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2007 Leadership Lauderdale Class HJH Project L.E.A.D.



MEMBERS of the 2007 Leadership Lauderdale graduation class include, in front, from left, Sandy Langley, Shelley Kimble, Kristen Selzer, Michelle Haislip, Youlanda Jones, Tammie Hardy, Lana Hammons, Debbie Tutor, and Linda Hallock, and in rear, Steve Carmack, Tony Dew, Brooks Harris, Cyronose Spicer, Perry Garrett, Dwight Beard, and Dwayne Dixon. Ceremonies were held Jan. 30th at the Rolling Hills Country Club. State Government Day in Nashville will be held March 12th and 13th and participants will get to sit in on sessions and meet state officials. They will also have a photo session with Governor Phil Bredesen. If anyone is interested in participating in the next Leadership Lauderdale class, scheduled to begin in July, call the Chamber at 635-9541.

STUDENTS in the Project L.E.A.D. program, at Halls Junior High School, apply scientific methods of inquiry in the new state-of-the-art science lab, purchased with funding from the Project L.E.A.D., Let Each Achieve Daily, grant. Each Thursday morning is a special time for the students. Last week, Richard Dawson, science student teacher, directed the activity for the morning with participating 7th and 8th grade students.

J. K. Hendricks, Riplian, Fatally Injured By Train

Ripley police, called to White's Salvage at 253 Markham at 3:47 p.m. Friday, found James Kinsey Hendricks, 51, of Ripley, fatally injured by a Canadian National Railways train.

Train crewmen told police that the locomotive's horn was blown several times after Hendricks was spotted walking beside the rails, but that despite the warnings, head down, he walked into the path of the train.

The train traveled about 1,578 yards before halted.

County and to discuss the agenda for 2007. It will involve open discussion and opportunities for county residents to express ideas and thoughts about the future.

All democratic residents who are eligible voters of Lauderdale County are urged to attend.

For more information, contact Gladys Crain at 836-7992.

HHS Schedules Parent Meeting

Halls High School will host an important 8th grade parent meeting at 6 p.m. Mon., March 5th in the cafeteria. Andy Pugh, principal, will explain block scheduling, Gateway exams, career pathways, and graduation requirements. All parents must have a meeting with either high school guidance counselor or high school advisor before a student is allowed to register for the 9th grade. For more information concerning this meeting, call Halls High School, 836-9642.

2005 Conviction Vacated By TN Court Of Appeals

Zachary V. Henning, who was convicted in 2005 in Lauderdale County Circuit Court for the December 2004 assault and robbery at Lynnwood's Market, 310 Eastland Ave., appealed the 10 year sentence to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals in November 2006, asking for a reduction in the sentence, according to an article in the Feb. 27th issue of Dyersburg's *State Gazette*. He was seeking to serve the remainder of his sentence in a community corrections program. The court vacated the convictions for aggravated assault and theft after ruling the decision violated double jeopardy protections. They ruled the aggravated robbery conviction and 10-year sentence stands. His status as a felon precluded him from community corrections.

Henning was convicted when he hit Lynnwood Shoemaker, owner, in the head and ordered him at gunpoint to open the safe.

According to the article, "The court's opinion notes the Ripley decision erred by allowing the aggravated robbery and theft charges to be considered separately, when they should have been merged into the aggravated robbery charge."

"Theft is an element of aggravated robbery and there-

fore a lesser included offense of aggravated robbery, with the result that an accused may not be convicted of both theft and aggravated robbery when the same facts establish the offenses," said the appeals court judges in a unanimous decision.

Democratic Party County Convention

The Lauderdale County Democratic Party will hold a county convention for reorganization at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27th, at the C.N. Armour Center in the Lauderdale County Bank, located at 331 Cleveland St., Ripley.

A chairperson, vice-chairperson(s), secretary, treasurer and the executive committee will be elected for Lauderdale

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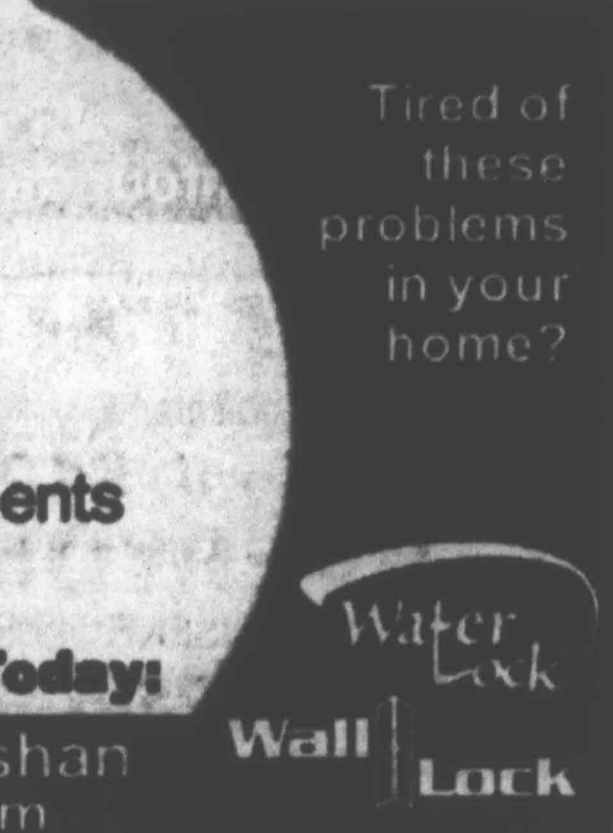
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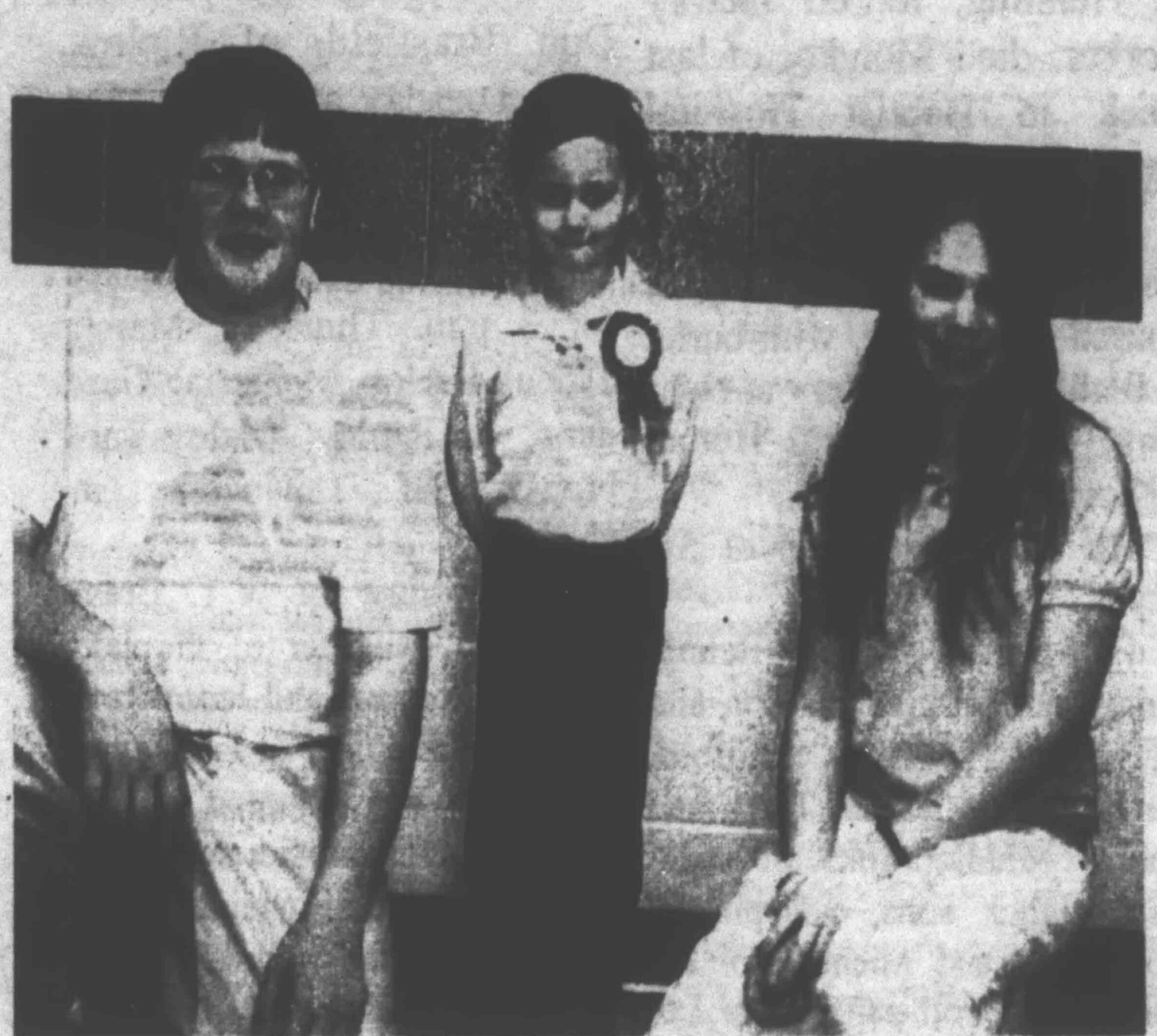
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Students Of The Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS at Christ Classical Academy, in Dyersburg, named as students of the week, include, from left, John Curry Burks, 7th grade, son of Bubba and Kristina Burks, of Ripley, and Emily Escue, pre-kindergarten, daughter of Larry and Molly Escue, and Lauren Martin, 6th grade, daughter of Rob and Gayle Martin, all of Halls.

Birthdays

March 1 - Chris Rhodes, Danny Young, Christopher Reynolds, Billy Green, Ricky DeSpain, Nick Nunn, Brooke Cole, Leon Hargett, Will Glenn, Terry Garrett, Brandi Smith, Chip Scott, Zoe Carmack.

March 2 - Carolyn Hunter, Bryan Harris, Kelly Harrison, Michael L. Gaines, John Austin, Susan Scott, Kay Steelman, Kenny Parham, Felicia Klutts, Kaleb Hamlet, Jack Newman, Clois Spray, Harrell Nation, Guilford Williams, Maxie Ferguson, Jonathan Lee Randolph, Shem Charles Campbell, Allie Moss, Jeff Edwards, Alan Davis..

March 3 - Kim Young, Larry Hawks, Ashley Hamby Burnham, Stacy Beard, Charlotte Cooper, Van Thompson, Taylor Rai, Geraldine Chipman, Seal Elder, Denise Prescott, Crystal Belew, Ivan Criner, Sharon Permenter, Kimberly Wood, M. L. Hudson, Bobby Butner.

March 4 - Bobby O. Thurmond, Sr., Dana Freeman, Delene Johnson, Loretta Hammock, Harley Patterson, Jo Middleton, Linda Graves, Ronnie Ferguson, Jane Coleman, Rodney Ervin, Billie Faulk, Scott Hume.

March 5 - Jennifer Box Warren, Brandon Garrett, Stan Matras, Linda Harmon Rizzuto, Emily Davis, Fred Strantz, Heather Garrett, Thomas Curran, James Bradley Belton, John Hardy, Peggy Twetty, Jennifer McDearman, Charles Moore, Conner McLemore.

March 6 - Paul Pilcher, Rusty Sanders, LaVerne Harris, Joe Maxey, Joann Crain, Betty Warren, Amanda McBroom, Sherry Seeley Layne, Clyde Nelson, Martha Cabay, Donnie Wieber, Vanessa Cain, Harvey B. Johnston, Wayne Bringle.

March 7 - Amanda Hutcherson Booker, Pug Conner, Misty Oswald Anthony, Ashley Turner, Al Jennings, Gennie V. Dewalt, Chad Meyer, Danielle

TEACHER'S MEETING

The Lauderdale County Retired Teachers Association has scheduled a meeting to be held at 2 p.m. Wed., March 7th, at the Ripley Elementary School Board Room. All retired teachers are urged to attend.

McBroom Jowers, Charlene Roberts, Gaylon Hardy, Caleb McKee, Danetia Jordan Fincher, Mattie D. Taylor, Nona Pilkington, Shawn Rose, Brian Elam, Michele Maclin.

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Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 5th
Hot Dog
Pizza
Carrot Sticks
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 6th
Tacos w/Trimings
Chicken Fajitas w/Trimings
Corn Nibbles
Rice
Grapes
Banana
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 7th
Southern Fried Chicken
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Apple Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 8th
Menu - School's Choice

Friday, March 9th
BBQ Pork Riblet
Chargrilled Chicken Sandwich

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

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Hot Dog
Tater Tots
Applesauce
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 6th
Tacos w/Trimings
Corn Nibbles
Grapes
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 7th
Southern Fried Chicken
Whipped Potatoes
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 8th
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Obituaries

Gray Was Gates Chief Of Police

Bobbie D. Gray, 70, of Atoka, former chief of police in Gates, died Feb. 10th.

Rites were Feb. 13th in First Baptist Church in Millington, where he was a member, with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery East in Memphis, Bartlett Funeral Home in charge.

An Air Force veteran, he had retired after 25 years with the Memphis police.

Masonic rites preceded services. He was past master of Lodge 746 in Frayser.

He was the uncle of Janet Harris, of Halls.

Survivors include his wife for 35 years, Mary Ann Shepard Gray; a step-son, Rick Perry, of Atoka; brothers, Hugh Gray, of Southaven, Miss., and Billie Gene Gray, of Fargo, N.D.; sisters, Gracie Maurice "Sis" Strawn, of Memphis, and Barbara "Tootsie" Kirk, of Ripley, Miss.; and a grandchild.

Louise Purham

Louise J. Purham, 97, of Covington, sister of Virginia Nelson, of 1203 Wadsworth Road, Henning, and mother of Lucille A. Moore, of 1181 Wadsworth Road, Henning, died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were set for 10 a.m. Thursday of this week in New Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Henning, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery at Henning, Barlow Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She was a member of the Collins Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for more than 60 years.

She was the widow of Elder Booker T. Purham.

Survivors include The Rev. Louis Purham, of Memphis, Elder Lester Purham, of Plainfield, Ill., and Jerome Purham, of Chicago, Ill.; other daughters, Ethel Purham, of Chicago, Beatrice Purham and Barbara Hayes, of Detroit, Mich., and Ernestine Stewart, of Southfield, Mich.; another sister, Annie B. Smith, of Chicago, Ill.; and 32 grandchildren.

Robert Reviere, James Mitchell County Leader Ran Pawn Shop

Robert Jones Reviere, Sr., died Saturday in his home at 4655 Hwy. 19 west of Ripley.

Rites were Tuesday in First Baptist Church in Ripley, where he was a member and had long been secretary of the Friendship Sunday School class.

Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

An Army veteran of World War II, he had served as chairman of the Production Credit Association and as chairman of the Board of Equalization, adjusting county real estate taxes.

He was a Mason and Shriner.

Widower of Kathryn Morris Reviere, he leaves a son, Rob, and a daughter, Kay Grugett, of Ripley; brothers, Herman L. Reviere, Ripley attorney, and John Reviere, of Greenville; sisters, Katherine Wilson, of Memphis, Pauline Pappas, of Gallatin, and Mary Ackerman, of Pickwick; and three grandsons.

Carol Wiggins

Mrs. Carol Wiggins, 60, of Atoka, died Saturday.

Rites were Sunday in Asbury Cemetery near Ripley, Munford Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of Earney Wiggins.

She leaves a daughter, Debra Pannell, of Atoka, and one grandchild.

John Freeman

John Floyd Freeman, 76, of Millington, formerly of Barr, died Thursday of last week in St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Sunday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

He had retired as a railroad switchman.

He leaves a brother, Dan, of Barr; a son, Michael, of Rock Springs, Wyo.; daughters, Beverly Kreuer, of Austin, Minn., Christi McComas, of Green River, Wyo., and Dianne Freeman, of Granite Bay, Calif.; step-sons, Chris and David Dunham, and a step-daughter, Sandy Courtney, of Millington; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

James Mitchell Ran Pawn Shop

James David Mitchell, 69, owner of the City Pawn Shop at 158 N. Main in Ripley, died Saturday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

A member of New Life Fellowship Church in Ripley, he leaves his wife, Linda; sons, Greg Mitchell and David, Jimmy, and John Meeks, and a daughter, Sondra Reynolds, of Halls; brothers, Jerry, of Ripley, and Tommy, of Cordova; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Mable Tillman

Mable O. Tillman, 88, of Ripley, widow of John Fountain Griffin Tillman, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

She leaves sons, Bobby and Larry, daughters, Betty Jean Burton, Beverly and Selene Haislip, and Kitty Kiesel, and a sister, Louise Bishop, all of Ripley; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Coleen Wilson

Coleen Wilson, 82, of Milan, sister of Sue Mills, of Gates, died Wednesday of last week in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Friday in Camden City Cemetery.

She was born in Silerton, Feb. 7, 1925, to the late Egbert and Gracie Mae King Hankins.

She had owned Wilson's Jewelers in Milan.

A Baptist, she was a member of Milan's Elizabeth Stone Garden Club and had held several offices in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary.

She was the widow of James Robert Wilson.

Survivors include sons, Dr. Don Wilson, of Jackson, and Dr. Greg Wilson, of Bolivar; a daughter, Doris (Mrs. Bill) Blankenship, of Humboldt; brothers, Paul, of Coldwater, Miss., and James, of Carmel, Ind.; and eight grandchildren.

George Taylor

George Henry Taylor, 74, of Henning, retired factory worker, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

He was the widower of AC Taylor.

He leaves sons, Benny, James, and William Taylor, and daughters, Emma Bradford, Linda Davis, Rosie Tate, and Shelia Middlebrook, of Henning; other sons, Joseph, of Covington, and Michael, of Atlanta, Ga.; brothers, Jimmy Lee Adams and Robert Powell, Jr., and sisters, Geneva Powell and Louise Claybrooks, of Springfield, Ill.; 29 grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Ray O. Cooke

Ray O. Cooke, 75, of Humboldt, father of Meschelle Moore and Susan Matthews, and step-brother of Lanny Roberts, all of Ripley, died Saturday.

Rites were Tuesday in Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo.

An insurance salesman, he had served as a Crockett County road commissioner.

His survivors include another daughter, Donna Hudson, of Savannah; a half-brother, Tommy Cooke, of Bolivar; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Mrs. Hutcherson

Bonnie Sue Hutcherson, 91, of Henning, widow of Walton Hutcherson, died Tuesday of last week, at home.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Edith Cemetery near Ripley, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She had been a factory employee.

She was a member of Melville United Methodist Church.

She leaves a daughter, Marlene Peters, of Halls, and a grandson, Terry England, of Henning, who looked after her; four great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Marie Brasfield

Marie Chipman Brasfield, 88, of Covington, mother of Don Brasfield, of Ripley, died Tuesday at Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton of heart failure.

Graveside services are set for 3 p.m. Thursday, March 1st, at Ripley Memorial Gardens, in Ripley, Maley-Yarbrough, of Covington, in charge.

The widow of W.T. Brasfield and daughter of the late Robert Chipman and Izora Ray, she was a member of First Baptist Church in Covington.

She leaves another son, John W. Brasfield, of Covington; daughters, Barbara Lyle, of Hickory Withe, and Kay McGuier, of Atoka; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

C. J. Sonderman

Casper James Sonderman, 87, of Henning, retired farmer, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

He was a member of Beasley's Chapel Church of God.

He was the widower of Virginia Sonderman.

He leaves sons, Donald and C. F. Sonderman, a brother, Alken, and a sister, Martha Woodruff, of Henning; a brother, David, and a sister, Deberta Mitchell, of Ripley; a brother, Perry, and sisters, Lucy Williams and Ola Faye Helmes, of Memphis; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Cathy Ross

Cathy Diane Ross, 56, of Ripley, retired factory worker, died Wednesday of last week in Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville.

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

She leaves her husband, Larry Ross, her mother, Frances Cribfield, a brother, Ronnie Wiseman, a sister, Dorothy Summar, and a daughter, Michelle Leo Ammons, of Ripley; a son, Michael Blane Ammons, of Halls; another sister, Pat Reaves, of Dyersburg; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Etheridge

"Little Earl" Etheridge, Jr., 27, of Dyersburg, grandson of Verna Moore, of 543 Coffee Shop Rd., Ripley, died Feb. 17th in Winchester, Va., Medical Center.

Rites were Friday in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg, with burial in Sorrell's Chapel Cemetery in Dyer County.

He was a truck driver for Western Express.

Survivors include his wife, Amanda Etheridge, grandparents, Thomas and Louise Etheridge, parents, Earl and Diane Etheridge, a daughter, Kimberly Etheridge, and a brother, Johnny, all of Dyersburg.

Flossie Rogers

Flossie B. Rogers, 94, of Ripley, died Monday of last week.

Rites were Saturday in St. Peter's Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Brownsville, with burial in its cemetery, Rawls Funeral Home in charge.

The funeral home says it can furnish no further information.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Willie B. Stenson, Jr. wishes to thank you for your prayers and expressions of sympathy. Death is a part of life...perhaps you called on us, perhaps you delivered food to our home, perhaps you sent a beautiful floral gift, perhaps we spoke to you on the telephone, your expression blessed our heart. We appreciate it, whatever the part. May God continue to bless you.

The family of Willie B. Stenson, Jr. Adv.P.

CORRECTION

Funeral services for Sylvia Snipes were held Sat., Feb. 24th at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in its cemetery, not Sat., Feb. 17th as was published in last week's issue. Date was rescheduled after paper was printed.

Nankipoo Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here. I thought sure some two legger would ask to see my navel ring this week. No one asked, but we did have a great visit from a Joanie. She had a check for \$500 dollars from a Siegel Robert for being a thing called a volunteer. I thought a volunteer was orange food that Florida alligators ate. She wasn't orange, but she gave a good back rub and better yet she took one of my buds home to one of her friends. She went ape over Lobo but said she just didn't have room for a 17th four legger at her farm. Miss Pam started her medicine list after Joanie left, and when Miss Pam answered the phone, I added "Viagra for Zeek" on the last line. I heard from Scooter that he had a nice home except for the occasional rolled up newspaper. He said that he was scheduled to be tutored. Scooter wanted to know if I got smarter after I was tutored. Boy, what he doesn't know might hurt him!

