and Sister Tenthly Pounds. Workshop speakers include Sister Jennie V. Bradford, Sister Gloria Webster, and Sister Renica Yarbrough. The teen workshop speaker is Sister Yolanda Alston. Lunch will be included. Call 612-2717 for more information and conference fee. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public.

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God will hold a chili cook-off and gospel singing at 5:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 21st featuring Sorghum Hill, blue grass gospel group. The public is invited.

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Fresh Vegetable Cup w/Dip
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Obituaries

Roy Crowder, Sr.

Roy Elton Crowder, Sr., 86, of 170 College, Ripley, retired chemical and mechanical engineer, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Lightfoot United Methodist Church, where he was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Kay; a son, Dr. Roy E. Crowder, Jr., Ripley dentist; a daughter, Patricia Phillips Clayton, of Memphis; and three grandchildren.

Freddie Yanders

Freddie Lee Yanders, 58, former security guard, died Saturday in Ripley Healthcare.

Visitation is set from noon to 8 p.m. Friday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley.

Rites will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Morning Star Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Mt Pleasant Cemetery.

He leaves his mother, Inez Yanders, and sisters, Mary Yanders and Elizabeth Pillow, of Ripley; children, Aaron and Olivia S. Yanders, of Decatur, Ill., and Frederick Yanders, of Kansas City, Mo.; brothers, C. B., of Paris, and Charlie Joe, of Phenix City, Ala.; other sisters, Barbara Lee, Dorothy Whitelaw, and Patricia Worthy, of Decatur; and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Marshall

Erma Sue Marshall, 91, of 3617 Hwy. 19 east of Ripley, widow of Louis Benjamin Marshall, died Wednesday of last week in Ripley Rehabilitation and Healthcare.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, east of Ripley, with burial in its cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves sons, Ricky, of Ripley, and Lou, of Memphis; a daughter, Pat Webb, of Ripley; a brother J. W. Adkerson, of Memphis; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.



MARGIE JACKSON, 63, of Covington, sister of Denise Prescott, of Ripley, died Friday in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital, after a 3-year battle with cancer.

Rites were Monday in Holly Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Tipton County, where she was a member, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She owned Jackson Tire Co. in Covington.

She was the daughter of the late Dovel and Virginia Baskin Cox.

Survivors include her husband for 45 years, Richard L. Jackson; a son, R. L., of Memphis; daughters, Kim (Mrs. Justin) Whitmer, of Covington, and Lynn (Mrs. Jack) Strong, of Brighton; another sister, Betty Harrison, of Tiptonville, Miss.; and five grandchildren.

Casey L. Booker

Sheriff Steve Sanders says Casey Lynn Booker, 31, a farm worker found dead about 6:15 p.m. Wednesday of last week, in his home on Poplar Grove Road, apparently committed suicide.

Rites were Sunday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Edith Cemetery, northwest of Ripley.

He leaves his wife, Laura Craig Booker; a daughter, Bethanie Booker; and his father, Robert Casey Booker, of Cadet, Mo.

Maggie Lawrence

Maggie Lillian Lawrence, 76, retired beautician, died Friday in Ripley Healthcare.

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

She was a member of Henning Assembly of God.

She was the widow of Cecil Wilson Lawrence.

She leaves a daughter, Mi-

Hobson H. Daws Founded WTRB

Hobson Harmon Daws, 85, who, with Harold Baker, opened 250-watt radio station WTRB in Ripley in December, 1954, died Jan. 2nd in his home in Phoenix, Ariz.

He was born in Halls, Feb. 8, 1921, to the late William and Cora Boner Daws.

He served in the Air Force from August, 1942, to October, 1945, winning the Air Medal for flying as a radio operator on bomber missions over Europe.

Don Paris, now the long-time manager of WTRB, currently recuperating in Memphis from a stroke, began his career with the station in 1955, while in high school.

WTRB was sold in 1958 to Shelby McCollum, Smith Dunn, and John Stewart, who raised power to 1,000 watts.

Mr. Daws retired after 20 years with the Postal Service.

He leaves his wife, Sydney Thompson Daws, also a Halls native and a fellow graduate of Halls High School; a son, William Sydney Daws, a daughter, Cecelia Terry, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, all of the Phoenix area.

His nephew, Winston J. Daws, of Germantown, is the son of Winston and Katy Daws, who for many years operated Halls Hardware.

Dorothy Mitchell

Dorothy Nell Mitchell, 82, widow of Cecil Mitchell and mother of Darrell Riddick, of Gates, died Tuesday of last week in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were Friday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

She also leaves a son, Kerry Riddick, and a daughter, Linda McKee, of Dyersburg; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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chelle Brazier, of Ripley; brothers, Dewight Vowell, of Florida, Roy Lee Vowell, of Arizona, and Adrian Vowell; a sister, Bonnie Sowers, of Gary, Ind.; and two grandchildren.

