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15th Win In Row: Chamber Banquet Awards

Halls 9 Ends 25-8

A win Monday, hosting Haywood, 11-4, was the 15th consecutive victory for Halls High School's Tigers, closing their season 25-8-1, 12-1 in District 14-A.

The win streak began April 7th, at Covington, 10-9.

The Tigers then won from Lake County, 33-2 and 11-10; South Fulton, 25-0; Gleason, 20-1; Trenton, 8-0 and 1-0; Obion County, 6-1 and 14-4; Rosemark, 12-2; Crockett, 9-4; Union City, 11-1; Gibson County, 13-10, and Greenfield, 12-1.

Halls Softball Losses Mount

Halls High School's softball team lost Monday of last week to Covington, 13-0, and Friday, to Crockett County, 1-4, for a 5-14 season record, 2-1 in Dist, 14-A.



Crash Claims Life Of Teri Ammons

Ripley police chief Milford Durham says Teri Ann Ammons, 38, of 137 Toulon, Gates, was fatally injured about 9 p.m. Wednesday of last week when a 1987 Toyota Camry she was driving left Coffee Shop Road, north of Ripley, and was struck by a 1990 Chevrolet pick-up, driven by Melvin Pritchard, 49, of 2043 Lawrence Rd., Gates, in the north-bound lane of U.S. Highway 51.

Sent to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale from her vehicle were Kristy Harmon, 27, Makayla Ammons, 7, Christopher Ammons, 8, Ladawn Ammons, 12, and Milton Ammons, 12. From the pick-up went Debra Sanderson, 45.

Teri's rites were held Saturday in Brownsville Funeral Home, with burial in Brownsville Memorial Gardens.

She leaves sons, Christopher Reese Ammons and Milton Aden Ammons, of Gates; daughters, Makayla Ammons and Teri

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BOOKS FROM BIRTH

The Lauderdale County Education Foundation is accepting donations to the Books from Birth program in honor or memory of your mom during the month of May. It is the hope of the foundation that every child in Lauderdale County under the age of five will receive these books.

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RECIPIENTS of awards presented at the annual Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet, held Thursday of last week at Rolling Hills Country Club, include, from left, Steve Wimberly, AgCenter, Ripley; Lisa Hankins, Chamber Executive Director; Thomas Belton, Steve Fullen, AgCenter, Betty Jones, Wal-Mart, Debra Danley, Barbara Lavelle, Wal-Mart, Monty McWilliams, Martha Crites, and Kitty Vestal. Each year, the chamber presents awards to the businesses and individuals who have shown service to their community and excellence within their industry. The awards were nominated by the membership and selected by the board.

Martha was awarded Citizen of the Year. She opened her business in 1989 in a small office but later purchased a building in the downtown area of Halls. She is in-

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3 Sentenced For National Day Of Armed Forces Day Motel Meth Lab Prayer Scheduled To Be Observed

Pleading guilty, in Tipton County Circuit Court, to initiating the manufacture of methamphetamines, last August, in the Super 8 Motel in Covington, were:

Jon Lee Fields, 29, of 611 E. Tigrett, Halls, sentenced to 12 years concurrent with a Lauderdale County sentence.

William Bradley McClain, of the same address, sentenced to eight years, to serve at least 30% of that.

Jennifer Nicole Holman, 20, of Ripley, sentenced to eight years.

All were fined \$2,000.

The National Day of Prayer will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 3rd on the grounds of the Lauderdale County Courthouse. The event will be held in the Ripley City Courtroom in case of rain. Ministers from local churches, education and health care representatives, and city and county officials, along with other community representatives will lead participants in prayer for the community, America, churches, government and judicial system, families,

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An Armed Forces Day will begin with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19th, at the Veterans' Museum, 100 Arnold Field, in Halls. A military reenactment will be held at noon and again at 2 p.m., a museum program at 3 p.m., and a fish fry to begin at 4 p.m. The Halls RC Flyers will be flying their remote controlled aircraft throughout the day.

For more information, call the Halls Veterans Museum at 731-836-7400.

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St. Jude & HJH Student Walk-A-Thon



ELIZABETH HUGUELEY, a 7th grade student at Halls Junior High School, her family, HJH faculty, staff, and students, and Dr. Jennie McDade, of St. Jude, participated in the "Footsteps for Friendship" Walk-A-Thon held Saturday for Elizabeth and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, of which she is a patient. Henning Grove Baptist Church's youth group also attended. The walk-a-thon was held at Crichfield Park with monies raised by concessions and pledges. Those participating also celebrated "Beth's" 13th birthday with cake.

Tribal Iron Aid Cancer Patient



MEMBERS of the Tribal Iron Motorcycle Club held a benefit poker run April 14th in conjunction with Big Daddy Chopper's Biker's Tea Party to raise money for Elizabeth Hugueley, cancer patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Elizabeth has been diagnosed with bone cancer and is taking treatments at St. Jude. The money will help the family with expenses traveling to and from treatments and doctor's visits. Elizabeth is the daughter of Barbara Davidson, of the Nankipoo community.

Birthdays

May 3 - Max Hutcherson, Bill West, Charlie Cherry, Louise Best, Barbara Anderson, Stacy Warren, Chris Burrough, Garret Steelman, Jesse James, Zachary Vaughan, Florine
Pierce, Steven Hensley, Molly Barcroft, Alan Swope, Dr. Lee Mockrin.
May 4 - Harley Patterson,

Cates To Graduate From Murray State

Sarah Cates, of Halls, is scheduled to participate in commencement exercises May 12th at Murray State University. She will graduate with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

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

May 5 - Aaron Dannelley, Steve Vandergriff, Mary Porter, Kathy Ballard, Tyler Newman, Joni Emerson, Rachel Roberts, Virgie Tarpley, Brandi Young Northcott, Josh Sills, Odessa Gay, Tatum Carmack, Zavier Harvey, Cole McAdams, Cassie Burnham, Jenny Wren Nunn, Barrett McClerkin, Xaiver Harvey, Hannah Chalk, Dorothy Toomes.

May 6 - Barbara Anthony, Roger Treadway, Beccah Mitchell, Jimmy Kiestler, Kayla Heath, Burl Carson, Gara Strong, Regina Stanley Castlelaw, Scott Crowder, Vickie Jones, Brenda Ables, Nathan Vickery, Mary Sue Cooper, Synthia Gibson, Shayondra Henderson, Jonathan Swims, Aaron Clark, Paul Pilcher.

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

May 8 - Parker Fullen, Nancy Etheridge, David Meeks, Kevin Jones, Jordan Crihfield, Jaimee McNeill, Robbie Summar, Ann Robeson, Jerry Summar, Jr., Susan Conner, Jacob Griffin, Houston Moss.

May 9 - Claire Mills, Chris Poyner, Jerry Shelton, David Jones, Leigh Ann Smalley, Annie Laura Jennings, Stella Gray, Sophia Lorane Bonds, Alex Stanley, Ann Chipman, Major

Remote Area Medical Clinic

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging has organized a free medical clinic to be held from 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th at Halls Junior High. This is the only scheduled visit to West Tennessee. The services will include dental (extractions, cleaning, and fillings), vision (including dispensary of glasses made on site), and mammographies. There are no charges (no insurance, no Medicaid) for any of these services. All services are free for all ages and no financial eligibility requirements. First come, first serve.

They plan for 25 dentists, five optometrists, 15 glasses makers, 10 registered nurses with volunteer student nurses from area nursing schools, and over 100 local volunteers.

Wendi Henry, Senior Center director, made application three years ago with Remote Area Medical (RAM). Henry's application was approved. As of March 9th, 2005, RAM has encountered 248,672 patients, given 54,350 glasses, extracted 73,406 teeth, and gave veterinary care to 59,851 animals.

For additional information on the RAM organization (Remote Area Medical), go to www.ramusa.org. For more information on the free clinic, contact Wendi Henry at 836-5444 or go to the Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport Street, Halls.

Marriages

March 11 - Aundra Barnard Smith, 30, to Paula Josette Walker, 35, by Alonzo Green, Jr.

Williams, Hunter Ungerecht, Chase Wood, Sally Crutcher Shurling, Heather Presley, Alex Wilson, Korry Northcott.

Obituaries

Bobby Thornton

Bobby Joe Thornton, Sr., 50, of Ripley, a laborer at Reelfoot Lumber Co., died April 29th at his home.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6th, at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Elam Cemetery in Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Katie Thornton, son, Bobby Joe, Jr., daughter, Shena Thornton, brothers, Carter, Paul, James Edmund, and Billy J., and a sister, Jacqueline Gaines, all of Ripley; another daughter, Brenda J. MacLin, of Decatur, Ill.; other brothers, Danny Ray, of Dyersburg, Cartell, of Detroit, Mich., Rudolph, of St. Louis, Mo., and James Wesley, of Jackson; other sisters, Callie Thornton Reed, of Halls, and Martha Lake and Loretta Young, of Memphis; and four grandchildren.

Margaret Daniels

Margaret Best Daniels, 94, widow of Walter Russell Daniels, died Monday in Ripley Healthcare.

Rites were set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Garner Funeral Home, with burial in Ripley Memorial Gardens.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

She leaves a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Sellers, of Memphis; a grandchild; and three great-grandchildren.

Jerry Heathcott

Jerry Heathcott, 83, of Dyersburg, step-father of Dana Figus, of Halls, died Monday of last week in his home.

He had retired as a group leader for Colonial Rubber.

He was the son of the late William and Lillian Nunnely Heathcott.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; a son, Jerome, of Chicago, Ill.; a step-son, Michael Tramon-tono, of Cherokee, Ala.; a sister, Louise Ladd, of Yorkville; and three grandchildren.

James Doop

James Doop, 49, of Gates, died Monday at his home.

Memorial services will be handled by Johnson Williams Funeral Home in Newbern.

He leaves his wife, Lisa; two sons, Jad Doop, of Dyer, and Gabriel Doop, of Gates; a daughter, Mikisha Doop, of Nashville; his mother, Peggy Doop, a brother, William Doop, Jr., and two sisters, Terry Vestal and Shirley Dancy, all of Gates; two other sisters, Cherylene Taylor, of Hutchins, Kan., and Donna Appleby, of Denton, Tex.

The family requests memorial contributions to Gates Banking and Trust in lieu of flowers.

Bettye Bailey

Bettye Jean Bailey, 74, of Curve, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale.

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

She leaves sons, Richard Bailey, of Ripley, and Don Bailey, of Troy; a daughter, Debbie Pruett, of Dyersburg; a brother, Wayne Herron, of Memphis; sisters, Mae Bailey, of Ripley; and Maxine Heard, of Pulaski; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Harold Tidwell

Harold Tidwell, 66, of Dyersburg, father of Larry Tidwell, of 161 Shotgun Spur Road, Halls, died Monday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

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

He was a mechanic. He was the son of the late Elmer and Lydie B. Tidwell.

Survivors include his daughters, Rhonda Griffin, of Dyersburg, and Kristi Gibson, of Alamo; brothers, Rickie, of Finley, and Wayne, of Memphis; sisters, Judy Hutcherson, of Dyersburg, and Bobbie Sawyers and Joyce Patterson, of Finley; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Larry R. Davis

Larry R. "Speck" Davis, 65, of Dyersburg, brother of Joyce Robertson and Rachel Hendrix, of Halls,



Davis

died Wednesday of last week, in his home.

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

Son of the late Clarence and Lola Brown Davis, he had retired after 20 years as a carpenter for Forcum-Lannom.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Evansville Free Holiness Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nelda; a daughter, Belinda Rainey, of Ohio; a step-son, Gregory Branch, of Dyersburg; brothers, James Davis, of Brighton, and Terry Davis, of Adamsville; another sister, Emma Sue Richardson, of Dyersburg; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Lenard Alston

Lenard Woodrow Alston, 90, of Halls, a farmer, died April 29th in Halls.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

He was a member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church.

The widower of Hazel Alston, he leaves daughters, Barbara Davis, of Millington, and Thalia Knox, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

The loss of a loved one is always a hurtful situation, but when it is the unexpected, tragic loss of a young person it is especially hard. It is the heart-felt concern and prayers of the people around that does so much to help a family get through it. The family of Malena Da'Trece Halliburton wishes to express their sincere thanks and gratitude for the monetary

Club Honors Secretaries



MEMBERS of the Sunshine Club, first grade students at Halls Elementary School, surprised the school's secretaries, Carol Meeks, Kelly Throgmorton, and Donna Porter, on Secretary's Day with plants and cards to show their appreciation for their hard work.

Eddie Harrell

Eddie F. Harrell, 88, of Ripley, retired farmer, died Friday.