Miss Pam said to give a paws applause to a Tony and Carla Dew for the puppy chow and the collars. Thanks to Billy and Ann Tate for their fifty dollar donation. Mr. Wal-Mart sent word that a \$1,000 check would be here in March. Needless to say he gets three licks and a group paws applause. We are also sporting a new sign on the building courtesy of Mr. Edwards at the sign shop on Cleveland Street.

Remember Harley the Basset, with 5 puppies, well the whole family got a new home. I have a big new friend, Lobo. He has the best voice at the club. His howl makes my hair stand up, it is so beautiful. He reminds me of my ancestors with that long lonely wolf sound. He told me that he was part Belgian Shepard and that he preferred a big yard or farm for his new home. Mr. Buddy said that he was a couch potato who leads well on a leash and has a great personality. My special friend is Patch. She is medium size with a sweet personality and a beautiful white body with brown ears and freckles. She is a knockout. Sara, our black Collie, is very smart and well mannered. My other young friends include Pam and Jenny, both full blooded chocolate Labs. Bridgett and Nicole are short haired Pekinese, and Paisley is a black and tan German Shepard about three months old.

Some of my older friends include Weenie, a black and tan Dotson, along with Speedy, a friendly red and black squirrel and rabbit specialist, who will earn his food. Sam is a friendly black and tan Husky mix who was found on Highway 19 east.

As they say on Monday night football, shut out the lights, this party's over. It's now time for a commercial break featuring, The Lauderdale Co. Animal Country Club at Nankipoo, two miles off Hwy 51 north, where you always get a thrill and a deal. Just call 836-7387 or come by to see yours truly and my buds.

Zeek

MAKING A DIFFERENCE COLUMN

Charity Gambling Harmful?

By Rex M. Rogers

Charity gambling is legal in all states, except Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Tennessee and Utah. Charitable gambling includes the well-known bingo, as well as casino nights (also known as "Las Vegas Nights," "Monte Carlo Nights," and "Millionaire Parties"). There are also raffles, crane games, fishing derbies, dog mushers, charity game tickets, also known as pull-tabs, jar tickets, breakopens, Lucky 7s, and pickle cards. Charity gambling has become a common method of fundraising for Little Leagues, fire-fighter stations, libraries, schools, churches, and more.

Overall consumer spending on bingo has not changed much since 1982 and is currently just over \$1 billion annually. Other charitable gaming revenue is estimated at \$1.56 billion annually, down somewhat due to the lure of glitzy casinos, increasing numbers of working women, and an aging player population.

Charity gambling is ostensibly about giving to a nonprofit organization. But the nonprofit organization rarely raises more funds than it otherwise might if supporters simply contributed directly. Typically, up to three-fourths of funds collected are returned to participants in prizes, with another 15% or more covering overhead, leaving maybe 10% of all revenues for the sponsoring nonprofit organizations.

Some nonprofit organizations claim that they could not exist without charity gambling. More charities are initiating gambling fundraisers in part to compensate for reductions in state and federal support and in part due to declining private donations.

People argue that charity gambling is a necessary form of philanthropic support for nonprofit organizations. It's an odd position. If you wish to support the charity, why not just give to the organization directly? Why is it necessary to provide games, prizes, and chance in order to get people to give? The biblical pattern says, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

Charity gambling may not be our most pressing problem, but like all gambling it creates more problems than it alleviates.

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Church Happenings

Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow St., Gates, will hold revival services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sun., March 4th and continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through Wed., March 7th with John Yates and friends as guest evangelist. Jerrell Dawson, pastor, invites the public.

Mary's Chapel Baptist Church will hold its annual coon supper at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., March 1st. 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.

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Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

The Old Home Place Is No Longer What It Used To Be

Just outside of Columbia, Tennessee, in the boundary lines of Spring Hill, is located the General Motors Saturn manufacturing plant. Just beyond the employee parking lot of this state-of-the-art automobile production facility, you can still today find rolling farm land that is kept in tillable production by the GM organization. With white plank fences and well-kept roadsides, one can easily get lost in a rural vista of thought as you drive by the cultivated fields.

Across the road from the plant is even more farm land and a historical pre-civil war home that is open for tours to the public. This area, too, is a sight of rural life enjoyed by those passersby on their daily trips to and from work. However, this side of the road is getting ready to change. Development is inching its way across the farm land from the city of Spring Hill and soon the fields next to the old brick antebellum home will contain stores and other buildings of today's progressive lifestyle. Acreage belonging to GM and once farmed by the company is now set for development on the east side of the highway from the plant.

Progress is something that is going to happen whether you like it or not. The sad part is it comes at the expense of farm and agricultural land with their removal becoming very permanent.

Farms must make a profit to survive, and with the continued movement of suburbia into the farming communities, farm land cost and profitability have become some major problems. It is real easy for those of us who come from farm life backgrounds to see the negatives in this continuous movement. I do wonder that if food someday becomes less plentiful in this country, just how many million dollar homes will be torn down and replaced with farm land. Yeah, I don't see that happening either.

The other day following a recent farm sale that was caused due to a new interchange being made for Interstate, I wandered the grounds around the house and barns that would soon be moved or torn down. As I stepped upon the porch I noticed the weather beaten screen door was now hanging by one hinge.

That screen door reminded me that it will no longer be slammed by running children coming home from school or used to let in cool breezes for the owners on an early summer night. If that door could talk I'm sure it would tell of visits by family, return trips home from the hospital with a new member of the household, or even the number of times it had been looked through by farm kids checking on just what was being prepared for supper.

From the front porch I could see that now the livestock were gone, the farm equipment was gone, the front yard zinnias in the old milk can were gone. There was no old shepherd dog bounding out to greet you, and

not a single striped cat could be seen scurrying under the porch. Out back of the house there was a clothesline falling down, and the yard no longer contained large green metal yard chairs to rest in after a hard day in the field by the farmer who had lived there.

There was no sound of children playing on the front porch or swinging high in the old porch swing. In fact, the porch swing, with its many layers of paint, was now also gone. There were no clay pots of petunias. Just a porch with well-worn planks walked upon by a family making a living from the farm. Inside the old white frame house, the school pictures, Farm Bureau almanac calendars, and white cook-stove were all missing. No longer was there the concerns of farm loans, next year's crop, and the need for the vet's phone number scribbled with a lead pencil between two patterns of flowers on the torn wallpaper.

Everything was now gone. It was like the shell of a cicada hanging on a maple tree, only the hull of the farmhouse still remained. No more Sunday dinners of fried chicken to be served, no more birthdays to celebrate, no more Christmas trees to decorate, no more announcements of a new calf in the barn, and no more hopes for the next generation to farm the land. However, the house still stood, but not for long. After the auction it would be bulldozed, pavement put down and soon car loads of people will drive over the spot that now only holds

memories of another day and time.

Those people in those cars will have their concerns, but those concerns will not be about next year's crop or seed prices. However, they should have the concern of where their next meal will come from, but the source will not be from this farm. But, that's what they say progress is all about.

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

Land Transfers

February 18th-February 24th

S.N. Anthony, Jr., to Michael Antoine Mann, Dist. 2, lot.

James O. Ewell, Donna R. Ewell, Ronald V. Roberts and Nina Charlene Roberts to D and S Rentals LLC, Dist.9, 40.5475 acres.

Manson Younger to Thomas Kirkpatrick and Amanda Kirkpatrick, Dist. 6, 5.62 acres.

Jason Bates and Marvin E. Alexander to Jeremy Helton, Dist. 2, lot.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, TR to Billy Joe Webb and Shirley Webb, Dist. 6, lot.

Safe Food Prep Guidelines

By William G. Parker
UT Agricultural Extension Agent

With the growing interest in the sale of home-prepared and canned food items such as jams and jellies, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture has come up with new rules to allow the commercial sale of certain food items prepared in home kitchens.

"The purpose of the domestic kitchen rules is to allow individuals to commercially prepare, manufacture and sell "non-potentially hazardous" foods that are prepared in the home while ensuring that the public's health is protected", said John Sanford, TDA administrator for food manufacturing. According to the Sanford these rules, "represent a reasonable approach to help meet the needs of a growing cottage industry."

The new rules went into effect January 27, 2007 and cover two categories of foods prepared in home kitchens; non-potentially hazardous which include foods such as jams and jellies and any foods that do not include mostly meat, partially egg products, liquid eggs, fish, shellfish, milk and milk products and partially baked items. The other category is potentially hazardous food items that include all the above and also low acid canned vegetables such as salsa and pickled vegetables.

The new rules require that domestic kitchens be licensed by the department's Regulatory Services Division, Food and Dairy Section, in addition to complying with any and all other local and state business licenses, permit and zoning requirements. A \$50 fee is charged for the license, known as a Regulatory Services Permit. Domestic kitchens licensed by the department are subject to inspection any time commercial foods are being processed, prepared, packaged, handled or stored for distribution.

The one exception to this rule is for individuals who are preparing food for sale for one-day events that are fund raisers for charity or non-profit organizations.

Domestic kitchen operators are required to successfully complete the Tennessee Food Safety Certification Course offered by the University of Tennessee Department of Food Safety and Technology.

The Tennessee Food Safety Course is offered March 22nd in Jackson at the UT Agricultural Experiment Station, 605 Airways Blvd. The course will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, fees, and addition dates that the course is offered contact Nancy Austin at (865) 974-7331 or go online at naustin@utk.edu.

Spring Forward On March 11th

After President George W. Bush signed the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*, Aug. 8, 2005, he changed the dates for Daylight Savings Time, beginning at 2 a.m. Sun., March 11th and ending Sun., Nov. 4th.

Clocks are set an hour forward in the spring, moving an hour of daylight to the evening to save energy.

Major ramifications could and are expected to occur with the new time change dates. Very few devices that are hard-coded where the time is changed automatically can not be updated. Computers that change time settings automatically, etc. Many devices will have to be set manually and checked each time the settings change.

Many fire departments encourage citizens to check the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change the time setting on clocks. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

Marriages

February 10 - Gaspar Rosales Garcia, 25, to Jessica Michelle Burns, 27, by John T. Compere.

February 14 - Joe Oneal Simpson, 59, to Lillian Julie Vaughan Tillman, 59, by Sammy Tillman.

February 15 - Ronnie Edward Neville, 36, to Connie Denise Street, 31, by Tracy Henson.

February 17 - Kevin Bond, 47, to Rosalind Vanessa Neal Lake, 37, by Iran D. Yarbrough.

February 22 - Joseph Guy Meeker, 42, to Zarina Yum Robinson, 41, by Neal Ammons.

February 23 - George Brian Anderson, 41, to Carol

Wal-Mart To Aid Soil Conservation Election Scheduled Books From Birth

Wal-Mart has made a \$100,000 donation to aid Governor Phil Bredesen's Books From Birth Imagination Library program in all 95 Tennessee counties, as well as other related Foundation charitable projects.

Financial contributions to the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation (GBBF), created in 2004, from Tennessee-based businesses go toward a grant program for economically distressed counties, where the Foundation covers the full-cost of the monthly book orders in counties where industry or an adequate donor base for the program are absent. Only \$27 annually provides for the purchase and delivery of 12 hardcover books to one child. Donated funds allowed the GBBF to purchase full sets of Imagination Library books for all 672 Voluntary Pre-K and 918 Head Start classrooms in Tennessee.

Contact the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, 635-9541, to register for the Imagination Library Books from Birth program. Any child, under the age of 5, can receive, at no cost, a hardcover, age-appropriate book, each month, regardless of income or race.

Ann Campbell Pipkin, 47, by Donnie F. Reed, Sr.

February 24 - Hansen Moltke Winbush, 24, to Danita Levette Barbee, 25, by W.L. Reid.

The State Soil Committee has requested a local advisory committee to carry out the necessary election procedures to fill the expiring positions of Vernon McBride III, Elizabeth Pugh Lague, and Dennis Lee, on the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

The election will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurs., March 8th at the AgCenter, Inc., Moore's Grocery, Tipton Farmers Co-Op in Halls, Lauderdale Lumber and Hardware, Lightfoot Store, and the USDA Service Center Soil Conservation District Office, on Lake Drive.

Landowners holding legal title to lands within the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District are eligible to vote.

Names to appear on the ballot include Guy Bentley, Elizabeth Pugh Lague, Vernon McBride III, Mary Olds, Rob Reviere, Larry Taylor, and Wayne Woodard.

Divorces

Timothy Michael Kissell vs. Ann Marie Camper Crowder Kissell.

Willadean Powledge Treadway vs. Ronnie Wayne Treadway.

If nature had arranged that husbands and wives should have children alternatively, there would never be more than three in a family.
—Lawrence Housman

NOTICE

Town of Halls will hold its regular board meeting at 7 p.m. March 5th.

The public is invited to attend.

ALUMNI MEETING Anniversaries

The Lauderdale County UT Alumni Chapter will meet at 6 p.m. March 15th at Tennessee Technology Center in Ripley. The deadline to register is March 9th.

For more information or to register, call Jordan Crihfield at 731-836-9797 or email to jordancrihfield@yahoo.com.

Those who mailed registration and payment are asked to call Mrs. Crihfield due to a mailing error on the pamphlet. Her correct address is 602 West Tigrett St., Halls, TN 38040.

March 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horner.

March 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Connell, Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Kiestler.

March 3 - Mr. and Mrs. John Blakley.

March 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bringle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elder.

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Dr. Seuss' Birthday Fire Destroys Charlene's Collectibles



STUDENTS in the class of Mrs. Angie Garcia at Halls Elementary School, in upper photo, celebrated Read Across America Day March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. Nathan Smith, of Halls High School, read *Nate the Great* to the kindergarten students. Nathan was presented a community service award.

Students in the class of Mrs. Jenny Brandon at Ripley Primary School, in lower photo, were visited Friday by guest readers, Matthew Medford and Maurice the Tiger, Brooks Barnes, for Read Across America. Other guests included teachers from Ripley High School, nursing students, along with other members of the community.



ing, according to Halls Patrolman M. C. Swims. After they arrived on the scene, flames and smoke were coming out of the rear structure of the shops which housed Charlene's, an office, and a warehouse of antiques. Fireman from Halls and the surrounding area responded to keep the flames from destroying the remaining buildings, The Wooden Hanger, Cheese

Shack, Hugs and Kisses, and "Just Divine" Tea Room. Billy Bates and Jason Winchester, in lower photo, escaped injury after a wall, dividing Charlene's and The Wooden Hanger, collapsed. They managed to push the wall away from The Wooden Hanger, saving the building from destruction. Begun in 1983, Charlene and her husband, Ronnie Roberts, have renovated the buildings and moved an inactive church to the property to form the Colony of Shoppes. The church became the "Just Divine" Tea Room.

Trees Available To Landowners

The Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District will hold its annual tree day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 16th, at the USDA Service Center located at 301 Lake Dr. The SCD will have 2,500 Pin Oak, 1,500 Sawtooth Oak and 1,500 Loblolly Pine tree seedlings available on a first come, first serve basis.

Vernon McBride III, chairman of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District, stated the annual tree day provides free tree seedlings to landowners in an effort to control erosion, promote wildlife habitat and promote tree planting for beautification in Lauderdale County.

HHS TALENT SHOW

The Halls High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter will sponsor a talent show at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15th, at Halls High School Gymnasium. Halls High School and Halls Junior High School students will be competing.

HES WORKSHOP

A workshop for parents of pre-school children, ages 2-5, will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 12th, at Halls Elementary School cafeteria, to answer questions, give handouts and a book list. Children are not required to attend.

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MIKE GAINES, of Ripley, has joined Crye/Lajke Carter Realty as an affiliate broker. He has two years experience in real estate and was previously affiliated in Dyer County. Born and reared in Lauderdale County, he is a 2000 graduate of Ripley High School. Call Mike at 731-413-2332 for real estate needs.



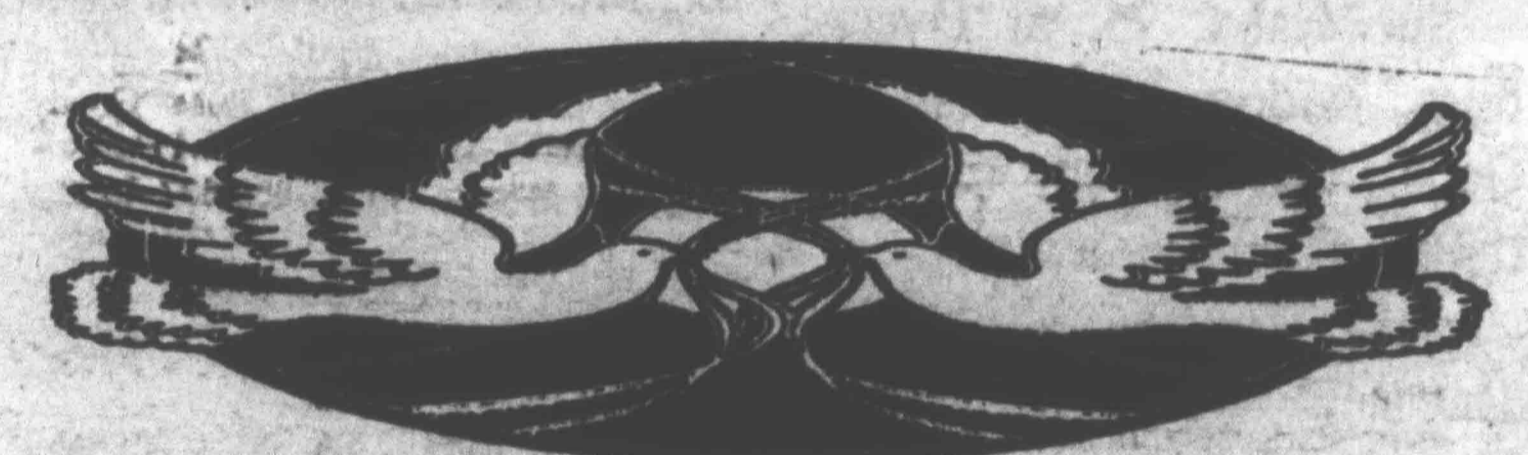
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The addresses and phone numbers of area churches are published the first week of each month, if your church is not included, please call to have it added. If the phone number and/or address is not correct, please call with the correct information.

New Life Fellowship Church, 100 Lakeview Dr., Ripley, will hold revival services beginning at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sun., March 11th and continuing at 7 p.m. through Wed., March 14th with Sam Austin as guest evangelist. The public is invited.

The Redeemers, of Ripley, will celebrate their 9th pre-anniversary at 6 p.m. Sat., March 17th at the Civic Center, off Hwy. 19 West, behind Christian Family Medical Clinic, with special guests New Southern Aires, of Gates, Ashport Bethel Choir, and Gospel Divine and Survivors, of Ripley, plus many more. The public is invited. For information or directions, call Bro. Stoney Tyus, 731-635-5226.

The anniversary celebration will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sun., March 18th at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove, Henning with many guest choirs and soloists. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

New Hope C. M. E. Church, Henning, will observe its annual usher day at 2:30 p.m. March 11th with The Rev. Iran Yarbrough, pastor of Elam Baptist Church, as guest speaker. The Rev. Joe Dowell, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley Church of God, Halliburton St., will hold revival ser-

Divorces

Terry Glen Collins vs. Pamela June Pipkin Collins. Angelia Prater Mauldin vs. Lee Mauldin, Jr. Tanya Marie Bagwell Wallace vs. Jason Wayne Wallace, Sr. Joel Nathan Goodman vs. Amanda J. Goodman.

vices beginning at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sun., March 11th and continuing at 7 p.m. through Fri., March 16th with Mike Carson as guest evangelist. Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the public.

Holly Grove Baptist Church's Missionary Ministry will hold a meeting at 3 p.m. Sun., March 11th with Cecil Morgan, minister of New Beginnings Church, as guest speaker. He is encouraging the young people to come and be a part of the gathering. The young are the future, so invest in them. The Rev. Dr. W. L. Reid, pastor, invites the public.

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

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Obituaries

Mary Woodard

Mary Juanita Woodard, 60, the wife of Joe Wayne Woodard, of 165 Highland, Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Hospital in Germantown.

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

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

She leaves a son, Greg, a daughter, Anita Jo Woodard, her mother, Evelyn Jones, brothers, Claude and Oneal Jones, and sisters, Theresa Jones and Becky Uelton, all of Ripley, and three grandchildren.

Zona Childress

Zona Lee Childress, 87, of Gates, widow of Ike Childress, died Monday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Gates United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Gates Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves a daughter, Judy Olds, a brother, Buddy Thurmond, and sisters, Crystal Jackson and Ruby Turner, of Gates; other sisters, Polly Jackson, of Memphis, and Joyce Bentley, of Bloomington, Ill.; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Mrs. Evans

Marjorie Sue Steen Evans, 80, of Ripley, wife of Harold Edward Evans, Jr., who retired from the Ripley Post Office, died Wednesday of last week, in her home, after many years of illness.

Rites were Friday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where she was a member, with burial in Maplewood Cemetery, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a son, Bill, of Knoxville; a daughter, Susan (Mrs. Jim) Dunn, of Horn Lake, Miss.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Annette Wiggins

Annette Wiggins, 41, of Henning, a Tennessee Electroplating factory worker, died Monday at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis.

Services are set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10th, at New Bethal Baptist Church, Henning, with burial in its cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves her husband, Calvin Dean Wiggins, her mother, Elvira Henning, a brother, Keith Tyus, a sister, Reneshel Tyus, and grandparent, Orita Henning, all of Henning; a daughter, Morgan Wiggins, step-daughters, Maria Cherry, Nicole Cherry and Brittany Graves, and sisters, Linda Jarrett, Melissa Robinson, Aletrice Tyus, Daisy Tyus, and Shulanda Tyus, all of Ripley; a son, Lakeithan Robinson, of Decatur, Ill.; another step-daughter, Astrid Wiggins, of Memphis; her father, James Robinson, of Gary, Ind.; another brother, Robert Tyus, of Jackson; two other sisters, Gladys Davis, of Antioch, and Meka Robinson, Las Vegas, Nev.; another grandparent, Mary Robinson, of Brownsville; and eight grandchildren.