Bernie Garrett W. H. Harrison Perishes In Fire

Bernie Garrett, 83, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of Halls, died Monday of last week.

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

He had retired from employment with Ford Motor Co.

Survivors include his wife, Laverne Littles Garrett; a son, Jerry, of Cleveland, Ohio; a daughter, Judy Garrett, of Dallas, Tex.; and brothers, Edward, of Paris, Tenn., and William, of Plantation, Florida.

Mr. Payton

Sam Curtis Payton, 55, of Ripley, a factory worker, died Sat., Jan. 13th in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites are set for 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 20th in Elam Missionary Baptist Church, Ripley, with burial in Walker Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Louise Payton; his father, Sam Payton, of Ripley; three brothers, Willie R. Cogshell, of Pasadena, Calif., Jerry Payton, of Ripley, and Mahlon Payton, of St. Paul, Minn.; and two sisters, Ruth Cogshell and Betty Thomas, of Ormond, Fla.

WTWP DEADLINE

Deadline for the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) annual invitational summer institute is February 23rd. The institute will be May 19th and June 4th - 28th (Monday - Thursday), on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The institute is for teachers who want to become stronger teachers of reading and writing, and a part of the ongoing professional community of WTWP teacher consultants. All teachers accepted to the invitational institute, must be accepted for graduate study at UT Martin. Teachers receive six hours of graduate credit which may be used as part of a master's program in education at UT

William Henry Harrison, 56, of Henning, a laborer, died Fri., Jan. 12th in a fire at his home, 200 Green St. According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders, a fire was reported at 6:35 a.m. and family members and neighbors were concerned Harrison was still in the residence, which was fully engulfed. After putting out the fire, his body was discovered at approximately 9 a.m. Harrison was sent to Nashville for an autopsy.

Rites are set for 2 p.m. Sat., Jan. 20th in the chapel at Currie's Funeral Home. A private family burial will follow.

Survivors include two daughters, Rita Harrison, of Detroit, Mich., and Tiffany Harrison McClellan, of Nashville; three brothers, Jerry, Roosevelt, and Billy, of Detroit, Mich.; four sisters, Juanita Garrison, of Ripley, Easter Pearl Prewitt and Annie Ruth Harrison, both of Detroit, and Sarah Clark, of Rockford, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

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Local Meets Celebrities



ELIZABETH HUGUELEY, daughter of Barbara Davidson and granddaughter of Lester and Norma Yarbrough, of Halls, met with members of the South Carolina Patriots, in upper photo, and Miss Tennessee, Blair Pancake, in lower photo, the day before the Liberty Bowl, in Memphis at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Elizabeth is undergoing treatment for Osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer. Elizabeth has a brother, Robert, 9.

Students Named To Dean's List

Lauderdale County students, named to the dean's list at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, include, from Ripley, Joel Cummings, arts and science major, *cum laude honor*; Tyler Pattat, business administration, *cum laude*; Sara Pilcher, education, health, and human science, *cum laude*; Marley Sigman, university, *magna sum laude*; and David Stout, arts and science, *cum laude*;

from Halls, Sarah Warren, business administration, *summa cum laude*; and from Henning, Chelsi White, university, *magna cum laude*.

Students whose term average is 3.8 through 4.0 earn *summa cum laude*; 3.65 through 3.79, *magna cum laude*; and 3.5 through 3.4, *cum laude*.

HONOR ROLL

Superior Honor Roll students at Halls Junior High for the second nine weeks in-

Students of the Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, of Christ Classical Academy, in Dyersburg, named as students of the week, include, in front, from left, Meredith Meadows, 2nd grade, daughter of Steve and Beverly Meadows, and Marlee Mooney, kindergarten, daughter of Greg and Stephanie Mooney, all of Ripley, and in rear, Lauren Martin, 6th grade, daughter of Rob and Gayle Martin, of Halls, and Emilee Laman, 2nd grade, daughter of Bryan and Dana Laman, of Gates.

clude Cassie Oakes, Matt Clark, Chelsea Hill, Logan Campbell, Krista Hardy, and Roberty Hill.

Excellent Honor Roll students include Audrey Belton, Shelby Fowler, Austin Gunter, Marqueston Hall, Colton Harris, Amber Ray, Melissa Shapiro, Dustin Smith, Chelsea Vawter, Amanda Wright, Martha Chavez, Katie Farley, Hannah Kelley, Brittany Ward, Tommy Wright, Geoff Pahl, Ashley Nichols, Lateja Humphrey, Kelsey Layne, Hayden Watts, Courtney Robbins, Kirby Cherry, Hunter Harrison, Emilee Hartman, Pete Cleek, Sara Bing, Giovanni Dewalt, Molly Green, Hayden Hogue, Ryan Humphries, Chris Jenkins, Becki Lents, Bryant Nelson, and Alex Stanley.

SOFTBALL CAMP

Dyersburg State Community College Lady Eagle

Land Transfers

Jan. 7th to Jan. 13th

Billy Chapman to Dennis Tremaine and Glenda Tremaine, Dist. 3, 5.00 acres.