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

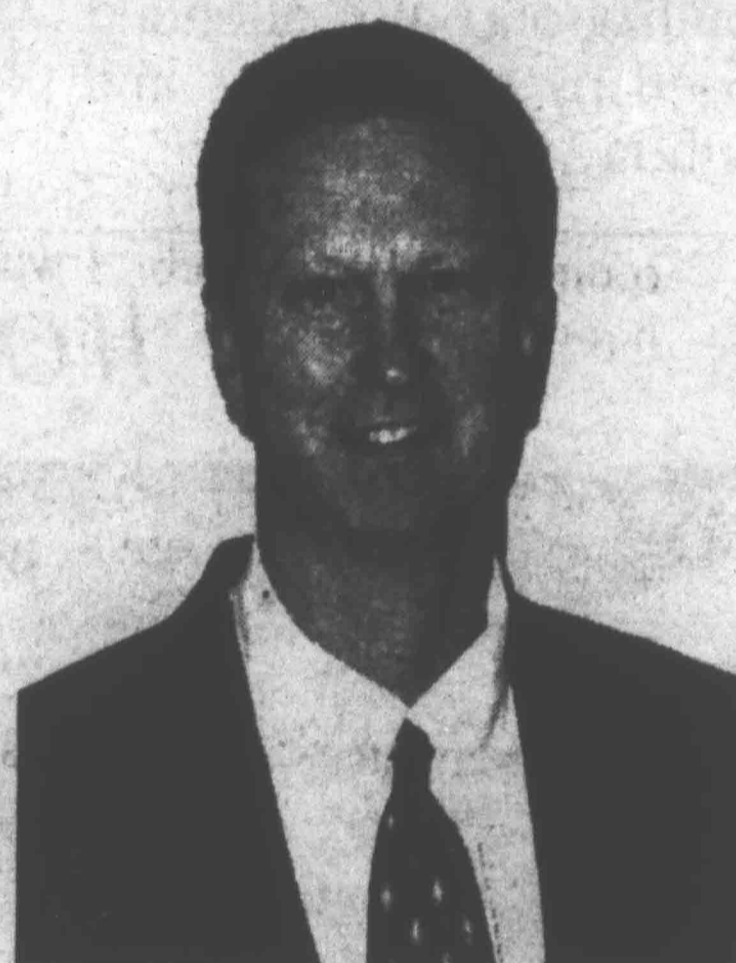
He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was the widower of Virginia Harrell.

He leaves sons, Eddie, Jr., Bill Harrell, and Donald Ray Harrell, of Ripley, Randy Harrell, of Brighton, Donald Ray Harrell, of Collierville, and Michael Ray Harrell, of San Antonio, Tex.; daughters, Doris Caldwell and Vickie Dial, of Ripley, and Jan Farrell, of Halls; a brother, B. R. Harrell, of Frayser; 29 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

donations, cards, and flowers, but most of all, for the prayers of the entire Lauderdale County community. A very special 'thank you' goes to Principal Andy Pugh and the Halls High School family, The Rev. Quincy Barlow and the staff of Barlow Funeral Home, and most especially, to the individuals and churches of Lauderdale County who have given so much love and support to us in our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you

New CEO



JEFFREY D. AGEE, First Citizens National Bank president, was appointed chief executive officer by the bank's board of directors during the annual meeting April 18th. He began his career with the bank in 1981. With a branch office in Ripley, First Citizens has 19 branch locations in seven West Tennessee counties. As of March 31st, deposit totals exceeded \$680 million with assets of approximately \$850 million.

The family of Malena D. Halliburton Doris Halliburton, mother Paul Hudson, father Dorothy Stenson, grandmother Gloria Williams, aunt

Adv.P.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here, and greetings from the Dry Hill Puppy Mill. This old boy is "slippin." My latest goof-up was last week when I forgot to name the winners of the pet parade at Merchant's Day. First place was won by "Izzie", a Labradoodle, and he brought a two-legger with him by the name of Caleb Currie. Second place went to a beautiful Blue Heeler from the Fayette County Animal Shelter. His owner, Pam Rizzuto, from Cordova, bought my picture for \$25. I hate to brag, but most you out there can't give your pictures away! Third place was won by a former member of the Club of Dry Hill, and his two-leggers are Paul and April Merando.

I had a check up on the heart worm problem at Doc English's office. It's been nothing but trouble since I first met him! He is bad luck. This time he found a hot spot from my skin allergy. I asked him why my hot spot had moved after the "tutor job," and he just smiled and said "you're about to get another hot spot". He pulled out this long needle and then I must have panicked and passed out, because all I know is that my butt hurts and my hot spot moved again!

We had some great visitors last week. Lisa Ward and June Hopkins chaperoned a group of junior Girl Scouts and Brownies. This special group gave the Club the profits from their Cookie Sale! They not only get three barks, they also get a howl for such a class act. They liked the puppies and kittens, and I think a few parents may be visiting the Club this week.

Halls is ahead of Ripley four to zip on youth groups and class room visits to the club. I wonder if the Ripley kids are as nice as the Halls kids? Three barks to William and Ann Tate for their financing gift along with Larry and Alice McCoy's donation.

Each room at the Club got a new paint job courtesy of Christy, Misty and four teenagers. Hopefully some of those high school seniors who are applying for scholarships can work at the club. (Some scholarships require 20 hours of community service.) We need computer work done, paint on the outside of the building, and labor to construct a large running pen for my buds. They also are asking for some shade over the pens before summer. Hopefully some teachers at the high schools will drop a hint that Zeek and his buds need help.

Eight beautiful puppies and one pretty black wire haired terrier were relinquished to the club last week. The puppies' heritage is Saint Bernard and Blue Heeler—isn't that cool.

I hope to see you all at Relay for Life. But if you get the itch, come out early to the Club of Dry Hill where you will get a thrill and a deal. For information call 836-pets (7387). We are open Saturdays till 1 p.m. Don't forget to get your pet spayed or neutered, and don't forget those heart worm pills!

School Lunches

Ripley Primary School	Broccoli Bites
Halls Elementary School	Orange Sections
Pre-K to 3rd	Roll
Monday, May 7th	Choice Of Milk
Pizza	
French Fries	Wednesday, May 9th
Pear Halves	Spaghetti
Rice Krispie Treat	Green Beans
Choice Of Milk	Pineapple Tidbits
	Roll
	Choice Of Milk
Tuesday, May 8th	Thursday, May 10th
Steak Fingers	Chicken Nuggets
	Whipped Potatoes
	Apple

Graduation Ceremonies

The University of Tennessee at Martin will hold commencement exercises at 11 a.m. May 12th at the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center with a record number of students, 734, receiving degrees. Anne Meek, UT Martin alumna, will deliver the commencement address. A reception will be held at the Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT-Martin chancellor, who announced his retirement earlier this year, will preside over the ceremony. "This will be a bitter-sweet graduation because it will be my last one as UT Martin's chancellor," said Dr. Dunagan.

Dyersburg State Community College is expected to confer degrees on 278 candidates for associate's degrees. Ceremonies will be held at 3 p.m. Sun., May 6th in the Dyer County High School gymnasium in Newbern. Katie Winchester, chair of the DSCC Foundation Board, will be the guest speaker. Winchester has been a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission since 2003 and is the current chair. She is also board chair and former chief executive officer of First Citizens National Bank.

Syncopation, jazz choir, with members from Lauderdale County, will also perform, directed by Ripley native, Sharon Morris.

Roll
Choice Of Milk
Friday, May 11th
Corn Dog
Corn On The Cob
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Native In Opening Act

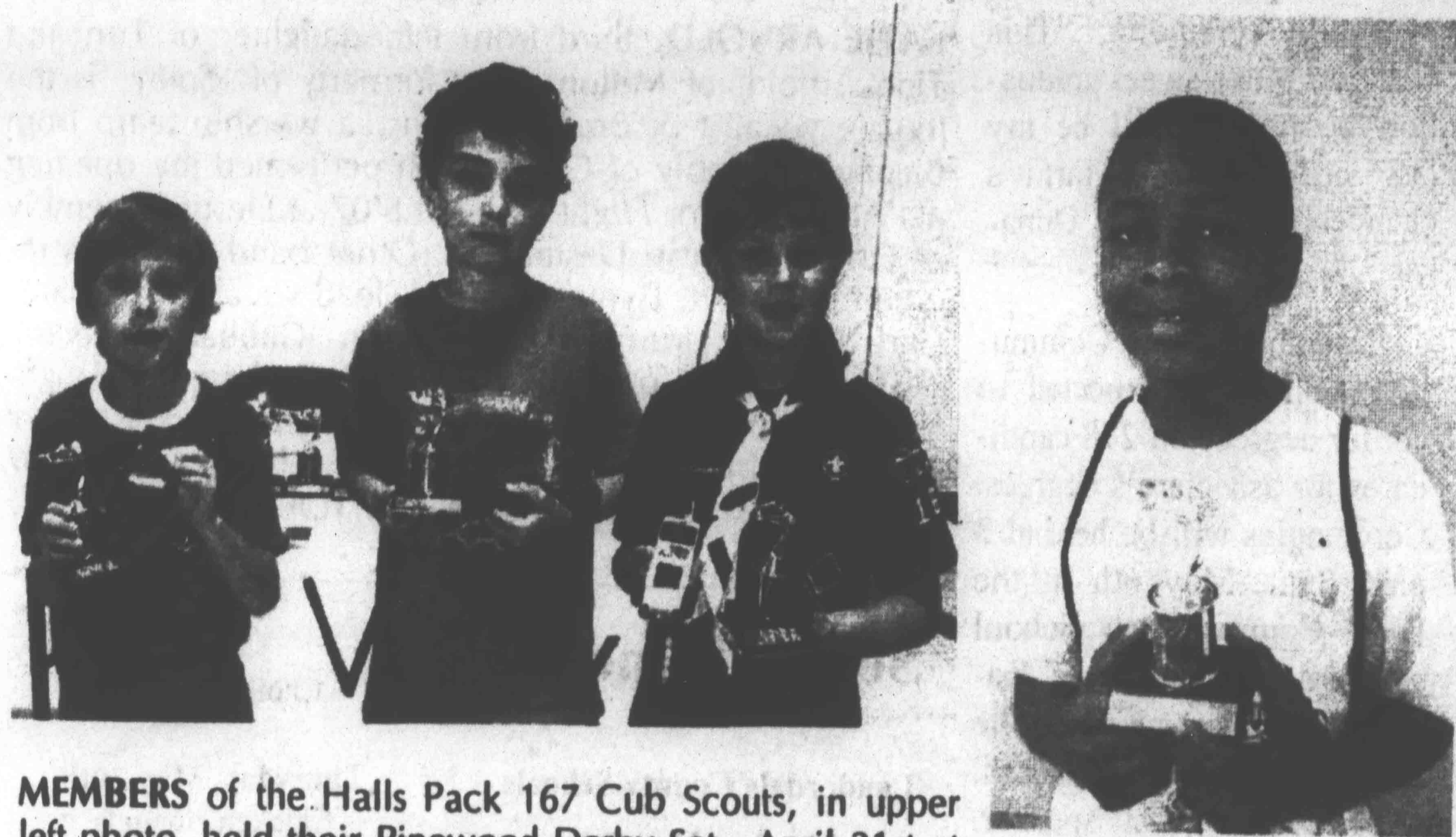


KATIE ARNOLD, third from left, daughter of Tim and Tina Arnold, of Milton, Fla., formerly of Ripley, is the female vocalist of Broken Chains, a worship team from Bagdad Assembly of God, which performed the opening act April 20th for Flight at the SK8'07 at Destin Assembly of God Church in Destin, Fla. Other band members include, from left, Byran Gabbard, lead vocalist/keyboard, Carl Carter, drummer, and Ryan Gabbard, electric bass/vocalist, all of Milton, Fla. Katie is the granddaughter of Bobby and Lora Ray and Margaret Parker, all of Ripley, and John and Nancy Arnold, of Obion. SK8 '07 also included skateboard demos by TODAY skateboards.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools	Roll
	Choice Of Milk
Monday, May 7th	Thursday, May 10th
Hamburger	Chicken Nuggets
Pizza	Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
French Fries	Whipped Potatoes
Carrot Sticks	Green Peas
Applesauce	Jell-O w/Fruit
Fruit Mix	Apple
Rice Krispie Treat	Roll
Choice Of Milk	Choice Of Milk
Tuesday, May 8th	Friday, May 11th
Steak Fingers	Corn Dog
Fish Fillet	Deli Sandwich
Broccoli Bites	Sandwich Trimmings
Black Eye Peas	Corn On The Cob
Banana	Peaches
Orange Sections	Pear Halves
Roll	Cookie
Choice Of Milk	Choice Of Milk
Wednesday, May 9th	Courage is not the
Spaghetti	absence of fear, but
Entrée - School's Choice	rather the judgment that
Green Beans	something else is more
Corn Nibbles	important than fear.
Pineapple Tidbits	—Ambrose
Grapes	Hollingsworth Redmoon

Halls Pinewood Derby



MEMBERS of the Halls Pack 167 Cub Scouts, in upper left photo, held their Pinewood Derby Sat., April 21st at Halls First United Methodist Church. Approximately 25 scouts and six siblings participated. Winners were, for speed, in lower left photo, Tyler Barnes, first; Zack Wilson, second; and Chase Ward, third; in lower right photo, Logan Hurt, Kid's Choice and Best Design; and in upper right, Dashun Duffie, Most Unique.