Gertrude Gilbert

Gertrude Gilbert, 99, of Wynn, Ark., formerly of Ripley, a homemaker, died Monday at Creas Park Nursing Home.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10th, at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at Lightfoot, with burial in Canfield Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

The widow of Ollie B. Gilbert, she leaves a nephew who cared for her, John L. Neal, of Wynn; and a special friend who helped care for her, Frank Currie, of Currie's Funeral Home.

CORRECTION

James Davis Mitchell, 69, of Ripley, whose obituary was published in last week's issue, was incorrectly identified as James David Mitchell.

Mourning



WILLIAM LYNN STANLEY, 83, of Ripley, former owner for 50 years of Stanley's 76 Service Station, at the corner of Graves Ave. and Main St., in Henning, died Saturday, in his home.

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

An Army veteran of World War II, he leaves his wife, Donnie; daughters, Lisa Hankins and Teresa Queen, of Ripley; Amy McCoy, of Union City, and Ginny Powell, of Gainesville, Ga.; a sister, Mary Jackson, of Flosswood, Ill.; and 13 grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to his church's Methodist Men would be fitting.

Trucilla Spence

Trucilla Moore Spence, 76, of Crockett Mills, sister of Sylvia Burns, of 984 Charlie Lee Rd., Halls, and Fredonia Kerby, of Gates, died Monday of last week in the Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Friendship Funeral Home, with burial in Lebanon Cemetery.

She was a member of Crockett Mills' First Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jamye L. Spence; sons, Chris and Gary, of Crockett Mills, and Eddie, of Flint, Tex.; daughters, Ann Green and Sherry Brasfield, of Friendship, Barbara Newsom, of Jackson, and Edna Ray, of Walnut, Miss.; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

'Jim' Sullivan

James Elton Sullivan, 75, of the Oakland community of Fayette County, father of Sandra (Mrs. Lowell) Kirkland, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

Rites were held Sunday in Peebles West Funeral Chapel in Oakland. Burial, with military honors, was in Fayette County Memorial Park Cemetery.

An Army veteran, he had retired from DuPont in Memphis.

He had once been a Tipton County sheriff's deputy.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; sons, Jeff Crossley, of Oakland, and Shannon Sullivan, of Munford; other daughters, Darlene (Mrs. Jerry) Litsinger, of Atoka, and Michelle Reynolds, of Memphis; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Sue Gaba

Sue Gaba, 75, of Dyersburg, widow of Joseph T. Gaba, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

Rites were set for 3 p.m. Thursday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in, Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

She leaves sons, Barry, Joseph, and Mike, of Dyersburg, and Roland, of Coal City, Ill., and six grandchildren.

David R. Gross

David R. Gross, 57, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week.

Rites were Saturday in Lightfoot United Methodist Church, High Point Funeral Home, of Memphis, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Peggy; two children; a brother; and three grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1957

Letters for the Halls High School class of 1957 reunion scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, May 26th, at Shirley Brown's building in Halls need to be returned no later than April 15th.

For more information, call 836-5776.

Polly Taylor

Polly Halliburton Taylor, 89, widow of B. J. Taylor, Ripley barber, died Wednesday of last week in Quince Nursing Home in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley. Burial was in Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Ripley.

She leaves a sister, Jennie Ward Grammer, of 234 Church, Ripley; a son, B. J., Jr., of Virginia Beach, Va.; daughters, Cindy Hampton, of Memphis, Jane Martin, of Collierville, and Carol Karr, of Oxford, Miss.; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A son, B. E. "Gene" Taylor, preceded her in death.

Memorial gifts to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation would be fitting.

LONG-TERM CARE

Governor Phil Bredesen was joined Tuesday by officials from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Administration on Aging and the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability announcing the statewide launch of "Own Your Future," an awareness campaign to encourage Tennesseans to start planning now for their future long-term care needs.

The "Own Your Future" awareness campaign is a program coordinated nationally by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, working in partnership with states to encourage individuals between the ages of 45 and 65 to start thinking about long-term care planning. A letter discussing the importance of long-term care planning, signed by the Governor, will be sent to households in the targeted range. Recipients of the letter then have the opportunity to learn more about long-term care services in Tennessee.

For more information about Tennessee's "Own Your Future" awareness campaign or to order a Long-Term Care Planning Kit, visit www.tn.gov and click on the "Own Your Future - Long-Term Care Awareness" link or call (866) 752-6582.

Golden Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. DAVID THOMAS "TOM" JONES, of Bells, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sat., March

17th in the fellowship hall of the Crossroads Baptist Church, with all family and friends invited.

Tom was born in Crockett County and attended schools there until 1952 when he moved to Chicago, Ill.

His wife, Jimmie Evelyn Alley, was born in Lauderdale County and attended Halls school until December 1950, when her family moved to Chicago.

The couple met on a blind date, arranged by her sister, Edna, and his best friend, Bill. When he joined the Army in 1953, in Crockett County, he was stationed at Ft. Lee, Va. and then Germany. He was discharged in 1956 and returned to Chicago.

They were married the following year in the home of Jimmie's parents, Jim and Gracie Alley, by Hank Waldron, minister of the Church of Christ.

They reside in the Crossroad community, between Bells and Alamo and have five children, David T. Jr., Debra Lynn, Denton Dwayne, Durand Scott, and Donna Joyce Jones.

Anniversaries

March 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Steve McKinnie.

March 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders.

March 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bain, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kiestler.

March 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Emery Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis.

March 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Rose.

Marriages

February 24 - Edgar Albert Morris III, 23, to Christy Lynn Hamilton, 24, by Rocky Gilliam.

March 2 - Travis Shantell Handy, 27, to Jocqueline De-

nise Lambert, 30, by Willie Crews, Jr.

Reason is man's faculty for grasping the world by thought, in contradiction to intelligence, which is man's ability to manipulate the world with the help of thought.
-Erich Fromm

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Concerning a planning commission meeting to consider the re-adoption of the Town of Halls Official Zoning Map.

Any interested party is invited to appear before the Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen and be heard in objection or in favor of the adoption thereof. A copy of the proposed map will be available for public examination in Halls Town Hall, located at 208 North Church Street.

Town of Halls

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REVIVAL
First Baptist Church

102 E. Tigrett St., Halls

March 11th-14th
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday 7 p.m.

Evangelist-Dennis Trull
Pastor, First Baptist Church, McKenzie

Minister of Music-Aaron Campbell
Matthew Road Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, TX

8-11

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

March 19, 2007 at 5 p.m.
at Halls Municipal Building

- A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
- B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
- C. OLD BUSINESS
- D. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and consideration for approving the Town Of Halls Official Zoning Map

B. Any properly presented business

E. ADJOURNMENT

8-11

Nankipoo Dog News



you?"

They are as attentive to us here in the shelter as their busy schedules allow. They feed us, of course, but I lost my appetite days ago. At first, whenever anyone passed my pen, I rushed to the front, hoping it was you that you had changed your mind — that this was all a bad dream... or I hoped it would at least be someone who cared, anyone who might save me.

When I realized I could not compete with the frolicking for attention of happy puppies, oblivious to their own fate, I retreated to a far corner and waited. I heard her footsteps as she came for me at the end of the day, and I padded along the aisle after her to a separate room. A blissfully quiet room. She placed me on the table and rubbed my ears, and told me not to worry. My heart pounded in anticipation of what was to come, but there was also a sense of relief. The prisoner of love had run out of days.

As is my nature, I was more concerned about her. The burden which she bears weighs heavily on her, and I know that, the same way I knew your every mood. She gently placed a tourniquet around my foreleg as a tear ran down her cheek. I licked her hand in the same way I used to comfort you so many years ago. She expertly slid the hypodermic needle into my vein. As I felt the sting and the cool liquid coursing through my body, I lay down sleepily, looked into her kind eyes and murmured "How could you?"

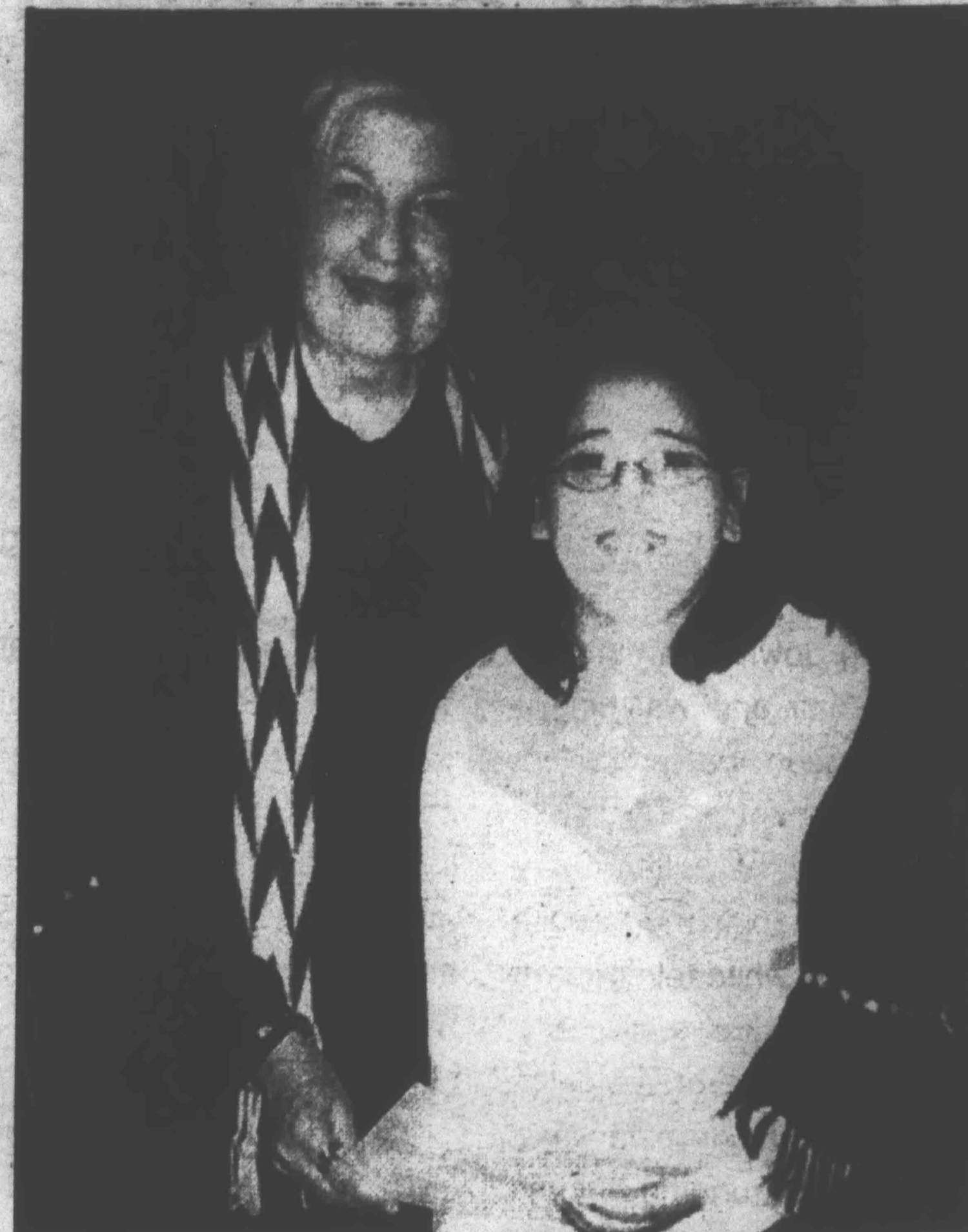
Perhaps because she understood my dog speak, she said "I'm so sorry." She hugged me, and hurriedly explained it was her job to make sure I went to a better place, where I wouldn't be ignored or abused or abandoned, or have to fend for myself — a place of love and light

so very different from this earthly place. And with my last bit of energy, I tried to convey to her with a thump of my tail that my "How could you?" was not directed at her. It was directed at you, My Beloved Master, I was thinking of you. I will think of you and wait for you forever.

May everyone in your life continue to show you so much loyalty. Remember... WE LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY.

ZEEK

Award Presented



KRISTEN DANIELE SOLOMON, right, daughter of Michelle Solomon, of Halls, and Timothy Pevahouse, of Dyersburg, was presented a \$50 Savings Bond March 1st for winning second place in the Voices of West Tennessee Essay Contest about Choctaw Indians during the Dyersburg State Community College's Book Fest 2007. A third grade student at Halls Elementary School in the gifted program, her article, "Keeping The Tradition Alive", focuses on facts about the Choctaw Indians. Marilou Awiakta, author of *Rising Dawn and the Fire Mystery*, left, presented the award.

"Keeping The Tradition Alive"

By Kristen Daniele Solomon

A little known fact about the Choctaw Indians back in the 19th century the Choctaws were forced to relocate in Oklahoma during the Trail of Tears by the early white cotton-growers. Now most of the Choctaws still reside in the southeastern part of Mississippi.

The games and dances are about their culture and traditions which are past down from generation to generation, the dances are done in religious ceremonies such as the "Green Corn Festivals," which are taught at a very young age.

Cooperation plays a vital important role to the Choctaw people on the reservation in Mississippi, the language and double-basket weaving were once becoming non-existent. Now they have organized classes on how to speak the Native language or how to make baskets, beadwork, or learn how to play the important game of all time "stickball".

Choctaws do special dances also wear traditional Choctaw outfits which are past down from generations or are handmade themselves. The younger generation now take pride in homemade crafts that they have made.

One Choctaw had learned the Southern Plain style of dancing when he was a child instead of doing the traditional Choctaw style. He was the only one at that time doing another style of dancing and now the Choctaw children are taught both styles of dancing.

In conclusion, the Choctaws are very proud of their heritage and culture and also take pride in everything that they do in their daily lives. The younger generations are bringing the tradition back strongly.

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

From A Pole Wired To A Fence Post To Satellite Dish

I have to admit that I am a TV watcher addict. Yes, it is true that I enjoy settling down in a comfortable chair and watching a really good western every now and then. The older the movie the better. Every since we put that Zenith black and white television in my parent's house in 1956, I have had a problem passing by this modern day marvel without running through the channels to see what is on.

The addictive qualities of TV are hard to overcome, at least for me. It all began with something as simple as Ding Dong School, Winky Dink, Howdy Doody and Buffalo Bob. After getting hooked on the fairly soft shows, my habit then called for harder programming, like Roy Rogers, Fury, and Sky King. Today, I am now hooked on old movies, Mash and the History Channel. You never know what will set a habit off until it is too late.

In the early days of my addiction, local programming was alright until one day I discovered cable. From three major channels, I was up to over 50 channels a day. Also, I went from getting up out of my chair to change the channels to using a super dooper remote control device. I could now surf the channels and change the channels as fast as I could push the button.

However, something happened eight years ago that caused me to go into TV withdrawal. We moved to an area that did not have cable. I had to go cold turkey on watching TV.

I tried everything to get cable. I called the ComCast cable company and found out that the cable lines were only three tenths of a mile from my home. They agreed to do a study to see what it would take to get me back into my old habit.

I waited the required ten days for their study. With excitement I called the cable company to see how long it would be before I would be back to watching the Weather Channel for hours.

The young lady on the phone told me, in a pleasant voice, that they would be glad to run cable to my house. However, I would have to pay \$8,654. After my check cleared the bank, the friendly folks at the cable company would be glad to install a box at my house within weeks.

After being reassured that she was not joking, and telling her that for \$8,654 I could start my own cable company, I thanked her for her time and went into deep withdrawal after hearing this news. I was once again back to three major channels, PBS and an antenna outside. Thinking the cable would be coming to my house, I had placed the antenna temporarily on a fence post near the house. Every time the wind would blow, I would lose a channel. It also required me to go outside during com-

mercials to adjust the pole during windy days. And, since I was not going to get cable, I decided I would have to place the antenna more securely on the house.

One afternoon I began the task of placing a six foot long antenna on the eave of the house. It required me to climb a ladder more than twenty feet off of the ground, and to carry the antenna to the top. I had seen acts like this in the circus, but my desire for TV had now gone beyond common sense.

After moving the antenna around twenty-plus feet in the air to locate a signal that didn't leave my television looking like a January snow storm, I discovered that the best place for it was back on the fence post. I couldn't believe that after three hours of performing a circus act on the top of the house, with neighbors driving by and pointing, I had to move the antenna back to where it had been.

For months it stood wired to two metal fence posts, about fifty feet from the house. I got seven channels and took up reading as one of my major past times. Though living a more productive life, I still had the drive for more channels. I also saved myself \$8,654, but what good is money without ESPN.

Now the rest of the story as Paul Harvey says. I have now discovered satellite TV. Last Saturday we put our second dish on our house and can now get 185 channels! It came with a remote you can fly the space shuttle

with and it even has satellite radio channels included to listen to. Better yet, I can watch RFD-TV and see our Farm Bureau programming also.

One problem. The first night we sat down to watch it and after scrolling through 185 channels including satellite radio, we ended up watching PBS which we could have gotten on a coat hanger tied on the back of the set. There was nothing on all those channels we really wanted to see.

However, we still have saved \$8,654. Take that cable company!

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Land Transfers

February 25th-March 3rd

Emily Jo Cathey to State of Tennessee, Dist. 2, 0.662 acre.

Jane Meacham Smith to State of Tennessee, 0.183 acre.

Tommy Olds to State of Tennessee, Dist. 10, lot.

Juanita Kay Barnes to State of Tennessee, 0.380 acre.

Gertrude Eisom Jones and Barry F. Jones to Bobby A. Jacobs and William Michael Jacobs, Dist. 12, 2 tracts.

William Spencer Thomas and Inez Chipman Thomas to First Tennessee Bank, NA, TR, and Thomas Family Trust, Dist. 1, 2 lots.

William C. Pike and Stacey L. Pike to Stacie L. Alexander, lot.

Gary Konkle to James Young, Dist. 12, lot.

Teresa S. Henderson to Christi A. Curtis, Dist. 15, lot.

VDS Development LLC to SSI Properties Inc., Dist. 2, lot.

Tom Greaves to John Boyd, Jr., Dist. 2, tract.

Travis Byrd and Debbie Byrd to Charles Stephens, Dist.

12, lot.
Regions Bank, Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota NA and Union Planters Bank NA to Matthew Boone, Dist. 6, tract.

Pedro M. Padron and Wendy J. Padron to Connie Benard, Dist. 3, 5.0 acres.

Charles Griggs, TR, and Charles Griggs Revocable Living Trust to J.C. White, Dist. 2, lot.

Homesales Inc. to Charles S. Cherry, Sr., Dist. 3, 0.89 acre.

Ronald F. Fisher and Pamela M. Fisher to Cheryl Manns, Dist. 6, lot.

Harriet Braden and Harriet Ellenbecker to Venus Crowder, Dist. 6, 0.5 acre.

Rick Bringle to John Michael Massey, lot.

Chris Fleming and Julie Fleming to Tammy Winbush, lot.

Bridget Berek to J.C. White and White's Savage, Dist. 2, lot.

Franklin L. Reed to Jonas D. Koonce, Dist. 11, tract.

Charles S. Cherry, Sr., to Judy L. Sievers, Dist. 2, lot.

Chris Hoffman and Melissa Hoffman to Michael W. Poston and Donna L. Poston, Dist. 6, lot.

Randall Moore and Vickie Studard to Allie Fields, Dist. 17, lot.

Billie S. Cribfield to Coy B. Cribfield, Jr., and Deborah J. Cribfield, Dist. 13, 3.29 acres.

Annette Alston Evans to Bobby W. Dick and Penny M. Dick, Dist. 12, 0.52 acre.

Richard Scott and Valery Scott to Jessie Mae Marchetti, Dist. 2, lot.

Brenda Hall to Denise M. Clenna, Dist. 3, lot.

Griggs Lumber Inc. to Robert Anderson, Dist. 2, lot.

Rex Beard and Carol Pipkin to Carolyn Faye Midkiff, Dist. 16, lot.

Patty Rhea Sasser Burrough to Charles T. Hammond, Jr., and Clair Hammond, Dist. 8, 56.1299 acres.

Barry Bates, June Bates, David Snell, and Jane Snell to James E. Ray, Dist. 2, lot.

Mary Ann Currie to Latham Homes LLC, Dist. 6, lot.

Nancy Hutcherson to David Crook, Dist. 12, lot.

Bret H. Carmack and Johannah Carmack to William Rives Seay III and C. Lynette Boone Shirkey, Dist. 8, 13.8658 acres.

FFA Blue Jackets, Gold Standards Event School Lunches School Lunches



STUDENTS; in front, from left, Kyle Harrell and Malcomb Norwood, and in rear, Adam Houston, Virginia Arwood, Danielle Kirkpatrick, and Kyle Hendren, of Ripley High School, and Charley Hammond and Carley Cherry, of Halls High School, attended the University of Tennessee at Martin "Blue Jackets, Gold Standards" high school event Feb. 20th for Future Farmers of America officers at all levels, local, state, and national.

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 12th
Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Sandwich Trimmings
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 13th
Chicken Breast Fillet
Baked Ham
Garden Salad w/Dressing
Green Beans
Apple
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 14th
Pork Roast w/Gravy
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Banana
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 15th
Chili Pie
Deli Sandwich
Corn Nibbles
Carrot Sticks
Pineapple Tidbits
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

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

Monday, March 12th
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 13th
Baked Ham
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 14th
Pork Roast w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 15th
Chili Pie
Corn Nibbles
Jell-O w/Fruit
Choice Of Milk

Friday, March 16th
No School
Family-Teacher Conference

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March 21st

Monthly Chamber Coffee Held Good Citizen Award



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Chamber/ECD hosted its monthly Chamber Coffee at the Halls Police Department Fri., March 9th. Guests were able to network with other chamber members. Pictured with Halls Alderman Mike Moore, Halls Mayor Trent McManus, and Halls Police Chief Rod Ward are Lisa Hankins, executive director Chamber/ECD; Susan Todd, director of chamber programs; Lisa Myrick, Regions Bank; Chad Henderson, CAC Financial; Donna Moore, C&A Company; Beth Cunningham, Halls City Hall; and Don Fisher, Lauderdale County commissioner.