Jesse Frank Edwards, Samuel Michael Edwards, Linda Lee Edwards Craig, and Lewis Johnson Edwards to Gene Wade Edwards, Dist. 3, 2 tracts.

Leonard Wakefield, Gerald Smith, and Marian Smith to Charles V. Wilson and Bobbie J. Wilson, Dist. 3, parcel.

Danny K. Hartsfield and Tina S. Hartsfield to James Hutchins and Brandi Hutchins, Dist. 3, lot.

Anthony R. Bonds, Sr. to Bobbie J. Bonds, Sr. and Roy Lee Bonds, Dist. 12, lot.

Brenda Conrad to Sonny B. Crihfield, lot.

Wells Fargo Financial Tennessee, Inc. to RECA Limited Partnership, lot.

Jack Scharff, Sr., trustee, Angela Stephens, trustee, Carolyn Pennington Thompson trust, Cynthia Pennington to Dennis R. O'Dell and Martha O'Dell, Dist. 17, 82.04 acres.

Allied Properties LP to Gaylon Smith and Carolyn Smith, Dist. 2, lot, and Dist. 2, lot.

Richard O. Douglas to Gaylon Smith and Carolyn Smith, Dist. 2, lot, and Dist. 2, lot.

James Windell Sweatt and Geraldine Sweatt Estate to Janene Tidwell, Dist. 12, lot.

Louis L. Craig and Marilyn Craig to William M. Harmon and Brenda Lynn Harmon, Dist. 2, 2 parcels, and Dist. 2, tract.

Anniversaries

Jan. 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Best.

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

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

Jan. 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pease, Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins.

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

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

softball team will hold its annual "Icebreaker" softball camp for first grade through sixth grade, Sat., Feb. 3rd, and seventh grade through 12th grade, Sat., Feb. 10th. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., camp is held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be held at the E. H. Lannom Gymna-

sium. Participants are asked to bring gym or tennis shoes, light jacket or sweats, batting gloves, and if they wish, their own equipment. Lunch will be provided. Contact Randy Hulme, coach, 731-286-3259 or 731-286-3260, for further information and registration fees.

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Local Author Reads To Children



BRENDA ROBERTS, of Halls, author of *The Zebra Means A Lot To Me*, read to children from New Beginnings Child Care Center and signed copies of her book Wednesday of last week at Regions Bank on the downtown square. Several day care centers visited throughout the morning to hear Brenda read.

Bank Of Ripley Scholarship Presented



MEGAN BINGHAM, center, patient care technician student at the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley, was awarded the Bank of Ripley scholarship. Megan is a graduate of Halls High School. Her goal is to pursue a career in healthcare. Her interests in older people led her into this course of study. After graduation in September, she plans to pursue a career in nursing homes. Craig Fitzhugh, second from right, Chairman and CEO of the Bank of Ripley, presented the award. Pictured with them are Brian Collins, director of Tennessee Technology Center; Stacy Manley, financial aid counselor; and Tina Evans, instructor for the PCT program. The wife of Max Bingham, she is the daughter of Pam and Ronnie Davis, of Halls, and Edward and Lori Dudas, of Ohio.

Juvenile Hearing Sends Adults To Grand Jury

Five adults, Lacey and Mary Ann Ennis, Lynn and Debbie Kennedy, and Brittany Kiestler, were bound over to the Lauderdale County Grand Jury, which meets Feb. 5th, after a hearing Monday in Juvenile Court. The charges resulted after photographs were found of parties, where alcoholic beverages were served, in which several juveniles and adults, under the legal drinking age, were present. They were arrested and charged in November 2006 along with Eric Caldwell. The charges against Caldwell were dismissed. After one count of contributing to the unruliness of a minor was dismissed, Brittany faces two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Debbie Kennedy, Mary Ann Ennis, and Lacey Ennis each face seven counts, while Lynn Kennedy faces eight counts.

In a separate matter in General Sessions, Mary Ann was bound over to the Grand Jury on the forgery count after she forged doctor's excuses for her daughter, a Ripley High School student.

Drug Arrests & Fugitive Keep Department Busy

Scottie L. Webb, 40, and Donna Mae Hulme, 38, both of Ripley, were arrested Wednesday of last week by officers with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, according to Sheriff Steve Sanders. They were arrested at approximately 10 p.m. at 1395 T. Rossinger Rd. after an anonymous tip. Webb was charged with possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia and Hulme was charged with initiation of a process to manufacture methamphetamine and reckless endangerment. Webb is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 23rd, he was released on bond. Hulme is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 16th and at press-time was being held on a \$60,000 bond.