The most difficult thing to explain in life is the simplest truth called LOVE.

—Ramanathan Srinivasan

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Proclamation Signed



GOVERNOR PHIL BREDESEN, seated, signed a proclamation Monday declaring April 29th through May 5th as '811 Call Before You Dig' week across Tennessee to publicize the phone number people should call to help them avoid digging into buried utility lines. The federally mandated national "Call Before You Dig" phone number, 811, was created to help protect people from unintentionally hitting underground lines while working on digging projects. By calling 811 three days before digging, people can have the location of underground utility lines marked without charge and help prevent the undesired consequences of personal injury and property damage. Eddie Roberson, Tennessee Regulatory Authority director, and Bill Turner, executive director of Tennessee One-Call Systems, Inc., are pictured with Gov. Bredeesen.

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
 Tennessee Farm Bureau

Cleanliness is Next To Godliness And Can Save You \$25,000

I have heard all of my life that cleanliness is next to godliness. Those words have often been spoken by grandmothers, teachers, parents and just about anybody who has attempted to get a kid to clean up their act or at least wash their hands before they eat. All the years of my childhood I had adults telling me that the best way to be a good boy was to have real clean hands. I still attempt to be godly as much as possible, but there are times I have to ask for forgiveness when it comes to clean hands all of the time. Farm living doesn't always lend itself to real clean hands and fingernails.

However, there is something to be said for being clean in our own personal hygiene, our environment and the way we all live our lives. In a church bulletin recently, it was reported that a Pastor Tim, who has a web site of good clean humor, said, "That if you took the same excuses that people use for not going to church and apply them to reasons for not washing, you'd realize how inconsistent we can be in our logic for not being in church on Sundays."

His top ten reasons for not washing and comparing them to reasons of not going to church were:

1. I was forced to as a child.
2. People who make soap are only after your money.
3. I wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
4. People who wash are hypocrites—they think they are cleaner than everyone else.
5. There are so many different kinds of soap, I can't decide which one is best.
6. I used to wash, but it got boring so I stopped.
7. None of my friends wash.
8. The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer.
9. I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
10. I can't spare the time.

We all use inconsistencies in our logic at times when we really just don't want to do things the right way. Since April 30 through May 4 is National Air Quality Awareness Week and I have been writing about cleanliness, let's take a look at some of the things that we do that may affect the cleanliness of our air quality in Tennessee.

Growing up in rural Middle Tennessee thirty, forty and even fifty years ago, we used to burn anything at any time we wanted to. However, those days of burning trash in the backyard and those empty fertilizer sacks in the field are gone.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) sug-

gests that limiting our open burning is an important element to improving air quality. It is also against the law and there are items that are illegal to burn at any time during the year to protect our air from pollution.

In Tennessee it is illegal to burn:

- Tires and rubber products
- Vinyl siding and shingles
- Asphalt shingles and other asphalt roofing materials and demolition debris
- Building material, construction debris and mobile homes
- Plywood, oriented strand board and treated wood, including railroad ties
- Asbestos-containing materials
- Aerosol cans and food cans
- Copper wire and electrical wires
- Plastics and other synthetic materials (that's the fertilizer and seed sacks I mentioned earlier)
- Paper products, cardboard and newspaper
- Household trash
- Leaves, branches and trees not grown on site

TDEC also suggests that recycling and composting are alternatives to open burning. However, if you insist on burning your trash outback instead of taking it down to the county convenience center then state law allows for a

maximum civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each day of violation of the Air Quality Act.

Several individuals including farmers, builders and homeowners have found out the hard way that these folks mean business. By a simple anonymous phone call from an unhappy neighbor, fines have been levied against individuals not knowing the law. After writing a check for a few thousand dollars they have made sure the air stays clean around their place now.

For more information on what may and may not be burned under Tennessee regulations, refer to an online brochure by TDEC at: www.tdec.net/apc/pdf/OpenBurningBrochure.pdf. And, for more information on air quality in Tennessee, visit the Clean Air Tennessee web site at: www.cleanairtn.org.

So maybe cleanliness is next to godliness as we have been told all of these years. I plan to watch my burning and I'm very thankful not to have received a \$25,000 fine in the past.

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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



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What is the litter hotline?

The litter hotline is a statewide toll-free number citizens can call to report when they witness littering from vehicles.

What is the litter hotline number?

1-877-8LITTER

Why do we have a litter hotline?

The hotline provides the opportunity for social responsibility and involvement by providing citizens with the ability to trigger action to improve the quality of the environment and the cleanliness of our roadways.

Do I need to give my name?

No. We do not ask for names or phone numbers of callers. All calls remain anonymous.

What information do I need to provide?

- License plate number of the vehicle
- Description of vehicle such as color, make, and model
- Location where littering occurred such as name of road, direction the vehicle was traveling, and nearest cross street, exit or mile marker
- Location or area of the vehicle from which the litter was released

What happens after I make a report to the litter hotline?

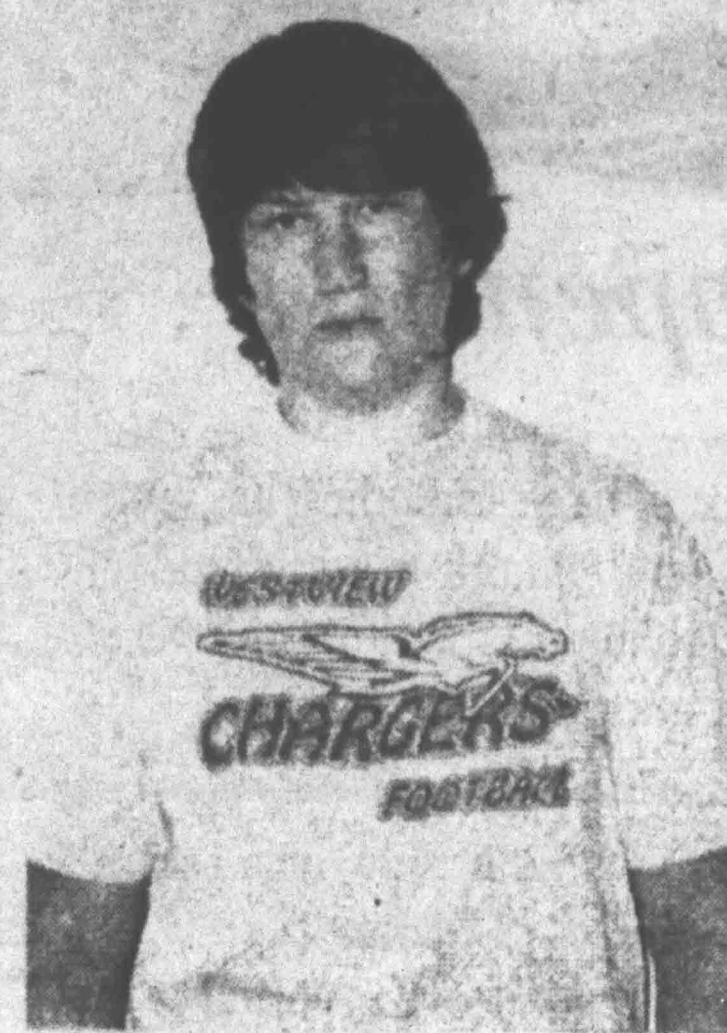
TDOT will obtain the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle. A friendly reminder letter along with educational information and a car litter bag or pocket ash tray will be mailed to them. Only Tennessee license tag numbers are obtained.

Will the litterer be sent a ticket based on a litter hotline report?

No. Litterers who are reported through the litter hotline are not issued citations and the report does not go on their driving records.

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Places Third Project L.E.A.D. Guest



KALEB ELLISON, 15, son of Angela and Owen Thurmond, of Ripley, Halls High School student, placed third in the regional trap shooting contest, held Saturday in Dyersburg.



MIKE SWIMS, Halls Police Department public information officer, was a guest Tuesday of last week during the Halls Elementary School's Project L.E.A.D. after-school program. Officer Swims provided a discussion on how the local agency serves the citizens of Halls and the surrounding area. A graduate of the Florida Police Academy, he demonstrated to the students some of the special equipment necessary for an officer to perform his or her duty.

"The students gained a better understanding of police procedure and investigation techniques," according to Tommy Durham, project director.

May Is Safe Jobs For Youth Month

Governor Phil Bredesen has proclaimed May Safe Jobs for Youth Month in Tennessee in support of the combined efforts by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the U.S. Department of Labor to insure safe jobs for Tennessee teens. The Tennessee De-

partment of Labor and Workforce Development is offering free wage and child labor training classes across the state through December. Three classes are offered: May 9th at the Tennessee Career Center on University Avenue in Knoxville; at Andrew Johnson Tower on James Robertson Parkway in

Nashville; and at the Lowell Thomas Building on Martin Luther King Drive in Jackson.

For a full schedule and contact information, go to www.tennessee.gov/laborwfd/l_s_training2007.pdf or call 1-866-588-6814 for more information on child labor laws or a free child labor law poster.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007-2008

The Lauderdale County Board of Education approved the following school calendar during its regular monthly meeting, February 8th. Following are the dates scheduled for students and teachers. Parent/Teacher Conferences, Oct. 18th and 19th, and March 27th and 28th, will be split between two days, Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Graduation for Ripley and Halls seniors is tentatively set for May 15th and 16th, respectively.

Aug. 1	In-service
Aug. 2	Registration
Aug. 3	In-service
Aug. 6	In-service
Aug. 7-31	Student Days
Sept. 3	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 4 -28	Student Days
Sept. 28	Abbreviated Day - Fair
Oct. 1-5	Student Days
Oct. 8-12	Fall Break
Oct. 15-18	Student Days
Oct. 18-19	Family/Teacher Conference
Oct. 22-31	Student Days
Nov. 1-8	Student Days
Nov. 9	In-service
Nov. 12-20	Student Days
Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 26-30	Student Days
Dec. 3-18	Student Days
Dec. 19-Jan. 1	Winter Break
Jan. 2	In-service
Jan. 3-18	Student Days
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 22-31	Student Days
Feb. 1-15	Student Days
Feb. 18	President's Day
Feb. 19-29	Student Days
March 3-14	Student Days
March 17-21	Spring Break
March 24-27	Student Days
March 27-28	Family/Teacher Conference
March 31	Student Days
Apr. 1-30	Student Days
May 1-23	Student Days

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Elizabeth Hugueley, family, Halls Junior High faculty, staff, students, and special participant, Dr. Jennie McDade, of St. Jude.

From Halls Junior High School

Couple To Pledge Vows Land Transfers



GLENDAMARIE GRAVES, daughter of Glenn O. Graves and Grace S. Graves, of Riverview, Fla., will marry **MATTHEW RAY BOOKER**, son of Ray and Norma Booker, of Halls, May 27th in Tampa, Fla. with a reception at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Oneal and Maxine Booker, of Ripley, and the late W. H. and Cynthia Woodley, of Halls.

The couple is employed by Quality Grassing Development, of Tampa, Fla.

After a honeymoon to Key West, Fla., the couple plan to reside in Riverview.

April 22nd-April 28

Stephen Fullen and Carrie W. Fullen to Ronnie Kibben Flowers and Amy Hendrix Flowers, Dist. 2, lot.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota NA to Martin Thompson, Dist. 12, lot.

Shirley Ann Hicks Hutcherson to Richard Kendall Newman and Alan Ray Newman, Dist. 16, lot.

Gaines Farms LP to State of Tennessee, 0.421 acre.

Sally C. Shurling, Margie C. Stoots, Nancy Crutcher and Virginia Minna Clair Crutcher to State of Tennessee, Dist. 3, 3173.0 acres.

Charles S. Cherry, Sr., to Anthony Jellison, Dist. 3, 0.89 acre.

D.A. Scallions to Scott Dyson and Billy Scallions, Dist. 17/7, 2 parcels.