ANNA CLAIRE HARTMAN, third from left, senior at Halls High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Hartman, and Terrance Henning, Jr., third from right, senior at Ripley High School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Henning, received the Daughters of the American Revolution's 2006-2007 Good Citizen's award at the February meeting of the Fort Prudhomme Chapter DAR at the home of Regent Mary Helen Pugh.

Halls Man Held Countian Cited For W-M Theft After Collision

Dennis Wayne King, 44, of Halls, is free on \$2,500 bond on charges of theft of more than \$1,000 from Covington's Wal-Mart, according to Covington police investigator Pam Ford-Simpson, who says the theft was recorded on video-tape.

His arrest followed a parade to court of 12 former workers at the store, charged with misdemeanor thefts. All got diversion, with a year's probation.

Ford-Simpson tells The Covington Leader that she is pursuing links to incidents at Ripley's Wal-Mart.

Paula Hutcherson, 41, of 2174 Arp-Central Road, was charged, after a collision at 7:50 a.m. March 2nd, with driving with expired insurance, violating vehicle registration, and running a red light at the Lake Road - U.S. Hwy. 51 By-Pass intersection near Dyersburg.

Police say her 1988 gold Saturn, north-bound on the By-Pass, ran the light and hit a black Dodge Durango driven south by Cheryl Caylor, 47, who escaped injury.

Paula's Saturn hurtled more than 100 feet across west-bound lanes, to strike a tree.

Dyersburg firemen peeled back the Saturn's roof to send Paula, with facial injuries, to Jackson-Madison County Hospital, from which she was released later that day.

Halls Baseball And Softball Sign-Ups

Baseball and softball sign-up is scheduled for 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 17th, at Crichfield

Park for children ages 4-15. For more information, call Richie Belton, 836-7786.

Syncopation Performs In Nashville



MEMBERS of Syncopation, Dyersburg State Community College's jazz choir, in front, from left, Katie Sykes, of Dyersburg, Dyersburg High School; Mindy Roberts, of Henning, Gateway Christian Schools; Tina Bennett, of Dyersburg, Dyer County High School; Katie Roper, of Halls, Heath High School; Lisa Turner, of Covington, Covington High School; and Evelyn Hall, and in rear, Stephen Williams and Matt Warden, all of Dyersburg, DHS; Patrick Craig, Jeremy Paige, and Philip Herron, of Ripley, Ripley High School; and Matt Campbell and Andrew Nobel, of Dyersburg, DHS; plus, not pictured, Joshua Canup, of Henning.

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Trent McManus, Mayor
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Section 13-7-203 notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Halls at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 2nd, at Town Hall.

- The hearing is to receive public input into a proposed amendment to the Halls Municipal Zoning Ordinance to add Retail Liquor as a permitted use in the Neighborhood Business (B-1).
- A public hearing to readopt the Official Town of Halls Zoning Map.

A full copy of the amendment may be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.
Town of Halls

Land Transfers

March 4th-March 10th

Nankipoo Dog News

by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here. Last weeks letter was too heavy. We were having a bad week and I heard Miss Pam talking to another shelter. As a result, I had one of those "Blues" things if you know what I mean. A week of warm sunshine sure can put the bush back in your tail. My Buds and I got to spend a lot of quality time outside and everybody is happy. The trusty's from the jail poured concrete in the pens to keep my buds from digging tunnels to freedom. Well, the concrete didn't stop our yellow Labrador, Biscuit. He decided to climb our seven foot fence just to play with Isaac Sorrell and Mitch Lee. They spent a couple of hours walking and playing with my buds. We love the two leggers that spend quality time with us at the club.

Miss Pam said to say, "Thank You Rotary Members" for your 100 dollar donation. In addition three barks go to those two leggers that brought the food, blankets, toys, brushes, dog treats and food bowls. So Candy Pipkin, Trolynn Pipkin, Jo Ann Parker, Daniel and Mary Keck, David Vandergriff, Judy Blackwood and Tammy Hendrix, the boys and girls of Nankipoo Salute you for a job well done.

Big Ben a special bud is the smartest four legger in the club including yours truly. This six year old chocolate lab is a former drug dog from a prison that had to retire when he turned six. His guard got a new job out of state so he is staying at the club until somebody needs a very special friend. He is so special that he even has a chip for identification. That's dog tags for you laymen. Ben is well mannered, excellent with children and likes other dogs. He is mature and doesn't pull on his leash and follows commands. He is our gentleman at the Nankipoo country club.

Bengie, our full blooded Lasa Apso, got dumped at the club over night. He is really down emotionally and I have been trying to tell him that Miss Pam will make things better. Make sure you ask to see Patch, she has a white body with brown ears. She is beautiful, about six months old and weighs about fifteen pounds. In addition she has a great personality. We also have two German Shepherd puppies along with approximately thirty young healthy pups, with shots and have been wormed. I can't close until I tell you about Jack, the retriever mix, who is great with kids just like Sarah, the collie, and Shawn, the yellow Lab.

Lesson learned. Zeek loves to see his buds find homes. Zeek loves two leggers baring gifts, Zeek loves two leggers who walk his buds. Zeeks phone no. is 836-PETS (7387). The Club at Nankipoo is open Saturdays till 1 o'clock. The fee is 25 dollars this includes a rabies shot and worming. Remember you always get a thrill and deal at Nankipoo. Zeek out!

Robert Henry, Sr., Marie W. Henry, Billy W. Henry and Imogene Henry to United States of America, 396.0 acres.

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Peggy S. Reviere and Herman L. Reviere to Mary A. Whitelaw and Deborah Whitelaw, Dist. 2, lot.

Tongia Whitelaw to Danny Hayes and Angela Kay Hayes, Dist. 3, 0.5 acre.

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Ella Mae Moore and Saul Moore III to Susie Mae Thomas, lot.

John Carroll to John W. Terrell III and Pamela M. Foster, Dist. 2, 1.054 acres.

Ellen Barfield to Doug McFarland, Dist. 10, 1.278 acres.

Mary Ann Allmon, Larry Allmon, and Mary Ann Johnson to Susan J. Matthews, Dist. 12, lot.

Homer Joe Young and Joe Young to C. Warren Nunn, TR, and Mildred Nunn, Residuary Trust, Dist. 12, lot.

Bret H. Carmack and Johannah Carmack to G. Ladd Roberts and Shelby J. Roberts, Dist. 8, 12.4117 acres.

Dorothy Webb and Tim Webb to Tammie Williams, Dist. 14, 1.0 acre.

William Clement to James A. Clement and Benny Clement, Dist. 15, 1.224 acres.

James Clement and Benny Clement to Benny Clement and Marilyn Clement, Dist. 15, 1.224 acres.

S.N. Anthony, Jr., John B. Anthony and William Maxwell to Lauran W. Davis and Barbara F. Davis, Dist. 6, lot.

Obituaries

Mrs. Wright

Mary Katherine Wright, 74, widow of Robert Edward Wright, died Tuesday of last week in Lauderdale County Community Living Center.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of Melville United Methodist Church.

She leaves daughters, Brenda Thurmond and Diane Webb, of Halls, Audrey Turner, of Covington, and Sheila Williams, of Knoxville; a sister, Jeri Crunk, of Pope, Miss.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Higdon

Norma Mitchell Higdon, 88, of Halls, widow of Bernard Carl Higdon, died Wednesday of last week.

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

She had been a choir member and Sunday School teacher in the First United Methodist Church in Halls, and a member of the Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association.

Brothers, Reagan and William Mitchell, died before her.

She leaves a son, Bernard Mitchell Higdon, and a daughter, Carla Hamilton, of Halls; and two granddaughters.

Elmo Marrs

Elmo Gene Marrs, 85, of Memphis, father of Vickie and Betty Gene Marrs, of Ripley, died Saturday in the Dyersburg Medical Center.

Rites were Wednesday in Memphis Funeral Home, with burial in Memorial Park.

Retired from Electric Suppliers, he was a member of Scenic Hills Baptist Church.

He was the widower of Rosalea Marrs.

Other survivors include a son, David, of Sarasota, Fla.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society would be appropriate.

Mrs. Porter Was Remembered Mourned

Excelsia Gay Porter, 64, of Ripley, retired dispatcher for the Lauderdale County sheriff's department, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

She attended the Whitefield Assembly of God.

She leaves her mother, Edieree Porter, a brother, Charles Lewis Porter, and sisters, Angie Hughes and Paulette Herron, all of Ripley; one son, Bruce Lee Brown, of Cripple Creek, Colo.; a daughter, Linda Gay McCarty, of Greeley, Colo.; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Blackwood

Georgia B. Blackwood, 69, of Halls, retired from auto sales, died Wednesday of last week, in her home.

Rites were Friday in First Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in Dry Hill Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was a member of Hutcherson Chapel Church of God.

She leaves children, Kevin and Steve Hardy and Barbara Jennings, of Halls; brothers, Cecil and Tommy Henson, and sisters, Berla and Daisy Sanders, of Ripley; another sister, Ann Gwynn, of North Carolina; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

George E. Jones

George E. Jones, 81, of Ripley, a truck driver for 51 years, died Wednesday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Saturday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church at Arp, where he was a member.

He leaves his wife for 58 years, Annie B. Sinclair Jones; sons, G. E., Jr., ("Bubba"), and David L. Jones, two daughters, Shelia Wright and Theresa Apperson, one brother, Herbert Jones, Jr., sisters, Betty Jane Hutcherson, Dorothy Lane, and Evalett Helton, all of Ripley; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



JULIAN SIMPSON, JR., 23, of Ripley, died at 1:57 a.m. Saturday, March 10th, in a car accident in Memphis.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, March 15th, at Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery.

He leaves his son, Julian Simpson III, of Memphis; a daughter, Kiaya Leigh Simpson, of Ripley; his parents, Julian, Sr., and Lori Simpson, of Ripley, and Cindy and Jerry Leggett, of Dyersburg; a brother, Lee Leggett, of Dyersburg; and sisters, Krystal Leggett, of Dyersburg, and Chelsea Richardson, of Ripley.

MRS. OMAR BROWN, 90, of Kansas City, Mo., step-mother of Diane (Mrs. Alonzo) Beard, of Ripley, died Feb. 23rd in Kansas City.

Rites were March 1st in Watkins Memorial Chapel in Kansas City.

"Toni" (Antronette Elizabeth) was born Oct. 3, 1916, in Topeka, Kans., to the late Oscar and Lottie Washington Hall. She was third of seven children.

She took a degree in English and education from the University of Kansas in 1938, and a master of education degree from Columbia University, in New York, in 1956.

In her career with Kansas City schools, she was appointed its first director of adult basic education in 1967.

Since high school, she had been active in African Methodist Episcopal Churches.

She married Omar Brown in 1958. He died in 1972.

Other survivors include her sisters, Aurelia Johnson and Juanita Yancey, and a step-son, Jackie Brown.

Brenda Cochran

Brenda Cochran, 55, of San Marcos, Calif., formerly of Halls, sister of Linda Summar, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Palomar Hospital in Escondido, Calif., of injuries in a fall in her home, five days earlier.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, March 20th in San Diego, Calif.

Other survivors include her husband, Michael J. Cochran, and a brother, F. V. Jones, of Johnson City.

PUPPET SHOW

A spring break puppet show will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 22nd, at Lauderdale County Library, 120 Lafayette St. in Ripley, presented by Forked Deer Regional Library puppeteers. The show is for children 10 and under and they must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 731-635-1872.

School Lunches

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Mrs. Brooks-Scott

Letha Brooks-Scott, 64, of Tacoma, Wash., formerly of Brownsville, mother of Eric Brooks, of Henning, died Saturday, March 10th, at Bel Air Nursing Home, Tacoma, of cancer.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17th, at Thompson's Mortuary, Ripley, with burial in Springhill Cemetery, Ripley.

Other survivors include two daughters, Beverly Green and Jackie Kinnon Harris, both of Tacoma; five brothers, Earl, Willie B., Alford, Arthur, and L.V. Taylor, two sisters, Addie Mae Owens and Josephine Adams, all of Brownsville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Walt Coker

Walt Coker, 79, of Memphis, former Riplian, died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

Jimmy Colvett

Jimmy Ray Colvett, 54, of Brownsville, a carpenter, died Tuesday, Feb. 13th, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville from heart failure.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 14th, at Zion Baptist Church where he was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Brownsville-Bells Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his son, Jimmy Lewis Duvall, of Brownsville; his father and step-mother, James and Arlie Colvett, of Halls; and his mother and step-father, Gladys and Earl Grooms, of Bemis.

Linda A. Fisher

Linda A. Fisher, 60, wife of Tony Fisher, of 131 Edgewood, Ripley, died Monday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

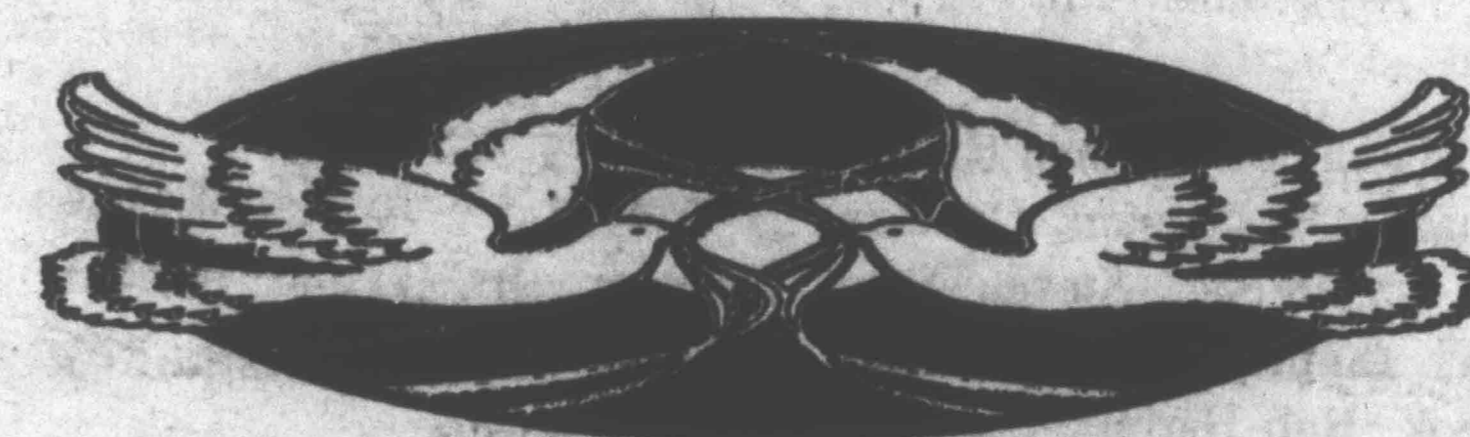
She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include sons, Jeff, of Covington, and John, of Tampa, Fla.; a brother, Robert Wheatley, of Reno, Nev.; and three grandchildren.

Strike Zone Stixx Places Second



MEMBERS of the Strike Zone Stixx, 13 and under, baseball team, in front, from left, Sy Anthony, of Ripley, and Wesley Martin, Alex Rostis, Seth King, and Andrew Massie, all of Dyersburg, in middle, Ryan Humphries and Colton Harris, of Halls, John Hudson and Nick Newell, of Gibson County, Quentin Haycraft, of Dyersburg, and in rear, coaches, Kevin Massie, of Dyersburg, and Bo Grear and Tommy Akin, of Ripley, placed second in the East Arkansas Touch Em All Classic March 2nd through 4th.



Church Happenings

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

Whitefield Assembly of God Church, 5796 Conner Whitefield Rd., will host the fourth annual PraiseFest 2007 at 7 p.m. March 17th. For more information, call 635-4062 or 731-694-2689. The public is invited for a time of worship, drama ministry, and prizes.

The Redeemers, of Ripley, will celebrate their 9th pre-anniversary at 6 p.m. Sat., March 17th at the Civic Center, off Hwy. 19 West, behind Christian Family Medical Clinic, with special guests New Southern Aires, of Gates, Ashport Bethelam Choir, and Gospel Divine and Survivors, of Ripley, plus many more. The public is invited. For information or directions, call Bro. Stoney Tyus, 731-635-5226.

The anniversary celebration will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sun., March 18th at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove, Henning with many guest choirs and soloists. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Spirit Filled Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing at 11 a.m. Sun., March 18th, after Sunday school, featuring the Cumber-

land Aires. Lunch will be served afterwards. Rocky Gilliam, pastor, invites the public.

Bethesda United Methodist Church, Hwy. 88 W., Halls, will hold a spaghetti supper and concert beginning at 5 p.m. Sat., March 24th. The Frog Jump Quartet will perform at 7 p.m. For more information, call 836-9233.

St. Mark M.B. Church, 425 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold its spring revival at 2:30 p.m. Sun., March 25th with The Rev. Willie Dyson, of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church - Lightfoot, as guest speaker. Services will continue at 7 p.m. nightly through Fri., March 30th with The Rev. Albert McCadney, of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Union City, as guest speaker. The Rev. Joe Nance, Jr. pastor, invites the public.

Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, 3654 Coffee Shop Rd., will hold its 100 Men in Black program at 2:30 p.m. Sun., March 25th with the Morning Star Male Choir, Mt. Pleasant Gates, Gospel Rock, and many

more as guests. Claxton Reese, pastor, invites the public. Kets cannot be included, if an ad is not purchased.

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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March Vows Nearing



TIFFANY ELAINE DILLON, of Cordova, daughter of Vanessa and Terry Griffin, of Cordova, and Terry and Mary Ann Dillon, of Murfreesboro, will marry Shane Farrar Elam, of Memphis, son of Joe and Teresa Elam, of Covington, March 24th at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Covington.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Willis C. Davis, of Halls, Anna Ruth Cook, of Brownsville, and Grady Dillon and the late Mary Elizabeth Dillon, of Murfreesboro.

A graduate of Oakland High School, in Murfreesboro, she was a member of the Lady Patriots basketball team. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Memphis, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi.

She is employed by Novacopy as a sales manager.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Marjorie Goforth, the late George W. Goforth, Dorothy Elam, and the late William C. Elam, all of Covington.

A graduate of Covington High School, he was a member of the football and baseball teams. He earned a degree in civil engineering from Ole Miss, where he was a member of the football team, serving as captain in his senior year.

He is employed by Flintco as project manager.

Volunteer To Clean Up TN

Tennessee is gearing up for Keep America Beautiful's (KAB) Great American Clean-up™, the nation's largest annual community improvement program. Volunteers are needed to improve the quality of life in Tennessee through May 31st as they clean up litter-strewn

streets and waterways and fix-up and beautify public spaces.

Keep Tennessee Beautiful (KTnB), a state affiliate of KAB, has been leading local efforts of this annual spring clean-up across the state since 1999. The goal for 2007 is 100 percent participation from all 95 of Tennessee's counties during this year's Great American Clean-up™.

Last year KTnB led 94 of

Pastor



THE REV. WILLIAM 'BILL' TERRELL, pastor of Cleaves Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, of Halls, will deliver the dedicatory message for the James Street Baptist Church in Milton, Fla. beginning at 11 a.m. Sat., March 17th for a seven day celebration. The Rev. Warren P. Gilmore serves as its pastor. The new edifice is the collective efforts of many as members leaned and depended on the Lord to bring them through the devastation caused by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

95 counties with over 148,000 volunteers spending more than 338,000 hours improving the state of Tennessee. This group cleaned over 21,000 miles of roadways and collected over 8 millions pounds of litter. Over a million pounds of recyclable materials were gathered.

Lauderdale County began its campaign March 7th with a trash art contest for all community fifth graders. The art is to be made out of trash.

Local citizens, who would like to be part of a permanent litter committee throughout the county, under the leadership of Rod Schuh, county mayor, or for more information, call Pamela Cherry-Kerby, 836-0637, Lynn Harmon, 635-3791 or Chamber of Commerce, 635-9541.

Mom-To-Be Honored



HEATHER LONDON, second from right, and Chad Riddick, expecting parents of Carlee Alyssa Riddick, due to arrive April 8th, were honored with a baby shower Feb. 25th at the "Just Divine" Tea Room, near Halls. Family and friends were served cake, made by Ann Newman, of Ripley, and a variety of refreshments. Pictured with Heather are, from left, Carol Smith, grandmother-to-be; June Barnes, great-grandmother-to-be; Holly London, host and aunt-to-be; and Heather Moore, host and cousin, all of Halls. Other grandparents-to-be include Dorothy and Tom Sanders, Robert and Sherry Riddick, and Levold London, all of Halls.

Birthdays

March 15 - Juanita Haynes, Amanda Buchignani, Dr. Randall Cummings, Steven Summer, Annie B. Jones, Leslie Crook, Bob Harrell, Leah Rae Ward, Colton Olds, Debbie Hendrix, Robert Fisher, Ronnie Crutchfield, Kenneth Laumer, Donna Griffin, Patricia Cooksey, Justin Adams, Chandler Carmack.

March 16 - Shirley Carmack, John Eskridge, Lori Morris, Lynn Gould, Jeff Nelson, Robbie Platzke, Wayne Hilliard, Tiffany Kent, Heather Day, Patrick Hawthorne, Carly Harrison, George Crabb, Gracie Shutte.

March 17 - Kayla Craig, Sherry Scallions, Dot Pattat, Dan Brabec, Danny Booker, Krysta Adams, Clair Hammond, Missy Hammond, Minnie Gooch, Hannah Evans.

March 18 - Jennifer Buntin, Carolyn Land, Jean Cannon, Bruce Davis, Pat Wiggins, Mark Cunningham, Nathan Tolene, Angie Bernard, Rodney Blakey, Margaret Jane Best, Kristy Cihfield, Michael Forsythe, Jr., C. R. Hargett, Russell Brandon, Gary Fain.