According to Sheriff Sanders, Joey Lee Kilzer, 49, of Mt. Juliet, a native of Dyersburg, was apprehended on Jeff Webb Rd., in Lauderdale County Thursday of last week on outstanding warrants from Wilson County for domestic assault and theft of property. He also faces other charges of violation of probation. He was previously incarcerated on second degree murder charges. Lauderdale County Sheriff's deputies transported Kilzer to Wilson County Friday.

Drivers Escape Injury Friday

Alexandra Jones, of Memphis, and Connie Land, of Ripley, escaped injuries after

a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 51 and Curve-Nankipoo Rd., at approximately 6:30 p.m. Friday.

According to Tennessee Highway State Trooper James Ripley, escaped injuries after

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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Tennessee Farm Bureau Voting Delegates Say Yes To Voluntary Animal ID

During the 88th American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 7 - 10, Tennessee Farm Bureau's voting delegates voted along with other farmers from around the nation to continue their support of an animal identification program in this country. The delegates voted 85 to 15 percent in favor of a voluntary program. They also supported consideration of legislation to ensure confidentiality of producers' data and provide cost-share assistance from the federal government to encourage participation.

For the past year, Tennessee's farming community has been in a continuous debate on the program, concerning the possibilities of it becoming mandatory at some later date. Currently, about 343,000 livestock premises, nearly a quarter of those nationwide, have enrolled in the United States Department of Agriculture's program. The goal is to register a majority of livestock premises by 2009.

The program was implemented in Tennessee in the summer of 2005 and to this date approximately 13,000 Tennessee sites where livestock is kept have been identified. The program is under the guidance of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture,

where it should be administered, and can trace within 48 hours an animal's identification in the event of a disease outbreak.

The program is designed for tracing movement and to give information for protecting our national food supply. It is not intended for production management, marketing cost or income, and most certainly is not intended for the government to keep an "eye-in-the-sky" on where all our farmers live and what they do. The information ID tags currently placed in animal's ears do not send out transmissions or signals that can be read by computers at a distance or by satellites overhead as some folks may think. They are designed to be read by handheld scanners just like your groceries are at the grocery store.

There are three events that require animals to have ID tags: when cattle enter commerce, when they cross state lines, and when they are commingled with other animals.

Bruce Knight, USDA undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs, spoke to livestock producers attending the American Farm Bureau Federation's 88th annual meeting. He urged them to participate in the voluntary nationwide program that could help prevent an animal disease outbreak from becoming widespread.

"The threat of a foreign animal disease outbreak is very real," Knight said, mentioning agri-terrorism as one possible catalyst for such

an outbreak. "We need you involved to make the animal identification system effective and minimize the damage from an outbreak."

"It's a voluntary program, and it's not going to go mandatory in the future," Knight said. When asked by a member of the audience whether he can guarantee that members of Congress and future presidential administrations would keep the plan voluntary, Knight said he believes it would be unlikely for any public official to change the plan in light of the intense criticism he or she would receive from angry producers.

Regarding the confidentiality of the National Animal Identification System, Knight sought to allay the concerns many producers feel by stating the program would be maintained by state government and private entities, not the federal government. "We have built safeguards in the system to ensure producer information is kept confidential and used only in declared emergencies," he said.

Knight said if producers would take a few minutes now to register their premises in the National Animal Identification System, it could save them in the long run.

"Delays lead to losses in livestock, income, markets and labor," he said. "A viable animal identification system will reduce unnecessary losses."

He also encouraged livestock producers to remember the costs of a disease outbreak - which likely would involve quarantines - to neighbors and communities

when they weigh the pros and cons of premises registration. The more producers enrolled in the NAIS, the more likely the source of a disease outbreak could be traced within 24 hours.

The consumer wants to know their food supply is safe and the ID program is an important step in keeping Tennessee's producers and their products in the consumer market. The era of accountability is here.

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

Halls Locals

By Ellen Jackson
Dinner guest, Tuesday of last week, of Mrs. Ailene Smith were her grandson, Trey Tillman, and Lara Atchley, of Memphis, Trey's mother, Janis Tillman, and Mrs. Smith's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nolen, of Halls.

The 3rd Annual Eagle Festival

The 3rd annual Reelfoot Lake Eagle Festival will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 2, 3 and 4, 2007, at the Reelfoot Lake State Park.

For more information or to make reservations, call 888-313-8366.

ANNUAL HONOR BAND

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host the 2007 Honor Band Symposium on January 25th - 27th. The symposium will be composed of 7th - 12th grade band students. Concerts will begin at 1 p.m., Saturday, January 27th, at the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. The concerts are open to the public. There will be three high school bands, one 7th - 8th grade band and percussion ensemble and an 11th - 12th grade percussion ensemble.

For more information, contact Sherry Adams at 731-881-7402 or sadams@utm.edu.

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For more information about this course, visit the online instruction center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php. Click Education To Go.