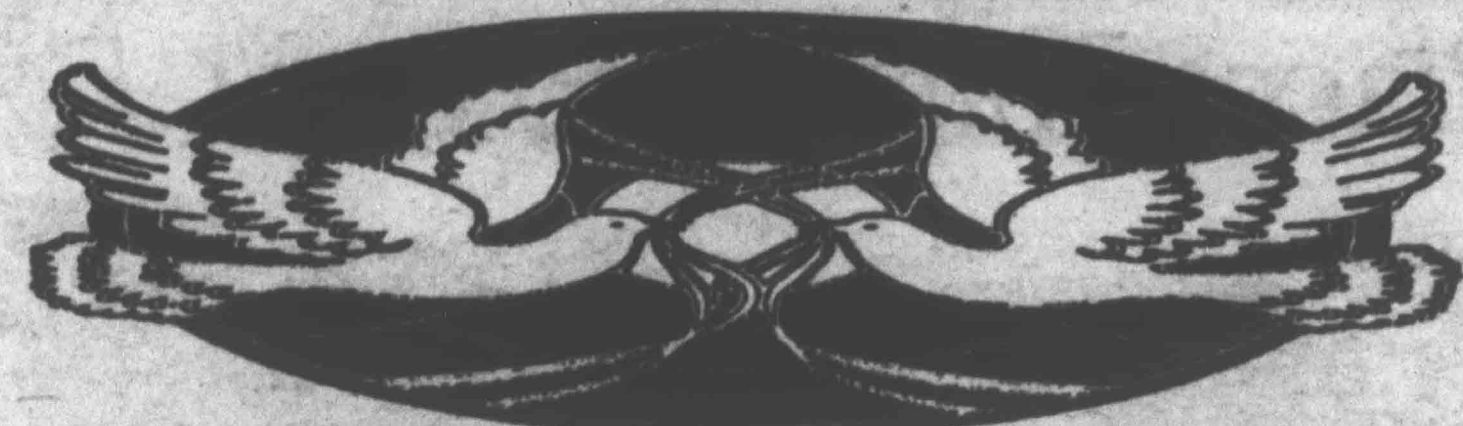
FinanceTennessee to Diversified Leasing LLC, Dist. 6, 2.1 acres.

James David Portwood, TR, and Mary Ruth Portwood, Revocable Living Trust, to Taraco, Inc., Dist. 5, 2 tracts.

Billy Chipman to Jimmy Morgan, Jr., Dist. 2, lot.

Chris Fleming to Earla C. Dennie, Dist. 2, lot.

Dale Hutcherson to John Walton and Stacy Walton, Dist. 16, 3.3 acres.



Church Happenings

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

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

A community-wide National Day of Prayer service will also be held at noon Thurs., May 3rd at Halls City Hall. It is scheduled to last 15 minutes.

The public is invited to both services.

St. Mark M. B. Church, 425 W. Wardlow St., Gates, will hold its annual youth choir day program at 2:30 p.m. Sun., May 6th. The Rev. Joe Nance, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

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

The Greater Harvest Church of God In Christ, 176 Randolph St., Ripley, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. nightly Wed., May 2nd through Fri., May 4th with Pastor and Miss'y Sanders, of Memphis, as special guests. Felix Moore, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Full Gospel Lighthouse Church, 104 Fenton St., Halls, will welcome The Rev. Denny Broadway as guest speaker, Sun., May 6th. 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.

Great American Clean-Up Readies



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Litter Committee, in upper photo, Don Fisher, Rosie Lemmonds, Pamela Cherry-Kerby, Sheriff Steve Sanders, Carmen Durham, Ed Hunt, and County Mayor Rod Schuh, and the sheriff's department, in lower photo, Tommy Hodge, Joe Agee, of Barker Bros. Waste, Inc., Ed Hunt, Richard Wright, of Barker Bros. Waste Inc., Carmen Durham, and District Attorney General Michael Dunavant, gathered last week at the Lauderdale County Justice Complex as Barker Bros. Waste Inc. delivered a trash receptacle, at no charge, for the Great American Clean-up, scheduled for Saturday. Another receptacle will be delivered to H&A Partners in Halls for the north area of the county. Volunteers are to gather at 10 a.m. at the justice complex and return for a cookout at the center. Free dumping at the county landfill will be held between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for individual households.

Alexander Honored



U.S. SENATOR LAMAR ALEXANDER, left, received the top honor of the nation's chief state school officers, the Distinguished Service Award, April 24th at the 2007 Legislative Conference. Lana Seivers, right, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Education for Gov. Phil Bredesen, recognized Alexander as a staunch advocate for American students and a leading innovator in public education reform.

Award Presented



KEON FALKNER, right, administrator/CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale, was presented the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education Outstanding Achievement Award April 18th. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, left, presented the award. Falkner has served in many capacities for Baptist Memorial Corporation, which is based in Memphis. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration at Fogleman College of Business and Economics at the University of Memphis and a master's degree in health administration at Washington University School of Medicine at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

"Keon grabbed the reigns and took charge to establish the first Lauderdale County Dual-Credit Scholarship program. In just two weeks, he raised more than \$7,000 for dual-credit students at Halls and Ripley high schools. He continues to be a key leader involved with the UT Martin Ripley Center Higher Education Committee and a tremendous supporter of the center and its goals," said Bill Duffy, ECCE executive director, who announced the awards. Keon joins Brent Cox, Kara Hooper, Dr. Johnny L. Mattox, and Bob Moseley as award nominees.

HHS Society Officers



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS, in front, from left, Britney Moore, vice president, and Phylcia Richmond, president, and in rear, Tania Steel, secretary, Kayla Akin, treasurer, Miah Pahl, reporter, and Cody Dew, historian, were elected to represent Halls High School.



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LeDawn Holley, of Gates, and Robin LeAnn Holley, of Nashville; parents, Jerry Evans, of Parsons, and Cheryl Covington, of Dyersburg; brothers, Curtis and Jerry Evans, of Brownsville; and a grandchild.

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education, health, commerce, and the military. HRL-TV will broadcast the event at 6 p.m. May 3rd and 5 p.m. May 4th for those unable to attend.

A community-wide National Day of Prayer will also be held at noon Thursday at Halls City Hall. The public is invited.

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involved in numerous local organizations and is co-founder of the Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association, founded in 1992. She is treasurer for the Veterans' Museum in Halls, on the board of trustees at the Halls Public Library, member of the Halls Area Business Association, serving as its treasurer, former member of the Tina Turner Center board of directors, member of the Halls/Gates Rotary Club, which she joined in 1989, and served as former treasurer, vice-president, and president for the club, and is a member of the Literacy Council for the Tennessee Technology Center and serves on its advisory board, takes part in its fundraising activities, an advisor to the staff, and supports educational programs in the county. Martha has helped to coordinate the Halls Christmas parade for many years and has helped with the planning of the Halls Street Festival. She is a member of the Chamber Board and volunteers her time to assist with various chamber programs, including the Tomato Festival and Lauderdale County Fair. A native of Arkansas, she has

made West Tennessee her home for many years. She received her degree in accounting from the University of Tennessee at Martin. A member of the American and Tennessee Societies of Certified Public Accountants, she has a daughter, Amanda, who lives in Georgia.

Betty and Barbara, representing Wal-Mart, accepted the award for Large Business of the Year. The very first store opened in November 1974. Business remained strong and the business continued to grow, leading to the new facility, an 118,000 sq. ft. building, on Highway 51 in August 1994. They started with less than 100 associates and through the years they have grown to over 250. One of the company's policies is to give back to the community. Each year, they offer grants to local organizations and clubs. In 2006, they contributed \$25,250 to worthy groups. Despite rumors of their closing, company officials completed a major remodel and celebrated their re-opening a few weeks ago.

Mr. Wimberly and Mr. Fullen accepted the Small Business of the Year award for AgCenter in Ripley. Started as a family business in 1972, an International Harvester dealer, under the name of Laudequip, the business changed in 1982 to a John Deere dealership named Ripley Farm Center. In 1995, the Ozment Implement Company was purchased with stores in Dyersburg, Newbern, and Ridgely. To recognize the geographical expansion the business name was changed to AgCenter. A new larger facility was constructed in September 1994 to better serve its customers and to accommodate the increased business. The business has been recognized as a John Deere Circle of Excellence dealer since 2004 and a member of the parts and service John Deere Managers Club since 2001. They currently have 46 employees, 29 in the Ripley facil-

ity. Ongoing training is needed to stay abreast of changing technology in farm equipment and to provide updated parts and service customer support. Training is provided to employees through various programs and in-house. Three employees have qualified for John Deere's Master Service Technician certification with others progressing toward achieving the certification. AgCenter donates to the Relay for Life effort, Youth Leadership Lauderdale, the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, Fraternal Order of Police, Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District, Exchange Club of Lauderdale County, Junior Auxiliary of Ripley and Lauderdale County, Halls High School Project Graduation, RHS softball, baseball, and track team booster, JROTC drill team booster, yearbook advertiser, Ripley youth baseball sponsor, and support to the Tennessee Technology Center and the chamber and its activities.

Kitty and Monty were recognized as honorary members for 2007. Kitty and her family moved to Ripley in 1965. She attended Ripley High School, graduated in the late 1970's, and began working for the Bank of Ripley. She was promoted in 1987 and now holds the position of assistant vice-president and bookkeeping department manager. She has taken courses from Dyersburg State Community College and the Tennessee Technology Center. A graduate of the Tennessee School of Banking and the Georgia Bankers Southern Audit and Operations School, she has been a member of the Tomato Festival and the Lauderdale County Fair committees for many years. Kitty has participated in a number of charitable events and fundraisers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Heart Association, and the Carl Perkins Child Abuse Prevention Center. A past vice-president of the Adult

Basic Education Council, she is a Lauderdale County Chamber Ambassador and attends new business grand openings and ribbon cuttings. A member of Ripley's First United Methodist Church, she is the treasurer and a member of the finance committee. She enjoys tennis and is an avid scrapbooker in her spare time. Kitty collects Department 56 snow village items and loves kittens, cats, or anything related to them. She takes an annual sibling trip with her three brothers and sister. She married her husband, Phil, in July 1976. He is employed at Komatsu.

Monty was born and reared in Lauderdale County and is a graduate of Halls High School. He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin. A graduate of Leadership Lauderdale, he serves on the Leadership Board of Trustees as well as the board of directors. He serves on the Lauderdale County Fair Board and is an active volunteer. A member of the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center Advisory Board and the Tennessee Technology Center Advisory Board, he is a member of the State of Tennessee Pest Control Licensing and Advisory Board and the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board. Monty serves as a Lauderdale County Commissioner for the 8th district, where he serves on the rabies, insurance and retirement and building and grounds committees, and the beer board. He often volunteers to do things for the community, like grilling hundreds of chickens for the local high school banquet, organizes juvenile deer hunts, and sponsoring Dixie youth teams. A member of the Halls First United Methodist Church, he is an active partner in McArmour Enterprises in Halls, a multi-faceted entity comprised of row-crop farming operation, agricultural and residential real estate rentals, a State of Tennessee Commercial

Cancer Survivor's Luncheon Planned

The annual cancer survivor's luncheon is scheduled for May 9th between noon and 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center of Ripley's First Baptist Church, 107 Lafayette Ave., Ripley. For further information, contact Annie Laura Jennings, 731-635-2171.

Anniversaries

May 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Coy Summar.

May 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith.

May 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spoon.

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

May 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cooper.

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

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

Drivers License Testing facility, a construction operation, C&A Company gift Shop, the Farmers Crop Insurance Agency, and an American National insurance office. He is a partner of BDMR Leasing Company and is an owner and president of Heartland Truck Driving Institute.

Debra was recognized with one of the two new awards, Outstanding Board Member. An employee at the Bank of Ripley, she has been a member of the chamber board for approximately seven years. She is active in the Tomato Festival and the Lauderdale County Fair.

Thomas was recognized with the first outstanding chamber volunteer. Since joining the ambassadors last year, he has served at all ribbon cuttings, chamber coffees, meetings, and projects, such as the Tomato Festival and the fair. He even worked at the fair right after gall bladder surgery, only asking for a chair.

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14-A Meet: Halls Blanks 3 Rivals

In the District 14-A baseball tournament in South Fulton, Halls High School's Tigers posted 37 points to zero for three opponents.

They won Tuesday of last week from Gleason, 22-0, Thursday of last week, from Dresden, 11-0, and Monday, from Humboldt, 4-0, running their record to 28-8-1, 15-1

in their district and region.

They were seeking their 19th consecutive win in the 14-A championship game at 5 p.m. Wednesday (results too late for this issue).

Factory Damage, Fishing Precede Burnett's Death

Haywood County sheriff's investigator Kelvin Evans says Jeffery Burnett, 24, of 1121 Floyd Akins Road, Gates, used a fork-lift to damage equipment at the Bekaert steel cord plant in Dyersburg, about 4:15 a.m. Tuesday of last week; went fishing with friends; and was found dead at his home, of a gun-shot wound, about 8 a.m. Evans considers the death a suicide.

Rites for Mr. Burnett were Saturday in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, east of Ripley, with burial there, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves a companion, Jodie Holman, and her child, Chloe Cihfield, of Gates; a daughter, Cadence Burnett, of Gates; his grandmother, Patricia Permenter, and his parents, Terry and Elizabeth Jordon, of Ripley; brothers, Terry, Jr., and Bryan, of Jackson; and sisters, Kayla Jordon, of Ripley, Kimberly Robicheaux, of Lafayette, La., and Angel Valentine, of South Carolina.