March 19 - Parker Brown,

Marriages

March 3 - Joseph Wayne Spencer, Jr., 37, to Amber Nichole Jackson, 24, by Tracy Henson.

March 10 - Robert Lee Midkiff, Jr., 60, to Tammy Renee King, 42, by Wendell G. Smith.

Matthew Walker, Mary Ellen Williams, Latamara Jones, O'Neil Cannon, Ruby Duvall, Mike Lewis, Justin Klutts, Shelby Morris, Richard McDaniel, Lewis Paris, Will Simpson, LeAnn McGarrity.

March 20 - Mary Ella Thurmond, Gailon E. Smith, Natalie Chalk Brown, Marley Fisher, Hazel Dickens, Brooke Maners, Bettye Sanders, Jordan Ogden, Sarah C. Buckner, Jonny Carmack, Darrell Schuh, James Judkins.

March 21 - Sue Drumwright, Stephanie Mooney, Delene Craig, Jennifer Scofield, Amanda Harrison, Ron Goforth, Bobby Hart, James A. Davis, Richard Deaton, Sue Williams, Jaycob McDaniel, Cindel Welch, Ava Jones, Amanda Bain, Whitney Pilcher.

Conference Attended



PAMELA CHERRY-KERBY, center, of Halls, co-chair of the Lauderdale County Keep Tennessee Beautiful, attended the 2007 TDOT/KTnB State Conference Feb. 8th and 9th in Nashville. The Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Keep Tennessee Beautiful committees gathered to award certificates and name the most improved county, which Pamela states Lauderdale County will shoot for next time. She is pictured with Gordon Wilson, chief of staff, and Edith Heller, state leader.

Readers Speak

Editor:

I have lived in Lauderdale County nearly all my life. For more than three years, I have lived in the City of Ripley. During that time, of course, Ripley Power and Light (RPL) has provided my electric service. Until recently, I didn't really know much about the utility, its employees or its management. A month ago, I learned just how indifferent this service is concerning its customers.

During a recent move, I requested that the electricity be turned on at the 'new' house a few days before my family and I moved in so that I could clean up a little. It took four calls and three visits to RPL to succeed in my endeavor. The house has two meters, and I only wanted one turned on. The meters

are one beside the other, and on my second visit to RPL, I explained that I wanted the meter on the right side of the house, facing it from the yard, turned on. I was told that it had to be marked. I asked the supervisor why, and she told me it was policy. I told her that I understood, but that I had spoken with several different employees via telephone earlier the same week, and I wanted to know why marking the meter was never mentioned to me. I explained to her that each time I called, I informed the person that there are two meters on my house. I may have been a little more understanding had the supervisor been a little more understanding herself. She was rude and belligerent. We ended up not getting the power turned on until the day before our move, which meant I had to work around a plethora of boxes in order to

Silent Auction Set To Aid Charities

Students in the homeroom of Mrs. Jennifer Smith, at Halls Junior High School, will host a silent auction from 4 to 7 p.m. Thurs., March 15th during the family-teacher conference. Proceeds from the auction will benefit St. Jude and Le Bonheur Children's Hospitals in honor of two HJH 7th graders, Elizabeth Huguely and Pete Cleek, who are patients. Local businesses, HJH homerooms, and various individuals have donated items for the auction. Mrs. Smith's homeroom has been working throughout the year to raise money for the hospitals.

clean the place to my satisfaction.

On Tuesday of last week, while I was working in the house, a field employee of RPL came by. He delivered a notice stating that my electricity at my current address would be disconnected by the next morning at 9 a.m. if I didn't pay the past due balance of \$87. The past due bill was for the final bill on the 'old' house, not the 'new' one I just bought. I asked, "Where is the bill? I never received one." He didn't know what I was talking about, so I called RPL. I spoke with a regular employee, who referred me to the same rude supervisor that I had spoken with a few weeks earlier. She informed me that a bill was sent to my new address. I told her it was never received. At that time, she stated, "Well, we sent it, and if you don't pay before tomorrow morning, your service will be interrupted." I asked if there were someone in charge there that I could speak with. She told me I should talk to Alderman Hightower, so I called him. He told me that he would go and talk with the head of RPL about the situation in an attempt to curtail the interruption. I also called Mayor Pavletic and asked the same

Anniversaries

March 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Dew, Mr. and Mrs. James Neal.

March 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Voss, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Voss, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Grantland.

March 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Prater, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fitzhugh.

March 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Sanders.

March 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maclin, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy White, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams.

March 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Moore.

March 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Adams.

When a person works in a business that provides services or goods that person should keep in mind, no matter to what level of authority they rise, that the customers are the ones who pay their salaries. As a customer of RPL, I pay the bills of those who work there. Whether they are under contract or an at-will employee, my satisfaction as a customer matters. If I decide not to pay my bill, or convert my entire house to gas power, their profits decrease. Should enough people be dissatisfied with this lack of customer service, they just might be out of a job.

Again, in my opinion, it is sad that a place with service like that bears the name of the City of Ripley. The purpose of this letter is simply to let the community know what to expect if you should need your power transferred or your power bill gets lost between its printing and its arrival in the mailbox. Expect no customer service, understanding, continuity of answers to any questions you might have, or full disclosure regarding policies from the utility. You will not get any of this at Ripley Power and Light.

Emily C. Schutte
Ripley

WINDSOR ADDS BAPTIST

Windsor Medicare Extra, a Medicare Advantage plan offered by Windsor Health Plan, Inc., announced that they have signed a full-service agreement with Baptist Memorial Health Care. The agreement will enable Windsor to add Baptist to its participating health network in the West Tennessee and Northern Mississippi areas, effective immediately.

Baptist is one of the largest not-for-profit health care systems in the United States and offers a full continuum of care to communities throughout West Tennessee and North Mississippi. There are 14 hospitals in Baptist Memorial Health Care's system, and they draw patients from across the Mid-South region. Baptist also operates four minor medical centers in the Memphis area, and numerous outpatient facilities.

He graciously volunteered to intercede. Both men, however, warned me that RPL's top man is suing them, and that should they be unsuccessful, I should not be surprised. Later that afternoon, Mr. Hightower notified me that he had not made any progress, and the next morning the Mayor stopped by with the same news. Obviously, I went and paid the bill, which was not even the root of the matter. The fact that I didn't receive a bill or the customer service any person would expect is the issue.

I believe we need some change in authority at Ripley Power and Light. I have come to learn a lot about the administration there over the last week. In my humble opinion, the people in charge there seriously lack anything that could even be loosely referred to as customer service skills. The regular employees are great. They are helpful and friendly. Those in charge, on the other hand, don't understand who pays

Ripley Police Kill Man In A 'Seat-Belt Check'

Ripley police put four bullets into Ceasear Cooper, 39, just before midnight Friday, at a "seat-belt check-point" on Gay St., which runs north off Eastland (Hwy. 19) in east Ripley.

Memphis television stations said police told them that Cooper, driving a stolen car, refused to roll down a window and tried to run officers over, before at least 10

shots were fired.

Ripley police chief Milford "Pop" Durham says officers Joe Bennett and Andrew Criner are suspended from duty, with pay, pending investigation by the Tenn. Bureau of Investigation.

Durham won't comment on any other details of the incident.

Police, who can't demand driver's licenses without cause, often

Lyme Disease And Some Symptoms

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that children, ages five to nine, are the most likely to become infected by tick-borne diseases and suffer from Lyme and Lyme-like illnesses. Symptoms range from mild to crippling and mimic everything from chronic fatigue to TB and worse, including rash at bite site or other sites, muscle twitching of the face or other areas, unexplained fevers, sweats, chills, headache, fatigue, neck creaks, stiffness, unexplained weight change (loss or gain), tingling, numbness, burning, stabbing sensations, unexplained hair loss, facial paralysis, swollen glands, loss of vision, double, blurry, increased floaters, sore throat, ear pain, ringing, buzzing, testicular pain or pelvic pain, dizziness or poor balance, increased motion sickness, unexplained menstrual irregularity, unexplained milk production, tremors, irritable bladder or bladder dysfunction, disturbed sleep, sexual dysfunction or loss of libido, confusion, difficulty in thinking, upset stomach or change in bowel

function, chest pain or rib soreness, just to name a few. Approximately 22,000 new cases of Lyme disease are reported each year, according to the national Lyme Disease Association.

Even more troubling is the fact that dogs are 50 to 100 times more likely than humans to be infected by a tick-borne disease spread by the bite of a tick and pets continue to play in the same areas as children. Dogs have a significant ability to act as sentinels for the various tick-borne disease infections potentially affecting other pets, children and family members.

Steps to prevent Lyme disease include using insect repellent, removing ticks promptly, landscaping, and integrated pest management.

Patients treated with antibiotics in the early stages of the infection usually recover rapidly and completely. However, those in the later stages may have persistent or recurrent symptoms.

SPANISH COURSE

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering "Spanish for Every-

USDA Names Its Top Lender

The USDA Rural Development awarded the 2006 Gold Award and Million Dollar Lender award to First Citizens National Bank, which has a branch in Ripley, for the bank's outstanding contributions to success of the USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing Program (GRH) and in recognition of closing more than \$2.6 million in GRH loans.

COLORECTAL CANCER

This month is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, an opportunity to learn more about cancer of the colon and rectum, which could claim the lives of more than 1,100 men and women this year in Tennessee alone, and more than 52,000 lives nationally, according to the American Cancer Society.

Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in the United States. The encouraging news is that the number of colorectal cancer deaths is declining because of prevention and early detection.

Nine out of ten colorectal cancer cases are preventable through screening and treatment when caught early. Men and women at average risk should be screened for colorectal cancer when they turn 50. Those with a family history should be screened earlier. Most colorectal cancer develops from polyps - grape-like growths on the lining of the colon and rectum - which can be removed before becoming cancerous.

For more information about colorectal cancer and National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, visit the Cancer Research and Prevention's website, preventcancer.org or the American Cancer Society website, cancer.org.

Syncopation xxx (Continued From Front Page.)

RHS; will entertain a global audience in Nashville this spring during the world's largest gathering of community college honor students. The 14-voice choir will perform music from the Broadway stage for the more than 4,000 delegates expected to attend the 2007 Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society convention April 12th through 14th at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. Syncopation will perform at 10 a.m. April 13th. Traveling with the choir will be Sharon Morris, of Ripley, director, Valerie Fitch, accompanist, and Carol A. Feather, professor of music. Other convention speakers include former Vice-President Al Gore, former Egyptian first lady Jehan Sadat, and country music singer, Kevin Sharp. Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Miss., is the largest honor society in America higher education with 1,200 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the British Virgin Islands, and U. S. territorial possessions. Syncopation members are selected through auditions held each year.

ONLINE COURSE

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) has partnered with Education To Go to offer 'Introduction to Flash 8,' a new online course on interactive Web animation.

Students who enroll in the online course will learn all the ins and outs of creating interactive animations for the Web. Working with photos, integrating video and uploading work to a Web site will be discussed.

For more information about this course, visit the online Instruction Center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php and click Education To Go.

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Links Sought In State Executive Director Welcomed Suspicious Fires

Fire investigators in Dyer, Lauderdale, and Shelby County are searching for links to several suspicious fires in the past few weeks, according to an article in Dyersburg's *State Gazette*. More than 30 fires set in vacant houses in Memphis since February, along with three fires in the Bruce neighborhood in Dyersburg and in Lauderdale County, have officers considering the possibility the fires are connected. A fire was set Monday at an abandoned house on Highland Street, and Sunday at homes on Edith Nankipoo Rd. and Connor Whitefield Rd. Occupants at the two residences were not at home. Anyone with information is asked to call the local law enforcement agency.



JAMIE H. JENKINS, Ph.D., right, newly appointed Farm Service Agency State Executive Director, was welcomed to the local office last week to discuss the important programs and services FSA provides in the community with, from left, Daniel L. Ungerecht, Jr., county executive director, and staff members, Betty Ray, Louanna Cohill, Donna Neal, Seal Elder, plus, not pictured, Sandra McBroom and Melvin Williams. Farm payments in Lauderdale County totaled \$10,856,834 for 2006 and statewide FSA payments totaled \$176,677,064. In addition, FSA has \$2,997,730 in outstanding loans or guarantees to the farmers in Lauderdale County. FSA's programs are designed to improve the economic stability of the agricultural industry and to help farmers adjust production to meet demand. The desired economic result of these programs is a steady price range for agricultural commodities for both farmers and consumers. "Agriculture is big business in Tennessee, and FSA plays a major role in ensuring the well-being of agriculture and the local community by administering and managing a number of farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster, and loan programs," said Dr. Jenkins.

County's Jail Relieved Of Federal Inspections

County Mayor Rod Schuh, Sheriff Steve Sanders, and Beth Kiestler, administrator of the county jail in Ripley, appearing Friday before Judge Jon McCalla in U.S. District Court in Memphis, won an end to weekly inspections of the jail by a court-appointed investigator and cancellation of a contempt of court penalty.

Federal supervision was ordered in 2004 on evidence that chemical sprays had been used to subdue mentally ill prisoners.

County officials believe the jail's current living conditions and officer conduct are equal to the best in the state.

COUNCIL MEETING

A Youth Advisory Council meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22nd, at the Lauderdale County courthouse.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Covington Officers Arrest Halls Citizen

Gregory Shane Poole, 30, of Halls, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault Wednesday of last week after an altercation with the owner of the Little Hatchie Café, Highway 51 N., Covington. The initial 911 call indicated a robbery, but Thomas Allen, owner, stated in the complaint, that Poole had struck him in the head with a barstool during an altercation. Allen was transported to Baptist Hospital Tipton and air lifted to the Regional Medical Center "The Med" in Memphis, with a ruptured kidney. Cov-

County Beer Tax Revenue Down

The beer tax revenue for Lauderdale County is down for the last three months, after beer sales on Sunday was allowed, as compared to last year without Sunday sales, according to County Mayor Rod Schuh.

The totals for Dec. 2005 to Feb. 2006 was \$14,553 as compared to Dec. 2006 to Feb. 2007 at \$12,716, a difference of \$1,837.

ington officer, Cpt. Gerald Spencer, stated Allen was first listed in critical condition. He was later upgraded to stable. Poole fled the scene, but later returned and was taken into custody.

Check Presented



JOHN COMPERE, right, president of Halls and Gates Rotary Club, presented a \$50 check March 19th to Shirley Dancy, left, for the Gates Public Library.

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Nankipoo Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here. If you recall, last week I told you all about my special bud, Big Ben. Well, he now lives on a farm; and Patch also has a warm home. The labs, Biscuit and Queen, both went home with Mr. Jones. He even has a lake so they can swim. Bengie, the Lahasa Apso, left with Dr. English's Mother. She said something about a haircut and a tutor job. (She even gets discounts!) I sure hope my buds remember me as we had some great times.

Tipsy just joined our club. When his owner left he had tears in his eyes. Their house had burned and the young couple had lost everything. They had to move into an apartment with their two babies and they couldn't have a "four legger". Tipsy's owner came by today to check on him and he told Miss Jen that his family sure could use some help. He said they could use about anything--baby clothes, a high chair, even food bowls. (I offered mine, but Miss Jen said she didn't think that would work.)

So if any of you "two leggers" could offer this young couple some help, their name is Buckner and their phone number is 738-5886.

The dreaded night "two leggers" were busy this past week. They left Mabel and her seven puppies. To make things worse, the next night they left seven tiny puppies with their eyes still closed!

Miss Pam and the ladies had to feed them with baby bottles. During a break when they weren't mothering, I lifted a puppy by the neck and gave it to Mabel to nurse. Miss Pam finally got my idea and now Mabel is feeding fourteen puppies! I have renamed her "Able Mabel". They think she is so special she even gets extra food. Those pups sure must be hard on Mabel because her eyes are changing. One eye is blue and the other one is brown. I guess she is running low on oil!

I have three new buds and they told me that were special because they were "lap four leggers" that had been house trained. If they are so special, what are they doing at the club? So if you are in the market for a "lapper" we have Scooter and Rebel, both American Terriers. We also have Lady, a border wire haired terrier. You all need to see our three full-blooded black lab pups. They shine like new silver dollars. We have Shepard puppies and two black and whites that look like border collies. My bud "Max" looks like a spotted coon hound, but he claims to be a breed they call Catahoula Leopard. Dakota, a six month old Husky and German shepherd mix, would make a child happy and a family a good outside pet.

Mr. Buddy sings "Love is in the Air" every time we get a batch of puppies or kittens. (He sung a lot last week when we got 18 puppies and 22 kittens!) For all you cat lovers, we have some "good pickens", at no charge! L.C., my office partner, has pulled another disappearing act. Miss Pam thinks he is hiding in the suspended ceiling.

Saturday, a "two legger" left us a black and white boy feline because her daughter was allergic to cats. Miss Jen promised that we would find him a good home. He got to stay in the office and that's bad because I will be out numbered, plus I have to share Miss Pam.

Don't miss us next week because we also had a visit from the friendly Tax Assessor. So long from The Club of Nankipoo-- the home of thrills and deals. (P.S. Miss Pam and Miss Jen also said to have your 4-legger spayed or tutored, what ever that means!!)

Zeek

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, March 26th
Hamburger
Pizza
French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 27th
Steak Fingers
Fish Fillet
Broccoli Bites
Black Eyed Peas
Banana
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 28th
Spaghetti
Entrée-School's Choice
Green Beans
Corn Nibblets
Pineapple Tidbits
Grapes
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 29th
Chicken Nuggets
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Jell-O w/Fruit
Apple
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, March 30th
Corn Dog
School's Choice Sandwich
Vegetable Soup
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Birthdays

March 22 - Reg Carmack, Cindy Smith, Craig Fitzhugh, Melissa Wood, Joe Simpson, Jonathan Matthews, Allison Pilant, Abby Buckner, Cliff Kelley.

March 23 - Sarah Elizabeth Myracle, Abby Buckner, Kris Light, Charlotte Cove, Sonny Higdon, Sharon Koelle, Emilee Wright, Rita Cates, Rosemary Jones, Lynwood, Hatfcock, Brantley English, Hilary For-

School Lunches

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

Monday, March 26th
Pizza
French Fries
Applesauce
Rice Krispie Treat
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, March 27th
Steak Finger
Broccoli Bites
Orange Section
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, March 28th
Spaghetti
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, March 29th
Chicken Nuggets
Whipped Potatoes
Apple
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, March 30th
Corn Dog
Corn On The Cob
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Newborn



WILLIAM KENT LEE, 8 lb. 4 oz. son of Todd and Whitney Lee, of Halls, was born at 5:59 p.m. Feb. 17th in Jackson Madison County General hospital. Measuring 20 inches long, he is the grandson of Glyn and Janie Kee and the late Butch Lee, all of Halls, and Kathy Lee, of Milan, and the great-grandson of Sylvia King, of Halls, and Helen Essick, of Herrin, Ill.

Ann Young, Billy Elder, Diane Stallings, Bryan Jarrett, Tina Cates, Kay Nolen, Diane Noblin, Glen Privett, Kelly Thompson, Katherine Snell, Rebecca Williams, Shamari Gooch, Caulyn Halliburton, Grant Summar, Gary Brown, Mary Neal Stanley.

March 28 - William Zachary, Ezell Robinson, Greg Baker, Robin Privett, Hana Kathleen Jones, Elaine Moore, Elizabeth Bubier, Opal Home, Minnie Stowe, Kim Brewster, Linda Belton.

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Obituaries

Critchfield Was Mayor Of Gates

Leamon Critchfield, 75, of Lakeland, former mayor of Gates, died Tuesday of last week.

Memorial services were held Sunday in Heartson United Methodist Church, where he was a member.

He had retired from Memphis Publishing Co.

He leaves sisters, Bettie Bishop, Johnnie Koonce, and Laura Robbins, of the Memphis area, and Margaret Yarbrough, of Dover.

Jimmy Colvett

Memorial rites Wednesday of last week in Zion Baptist Church in Haywood County mourned a member, Jimmy Ray Colvett, 54, who leaves his father and step-mother, James and Arlie Colvett, of 9879 Hwy. 51 north of Halls.

He died Feb. 13th, of heart failure, in the Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. Interment was in the Zion Baptist Church cemetery.

He was a carpenter.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy Lewis Duvall, of Brownsville, and his mother and step-father, Gladys and Earl Grooms, of Bemis.

Freddie Howell

Freddie Jewell Howell, Sr., 67, of Savannah, former Riplian, died Monday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

He leaves his wife, Betty; sons, Freddie, Jr., of Ripley, Elmer, of Savannah, and Roger, of Valley, Ala.; daughters, Melissa Jones, of LaGrange, Ga., and Tammy Kirsch, of Albany, Ga.; brothers, Billy and O'Neal Howell, of Ripley; sisters, Pauline Wilson, of Henning, and Glendora Brawley, of Millington; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Opal A. Jennings Owned Grocery

Opal Arel Jennings, 92, widow of James Avery Jennings, died Tuesday of last week in Asbury Place Healthcare Center in Maryville.

Rites for the Tipton County native, daughter of the late Lemual and Minnie Florence Erwin Pinner, were Saturday in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge.

She had retired as owner of a Ripley area grocery store.

She was a former member of Hurricane Hill United Methodist Church, south of Ripley.

She leaves a son, Jan, of Maryville, and a sister, LaVern Glover, of Memphis.

Harry Winbush

Harry Winbush, 88, retired from the Illinois Central Railroad, died Sunday, of cancer, in Ripley Healthcare.

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

A cousin, Rita F. Chaires, looked after him.

He leaves a son, J.T. Winbush, of Dyersburg; nine grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Opal Tippet

Opal Lee Tippet, 86, of Brownsville, mother of William Tippet, of Ripley, died Saturday in Humboldt Hospital.

Services were held Monday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in the cemetery of Providence United Methodist Church.

She was the daughter of the late William Dallas Campbell and the late Noley Byrd Campbell. She was the widow of Carl Hawkins Tippet.