UT Martin Offers Application Help

UT Martin financial aid counselors will hold a workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8th, to answer questions in filling out the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) at UT Martin Ripley Center in Room 141 at Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. The workshop will give attendees assistance with filling out the FAFSA Form online, answers to your financial aid questions, and information on the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship. You will need a completed 2006 Tax Return (student's and parents'), W-2 Forms from 2006 (student's and parents') and a PIN for electronic signature (go to www.pin.ed.gov to apply for the PIN).

For more information, call UT Martin financial aid office at 731-881-7040 or 731-221-8778.

UT MARTIN DEADLINE

The University of Tennessee at Martin announced February 1st is the deadline for scholarship applications.

Applications for summer and fall admission at UT Martin have increased for the fourth consecutive year by 10 percent over the same period last year. The ACT scores of students applying also increased to an average of 22.32, up from 21.71 last year.

For more information, call 1-800-829-UTM1.

Divorces

Tammy Lorene Hargett vs. Garland Lee Hargett.
Amanda Marie Bell Nelson vs. Justin Wayne Nelson.
William Richard Fullen vs. Annie Ruth Fullen.
Christopher Ray Powers vs. Christal Michelle Stephens Powers.

Immunize Against Cervical Cancer

The Tennessee Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force has announced the ambitious goal of eliminating cervical cancer by 2040 by raising public awareness of cervical cancer screening, researching the prevalence and burden of the disease in Tennessee and promoting strategies to provide affordable access to the new human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine that prevents the infection that causes most cervical cancer.

According to the office of Cancer Surveillance, about 330 cervical cancer cases are diagnosed in Tennessee annually, with one-third resulting in death. In 2005, 108 Tennessee women died from cervical cancer. Almost all cervical cancer is caused by a few types of HPV, a very common sexually transmitted disease that often has no symptoms. The vaccine, Gardasil®, is recommended for all women aged 11 to 26 years old, and prevents (but cannot cure) infection with the two types of HPV that cause 70 percent of cervical cancer. It also protects against two other types of HPV that cause abnormal Pap tests and 90 percent of genital warts. Other risk factors for developing cervical cancer include a family history of cervical cancer, smoking and older age. Women of all ages can reduce their risk by practicing safer sexual behavior and having Pap test at least once

every three years to identify early cervical changes that could become cancerous if untreated.

"Most of the time, cervical cancer is preventable," said Health Commissioner Kenneth S. Robinson, M.D. "Use of the highly effective new cervical cancer vaccine coupled with regular screening for early detection make elimination of cervical cancer in Tennessee possible."

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

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

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

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

Jan. 29 - Kim Connell, Don Meadows, Kenneth Neal, Hilton Vaughn, John Anthony, Vernon McBride III, Robert Ammons, Elizabeth Vaden, Glenda Ward, Charles Stephens, Marcia Kelly, Shareese Jones, Butch Eskridge, Kassie Barnett, Billie Jean

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

Jan. 31 - Charles Gabbard, Northcott, David Mills, Linda McBride Bumpus, Keely Marrow, Evelyn Andrews, Jimmy Seeley, Bobby Nelson, Lulu Latham, Alyssa Mota, Binbo Pennington, Mack McBride, Buddy Escue.

School Lunches

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

Monday, Jan. 29th
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 30th
Baked Ham
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 31st
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 1st
Chili Pie
Corn Nibbles
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 2nd
Corn Dog
Vegetable Soup
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, Jan. 29th
Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Sandwich Trimmings
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 30th
Chicken Breast Fillet
Baked Ham
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Green Beans
Apple
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 31st
Pork Roast w/Gravy
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Grapes
Banana
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, Feb. 1st
Chili Pie
Deli Sandwich
Corn Nibbles
Carrot Sticks
Pineapple Tidbits
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, Feb. 2nd
Corn Dog
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Vegetable Soup
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Chuck Vincent, Taylor Barbee Rice, III, Sarah Grace Melton, Trey Rice, Jeri Hankins.

Students On Dean's List



SALLY JO TURNER, left, and Stephen Michael Taylor, right, plus, Steven Michael Fine, not pictured, were named to the dean's list at Pensacola Christian College in Florida for academic achievement by earning a B average or higher. Sally Jo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Turner, of Gates. Stephen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Taylor, of Halls. Steven, of Ripley, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fine, of Arlington.

BM-Health Care Receives Award

Baptist Memorial Health Care received the Tennessee Board of Regents award for excellence in philanthropy, the TBR's highest honor for organizations that support one of its community colleges. Dyersburg State Community College nominated the organization.

The criteria for the award includes giving time and resources, influencing volunteers to become involved in fund raising, setting an example through actively promoting the importance of supporting higher education, integrity, ethical leadership in philanthropy and civic responsibility.

Since 1992, Baptist Memorial has donated \$732,000 in pledges and gifts, making the organization Dyersburg State's largest donor. Baptist Memorial comprises 14 hospitals, one of which is located in Lauderdale County, more than 2,900 affiliated

Halls Girls Lead Humboldt, 54-43

Halls High School's girls, who lost to Humboldt, 49-43, Dec. 5th, had the edge Tuesday of last week, 54-49.