HHS CONCERT

Halls High School will present a Mother's Day concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 13th. The sixth grade band, junior high band, and the high school band will perform.

Two Charged In Covington Theft

DaWanda Pickett, 38, of Ripley, and Rachel L. Miller, 34, of Halls, were arrested and charged with theft of property (shoplifting) May 5th in Covington, according to an article in *The Leader*.

Covington police were called to Wal-Mart at 9:39 a.m. for a possible theft report. Officer James Morris was informed by a bystander that two females had ran by her after setting off the store's security alarm and got into a maroon Ford Crown Victoria. The bystander was able to provide the license plate number. A store employee stated she told them to stop but they refused. Their purses appeared.

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HES Young Author's Day



STUDENTS of Halls Elementary School celebrated Young Author's Day Friday. Prior to the day, every student wrote and illustrated a book. Two students in each grade were selected for having written the best book. During Young Author's Day, several visitors, who made presentations to the school including Brenda Roberts, local author, who informed students about the process she went through to write and publish her book; Robin Naifeh, a teacher, shared a slide show of a trip she took to Ireland; Bill Butner played his harp, joined by Bill Kelly, HES music teacher, on piano, and Chris Butner, band director, on trumpet; and Ray Dixon, of Brownsville, entertained students with photos from places he has visited all around the world. Students also enjoyed a demonstration by the Dyersburg Martial Arts group and the school's own Destination ImagiNation team.

HES Passes SACS Review



FACULTY AND STAFF of Halls Elementary School, with members of the SACS review team include, from left, Andy Campbell, assistant principal, Pat Carmack, principal, Harriet Shelby, elementary supervisor, Donna Dabbs, curriculum coordinator, Sherry Darnell and Michael Paul Miller, review team members, and Joey Hassell, review team chairman, passed the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools review May 1st and 2nd. The faculty worked all year on the SACS document, which includes six different components. Many different surveys were conducted and data and school procedures evaluated. A team of visiting educators review the SACS plan, toured the school, and interviewed faculty, parents, and students, making any recommendations for continued improvement.

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Literacy Council Visits



MEMBERS of the Memphis Literacy Council, Paula Hamilton and Melissa Judy, visited the fourth grade students in Nita Taylor's room at Halls Elementary School to make landscape books for Young Author's Day. Their goal was to turn students on to the writing experience. The project helped students to see themselves as authors and writers.

Chamber Coffee For Relay For Life

The Lauderdale Chamber/ECD and Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale will kick-off Relay For Life with a Chamber Coffee from 7:30 until 9 a.m. Friday, May 11th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale in the cafeteria, 326 Asbury Ave., Ripley.

SCHOLARS ACADEMY

Underrepresented high school students will get a taste of college life during the sixth annual Young Scholars Academy, set for June 10th - 16th, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

A select group of about 90 West Tennessee students will attend this competitive week-long summer residential program, designed for high school sophomores and juniors. The non-credit program seeks to introduce students to the college experi-

Register Now For College For Kids

The University of Tennessee at Martin Kid College will be offered June 25th through 29th at the UT Martin Ripley Center in the Tennessee Technology Center. The theme is 'Inspire the Desire to Inquire'.

The following classes will be held: pre-K, 'Tiny Tots Summer Adventure', for children attending Kindergarten this fall. They will learn about artwork, listen to stories, sing and dance; grades 1st through 3rd, 'Around the World in Five Days', will experience cultures, food, music, games and science activities; and grades 4th and 5th, 'Where in the World', will make souvenirs from around the world, mail postcards home from where they visit, and science activities.

"The goal is to provide children with an opportunity to have a fun-learning experience," said Youlanda Jones, Ripley Center director. For more information, call 1-800-482-5199 or 731-221-8778.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

When the ground crew opened the baggage compartment of a Pan Am jet in Turkey, they were confronted by a five-foot crocodile.

"Get him," cried the pilot, "or I won't take off." It took them two hours, but they got him.

Are there any slow away sins in the baggage compartment of your life? Hide them and they'll hurt you. Delight in them and they'll destroy you. No one is safe who stows away sins in his life.

You do want to be rid of them, don't you? Call on the Lord. Renounce them, and He'll remove them as far as the east is from the west. Then you'll have a happy landing in heaven.

Newborn



RYLEE GRACELYN SPOON, 8 lb. 10 oz. daughter of Richie and Vanessa Spoon, of Halls, was born at 10:50 a.m. March 2nd in Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Measuring 20 inches long, she is the granddaughter of Vandel and Jan Spoon, of Halls, and Elbert and Lanell Corbin, of Humboldt, and great-granddaughter of Bessie Spoon, of Halls, and Elmer Corbin, of Humboldt.

School Lunches

- Lauderdale County Schools**
- Monday, May 14th**
- Hot Dog
 - Pizza
 - Tater Tots
 - Carrot Sticks
 - Applesauce
 - Fruit Mix
 - Cookie
 - Choice Of Milk

- Tuesday, May 15th**
- Tacos w/Trimings
 - Chicken Fajitas w/Trimings
 - Corn Nibbles
 - Rice
 - Grapes
 - Banana
 - Choice Of Milk

- Wednesday, May 16th**
- Southern Fried Chicken
 - Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
 - Whipped Potatoes
 - Green Beans
 - Orange Sections
 - Apple
 - Roll
 - Choice Of Milk

- Thursday, May 17th**
- Menu - School's Choice

- Friday, May 18th**
- Ménu - School's Choice

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Obituaries

Dorothy Wood

Dorothy Wood, 80, of Marks, Miss., sister of Jessie Smith, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Quitman County Hospital.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in the Belen, Miss., Cemetery, with Kimbro Funeral Home in charge.

She was the widow of Lowell T. Wood.

Survivors include a son, Tommy, of Germantown; daughters, Carolyn and Susan Wood, of Marks, Beverly Gandy, of Senatobia, Miss., and Linda Fowler, of Batesville, Miss.; brothers, Connie Collums, of Pascagoula, Miss., Curtis Collums, of Columbus, Miss., and James Collums, of Mexico; other sisters, Clarice Foshee and Etoyle Dickey, of Belen; and five grandchildren.

C. H. Jones, Jr.

Charles Herbert "Junebug" Jones, Jr., 77, formerly of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Pleasant View, south-east of Clarksville, where his only close survivor, where his only close survivor, a sister, Peggy Holton, resides.

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

Lana Elaine Cox

Lana Elaine Cox, 59, of 175 Williams Lane, Dyersburg, sister of Hal Kirkpatrick, of 3826 Durhamville Road, near Ripley, died Friday in her home.

Rites were Sunday in St. Paul's United Methodist Church at Durhamville, where she was a member, with burial there, Dyersburg Funeral Home in charge.

She was born Jan. 2, 1948, to the late Louis and Anita Coffinan Kirkpatrick.

She was a second grade teacher in Dyersburg Primary School.

Survivors include her husband, Dwight Cox.

Mary McAlister

Mary Alice McAlister, 55, of Halls, died Tuesday of last week in Jackson.

Rites were Friday in South Fork Baptist Church east of Halls, with burial there, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

She was a member of the Open Door Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband, Sterling McAlister, a son, Steven "Pete" McAlister, a daughter, Tina Mathis, brothers, George, Jerry, Jimmy, and Roger Terry, and sisters, Edith Hogeland, Juanita Prater, Kay Boone, and Shirley Jeter, all of Halls, and Norma Hilliard, of Memphis; and three grandchildren.

Joy Shoemaker

Rites Monday in the cemetery of St. Paul's United Methodist Church at Durhamville mourned Joy L. Shoemaker, 67, of Atoka, retired real estate agent, who died Saturday in St. Francis Hospital in Bartlett.

Survivors include her husband, Mike; a daughter, Joy Michelle Williams, of Atoka; a brother, David Rogers, of Whiteville; sisters, Judy Quercet, of Brighton, Mary Bates, of Somerville, Linda Downs, of Eads, and Rita Moore, of Memphis; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Eagle Day Resolution

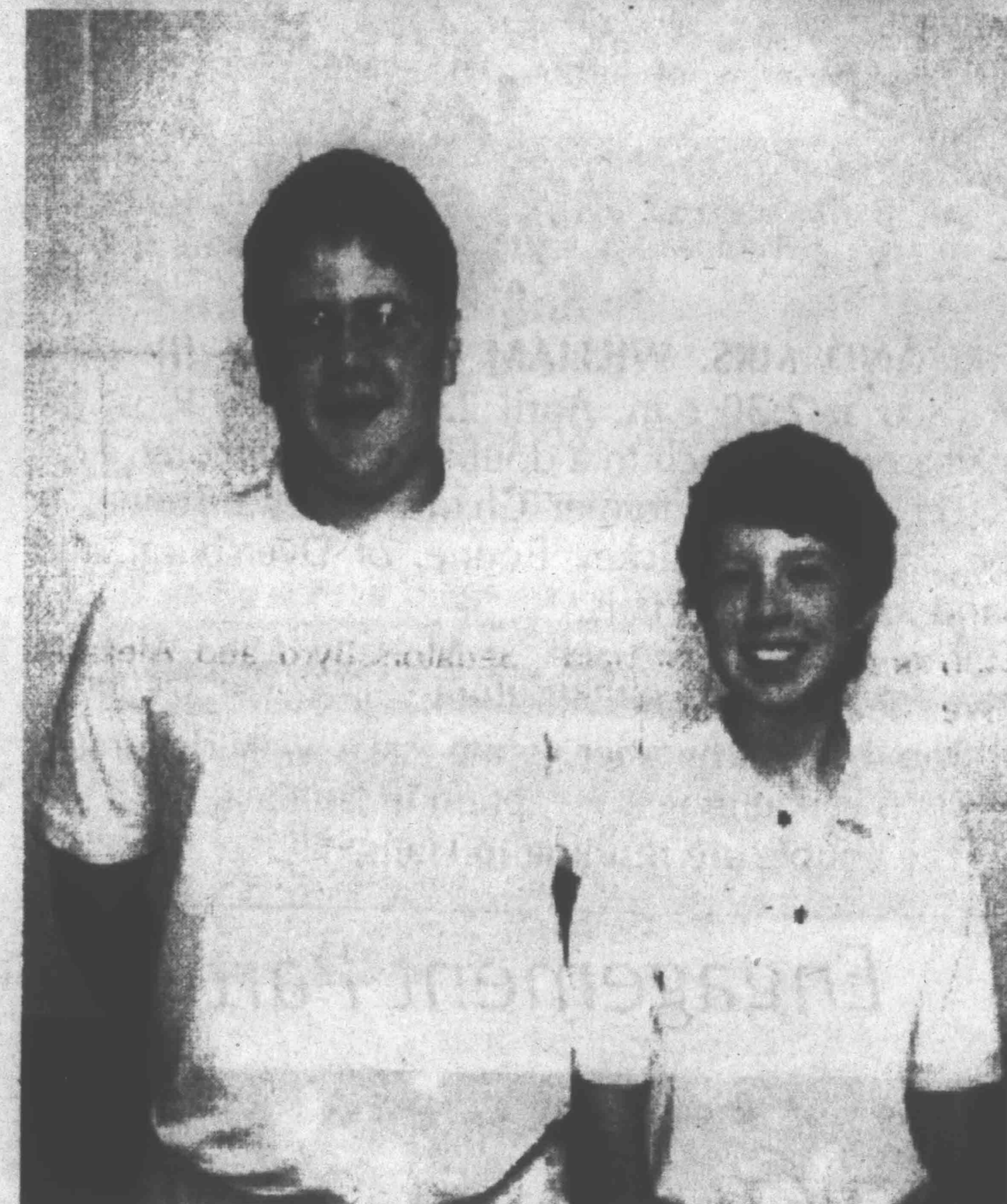


AL CECERE, left, president and CEO of the American Eagle Foundation and Challenger the Bald Eagle are pictured with U. S. Senators, Robert Byrd, Lamar Alexander, Wayne Allard, and Bob Corker, Monday of last week. Senators Alexander (R-TN), Corker (R-TN), Byrd (D-WV), and Allard (R-CO), along with other co-sponsors, Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Mike Crapo (R-ID), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Judd Gregg (R-NH), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Charles Schumer (D-NY), Arlen Specter (R-PA), and Chuck Grassley (R-LA), joined in the announcement for the passage of the American Eagle Day Resolution naming June 20, 2007 as American Eagle Day. In lower photo, Senators Alexander and Corker congratulate Cecere after the announcement. The resolution celebrates the "recovery and restoration of the American Bald Eagle, the national symbol of the United States". In 1963, only 400 nesting pairs of bald eagles were recorded. "Today, we have 7,000 to 8,000 pairs, thanks to the efforts of groups like the American Eagle Foundation, based in Pigeon Forge. American Eagle Day will provide an important opportunity to recognize this success, as well as to learn about and celebrate the American ideals the eagle stands for," said Alexander. The bald eagle was selected as America's national symbol on June 20, 1782 during the Second Continental Congress, and is scheduled to be removed from the Endangered Species Act in June of this year. It has been

protected under federal law since Congress passed the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act in 1940 and this protection was reinforced by the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

After receiving letters of support for the legislation from the foundation, former Tennessee Senator Howard Baker, Dolly Parton, Porter Waggoner, Jack Hanna, and others, the Senate passed the resolution. The measure encourages education entities, businesses, conservation groups, government agencies and others to collaborate on information about bald eagles for use in schools and encourages the American people to observe American Eagle Day with appropriate ceremonies and other activities. Challenger the Bald Eagle joined the senators three-years ago to introduce the American Bald Eagle Recovery and National Emblem Commemorative Coin Act, which Senators Byrd and Alexander co-sponsored. The legislation authorized the U. S. Mint to create a special commemorative coin that financially supports efforts to protect the American eagle and was signed into law by President George W. Bush in December 2004.