Survivors include seven other children, Edward Lee Vanstony, of Brownsville, Dale and Carl W. Tippet and Jill Baxter, of Jackson, Pamela Birchett, of Mt. Juliet, Donna Smith, of Centralia, Ill., and Danny Tippet, of Chesnee, S.C.; four siblings, Billie Watson and Norma Fiqua, of Brownsville, Ernestine Davis, of Martin, and Paul Campbell, of Rockford, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Dunavant

Charlie Dunavant, 52, of Ripley, who worked for the Lauderdale County Highway Department, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders, at approximately 5:15 p.m. Wednesday of last week, Dunavant had an Agro tire, which was extremely heavy, hooked to a team of mules, when he attempted to lead the mules across a drainage ditch, with 5 to 6 inches of water. The mules made a sharp right turn, causing the tire to fall on top of him. His body was transported to Nashville for an autopsy.

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

He had been active in the Ripley Bit and Spur Club.

He leaves his mother, Barbara Dunavant, a son, Wayne, a brother, Burt, girlfriend, Connie Bernard, all of Ripley, and a daughter, Jennifer Dunavant, of Houston, Tex.

Joyce Buckner

Joyce Ann Smitley Buckner, 67, of Ripley, a home health provider, died Sunday in Dyersburg Medical Center.

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

She leaves sons, Jeff Buckner, of Ripley, Eric Buckner, of Savannah, Jack Buckner, of Convoy, Ohio, and Shawn Buckner and Benny and James Burd, of Van Wert, Ohio; daughters, Starla K. Edwards and Terri Hasch, of Ripley, and Dawn Cooper, of Van Wert; a brother, Rodger Smitley, of Van Wert; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Mourned



KELLY KING, 98, of Dayton, Ohio, a native of Ripley, died March 9th.

Rites were Tuesday of last week in Roberts Funeral Home in Dayton, with burial in Woodland Cemetery.

He had resided in Dayton for more than 40 years.

He had been a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church since 1961.

He leaves six sons, Kelly, Jr., James, Neal, Thomas, and William, of Dayton, and Ronnie, of Columbus, Ohio; daughters, Barbara J. Roberts and Patricia Love, of Dayton, Cathy (Mrs. James) Claret, of Gary, Ind., Mary (Mrs. John) Barbee and Peggy (Mrs. Willie) Kendall, of Detroit, Mich., and Delois Jones, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and a sister, Virginia Wesley, of Carbondale, Ill.

Ada Bell Mann

Ada Bell Mann, 80, of Ripley, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

She leaves sons, Sam Mann, Jr., and Michael and Terry Mann, of Ripley, and Robert Mann, of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Wilma Cooper; and a sister, Guster M. Singleton, of St. Louis, Mo.

MEETING TO BE HELD

A meeting for all teams participating in the 2007 Relay For Life will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 27th, at the Tennessee Technology Center.

Anyone interested in helping out and taking part in this worthwhile event to be held May 12th at the City Park should attend this meeting.

For more information, call Keith Klutz, 738-5005.

Marriages

March 3 - James Andrew Kirkpatrick, 23, to Tabitha Lou Webb, 21, by Eddie Martin.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 13-7-203 notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Halls at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 2nd, at Town Hall.

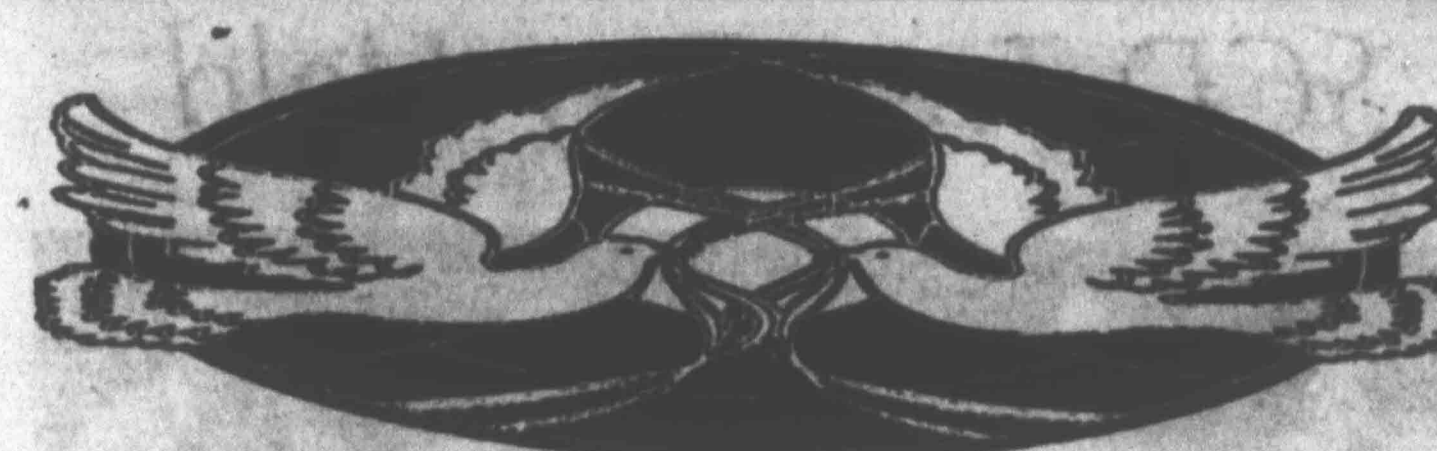
1. The hearing is to receive public input into a proposed amendment to the Halls Municipal Zoning Ordinance to add Retail Liquor as a permitted use in the Neighborhood Business (B-1).

2. A public hearing to readopt the Official Town of Halls Zoning Map.

A full copy of the amendment may be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

Town of Halls

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Church Happenings

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

St. Luke M. B. Church, Gates, will hold a gospel explosion at 3 p.m. Sun., March 25th featuring the Crockett County Community Choir and other local church choirs. The service is sponsored by Xi Lambda Omega Chapter of AKA, Debutante Kristina Riley, to raise money for local scholarships and charities. For more information, call 772-1148.

Ripley First Baptist Church will hold a community yard sale from 6 a.m. to noon Sat., March 24th in the Family Live Center parking lot, to benefit the Brazil Mission team. The center is located at 108 Lafayette St., behind the Ripley Post Office. The sale will be held in the gym, if it rains. Call 635-8040 or 612-1529 for more information.

The members of the teen gospel group, One Fifty, will sponsor a concert at Forerunner Church, on Eastland Ave., at 6 p.m. Sat., March 24th with proceeds to benefit the scholarship efforts of Carresse Ward and Paulita Edmondson, who are participants in this year's AKA Debutante Cotillion. The public is invited.

Bethesda United Methodist Church, Hwy. 88 W., Halls, will hold a spaghetti supper and concert beginning at 5 p.m. Sat., March 24th. The Frog Jump Quartet will perform at 7 p.m. For more information, call 836-9233.

St. Mark M.B. Church, 425 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold its spring revival at 2:30 p.m. Sun., March 25th with The Rev. Willie Dyson, of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church - Lightfoot, as guest speaker. Services will continue at 7 p.m. nightly through Fri., March 30th with The Rev. Albert McCadney, of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Union City, as guest speaker. The Rev. Joe Nance, Jr. pastor, invites the public.

Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, 3654 Coffee Shop Rd., will hold its 100 Men in Black program at 2:30 p.m. Sun., March 25th with the Morning Star Male Choir, Mt. Pleasant Gates, Gospel Rock, and many more as guests. Claxton Reese, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., will hold its annual Easter production at 6 p.m. Sun., April 1st and at 7 p.m. Mon., April 2nd. Witness the persecution and crucifixion of Jesus. The public is invited.

New Bethel Church, Henning, will celebrate the 23rd anniversary of service of its pastor, Larry L. Dixon, and his wife, Annie S. Dixon, at 2 p.m. Sun., March 25th. 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.

Featured



SHELIA L. MITCHELL, of Germantown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy H. Lankford, of the Woodville community, will be featured in the spring 2007 issue of the *Tennessee Pharmacist* magazine, after she was elected president for the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy. Appointed to the board in 2002, she has served as its vice president and on several committees for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, including her current assignment as chairperson of the Committee on Law Enforcement and Legislation.

She completed the pre-pharmacy curriculum at the University of Tennessee at Martin and then earned a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy (*summa cum laude*) and a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. She has also completed the University of Southern California's Executive Management Development program in Healthcare and Development. She is a fellow of the Leonard Davis Institute Executive Pharmacy Management Program at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School. She is a member of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) since 1976 and is an ASHP Fellow. Shelia is on her second year of a three-year term on the ASHP Board of Direc-

tors, serving as Board Liaison to several of the organization's councils. She has also served on the Tennessee Hospital Association Council on Clinical and Professional Practices since 1998.

She is an assistant professor for the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and has served on the admissions committee since 2000. Shelia won the Methodist Health Systems "Pursuit of Excellence" in 2001 and 2003 and has received numerous other recognitions from the Methodist system. In 2002, she was honored with Resolution #393 in the Tennessee House of Representatives for her contribution to Shelby County and the profession of pharmacy.

She and her husband, Tom, a professional studio photographer, have two children, Ashley and Blake. Ashley, an associate producer in the media department at the Southern Baptist International Mission Board

Headquarters, in Richmond, Va., has a job that takes her all over the world, including a trip to Cairo, Egypt, in April to do a video documentary. Blake is a senior at Ole Miss working toward a dual degree in finance and marketing and is planning to pursue his MBA.

She is the sister of Randy Lankford, of Ripley, and Chris Lankford, of Woodville.

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UNIVERSAL BENEFIT PLANS

NOTICE
 A special called meeting of the Halls Planning Commission will be Wed., March 28th at noon at City Hall concerning review and consideration for recommending the Town of Halls Comprehensive Future Land Use and Development Plans.

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Terrific Kid Selected



SAM SCHUH, 6, son of Darrell and Cindy Schuh, of Florence, S.C., formerly of Ripley, was selected by his kindergarten teacher Mrs. Frances Parker, as a Terrific Kid for the Kiwanis Terrific Kids program of Florence, where he attends Carver Elementary School. He is pictured with his principal, Dr. Cynthia Young. Sam was recognized for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship. He is the grandson of Rod and Carolyn Schuh, of Ripley, Jimmy and Vicky Haynes, of Halls, and Steve and Lillian Dooley, of Arlington, and the great-grandson of Minnie Haynes, of Ripley.

Land Transfers

March 11th-March 17th

Cathy Cherry to Michael L. Millner, Sr., and Lisa D. Millner, Dist. 12, lot.

Jimmy Carroll and Connie Carroll to William L. Rester, Dist. 1, lot.

Terrant Gause to Barry Wynn, Dist. 1, 5.0 acres.

Ruth Hayes to Richard M.

Hayes and Ethel W. Hayes, Dist. 2, lot.

Homesales Inc. to Joshua Caspersen, Dist. 12, lot.

National Trust Company Deutsche Bank and Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc. to Randy Lankford, Dist. 2, lot.

Tommy Sneed and Dawn Sneed to Eddie Morris and Paul C. Morris, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

W.L. Hogue and Erna Ho-

Corker's Offices Are 'Up And Running'

U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) announced his Washington office, Suite 185 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, and the state offices in Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and the tri-cities, are up and running and fully ready to serve Tennesseans.

"I think we've made a lot of progress over the past ten weeks in office, getting staff in place and our offices up and running," said Corker. "We have a great staff, committed to serving the citizens of our state and addressing the issues Tennesseans care deeply about."

Since January 4, 2007, Senator Corker's staff has operated out of a temporary office in the basement of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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gue to Roger Hogue, Dist. 8, 5.9813 acres.

James Treadway and Lula Treadway to Samuel Ingram, Dist. 15, 5.4943 acres.

Norman P. Hendren and Lisa C. Hendren to Arline Brasfield, Dist. 2, lot.

Maggie L. Savage and Maggie L. Fullen to Catherine White, Dist. 2, lot.

Shirley Archibald to Roger D. Criner and Judy A. Criner, Dist. 7, 27.378 acres.

Tina Reeves to James Williams, Dist. 12, lot.

Dick Moore Inc. to Arturo Reyes and Deborah H. Reyes, 1.0 acre.

Fountain of Life Church of God in Christ to Church of Hope Apostolic Faith and Church of Hope Apostolic Faith, Dist. 12, lot.

Robert Atkins and Pauline Banks to Robert L. Atkins, Jr., Dist. 10, tract.

SCD Tree Day Held



LAUDERDALE COUNTY LANDOWNERS, including, from left, Raymond Evans, Dwayne Portwood, and Bud Jarrett, were among 200 recipients of the approximately 6,500 tree seedlings distributed Friday at the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District office, on Lake Drive. Vernon McBride III, chairman, third from left, and Dennis Lee, right, member of the Lauderdale SCD, distributed Loblolly Pine, Sawtooth Oak, and Pin Oak trees in an effort to promote tree planting in the county. The event is held in support of the National Arbor Day promotion in March each year. Ripley's Future Farmers of America chapter and Marvin Windows provided volunteers to help with distribution.

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The Three Cs Of Medicare Part D

(NAPS)—Q: What are some of the factors to consider when choosing a plan?

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Q: I am 67 years old, still working full-time, and my employer provides health insurance with prescription coverage. Do I still need to sign up for Part D?

A: Most likely, you have what is known as creditable prescription drug coverage. Your employer is required to tell you if you have coverage that is as good as or better than the Medicare prescription drug coverage. You may, therefore, postpone enrollment in Part D coverage until a later date when you are no longer covered by your employer's plan. Most impor-



tantly, you can enroll at that later date without penalty.

Q: How do I find a plan in my area that covers the gap?

A: Plans that cover the gap are offered in every state. There's another helpful option available to you. You can call your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which offers free personalized health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. See the "Medicare and You" handbook or call 1-800-MEDICARE for the SHIP number in your area.

Answers are provided by Sandy Markwood, Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

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By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Keep Cousin Bubba Away From The Water And Rocks

Did you know that 95 percent of all available fresh water is in the ground? That is why Farm Bureau is partnering with the National Ground Water Association to spread the word about ground water, well maintenance, water testing, conservation and more, during National Ground Water Awareness Week, March 11-17.

I have always been fascinated with flowing water. I've seen it going over Niagara Falls, Burgess Falls, Fall Creek Falls and have often even stood and watched it flow down a roadway ditch to all parts unknown. As a child, I played in all of the little wet-weather springs on our farm and almost got killed one time trying to build a dam.

My almost-demise happened while trying to stop a spring's flow for the fun of it. It was a warm spring afternoon following a morning's rain and my cousins Hal and Bubba were visiting our farm. We had spent most of the day playing in the woods and fields enjoying the sunshine and freshness that a spring rain can bring.

The rain storm had brought all of the wet-weather springs to life and their crystal clear waters were irresistible to three little boys enjoying the day. After floating leaves and sticks down a bubbling branch near one of our corn fields, we came up with the engineering idea of building a dam to see if we could make a miniature lake. This was in the days before water quality permits and when three boys get together, it prob-

ably would not have mattered anyway. There was going to be a dam built in that stream regardless of what the law said or if there were endangered critters nearby. Three boys and a bunch of rocks and water just totaled up to something going to happen.

We began gathering rocks and sticks to construct our dam, with me being the chief engineer since I was the oldest. It wasn't long before the small stream's flow was slowed and water was backing up behind the make shift dam. The back water was filling up the branch's banks and spilling over into erosion cuts coming from the field nearby.

Once the dam was completed and we saw our successful miniature lake being formed, we immediately did a happy dance and then pondered what to do next. The IQ factor and the creation of ideas in the brains of three small boys kicked in and we decided to turn from engineers into Air Force bomber pilots and bomb the dam we had just completed. No need to leave a perfectly good dam intact when you can destroy it with boulders.

Having used most of the good rocks for constructing the dam, we had to venture out away from the construction site to find good bombing rocks. As we each returned with our missiles, the mayhem began. Rocks were flying everywhere, with water splashing, mud landing on the bombers and laughter breaking the silence of a hushed woods on a spring afternoon.

Having run out of rocks, I went to the stream's edge to retrieve more ammunition. As I bent over to pick up a really good round one, cousin Bubba sent a large limestone boulder hurtling

my way. It caught me on the right side of my head just above my ear with the sound that resembled a coconut being broke open to make a Christmas coconut cake during the holidays.

A gash had been opened on my head and now my blonde hair was the color of crimson along with my white tee shirt. We were some distance from the house and immediately began a walk in that direction with each step bringing on renewed flows of blood from my head. We soon arrived at our backdoor with cousin Hal hollering for my mother. As she opened the door and saw a scene that resembled a chain saw murder, she did what any mother would do. She almost fainted.

After washing the wound and cleaning me up we resumed our afternoon of play with me having somewhat of a headache. There was no going to the emergency room or getting stitches. That just wasn't done back then. Instead I was left to cure on my own and to this day I still have that scar under my hair, which is one reason you will never see me shave my head.

That stream we played in that day was a source of our ground water around that farm. It was important then and is even more so today. Some 47 percent of the U.S. population depends on ground water, the water that fills cracks and other openings in beds of rock and sand, for its drinking water supply-be it from either a public source or private well.

The NGWA reports that ground water is tapped through wells placed in water-bearing soils and rocks beneath the surface of the earth. There are nearly 15.9 million of these wells

serving households, cities, businesses, and agriculture every day. If your water comes from a well, now's a good time to schedule your annual water well maintenance check. It's National Ground Water Awareness Week. A qualified National Ground Water Association contractor can make sure your well is run-

ning right so that you and your family continue to enjoy high quality water...water that's such an important part of your well-being.

For more information on how to have your well checked, contact the National Ground Water Association at 1-800-551-7379 or visit www.wellowner.org.



Of all known mammals, the yak—the wild ox native to the mountainous regions of Tibet—lives at the highest altitude.

Easter Favorites

The "Perfect" Easter Ham is Just Minutes Away

(NAPS)—If it is your turn this year to host family and friends for the Easter holiday, there are a few simple planning solutions to keep in mind before heading to the grocery store. By following these guidelines, meal planners can look forward to spending more time with guests and less time in the kitchen. A classic, delicious glazed ham should only take 10 minutes of hands-on preparation, therefore choosing the right ham is the first and most important step.

By choosing a spiral sliced bone-in ham, such as a Cook's brand ham, preparation is kept to a minimum. Additionally, spiral sliced hams are great for entertaining because they are already pre-sliced, allowing guests to serve themselves. For the best flavor, it is important to use a bone-in ham because the meat has not been artificially processed like a boneless ham. This will ensure that you and your guests enjoy the natural texture and flavor of a real ham.

"A Cook's Spiral Sliced Ham can be heated and glazed in no more than two hours, which in most cases is the time it will take to prepare all of your side dishes," said Jon Lewallen, director of marketing at ConAgra Foods, maker of Cook's Ham.

"The benefit to preparing a Cook's Spiral Sliced Ham is that you do not need to babysit it during the heating process. Also, since it is pre-sliced you do not have to spend the time or energy carving it off the bone before serving the ham. It literally serves itself."

For quick and easy recipe



A bone-in, spiral sliced ham can be the centerpiece of an easy-to-prepare Easter feast.

ideas, log onto www.CooksHam.com.

TANGY DIJON GLAZED HAM

- 1 Cook's brand Bone-in Spiral Sliced Ham
- ¼ cup apricot jam
- ¼ cup raspberry jam
- ¼ cup dijon mustard
- Dash of whole grain mustard
- ¼ cup fresh chives, finely sliced
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup horseradish
- ¼ cup dried cherries, roughly chopped
- ¼ teaspoon salt, to taste
- ¼ teaspoon fresh ground pepper, to taste

Prepare and heat ham according to package directions.

To prepare glaze, combine all remaining ingredients in bowl. Mix well and set aside.

Brush glaze on your Cook's ham 30 minutes before meat is done. Heat ham uncovered for final 30 minutes. Carve ham and serve.

Yield: Varies depending on size of ham

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 2 to 2½ hours

Ease of Preparation: easy

Golden Gloves Champs



LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOXERS, Cameron Thomen, of Ripley, and Keith McCallister, of Halls, competed Saturday at the golden Gloves Arena in Jackson. Cameron out-skilled Jesse Fisher, of Columbia, and was crowned champion in the 10-11 year old, 95 lb. weight class. He was also named the outstanding boxer in his division. Keith received the trophy for the 12-13 year old, 119 lb. champion, as he dominated James Ross, of Jackson. Keith showed tremendous power and aggression causing the referee to give an eight count in the second round. Keith was awarded the outstanding boxer in the intermediate division. Both boxers are training extra hard in preparation for the Junior Olympics in April.

Current Technology for the Deaf

According to the National Center for Health Statistics of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approximately 34 million Americans have a significant hearing loss; of these, almost 6 million are profoundly deaf. Often, these individuals rely on technology to communicate and survive in a world that is so centered around the auditory experience.

Beyond close-captioned television programming and hearing aids, there are a host of items that are geared exclusively for the deaf or hearing impaired. If you or someone you deal with on a daily basis has hearing difficulties, consider investigating these items to enhance your or their quality of living.

- Alarm clocks and watches** — Get up for appointments, work or school with a vibrating alarm clock. Some can be mounted to a pillow with straps, while others can be placed beneath a bed mattress. It will shake awake even the heaviest of sleepers! On a similar vein, vibrating alarm watches can alert you to meetings, doctor visits and other appointments.
- Baby cry monitors** — Taking care of an infant who communicates solely through cries and wails can be challenging enough for those who can hear, but especially difficult for those who can't register a baby's cries. Special baby monitors will immediately alert you to your baby's cries — even a whisper! — with a

visual clue or vibration. It operates similarly to a standard baby monitor. Just plug the device into an outlet in your baby's room.