Halls boys, who lost to Humboldt, 79-58, Dec. 5th, lost again but by a much narrower margin, 62-52.

Halls boys lost Friday to Lake County, 69-53, running the Falcon tally to 6-14 (4-8).

Halls teams visited Trenton Tuesday (scores too late for this edition).

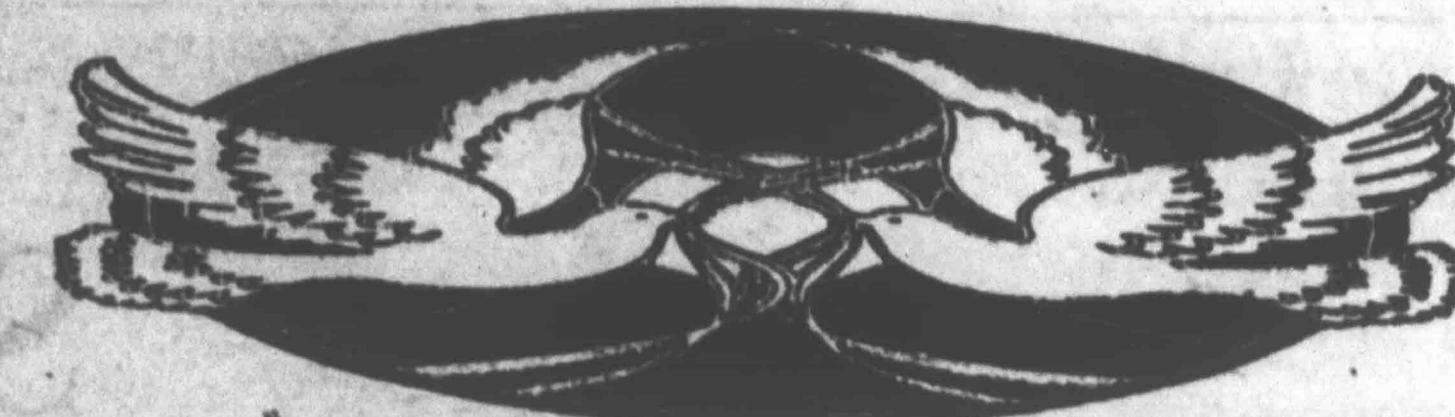
CoverKids Gets Federal Approval

Governor Phil Bredesen announced the state has received federal approval for CoverKids, a comprehensive health insurance plan for uninsured children in Tennessee. CoverKids is a key part of Bredesen's Cover Tennessee initiative, an innovative group of programs targeting Tennesseans who do not have access to health care insurance.

CoverKids will be available to children under 19 years of age who are in families with incomes under 250 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$50,000 for a family of four. Families with incomes above that level will be able to purchase insurance through the program. CoverKids benefits include preventive care, such as well-baby and well-child exams and age appropriate immunizations, with no co-payments.

Tennessee has allocated \$63 million over three years to fund the program, with a three-to-one federal spending match. CoverKids is part of the federal State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP.

For more information on all Cover Tennessee programs, call 1-866-COVERTN.



Church Happenings

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

CrossView Baptist Church, 1211 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, will hold special winter services during the month of January and February. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45 a.m. A noon meal will be followed by Winter Bible study, of the Books of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John and a prophecy study, "Surviving the Last Days". There will not be a night service. Roy Harkness, pastor, invites the public.

Beasley's Chapel Church of God, 5432 Asbury Glimp Rd., near Ripley, has changed worship time to 1:30 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. The public is invited.

Members of Holly Grove Baptist Church's Missionary Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting of the auxiliary at 3 p.m. Sun., Jan. 28th with Missionary Leara Lee, member of Elam Baptist Church, Ripley, as guest speaker. She will speak on "Missions". Holly Grove's inspirational choir will present musical selections. The public is invited.

The Women of Purpose will present "Becoming Women of Purpose and Praise" Winter Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Jan. 27th at Elam Baptist Church. Guest speakers include Minister Ellena Gooch and Sister Tenthly Pounds. Workshop speakers include Sister Jennie V. Bradford, Sister Gloria Webster, and Sister Renica Yarbrough. The teen workshop speaker is Sister Yolanda Alston. Lunch will be included. Call 612-2717 for more information and conference fee. Iran Yarbrough, pastor, invites the public.

Halls First Baptist Church will present the inspirational movie, *Facing the Giants*, at 5 p.m. Sun., Jan. 28th. The action-packed, family-friendly movie tells the story of a high school football coach who faces his fears and failures through faith in God. Admission is free. The public is invited.

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

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

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Obituaries

Credie Morehead

Credie Morehead, 87, of Martin, mother of Sylvia Jane Rose, of 45 Barfield Road, Henning, died Tuesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites for the former resident of Brookport, Ill., were Saturday in Aikens-Farmer Funeral Home in Metropolis, Ill., with burial in Metropolis Memorial Gardens.