Students of the Week



LAUDERDALE COUNTY STUDENTS, at Christ Classical Academy, in Dyersburg, named as students of the week, include, in upper photo, from left, Emilee Laman, 2nd grade, daughter of Bryan and Dana Laman, of Gates; Meredith Meadows, 2nd grade, daughter of Steve and Beverly Meadows, Hollie Wilson, 7th grade, daughter of Gary and Kim Wilson, and Kaylan Vanfredenberg, 3rd grade, grandson of Patsy Langley, and in lower photo, from left, John Curry Burks, 7th grade, son of Bubba and Kristina Burks, and Luke Wilson, 5th grade, son of Gary and Kim Wilson, all of Ripley.

Land Transfers

April 29th-May 5th

Raymond E. Smith and Shirley C. Smith to Kenneth A. Benson, Dist. 14, 2.0 acres.

Katie Webb Missildine and H.P. Webb II to H.P. Webb II, Luanne Webb Warren, Amy Webb Morris, and Henry P. Webb III, Dist. 14, two tracts.

Pete Maragos and Amy Maragos to L.M. Kirkpatrick and Betty Kirkpatrick, Dist. 6, 0.503 acre.

Henry Gwinn Matthews and Johnnie A. Matthews to Pete Maragos and Amy Maragos, Dist. 1, tract.

Shelton Barbee, Katherine Barbee, and Erma Pearson to

Graduate



CHRISTY FULCHER, of Halls, graduated April 12th from the Tennessee Technology Center at Ripley, Alamo Campus for Practical Nursing program. She is preparing for the National Council Licensure Examination for the Practical Nurse and was a recipient of the Workforce Investment Act Needs-Based Scholarship through the Tennessee Career Center at Ripley.

Christy, daughter of Kimberly Jackson and Bobby Fulcher, was a 2003 graduate of Ripley High School. She was first exposed to healthcare occupational skills training at RHS. She made the difficult decision to leave her employer of six years, Dairy Queen, to further her dreams of entering the healthcare field.

Following completion of the NCLEX-PN examination, she plans to seek employment serving as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) working with the elderly either in a nursing home, home health setting, or a local clinic.

For more information on the federally funded training program, call Melissa Bane, Tennessee Career Center, 635-3479.

Shelton Barbee and Katherine Barbee, Dist. 2, lot.

Jason S. Young and Tracy G. Young to Timothy A. Fitzpatrick and Robin G. Fitzpatrick, Dist. 12, lot.

William Benjamin Goodwin and Winifred Goodwin Willette to Charles G. Vincent and Guenda L. Vincent, Dist. 17, lot.

Neil Dyer to Bobby A. Jacobs and Deborah Jacobs, Dist. 12, 8.28 acres and 8 lots.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello, Zeek Here!

Miss Pam took me to see Doc English again. He poked me all over and listened to my heart. Then he popped me with that needle, I started yelping and then Mr. Smooth asked, "Did that hurt Zeek?" Well, I whined a little more so I could get Holly the pretty nurse to rub my tush. And you all think us four leggers are dumb.

When the test came back Doc said that the heartworms were gone. I got a great big hug from Miss Pam then she also got a \$250 dollar bill for my care. She told me I was worth all the trouble and we were going to Dry Hill. That was music to my ears. During the car ride I got to stick my head out the window. My ears and jaw lips started flapping. It felt good until that bug splattered me between the eyes. When the bug hit me I moved my foot and then the window started raising. Before I could say "cat" that window had me trapped by the neck and I couldn't breath. I started wiggling and then my other end started reliving some gas. When Miss Pam finally saved me my eyes were watering and hers were too. Then she rolled all four windows down and made me go to the back seat.

When we got to the club all my buds were outside to greet me. The first thing I did was smell the territory and give my buds the high leg salute and announce that I was back and finally in charge again. They gave me a barking ovation then I went to the air conditioned office where the other big shots hang out.

Its great to be back at the Club, listening to Misty and Christy spatt'en and Mr. Buddy telling them far fetched stories. We even had some two leggers come and greet me and they left some gifts. Betty Kirkpatrick gave us canned food, leashes, toys, and lots of little four legger clothes. We got a donation in memory of Winston, the loving feline of Wanda Clark. Shelva Embry, from Hyde Road, left a nice donation in memory of "Ryder". Kenneth and Glendene Bridges got a 3 bark salute for their gift of two, 10x10 pens, hospital blankets, money, and a bunch of collars-leashes and food bowls. I about forgot to say thanks to Lucinda, their daughter, as she was a big part of these wonderful gifts.

It's about that time to again, but before I close we have some beautiful 4-leggers at the Club. This next week I will meet my new friends and have some great stories for you. Greetings from the club at Dry Hill where you get a thrill and a deal along with a friend of a lifetime. Call 836-PETS for a great menu of four leggers.

Warren Nunn to Fisher Enterprises LLC, Dist. 12, lot.

Danny K. Hartsfield and Tina S. Hartsfield to David Watson, Dist. 3, lot.

Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas to Larry Wysocki, Dist. 12, lot.

Benny Clement and Marilyn Clement to Mike Wood and Rhonda Wood, Dist. 10, 2 tracts.

Ernest Thurmond and

Luanne Thurmond to Christine Adkerson, Dist. 2, 5.7331 acres.

Kenneth L. Parham to Mark Clark and Tony Aitken, Dist. 2, lot.

Raymond Dale Conrad and Beth Conrad to Ernest L. Green and Sharon A. Green, lot.

Crockett Kirby, Jr., and Janette Kirby to Sheila Shands, Theresa Gooch, Barbara Baker, and Glenda Kirby, Dist. 2, lot and tract.

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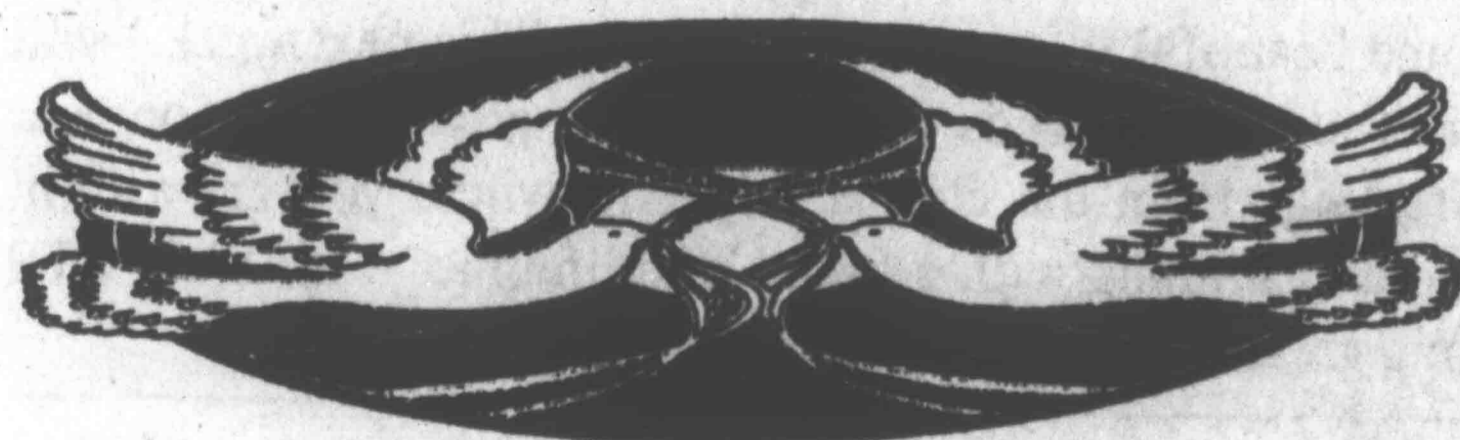
ABCee's Learning Academy is submitting an application for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant. Anyone that would like to review that application should call 836-5377 to make an appointment.

Bridal Courtesies



SHELIA PARIS, second from right, in upper photo, bride-elect of Michael Edward Roberts, was honored April 29th with a bridal shower at Full Gospel Lighthouse Church in Halls. Hostesses were, Brenda Prescott, left, of Ripley, and Ashley Adkins, right, of Woodville. They are pictured with Sharon Paris, mother of the bride-elect.

In lower photo, Shelia, center, is pictured with her mother, left, and Brenda Roberts, right, mother of the groom-elect, at a bridal shower April 15th at the Just Divine Tea Room, near Halls. The event was hosted by Gina Hopper and Heather Moore.



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.

Springhill Baptist Church will hold its annual homecoming service at 2 p.m. Sun., May 20th to celebrate 135 years. The Rev. Jerry Montgomery and the Greater Heights church, along with Bro. Ulus Dye and the Sensational, of Covington, and many more will

Marriages

April 14 - Thomas M. Scott, Jr., 66, to Judy Elizabeth Williams Nipp, 60, by Joseph S. Alford.

April 28 - Roy James Morris, 24, to Janel Lafaye Bonds Evans, 25, by Larry L. Dixon.

May 2 - Maurice Donyeal Hambrick, 28, to Sara Jo Hernandez, 21, by Calvin O. Ammons.

May 3 - Billy Nolan Bessinger, 25, to Carol Jane Prat, 20, by James L. Lawson.

Anniversaries

May 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hilliard.

May 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McBride, III, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Belton.

May 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes.

May 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Danny Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Booker, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Farris.

May 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chism.

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

be special guests. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Baptist Church's youth department will present a play entitled "Oh Zion! What's the Matter Now?" at 5 p.m. Sat., May 12th at the church. The play is a gospel comedy that reflects everyday living among the family.

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.

Double Ring Vows



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM RIVES SEAY III were married at 2:30 p.m. April 23rd in Ocho Rios, Jamaica on the beach in a double ring ceremony.