- Door products** — Know that someone is knocking at your door with a door-knock signaler. Attach it to the door with a bracket, or hang it on the doorknob. It flashes when the sensor is triggered by the knocking. Similarly, a silent doorbell with a flash notifies residents that someone is ringing the bell.
- Safety products** — Carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors are mandatory in homes in many areas of the country. Make sure you are safe by installing alarms that will flash a strobe light when triggered.
- There are also a host of items that are geared toward those with partial hearing loss. They are:
 - Assisted hearing devices** — Pocket hearing devices minimize background noise and amplify conversation so that you can participate in the discussion. Amplified telephones allow you to raise the volume on the ringer and earpiece to a comfortable level.
 - Television devices** — Headset receivers allow you to watch television and keep the volume at a normal level for others in the room, but amplify your headset to hear comfortably. These types of devices also work at movie theaters, playhouses, and concert stadiums.

Selected Senators On Health Care



BEAUTON MATTHEWS, of Ripley, has been appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen as the rural representative from West Tennessee to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability. The state commission directs service and advocacy efforts on behalf of Tennesseans over the age of 60 and other adults with disabilities. Beauton, a life-long resident of Lauderdale County, is the vice-president for community relations and business development for the Bank of Ripley, where she has been employed since 1962. She is also the student loan advisor for the bank. She graduated from

the Tennessee Bankers School at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Active in the Macedonia Baptist Church Senior Adult Ministries as a musician, she serves on committees in her community such as the Senior Center in Halls, Delta Human Resources Agency, ambassador for the Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi River Corridor project, Lauderdale Education Foundation, graduate of WestStar and Leadership Lauderdale, and an advisory board member of the Aging Commission of the Mid-South.

Halls Locals

By Ellen Jackson

Sallye Rac Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Hartman, of Gates, and granddaughter of Mrs. Ailene Smith, of Halls, and Mrs. Peggy Hartman, of Gates, spent half of spring break with relatives and friends at University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Trey Tillman, grandson of Mrs. Ailene Smith, spent Sunday night with his grandmother.

Anniversaries

March 22 — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Shanon Crowder.

March 23 — Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tolene, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Dzedzic, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baggett.

March 24 — Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Blakely, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Crutchfield.

March 25 — Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet Anthony III.

March 26 — Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Swims, Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Burks.

March 27 — Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larry Ferguson.

March 28 — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster.

Style Tips for Fuller Figures

The majority of women in this country are not stick-thin. In fact, the average woman actually wears between a size 10 and 12. Unfortunately, many high-end designers and even trend modulators in the fashion industry cater fashions to the thinner, rather than the fuller figure, making dressing for someone who is a little larger a bit more challenging.

There are some tips you can employ to look and feel your best and dress your shape accordingly. Here are some top pointers from style experts:

- Monochromatic colors provide overall slimming. This doesn't mean you have to wear head-to-toe black. A single shade of most any hue will work as well.

- Wear clothes that fit properly. Layering on oversized clothes will not

hide your shape, it will only make you look larger. The same can be said for clothes that are too small and may bunch or pull in all the wrong places. Clothes that fit will be the most flattering.

- If you're heavy in the hips, wear bright colors or large, bold patterns on blouses to direct the eye away from the thicker parts of the body below. Vertical lines can also add the illusion of height and slimness.

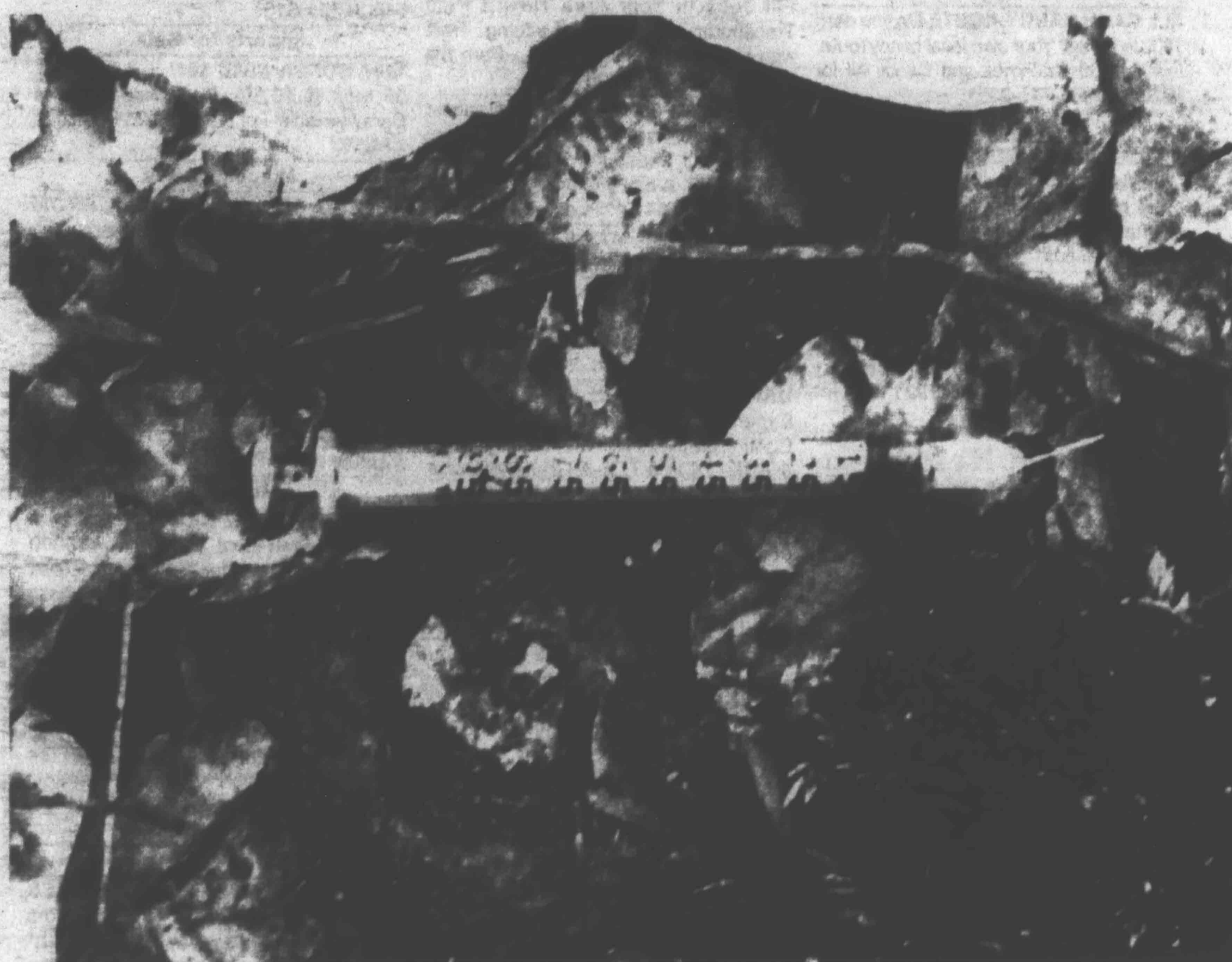
- For women who are busty or larger up top, stick to thin fabrics in darker colors to minimize concentration on this area. Avoid clingy or thick fabrics or those with ruffles, which may add girth where you don't need it. Choose jackets or shirts that elongate the torso. V-neck tops can also add slimness.

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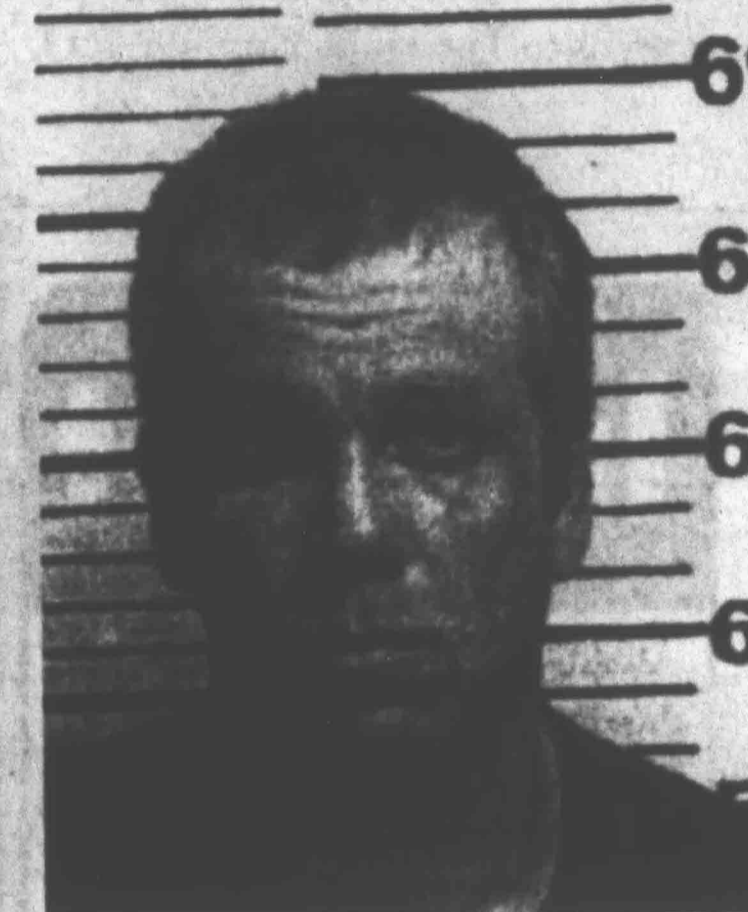
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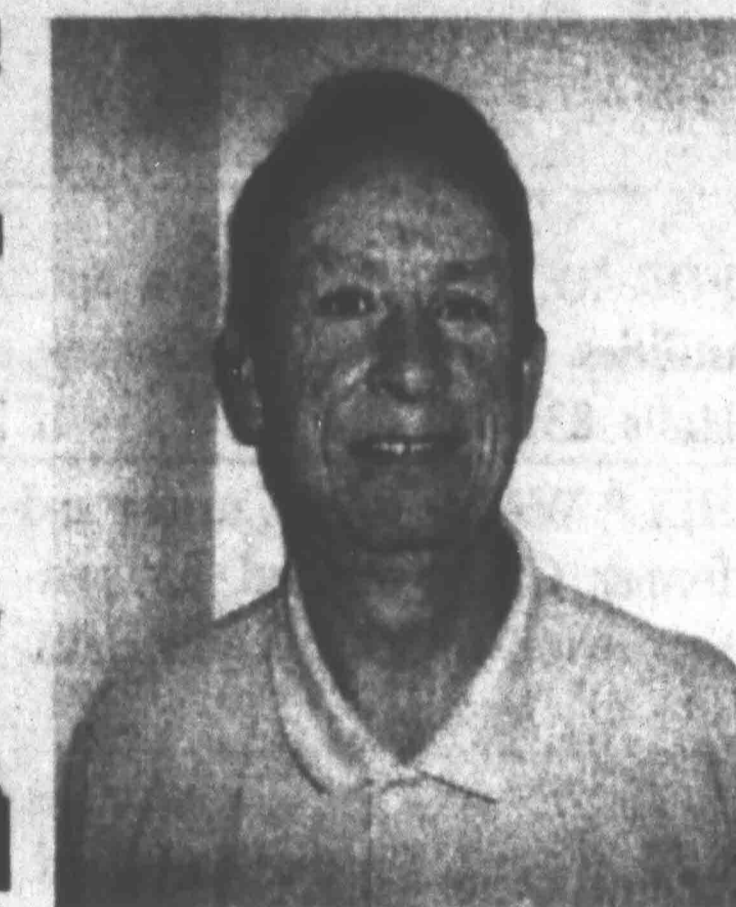
A DUMP SITE, located near Beech Bluff in Halls, was cleaned by Lauderdale County inmates. Among the trash, medical waste was found including hypodermic syringes with the needle attached. Two days following the clean-up, persons began using the site to dump more trash. Officials have begun to monitor such dump sites and are asking citizens to report anyone found dumping trash to the Lauderdale County Sheriff, County Mayor, or County Commissioners.

Wanted



ELTON LAND, JR., also known as Bubba Land, is wanted by officials for violating the terms of his probation in Lauderdale County Circuit Court dockets 7704 and 7780. Lauderdale County Sheriff officials are actively searching for him. Land was convicted in May 2006 for arson, attempt to manufacture methamphetamine, possession of anhydrous ammonia, and manufacture of methamphetamine, two counts. He was arrested in Tipton County in December 2006 and charged with possession of precursor chemicals to manufacture methamphetamine. Anyone with information as to his location, call the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, 731-635-1311.

Author



THE REV. JOE BARNES, of Lafayette, former pastor of Ripley First Assembly of God Church and Ripley native, will sign copies of his first book, entitled, *If I Could Preach Just One More Sermon*, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fri., April 6th at Accents Gift Shop on Ripley's downtown square. The book is a compilation of sermons written by ministers from across the State of Tennessee including Terry Bailey, Randel McCarty, Maury Davis, and Gene Jackson. The public is invited.

Countians Push Spraying Curbs

Barry Eison, of 2576 Double Bridges - Unionville Rd., west of Halls, and Murray Hudson, of Dyersburg, who runs an antiquarian map business at 109 S. Church in Halls, joined nearly 50 members of *Save Our Cumberland Mountains* who visited Nashville Tuesday of last week, in urging legislators to require public notice of aerial spraying of herbicides or pesticides, plus individual notice to anyone registered as having an acute chemical sensitivity or respiratory problems.

Halls Officers Plan Traffic Check-Points

Members of the Halls Police Department have scheduled check-points, at various locations, beginning at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Trash Art Contest For 5th Graders

As part of the Great American Clean-up, the county has a goal to involve as many Lauderdale County fifth

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Information, toll free, from 1-877-431-7626.

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Nankipoo Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here. Last week we had a visit from two court house politicians. The one with shifty eyes told Miss Pam that he came to reassess the property. He stated that our new name, The Club of Nankipoo, requires us to pay the country club tax rate. He wanted to measure everything and he asked to see the swimming hole, tennis courts, golf course, and our exercise room. Miss Pam tried to explain that "four-leggers" don't play golf or tennis, but that our guys would love to retrieve his balls! He said he was "just doing his job," and if Miss Pam disagreed she could ask for a hearing.

The other "two-legger" was shaking his head. He was dressed real funny. He had on short pants and white tennis shoes. He was carrying a big fly swatter thing and had "yellow" balls in his pockets. He must have been in trouble, because he told Miss Pam he was going to the court-tennis court.

He started going on about how The Club at Nankipoo should be called The Club of Dry Hill. He said you are in Dry Hill. Then he pulled out this history book and started reading the Dry Hill history. He started talking about his ancestors, the Carmacks, and where they lived. He even said the first post office in Lauderdale County was at Dry Hill and how in the world did the Club get named Nankipoo.

Now I remember Mr. Carmack. He adopted a "smeller" and named him Roddy, after the Mayor.

Which name do the readers prefer—Nankipoo or Dry Hill. Call us at 836-pets (7387) to cast your votes. I like The Club of Nankipoo; it just sounds sexy.

Last week I told you about our "lappers", well Scooter, Lady and Rebel all found homes. You "two-leggers" are stepping up in finding my buds places to live. Three barks to you all! Talk about stepping up, Carla Dew and her daughter Lealie, and Josh Langley continue to provide us with collars, leashes, sweaters, and puppy chow. Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Hardy provided us with a collapsible pen, three carriers, and two portable carriers. I think they deserve a pig sandwich, that's barbecue to you "two-leggers". Dorothy Kiestler, Christina Russell and Jennifer Brandon all contributed the green stuff.

We have a new looker at the club. I call him Red, if he was a female I would be standing in line! The "lapper" for this week is Popeye, the pug. He claims to be housebroken.

Where's the hunters? Cause we have three shiny Black Lab pups named Midnight, Brittney, and Stormy. If anyone wants papers for your thoroughbred we will make them up to sound real official with the blood lines of Nankipoo the stud and Dry Hill the

To sum it up, we can fix you up for only \$25. So for a thrill and a deal, come to Nankipoo, or Dry Hill, because we aim to please!

Zeek Out!

Marriages

Knight, 48, to Martha Marie Groves Odom, 40, by Tracy Henson.
March 20 - Timothy Alan March 23 - Jamey Earl

24th Annual Tomato Pageant To Be Held

The 24th annual Tomato Festival Pageants are set for Friday, April 13th, and Sunday, April 15th, at the Ripley High School Bank of Ripley Performing Arts Theater, sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD.

The pageant is open to all Lauderdale County residents.

All pageant winners will represent Lauderdale County in the 24th Annual Tomato Festival to be held July 6th and 7th. Miss Lauderdale County and the Jr. King and Queen winners will also represent Lauderdale County in the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival pageant in May.

Applications are available at all area banks, Merle Norman, and all school offices. For more information, call 635-9541.

GATES EASTER PARADE

Gates City Hall will host the Gates Easter Parade Friday, April 6th at 10 a.m. at Gates City Hall. An egg hunt will be held after the parade at Gates Community Center with hot dogs for the children.

Anniversaries

March 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy H. Jones.
March 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Ozell Hargett, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings.
March 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nunn.
April 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fullen, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lawson.
April 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burlison, Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Taylor.
April 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Phil Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cohill.
Donegan, 35, to Shelly Jolene Jones Hall, 42, by Leamon Tidwell.

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JOHN COMPERE, left, president of the Halls and Gates Rotary Club, presented a \$250 check to Pam Nash, right, director for the West Tennessee area Carl Perkins Child Abuse Center.

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Obituaries

Myrtle Chambers

Myrtle Correll Chambers, 95, of Halls, widow of Raybon Chambers, died Saturday, in Halls.

Rites were Tuesday in First Baptist Church in Halls, where she was a member, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

A veteran of World War II, she had been a member of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She leaves a son, Raybon, of Richardson, Tex.; daughters, Karen Adams, of Como, Miss., and Lynda Davis, of Annapolis, Md.; a sister, Evelyn Marek, of Berea, Ohio; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Helen Miller

Helen Pauline Miller, 68, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week.

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

She leaves children, Acie Pike and Annette Bates, of Ripley, and David Buckner and Margie Herron, of Halls; sisters, Dorothy Conatser and Marcie Henson, of Ripley, and Jessie Henson, of Halls; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Lola Mae Fulton

Lola Mae Fulton, 84, of 162 Lafayette, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Monday in Morning Star Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Canfield Cemetery, Thompson's Mortuary in charge.

She leaves sons, Freddie L. Fulton, Curtis Lee, and Noble Fisher, of Ripley, James Fisher, of Gary, Ind., and Herman Lee Fulton, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and daughters, Lola F. Campbell and Vivian Smashum, of Ripley, Mary Ann DeBerry, of Henning, and Katherine Stone, of Detroit, Mich.

Insuror



LACKEY 'JOE' WHITE, Sr., 65, of 615 Coffee Shop Road, north of Ripley, retired agent for American General Insurance, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

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

He was the son of the late Emmett and Ona Mai White.

He was a member of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Sheila; sons, Billy Joe White, of Ripley, and Lackey Ray White, Jr., of Navarre, Fla.; daughters, Sondra Reynolds, of 329 Sharp, Halls, Beth Hall, of Arlington, and Carissa Hankins, of Bowling Green, Ky.; a brother, Robert, of Southaven, Miss.; sisters, Faye Braden, of Ripley, Marie Furr, of Gates, Carolyn Scarberry, of Memphis, Ginny Frisbie-Pope, of Germantown, and Dorothy Hundley, of Nashville; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Isabel Perry

Isabel Barnes Perry, 80, of Parsons, died Thursday of last week in the home of her daughter, Linda Riley, of Halls.

Rites were Sunday in Oakdale Decatur County Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Her husband, William Perry, and another daughter, Beverly Knight, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Paul Earnhart, of Oklahoma; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Ethelma Miller

Ethelma Miller, 88, retired farmer, died March 16th in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were held Saturday in Thompson's Mortuary in Ripley, with burial in Bluff Cemetery near Ripley.

He leaves his wife, Ella Mae Miller; sons, Louis T. Miller and James Ruffin, of Ripley, Wardell Miller, of Ashport, Randy Miller, of Decatur, Ill., Willie J. Miller, of Detroit, Mich., and Earnest Miller, of Boston, Mass.; daughters, Thelma Harris, of Ripley, Ardell Simmons, of Gates, Clara Tarkington, of St. Louis, Mo., Warlean Harris, of Detroit, and Ester Bullock, of South Carolina; 69 grandchildren; 147 great-grandchildren; and 72 great-great-grandchildren.

Raymond Sims

Raymond James Sims, 36, retired truck driver, died Monday in Ripley Healthcare.

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

He leaves brothers, William Sims, of Ripley, Robert Sims, of Covington, and Fred Cotton, of Jackson; sisters, Betty Cunningham, Dorothy Mosby, and Ernestine Chaney, of Ripley, and Annie Gracie Hall, of Covington.

Loretta Davis

Loretta Gibson Davis, 62, of Brownsville, died Friday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

She was the daughter of the late Bill and Addie Marie Garrett Gibson Littles.

She leaves her daughters by Jerry Thomas Jackson, of Ripley, Sandra Wyrick, wife of Donnie Davis, of Halls, Jerrie (Mrs. Billy) Vintetoe, of Knoxville, and Kathy (Mrs. Raymond) Majewski, of Simpsonville, S.C., and her daughter by James Ray Davis, of Dyersburg, Tammy (Mrs. Alex) Delagarza, of Racine, Wis.; brothers, Terry Littles, of Brownsville, and Perry Dewayne Littles, of Holly Grove, Miss.; a sister, Faye Foust, of Brownsville; 17 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Chambers

Myrtle Correll Chambers, 95, widow of Raybon M. Chambers, died Saturday at home at 320 Carmen, Halls.

Rites were Tuesday in First Baptist Church in Halls, where she was a member, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

A native of Chicago, Ill., she served in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve during World War II.

She had served as a trustee of the Halls Library.

She leaves a son, Raybon, of Richardson, Tex.; daughters, Karen Adams, of Como, Miss., and Lynda Davis, of Annapolis, Md.; a sister, Evelyn Marek, of Berea, Ohio; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ruby Maxwell

Ruby Pauline Maxwell, 86, of Asbury Cove Assisted Living Center, Ripley, retired from Sears, died Friday in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Rites were Sunday in Concord Cemetery, east of Gates, Garner Funeral Home in charge.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Thelma Norvell

Thelma Norvell, 78, of Ripley, widow of William Norvell, died Tuesday in her home.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Miles Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, with burial in Canfield Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves a daughter, Regina Maben, of 130 Spring Hill Rd., Ripley; a brother, Marvin Burnett, of Covington; sisters, Nadine Brown, of Covington, and Martha Burnett, of Milwaukee, Wis.; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDOH) is urging Tennesseans to talk with their families about creating a disaster plan during National Public Health Week, April 2nd - 8th.