Daughter of the late Gabriel Alonzo and Nina Cook Roberson, she was the widow of Lloyd Thomas Morehead.

She was a member of Waldo Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Jerry Wayne Morehead, of Martin, Donald Lloyd Morehead, of Carterville, Ill., and Derrell Lynn Morehead, of Lynn Haven, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

John F. Braden

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

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Widower of Elizabeth Braden, he leaves sons, Richard, of Ripley, and John E. Braden, of Knoxville, and a grandchild.

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Margaret Elizabeth Wilkes Kellar, 91, widow of Alston Keller, died Monday in Oakwood Manor in Dyersburg.

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

She had been a pharmacy clerk.

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An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a Baptist.

He leaves his wife for 48 years, Iva L. Brown; a daughter, Patricia Ann Brown, of Memphis; a son, Charles E. Brown, Sr., of Winfield; a brother, seven sisters; and five grandchildren.

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Curtis Williams

Curtis Williams, 46, of Memphis, father of Clarisse Williams, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Nashville.

Rites were Tuesday in Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Memphis, with burial in New Park Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include parents, Joseph and Emma B. Williams, another daughter, Sabrina Williams, brothers, Alvin and Vincent Williams and Will E. Sykes, and sisters, Edna Sykes and Prentiss Chester, all of Memphis; and another brother, Larry, of Nashville.

Willie Mae Hunter

Willie Mae Hunter, 87, former owner of Hunter's Grocery, died Monday in Lauderdale Community Living Center.

Rites were Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Lightfoot Cemetery.

Widow of Joseph Gaston Hunter, she leaves daughters, Linda Jennings and Roberta Newman, of Ripley; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Williams

Maggie Sue Williams, 68, of Ripley, wife of Jack Williams, died Monday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were set at 2 p.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in the cemetery of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, east of Ripley, where she was a member.

She leaves sons, Willie, of Ripley, and Jack, Jr., of Cedar Lake, Ind.; daughters, Nancy Helwig, of Ripley, and Carolyn Jones, of Sarasota, Fla.; brothers, Bill, Ralph, and Robert Hardee, of Ripley, and Jerry Hardee, of Newbern; a sister, Joyce Owen, of Ripley; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Robert Glenn

Robert Lee Glenn, 76, retired die maker, died Sunday in Collierville Healthcare.

Rites were Monday in First Presbyterian Church in Ripley, where he was a member, with burial in Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves a son, Steve, of Collierville; a daughter, Kay Gilbert, of Olive Branch, Miss.; a brother, Floyd, of Ripley; a sister, Ruby Barrett, of Rosemark; and three grandchildren.

John H. Pilcher

John H. Pilcher, 81, of Memphis, born in Ripley, June 4, 1925, died Monday in Methodist Hospital North.

Rites will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Memphis Funeral Home Popular Chapel, with burial in the West Tenn. Veterans Cemetery.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a brick-mason.

A member of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church., he leaves his wife for 60 years, Nellie W. Pilcher; a son, The Rev. Mike Pilcher, of Selmer; a daughter, Brenda Woodruff, of Memphis; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

TAX REFUNDS

The Tennessee Department of Human Services is joining forces with the United Way's 2-1-1 community services information line and the IRS to direct low-

Mrs. Mooney

Mary Frances Mooney, 91, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Tipton in Covington.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mt. Zion Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at Durhamville, with burial in its cemetery, Currie Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves a son, The Rev. Richard Coe, of Covington; daughters, Barbara Gay Evan, of Southfield, Mich., and Bobbie Dean Brown, of Chicago, Ill.; and two grandchildren. A niece, Willie Rosella Broadnax, of Ripley, looked after her.

Dorothy Stutts

Dorothy Pugh Stutts, 93, aunt of Andy, Eugene, and Steve Pugh, of Halls, died Wednesday of last week in Dyersburg Manor.

Rites were in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg, Curry Funeral Home in charge.

She was the daughter of the late Sidney Eugene Pugh and the late Nell Love Pugh.

She had retired as book-keeper for a construction firm run by her late husband, John T. Stutts.

She was a member of Dyersburg's First United Methodist Church.

Ophelia Perry

Ophelia Leggett Perry, 94, of Dyersburg, retired seamstress for Ripley Mfg. Co., died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Dyersburg Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Widow of J. W. Perry, she leaves daughters, Dorothy Martin, of Halls, Loretta Chapman, of Brighton, and Billie Jean Curlien, of Millington; and eight grandchildren.

Sherry Poston

Sherry Poston, 53, of 1709 Sanford Rd., Covington, mother of Angela D. Smith and Christy R. Land, of Ripley, died Monday of heart failure.

Rites were set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in the Morrison Cemetery.

She also leaves four grandchildren.

Alexander Serves On Subcommittees

U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) announced that he will serve on the Environment and Public Works (EPW) subcommittees whose jurisdiction include the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), clean air, nuclear plant safety and solutions to global warming. Alexander will serve as the Ranking Republican on the Public Sector Solutions to Global Warming Subcommittee.