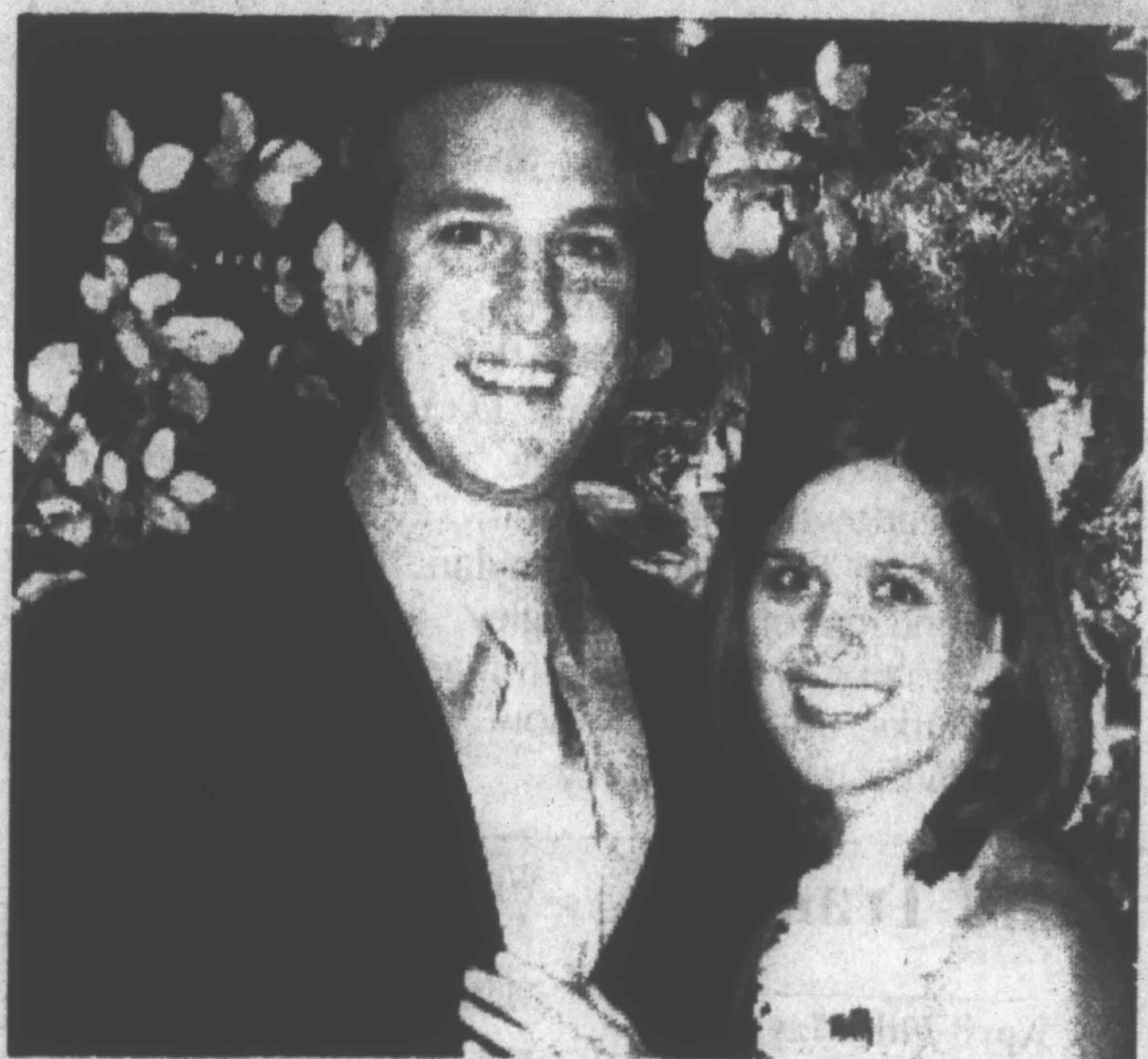
The bride, the former Charity Lynette Boone, is the daughter of Rickey Boone, of Dyersburg, and Sandra Boone, of Halls.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rives Seay II, of Lanesville, Ind.

The bride's two-tier white cake was decorated with flowers during a reception in Jamaica.

The couple are residing in Halls.

Engagement Party



JORDAN CRIHFIELD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crihfield, of Halls, and Luke Elder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Elder, of Ripley, were honored April 28th with an engagement party at the Dyersburg Country Club at The Farms in Dyersburg. The event was hosted by friends of the families. Guests were served hors d'oeuvres. Entertainment was provided by Bill Kelly and floral provisions were designed by Suzannah Spence Brown, formerly of Halls.

Halls Celebrates National Prayer Day



LAUDERDALE COUNTY CITIZENS gathered in Halls to celebrate the National Day of Prayer Thursday of last week. Speakers included city and county officials, and church leaders. Scott Nelson sang an inspirational song.

COURSES OFFERED

Dyersburg State Community College will offer two new courses in the next year to help address the emerging issues of identity theft and computer crime. Jeff Boucher, assistant professor of Management Information Systems (MIS), is developing the courses, the first of which will be offered this fall as "MIS 294 Special Topics."

Students in the class will learn about cryptography or the study of message secrecy, computer certificates, secure cards, biometrics including finger and iris scan-

ners and other internet identity issues. The second course, which will be taught in the spring semester, will focus on digital forensics with the course name and number to be determined at a later date. Students will learn about recovering lost computer files, hashing algorithms, securing a crime scene and understanding the latest forensics software.

Each course has prerequisites that must be completed before students are allowed to enroll. For more information, potential students are encouraged to call Boucher at (731) 286-3208.

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peared to have been stuffed with items.

A few minutes later, someone called police and said two females were in front of his house dumping clothes in the road. He reported they were in a maroon Ford Crown Victoria. Officers found items on the road with Wal-Mart tags still attached. He returned them to the store and found the total of the items recovered, \$416. Officer Scott Oates stopped the vehicle, driven by Pickett. Two boxes of shoes inside the car and an RCA television, still in the box, was found in the trunk. Neither suspects had receipts for the items. Officers believe the television was stolen from Ripley's Wal-Mart and the shoes from Shoe Show in Covington.

Miller also had an outstanding warrant.

Birthdays

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

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

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

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

May 14 - June Bailey, Tom

Local Named To Bredeesen Board

Tonie R. Smith, of Halls, was named to the Tennessee State Public Livestock Market Board, appointed by Governor Phil Bredeesen during April. The owner of Maury City Livestock, she is a graduate of Halls High School and Dyersburg State Community College. She is a Future Farmers of America alumni, Tennessee Nurses Association, and Tennessee Cattle Women's Association.

Relay For Life Slated Friday

The Lauderdale County American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. Friday at Ripley City Park with the survivor registration. Other events include the introduction of County Mayor Rod Schuh, Don Groenke, Nancy Jackson, and Kenneth Watkins as co-chairpersons and presentation of medals. They will start the event with the survivors' walk, a caregiver's walk, and the team lap. Judging of the campsite and team banner and a scavenger hunt will be held at 6:30 p.m. A Relay Idol music contest will be held at 7 and 8:15 p.m. at the center stage. Culinary and scrapbook contests will be held at 8 p.m. The womanless beauty review will be held at 9 p.m. at the center stage. The Luminary ceremony will be held at 10 p.m. Closing ceremonies and awards presentation will be held at 6:30 a.m. Saturday.

Garner, William Wray, Alisha Midkiff, Amy Newman, Ann Smith, Cleve Crook, Tim Castellaw, Heather Medford, Kathryn Cepparulo Scott, Tracy Kee Childress, Pam Jackson, Kristy King, Gina Tinker, Debra Danley, Greg Mooney.

May 15 - Deanna Rollins, Peggy C. Webb, Billy Hunter, Marshall Hendren, Noah Nix,

TN Walking Works Competition



STAFF MEMBERS of Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker, in Washington, D.C., are pictured with their pedometers at the launch of the Tennessee Walking Challenge. During May, National Physical Fitness and Sports month, Senators Alexander and Corker kicked off the "Walking Works" Capitol Hill challenge to see which group walks more. The challenge is an initiative to promote the benefits of walking and a healthier lifestyle sponsored by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. The senators and their staff will be taking steps toward better health by making an extra effort to walk and be physically active over the next two weeks. Alexander, known for his 1,000-mile walk across Tennessee in the late 1970's, played basketball at Maryville High School, ran track at Vanderbilt University, and made trips to the gym part of his daily routine. Corker played baseball at the University of Tennessee and is an avid runner and cyclist. He ran the New York Marathon in the early 1990's and has participated in several triathlons. Staff members in Tennessee are expected to join in the challenge. The results are scheduled to be announced at the May 15th "Tennessee Tuesday breakfast" in Washington, D. C.

Divorces

Frances Eileen Olson vs. Wayne Luverne Olson.

Marsha Renea Ward Coleman vs. Christopher Priscell Coleman.

Mandy Adler Champion vs. Michael Wayne Champion.

David Kelly Stallings vs. Christy Moore Stallings.

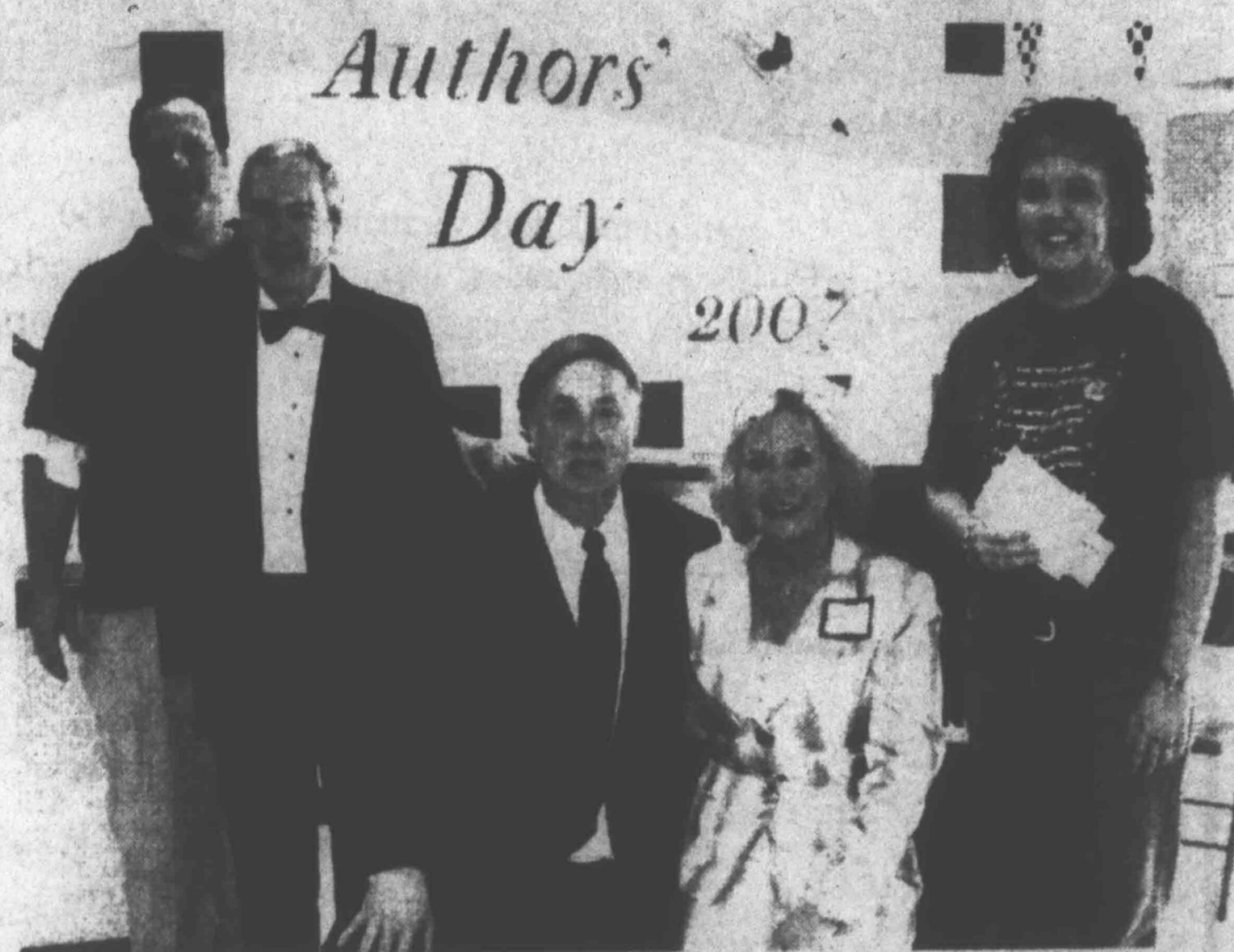
Frances Marie Bradshaw vs. Kenneth Devon Bradshaw.

Marcus Cleavon Jones vs. Candus Marie Jones.

Wade Hendren, Mary Elizabeth Hughes, Gary Osburn, Renee Farris.

May 16 - Tabatha Ford, Cindy Greaves, Judy Newman, Vicki Heath, John Olds, Ruby Solomon, Dawn Hemby, Sissy Steelman, Virginia Simmons, Dot Henderson, Christi Meeks, Sharon Belton, Arula Rutherford, Colby Allen, Kathy Sanders, Tracy Bain, Keith Davidson, Beverly Steelman, Connie Lowe.

Check Presented



CHRIS BUTNER, left, Lauderdale County Council of Arts representative and HHS band director, presented a \$100 check to Beth Keen, right, Halls Elementary School librarian, in recognition of Bill Butner, second from left, harpist, and Bill Kelly, third from left, pianist, for their outstanding talent and dedication to the perpetuation of the arts in the community. Beth is also a member of the arts council. They are pictured with Arts Council president, Tonya Dudney.

The largest fish is the whale shark. It weighs up to 15 short tons—more than twice as much as an African elephant.

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Proclamation Signed



MAYORS, Rod Schuh, center, Lauderdale County, and Jon Pavletic, right, City of Ripley, joined Governor Phil Bredeesen in signing a proclamation Tuesday proclaiming May 20th through 26th as Rescue Squad Week. Cecil Crowder, left, member of Lauderdale County's Rescue Squad, witnessed the signatures.

Great American Clean-Up Participants



FIFTH GRADE TEACHERS, from Halls Elementary School, participating in the Great American Clean-Up Trash Art Contest, include, pictured with Pamela Cherry-Kerby, left, chairman, Keep Tennessee Beautiful in Lauderdale County, and Dist. 7 County Commissioner, Don Fisher, right, Karen Dotson, Tammy Nelson, Kay Burnham, Tonya Jacobs, and Carolyn Hendren. Winners of the contest include, in lower photo, Jessie Belton and Charlie Walton, first place, and honorable mention, Courtney Gooch, Nicholas Ammons, and Ineshia Claybrook. First place winners received a \$100 Savings Bond, and honorable mention winners, a \$50 Savings Bond, contributed by Lauderdale County Bank and Bank of Halls.