The theme for National

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 2nd

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

Tuesday, April 3rd

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

Wednesday, April 4th

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

Thursday, April 5th

Menu - School's Choice

Friday, April 6th

Good Friday
No School

Public Health Week 2007 is

"Take the First Step! Preparedness and Public Health Threats: Addressing the Unique Needs of the Nation's Vulnerable Populations." The observance will focus on specific population groups each day.

The Lauderdale County Health Department can provide more information on family disaster plans and emergency kits, or visit the TDOH website at www2.state.tn.us/health/CE/DS/bioterrorism.htm or the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org.

TDOH is also working to recruit, train and utilize 25,000 volunteers with a variety of skills and credentials for the Volunteer Medical Corps.

For more information on National Public Health Week activities in the community, contact the Lauderdale County Health Department at 731-635-4661.

School Lunches

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

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Tater Tots
Applesauce
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

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TEACHERS WORKSHOP

The 9th annual Teachers Conservation Workshop will be held from July 8th until 13th at the Pickwick Landing State Park. The workshop is sponsored by The Tennessee Forestry Association, Ames Plantation, the Tennessee Division of Forestry and the Lumberman's Educational Foundation, Inc.

Teachers will be able to get CEU credits as well as college credits (2 or 3 hours) for this workshop. Three credit hours is obtained by doing a written project after the workshop. The workshop is composed of three elements: information transfer through field studies, hands-on experience in the field and the classroom, and fun.

For more information, call the Tennessee Forestry Association, 615-883-3832, or Preston Padgett, 662-284-6458 or 662-462-5369.



March 2007

Dear Fellow Tennessean,

States across the nation are developing plans big and small to help alleviate the symptoms of what truly has become a national health care crisis. Some of those plans are working, others are struggling. I applaud all those efforts. The federal government's refusal to take substantive action means states must step up. That's what we're doing here in Tennessee.

A year ago this month, I stood before the General Assembly and outlined an innovative proposal that I believe is the first step in addressing the needs of more than 600,000 Tennesseans currently without health care coverage - a program we call CoverTN. Since then, time has passed quickly. We've gone from concept to care in less than a year. Today, we're putting health care coverage in the hands of working Tennesseans.

At its heart, CoverTN is a partnership - a partnership between the state, individuals and small businesses. It's based on four primary principles.

- First principle: No one of us can do it alone - not government, not businesses, and certainly not a single individual. But, as partners with shared responsibilities we can do a lot to help those who work hard everyday, but simply can't afford health insurance in today's market.

- Second: Create something affordable. Designing something that costs \$400 or \$500 a month doesn't help anyone - and has been one of the downfalls of plans in other states. We're keeping CoverTN affordable, which to me means about \$150 a month split three ways.

- Third: Create something portable. With CoverTN, if a person is laid off, if they change jobs, if they're unemployed for a period of time, the coverage stays with them. The coverage is owned by the individual - not the employer and not the state.

- And fourth: Encourage personal responsibility. This notion of ownership we've created in CoverTN brings with it a principle that people are partners in remaining healthy. For example, if a person smokes, they pay a higher premium. If you're substantially overweight, you also pay more.

The bottom line is that CoverTN isn't the end-all, be-all to the nation's health insurance crisis, but it is a reasonable first step to help Tennesseans who've been without options for too long.

We've come a long way together - from coverage to care in less than a year. But the challenges don't end there. Now that the program is up and running, we must continue working to let Tennessee's small businesses know about the benefits and opportunities that come with enrollment in CoverTN.

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

For more information about CoverTN, call 1-866-CoverTN or visit www.covertn.gov. If you have questions or comments about this issue or any other, please email me at phil.bredesen@state.tn.us.

Students Of The Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS at Christ Classical Academy, in Dyersburg, named as students of the week, include, from left, Jesse McCloud, first grade, daughter of Jessie and Janice McCloud, of Gates, and Mary Compere, second grade, daughter of John and Janet Compere, of Halls.

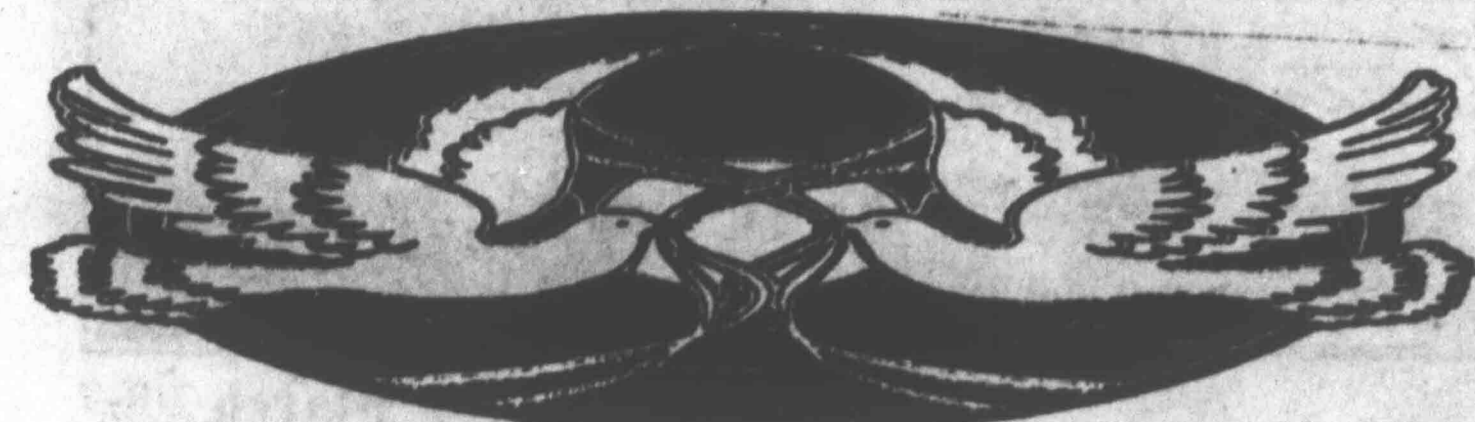
Halls Westside Baptist Church EASTER PRODUCTION



Halls Westside Baptist Church, at 705 Sumrow Street in Halls, will hold its annual Easter production at 6 p.m. Sun., April 1st, and 7 p.m. Mon., April 2nd.

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to witness the persecution that Jesus had to go through, to ultimately Die on the Cross for your sins & His ultimate reign on high, then don't miss this spiritual evening. It will leave each family with a true feeling of Jesus' love for you, me, our kids Everyone!

Don't Miss It, Mark your Calendars!



Church Happenings

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

Grace Baptist Church, at Central, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sat., March 31st featuring the Barnetts. The public is invited.

Ripley First Baptist Church will hold a community yard sale from 6 a.m. to noon Sat., March 31st in the Family Life Center parking lot, to benefit the Brazil Mission team. The center is located at 108 Lafayette St., behind the Ripley Post Office. The sale will be held in the gym, if it rains. Call 635-8040 or 612-1529 for more information.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 370 Poplar Grove Rd., Henning, will hold its spring revival beginning at 6 p.m. Sun., April 1st with The Rev. Troy Hall, of Antioch Baptist Church, of Covington, as guest speaker. Services will continue at 7 p.m. Mon., April 2nd with The Rev. Iran Yarbrough, of Elam Baptist Church, of Ripley, and at 7 p.m. Tues., April 3rd, with The Rev. T. R. Greer, of New Salem Baptist Church, of Mason, as guest speakers. The Rev. Willie Dyson, pastor, invites the public.

Ripley First United Methodist Church choir will present its Easter cantata, "Who Is This King" at 7 p.m. Sun., April 1st in the church sanctuary. The choir, directed by Harley Paterson and accompanied by Bill Kelly, organist, will be joined by an orchestra of regional musicians. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church, 102 E. Tigrett St., will present its Easter cantata, "The Love of Jesus", at 6 p.m. Sun., April 1st. The public is invited.

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

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., will hold its annual Easter production at 6 p.m. Sun., April 1st and at 7 p.m. Mon., April 2nd. Witness the persecution and crucifixion of Jesus. The public is invited.

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

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

Birthdays

March 29, - Shawnee Denay Burris, Paul Merando, Perry Williams, Kay Gruggett, Mal-

lory Murray, Glenda Hayles, Pam Floyd, Brenda Ward, Dixie Drake Lenderman, Adriene Brooks, Alma Jenkins, Elna Robbins, Linsey Beard. March 30 - Karyn Summar,

Amy Land, Kayla Howard, Amy McBroom, T. L. Michael, Fay Taylor, Beth Newman, Deb Wooster, Mary Ann Swims, Corey Crihfield, Beth Wright, Rachel Jackson, Michael Jankovsky, Inez Hendren.

March 31 - Kay Freeman, Clint McKinnie, Bill Roberson, Cary Porter, Caleb Currie, Hannah Smith, Chris Tucker, Amber Sadler, Noel Sherrod.

April 1 - Carl Hoggard, Doug Ward, Gladys Crain, Jeannie Vickery, Vance Brewster, Emilee Anne Hartman, Alisa Parish, Anetta Boyd, Christopher Hardy, Teresa M. Ward, Jeff Weaver, Robin Hughes, Jim Clark, Betty T. Henson, Mary Beth Caldwell, Darlene Crowder, James Mills, Zaylee Brown, Chris Carmack.

April 2 - Haley Turnbow, Madeline "Mott" Vaden, Stephen Belton, Shelley Jones, Justin Garrett, Diane Land, Ricky Crihfield, Leon Jackson, Dianne Ungerecht, Shirley Hutcherson, Matthew Casey Walker, Timmy Green, Carolyn Emerson, Breanna Adkins, Tanner Wakefield.

April 3 - Megan McBroom, Jodie Holder, Andrew Vaughan, Renee Nelson, James Berkley, Brandon Spicer, Megan Zachary, Joseph Holcomb, Ethan Platzke.

April 4 - Angela Hunter, Grant Caldwell, Kara Steelman, Caleb Steelman, Shane Harris, Austin Reynolds, Vanessa Williams, Michelle Brown, Heather Fitzhugh, Jody Sorrell, Lexie McMahan, Channing Kidd, Robbie Smith, Sherri Smith.

Land Transfers

March 18th-March 24th
Thomas C. Latham and Rhonda Latham to Julie Terry, Dist. 17, lot.

Carrie L. Sherfield, Jason Sherfield, and Carrie L. Hankins to Michael Fuller, Dist. 1, 1.5264 and 1.293 acres.

Randy Lankford, Steve Cherry, Jeremy Helton and Ryan Whiteside to Dwight Leek, Dist. 2, lot.

Malcolm Eugene Scallions to Pedro Padron and Wendy Padron, Dist. 7, 6.3 acres.

Billy W. Harmon and Wil-

lie Mac Harmon to Larry Taylor, Dist. 2, lot.
Duston Garrett and Gaston Garrett to Thomas Ray Harris and Shelia Kay Harris, Dist. 3, 1.5 acres.

Emmett Lee Fincher and Gennie V. Fincher to James Lee Fincher, Emmett Lee Fincher, and Gennie V. Fincher, Dist. 7, 0.5 acre.

Willie Voss Burks to James R. Burks and Betty W. Burks, Dist. 17, 1.9207 acres.

Peggy Hartman to Dennis R. O'Dell and Martha O'Dell, Dist. 17, 62.5 acres.

Dianna M. Deal and Ronald E. Deal to Frederick Steve Clark and Lawanda J. Clark, 1.365 acres.

Cottonwillow Inc. to Jerry B. Hughes, Dist. 17, 50.0 acres.

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Contest xxx

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graders, whether attending school in county, private, or home, to participate in a trash art contest.

Any litter item that is inorganic and recyclable can be used. Food items can not be used. Art will be collected April 18th from the schools or bring completed projects to Harmon Accounting, 117 N. Main, Ripley, and the winner will be notified with a formal presentation Sat., April 21st at Crichfield Park in Halls. Six winners will receive savings bonds. For additional information, call Pamela Cherry Kerby, 836-0637, or Lynn Harmon, 635-3791.

Parents Urged To Immunize Teens During Meningitis Peak Season



(NAPS)—Late winter and early spring is peak season for meningococcal disease, a devastating bacterial infection that can affect teens, young adults and college students. The National Meningitis Association (NMA) urges parents to talk to their child's physician about meningococcal disease prevention, including immunization.

Lynn Bozof, executive director of the NMA, lost her son Evan to meningococcal disease and did not realize the severity of the disease or know there was a vaccine.

"Most meningococcal disease cases occur in late winter and early spring, so it's important during this time for parents to become aware of the disease and vaccination," says Bozof. "Many parents consider vaccination for their children during back-to-school doctor's visits or when preparing college-aged children to live on campus; however, meningococcal disease can hit throughout the year."

This vaccine-preventable disease, also called meningitis, is transmitted through respiratory secretions, kissing or sharing glasses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends routine immunization for 11- to 12-year-olds, for those about to enter high school (at about age 15) or for college freshmen if living in dormitories.

Nearly 30 percent of all cases in the U.S. occur among adolescents and young adults. One study shows that this age group has an unusually high death rate from the disease—

one in four may die. Immunization can prevent up to 83 percent of disease cases among this group.

"It is important for parents to learn about meningococcal disease and to be proactive in their child's health. Parents need to take advantage of the ample vaccine supply and ensure their children get vaccinated today," urges Bozof.

Meningococcal disease, often mistaken for the flu, can progress within hours, potentially resulting in serious or fatal consequences, including brain damage, limb amputations or death.

Early symptoms of the disease include high fever, headache, stiff neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting, exhaustion and rash. Living in dormitories, participating in sleep-away camps, and irregular sleep patterns may increase the risk of contracting the disease among adolescents and young adults.

Vaccination is highly effective against four out of the five major strains of the disease and has minimal side effects, mostly soreness from the shot or mild fever.

Teens can help reduce their risk of contracting the disease by not sharing utensils and water bottles.

To learn more, you can visit www.nmaus.org.

Rotary Guest Speaker



ROGER CHAREST, center, of the Halls and Gates Rotary Club and former Rotary District Governor, was the guest speaker Tuesday at the weekly meeting of the Ripley Rotary Club at Rolling Hills Country Club. The guest of Rotarian Janice Craig, right, he spoke on the Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow program. Brian Collins, left, Ripley Rotary president, is pictured with them.

FIRE SAFETY

Tips To Prevent Home Fires



(NAPS)—Keeping the home fires burning may be a nice title for a song, but it can also be a frightening statistic. Take the time to give your home a fire safety makeover.

According to the American Red Cross, four out of five Americans don't realize that home fires are the single most common disaster across the nation, and only 26 percent of families have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.

"Preparing for a home fire doesn't require a lot of expensive equipment or training," said Red Cross fire expert Heidi Taylor. "To stay safe, families need to develop a fire escape plan and take steps towards fire prevention."

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Four out of five Americans don't realize home fires are the most common disaster.

with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas. Replace all batteries at least once a year. Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time, so replace your smoke alarm every 10 years.

Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department in the proper use of your extinguishers.

Create a plan. Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home. Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floors.

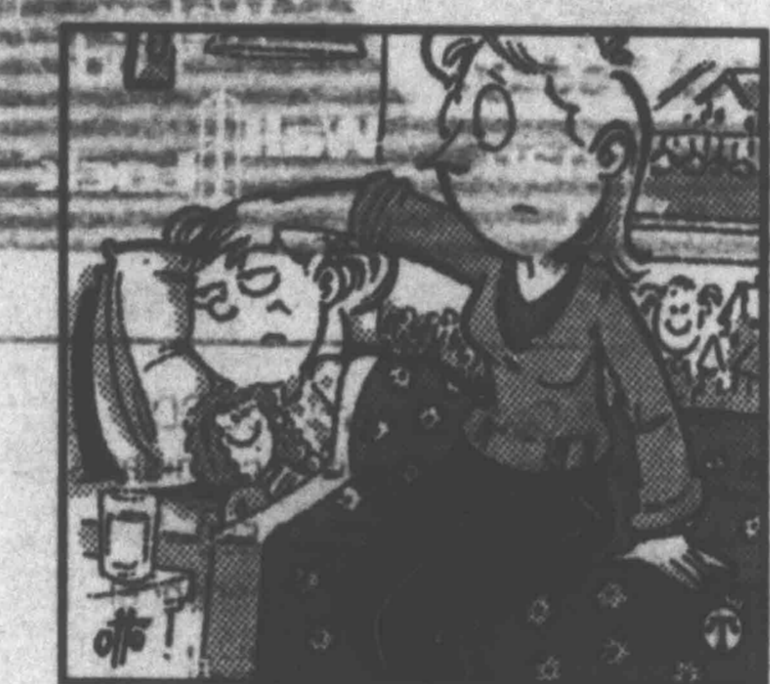
Provide constant adult supervision during cooking or in rooms with lit candles or fires. Do not leave burning candles unattended.

Keep matches and lighters away from and out of reach of children. Teach young children to tell an adult if they see matches and lighters and not to touch them.

Fire Preparedness Tips
• Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home. If people sleep

Children's Health Fever Control

(NAPS)—It's important for parents to learn the best ways to control their children's fevers—especially during the winter months. Fortunately, there are a number of steps that concerned parents can take.



There are ways that parents can take care of their children's fevers.

First, don't sweat it. Remember that fever is the body's way of fighting infection, and while a fever should be broken, it is generally not a cause for alarm.

Next, help your child keep his cool. Parents can use a soft gel sheet called Be Kool® to actually absorb and disperse heat from their child's body. Parents only need to place the strip on their child's forehead for it to work.

Be Kool® is self-adhesive with a cooling effect that lasts for eight hours. The strips work alone or can be used in conjunction with doctor-prescribed or over-the-counter medication. The strips do not need to be refrigerated and they work well for soothing bumps, headaches and over-

heating that can occur during a soccer game or other activities embraced by children on

the go.

Finally, if your child's fever does not break, call your health care professional. He or she will be able to decide the best course of action.

To purchase the strips, visit a pharmacy or www.drugstore.com.



Theodore Roosevelt was the first President to ride in an automobile. He toured Hartford, Ct. in a Columbia Electric Victoria on August 22, 1902.

Halls Site Certified As "Deal Ready"

PTO Fundraiser



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD along with officials with the Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen were notified March 14th of the official certification for the Industrial property in Halls as "Deal Ready". The site certification program is sponsored by the West Tennessee Industrial Association and CH2MHill, Lockwood Green Consultants. The program requires the community and its stakeholders to pull together resources, prepare and execute a site visit, as well as answer extensive questions about site specifics. The certification method is a very thorough and time consuming process which takes several months to complete. The third-party review of all information submitted as well as professional review was completed by CH2MHill Lockwood Greene.

Attending the presentation were, in front, from left, James Tyus, Michelle Harris, Lisa Hankins, Mayor Trent McManus, Mike Moore, and Mike Philpot, executive director of WTIA, and in rear, David Jennings, B. R. Cook, Alan Cherry, Mike Harris, Homer Lee, Jerry Stanley, and Roger Charest. Michelle Harris stated "It is refreshing to find that you and your organization are committed to investing in community and economic preparedness. We believe the time, talent, and resource allocated for this site's preparation for certification was well spent. We congratulate Lisa Hankins on all of her hard work."

Philpot informed the group, assembled at Halls City Hall for the presentation that Lauderdale County should be very proud. This is one of the only communities in West Tennessee to have three certified "Deal Ready" sites. The Halls site joins the Walker East Industrial and the North Industrial Park as certified sites in Lauderdale County.



STUDENTS at Halls Junior High School held a fundraiser during the parent teacher conference, March 15th and 16th, to raise money for two of the HJH students who are receiving treatment at Le Bonheur and St. Jude Children's Hospital. A silent auction of baskets, designed by each homeroom, in lower photo, raised approximately \$1,500. A walk-a-thon is scheduled for May.

Heartbeat

Putting Together Pieces Of The Heart Disease Puzzle

(NAPS)—Despite many advances in heart disease, it continues to be a large public health threat in the United States.

More than 70 million Americans have heart disease. One American dies from heart disease every 34 seconds. Nearly half of the population will suffer a heart attack or stroke in his or her lifetime. As the American population ages, the number of people with heart disease will likely increase.

But, there is good news in all of these numbers. The way doctors treat heart disease is starting to change. For example, we now know that heart disease most often occurs because of a number of risk factors. Doctors are starting to look at the cardiovascular system as a whole, in an effort to prevent heart disease, rather than treating one risk factor at a time.

And patients can play a big role, too. You have to ask the right questions, provide the

Risk factors for Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) include:

- High cholesterol
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Lack of exercise
- Smoking
- Age (women 50 years or older and men 45 years or older)
- Family history (a mother or sister had a heart attack before age 65, or a father or brother had one before age 55)

correct information and work with your health care professional to make sure that you understand what the information means to you personally.

Think of risk factors as pieces of a puzzle. When put together, the pieces can help show you your chance of suffering a heart attack or stroke in the future. Each person's risk factor puzzle fits together differently.

In addition to the factors related to family history and behavior, recent research

suggests there may be other risk factors to consider, such as C-reactive protein (CRP). CRP, a protein made by the liver, is a marker of inflammation in the body. Though the role of CRP in heart disease is still unclear, recent data suggest levels of CRP may predict risk for heart attack. If you have several risk factors for heart disease, your doctor may recommend a test to check your CRP level.

It's important to keep track of your risk factors and know what they might mean for you. The more risk factors you have, the greater your chance of having a heart attack or stroke.

Take control of your own unique health puzzle. Ask your doctor what you can do to reduce your risk, making lifestyle changes and taking medication if needed—particularly if you have one or more risk factors. You may be able to prevent heart disease before it strikes.

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