"Serving on these subcommittees will enable me to work in a bipartisan manner to clean the air in the Smokies and across the state, oversee the work of the TVA and seek ways to reduce the effects of global warming," Alexander said.

For more information and locations for VITA sites, contact the DHS service cen-

ter at 1-866-311-4287 or use the 2-1-1 information line.

Drivers xxx

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Smith, Jones was southbound on Highway 51 when the vehicle, driven by Land, exited Curve-Nankipoo Rd., entered Highway 51, and struck Jones' vehicle. Land called 911 from her residence, on Dry Hill Rd. West and was cited for failure to yield.

Marriages

Jan. 16 - James Dustin McDaniel, 35, to Katina Lee Scott Cruz, 33, by Pam Deen.

Jan. 18 - Tony Arnell Crowder, 31, to Crystal Marie Whitehead, 26, by Tracy Henson.

Jan. 21 - Curtis Terrell Lee, 25, to Casey Racquel Moses, 24, by Rodney L. Patrick.

Anniversaries

Jan. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gibson.

Jan. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gatlin.

Jan. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. John Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McWherter.

Jan. 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wiley.

Youth Of The Month

KRISTEN CRIHFELD, in upper photo, of Halls High School, pictured with her parents, Micky and Laura Crihfield, was recognized at the Lauderdale County Exchange Club meeting Jan. 18th as youth of the month. In lower photo, Beauton Matthews, left, was the guest speaker. She discussed the Mississippi River corridor project. David Elkins, club president, is pictured with them.

Nankipoo Dog News

by Zeek

Hello, this is Zeek with good news. My two special friends Cotton and Angel, the cocker spaniel, have new homes. I overheard that Cotton was sleeping in a baby bed and that Angel had a smile ear to ear since he was so happy. We had a seven-year-old visitor looking for new pet and she

found Anna, her original lost dog of two months. Talk about a reunion it was nothing but hugs and licks.

A nice critter gave us four dog beds and my buds sure were appreciative. Missy has a hard time getting my buds up from them to go outside for recess. I snatched a bed and its better than the front seat of the truck. Miss Jen lets me ride when she is working. It's my job to protect her from any mean critters or dogs. I even got a tour of the courthouse and I saw my friend, Mayor Schuh. I overheard that we needed some dog houses and that if anyone out there no longer had a need for there pets house that Mr. Buddy at 836-Pets would gladly pick any up they also said we needed portable pet carriers. We could even use another pen because sometimes the new dogs in quarantine like to fight.

We even had a critter taking pictures he said that we were going to be movie stars and that our pictures would be on HRL - TV. I hope you see my bud, Beau, he looks just like a Basset Hound with his bowed legs he is solid black with a white chest. He is extra friendly and he loves kids. Lillie, a small light brown and white Shepard mix, is also excellent with children. She weighs in about fifteen pounds and is very sweet. My other buds Dixie, Jazzman, Rambo, Ranger, Smoky, Hershey, Mutely and Floppy are also special so for a thrill and a deal come to Nankipoo.

Zeek

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
Soldiers, Slaves And Freedom Seekers**

(NAPS)—Every school child has probably heard of George Washington and Paul Revere, but African-American hero Ned Hector hasn't made it into most history books.

Now visitors to the Valley Forge area will hear about Hector and other black heroes of the American Revolution and Civil War, through special events and tours.

African-Americans' proud history of service in our Armed Forces began with the American Revolution, when more than 5,000 soldiers of African descent fought in the Continental Army. Many shared the hardships of the winter encampment at Valley Forge, when the Continental army was forged into a fighting force that went on to win the American Revolution.

Some won their own freedom as well; others found themselves and their descendants relegated to slavery.

At special events throughout the year, visitors will meet Ned Hector, who was a hero of the Battle of Brandywine and also fought at the Battle of Germantown.

At Valley Forge, every Saturday through the summer months, they'll meet Hannah Till, George Washington's cook, who was born into slavery and worked hard to buy her freedom.

The compelling stories of soldiers, slaves, and abolitionists from the Revolution through the Civil War are told at special events throughout the Valley Forge area, and on guided tours of the region.



Valley Forge is rich in African-American heritage with stories of extraordinary determination that changed the nation's history.

Visitors to Valley Forge National Historical Park, Brandywine Battlefield, Johnson House Underground Railroad site and other sites will hear stories of ordinary people with extraordinary determination who changed the nation's history.

The Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau has developed tours to cater to visitors' preferences. Self-guided African-American Heritage Discovery Tours let visitors travel at their own pace, stopping to shop or visit the region's many gardens, museums and attractions.

African-American Freedom Trail Group Tours are ideal for family reunions, conferences, conventions, and religious and military reunions.

Visit www.valleyforge.org for information on self-guided and group tours, and special events throughout the year; or call toll free 1-866-VF-VISIT.

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