Truck Damages Vehicles



A DUMP TRUCK, driven and owned by Paul Burks, 74, of Halls, struck a 2006 Jeep Commander, driven by Auzie Harrell, 57, of Halls, at approximately 6:30 a.m. Monday in Halls, near DJ's Diner, according to Patrolman M.C. Swims, Halls Public Information officer. When officers arrived on the scene, they found the 1995 dump truck had traveled across the parking lot of the restaurant, removing a fire hydrant, curved to the left, running through a yard, and missing a house by approximately eight feet in which a resident was sleeping. It continued on to strike a 1995 Mercury Topaz, owned by Naulene Jordan, 86, of Halls, in the front, then traveled back onto the roadway and parking lot of DJ's, hitting the 1990 Buick LaSabre, owned by Mary Riley, 74, of Gates, forcing her car into a dumpster. The truck, car, and dumpster traveled on until striking a tree, leaving the car parked on top of the dumpster. No one was injured, including the passenger in Harrell's vehicle, his wife, Tracey.

Halls Nine Drops Reg. Debut, 10-1

Balked of the Dist. 14-A baseball crown by Humboldt, 5-3, Halls High School's Tigers Monday lost their Reg. 7-A debut at Huntington, 10-1.

Humboldt, topped by Halls 4-0 in earlier district play in South Fulton, had to play Halls twice, Wednesday of last week, to close the tournament. Humboldt won both games 5-3.

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Losing pitcher: Cody Dew (2-3). 2B: Adam Haynes (2-3). Also 2-3: Alex Aitken.

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Losing pitcher: Dane Smith. 2B: Leamond Arthur (2-3), Craig Davis, Cody Dew.

Monday, Huntington, Dist. 13-A champs over McKenzie, 4-2, led the Tigers early.
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Halls' Medical Clinic Canceled

The Remote Area Medical "Smile and See" program, scheduled for May 19th and 20th hosted by the Halls Senior Citizen's Center, has been canceled.

Agency Schedules USDA Distribution

Delta Human Resource Agency, funded by the Department of Human Services and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, will distribute commodities in Lauderdale County between the hours of 8 until 10 a.m. Wed., May 23rd at the Ripley Senior Center, 149 Nelson St.; Rice Park, 107 Watkins St.; Halls Senior Center, 605 Airport St.; and Henning City Hall, 105 S. Main St.

Bring someone to carry the bag to your car. Commodities will be given on first come first serve.

Civil War Relics To Be Displayed

Terry Brown, of Covington, a Civil War re-enactor, will show war relics he has found when the Lauderdale County Historical Society meets at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Lauderdale County Library in Ripley, public invited.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning the Adoption of the Town of Halls Comprehensive Future Land Use and Development Plan

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen on proposed modifications to the Halls Municipal Zoning Map.

Said hearing will be held pursuant to the provision of Section 13-7-105, Tennessee Code Annotated. Said hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Monday, June 4th, 2007, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Halls City Hall, 208 North Church St., Halls.

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. Copies of the proposed ordinance will be available for public examination in the Mayor's Office, Halls City Hall, located at 208 North Church Street.

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet in regular session at 7 p.m.

**Town of Halls
Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

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Divorces

Sidney Marshall Cook vs. Patsy Lee Cook.
Stephen Talmadge Matthews vs. Courtney Jean Phillips Matthews.

Lisa Jenkins Perry vs. Danny Lee Perry.

Cintron Durrell McCadney vs. Alisha Daugherty McCadney.
Lonnie Ray Hodge, II, vs.

Penny Elaine Milton Hodge. Short vs. Crawford Edward Kristina Marie Davis Short.



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Marriages

May 5 - Melvin Lee Allen, Sr., 43, to Vanora Balton, 43, by Willie E. Dyson.

May 6 - Jimmy Dale Hunt, 55, to Robbie Ann Coburn Wyrick, 52, by Jeff Ray.

May 12 - Andravus Dejuan Stenson, 25, to Dianna Lynne Jones, 33, by Booker Joe Nance, Jr.

Celebrating Anniversary



Anniversaries

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

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

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

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

Birthdays

May 17 - Cindy McDonald, Debbie Coughlan, Kathy Cox, Sidney McKnight, Miranda Anderson, Beth Langley, David Nunn, Robin Porter, Tommy Wright, Tammy Mountjoy, Eileen Byrd, Mary Nola Meeks, Carole White, Steve Stanley.

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

May 19 - Angie Kiestler, Megan Crain, Rosa Dionicio, Sylvia King, Tyler James Talbot, Stewart Cepparulo, Collins Voss, Christine Escue, Bill Newman, Brian Collins, Lisa Marie Holley, Shirley Smothers.

May 20 - Kathy Wade, Blake Tucker, Brandon Lee, Gary Allen, Emily Winters, Debbie Mills, Tina Horvath, Jamie Hutt, Kacey Wise, Kasi Reynolds.

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

May 22 - Caitlyn Gitchell, Ben Barcroft, Jan Burlison, Dee

MR. AND MRS. HARRY WRIGHT, SR., of Halls, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun., June 3rd in the Halls First United Methodist Church, with all family and friends invited. The event is hosted by Martha and Harry's family.

Ballard, Brad Studard, Geno Hawks, Charles Hurt, Phillip Andrew Wong, Dabnie James, Hannah Elizabeth McKee, Talmadge Crowder, Mark Holder, Candice Frazier, Steve Ray, Ellie Claire Young, Wanda Hill, Lindsey Booker.

Land Transfers

May 6th-May 12th

Sec. of Housing and Urban Development to Randal Lankford, Dist. 12, lot.

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

Nita R. Harrell and Barry L. Harrell to Green Acres Mobile Homes, Inc., Dist. 14, lot.

Katy M. Bishop to Billy Bishop, Dist. 2, 0.918 acre. Gerald D. Cherry, Jr.,

Robert K. Cherry, and William A. Cherry to Leon Pickard and Penne Pickard, Dist. 7, 40.0 acres.

U.S. Bank NA, TR to Jeremy Helton, 1.0528 acres.

Robert E. Stewart and Mina E. Stewart to Camille Petree, Dist. 15, lot.

Shelton Barbee, Katherine Barbee, and Erma Pearson to Erma Pearson, Dist. 2, lot.

Dee Hughes, III, to Latasha Rouser and Ronnie Rouser, lot.

Dottie Marshall to Michael Hill and Amy Hill, two tracts.

Fisher Enterprises, LLC, to Wakeshia Lyles, Dist. 6, lot.

James Mayfield to Albert F. Cox, Sr., Dist. 6, two tracts. Susie Faye White and Ronnie White to Gary D. Caldwell and Cheryl L. Caldwell,

Lepard, Dist. 11, 1.0 acre. Bank of Ripley to Martin L. Chipman, Dist. 2, 1.347 acres.

Wallace Mathis and Wade Mathis to Mike Douglas and Leigh Douglas, Dist. 1, lot.

Barry Bates and June T. Bates to Al Ewen Jones, Dist. 10, 2 tracts.

Beulah Ann Austin Minarik to Timothy Alan Austin, Dist. 6, 0.606 acre. Jeffrey Parsons to Donald A. Lepard and Paula G.

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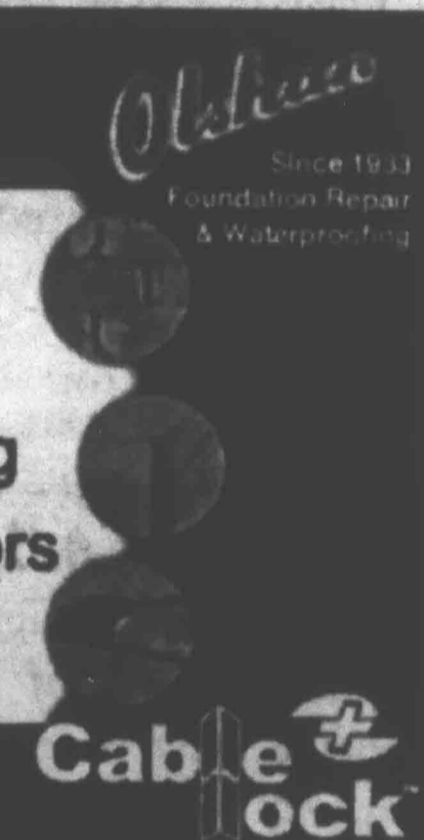
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Obituaries

Freddie Woods

Freddie Woods, 84, of Bartlett, brother of Sally Quick, of Ripley, died Friday in Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Roller Family Funeral Home in Memphis, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he had retired, as a supervisor, after 30 years with Grace Chemical.

A Mason, he was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife for 58 years, Pauline; daughters, Edna (Mrs. Steve) Delk, of Somerville, and Elaine (Mrs. Mitchell) Arnold, of Bartlett; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Gloria Ann Bostic

Gloria Ann Bostic, 55, of Brownsville, former Riplian, died Saturday, in her home.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Spring Hill Baptist Church, east of Ripley, with burial there, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She was a registered nurse in Veterans Hospital in Memphis.

Survivors include brothers, Carl Bostic, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Ronald Bums, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and three sisters, Claudia Dillon, of Brownsville, Dianne Donahue, of Maywood, Ill.; and Gwennette Lyles, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Seymour

Margaret Seymour, 66, a seamstress for Master Casual Wear in Ripley, died Saturday in her home at 689 Williams Switch Road, south of Ripley.

Rites were Wednesday in Holly Grove Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in the cemetery of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

She leaves sons, Christopher, of Jackson, and Ewall, of Memphis; a daughter, Rosalind D. Glass, of Hixson (near Chattanooga); sisters, Ida L. Halliburton, of East Chicago, Ind., and Alice Faye Scott, of Poolesville, Md.; and eight grandchildren.

Levi Morgan

Levi Morgan, 84, husband of Rosie Mae Morgan, of 199 Dock Bates St., Henning, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Saturday in St. Mark Baptist Church in Henning, with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery, east of Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He had been a food server for the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Survivors include sons, Levi, Jr., and Charlie, of Ripley; daughters, Shirley Morgan and Violet Glenn, of Ripley, Lois Macklin, of Henning, and Levon Searcy, of Nashville; brothers, Charlie and Spencer, of Henning; sisters, Recie Elem, of Henning; and Pearl Jackson and Lueiza Dumas, of Lansing, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Willie Joe Stokes

Willie Joe Stokes, 66, truck driver, of 98 Curve-Nankipoo Road, died Sunday in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

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

He was the widower of Rebecca Stokes.

He leaves a son, Brian Keith Stokes, of 243 Concord Road, Gates; a daughter, Kathy Jackson, of Ripley; a brother, James, of 194 Curve-Woodville Road, sisters, Wren Smith, of Ripley, Tiny Bouska, of 344 Curve-Woodville Road, and Ouida (Mrs. Malcom) Scallions, of 142 Duana Drive, Gates; and two grandchildren.

Readers Speak

Editor,

I am very thankful to Mayor Trent McManus and the other aldermen who voted against the beer ordinance last week in Halls.

I saw first-hand the deception of beer, as the other aldermen voted for the beer ordinance in spite of God, His Word, common sense, and the pleas of several resi-

Doris W. Brown

Doris White Brown, 76, born June 1, 1930, to the late Scott and Mary Lou White, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Franklin, where she had resided since 2005.

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

A 1948 graduate of Ripley High School, she took bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Memphis in 1975 and 1979.

She taught social studies in the Southern Baptist Educational Center in Southaven, Miss., before moving to Hohenwald, where she taught and served as guidance counselor in Lewis County High School until 1988.

A charter member of Leclair Baptist Church in Memphis, she died as a member of West Franklin Baptist Church.

She was the widow of W. H. "Bill" Brown, whom she married in 1951. He died in 1996.

A sister, Carol Benson, died before her.

She leaves daughters, Rebecca C. Zills, of Franklin, who looked after her, and Sandra (Mrs. Larry) Turner, of Memphis; brothers, Robert P. "Bob" White, former Ripley police chief, and Scott White, of Ripley; sisters, Sue (Mrs. Louis) Chalk, of Ripley, Mary Ann (Mrs. Thomas) Marks, of Atlanta, Ga., and Joy (Mrs. Mickey) Cook, of New Orleans, La.; and two grandchildren.

dents of our community, including the Mayor.

God says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink." (Habakkuk 2:15). I say to those who voted yes that God is a good record keeper. I feel sorry for them when they stand before Him and give account for all the crimes, broken homes, ruined lives, highway deaths, and the damnation of lost souls, as God says, "drunkards...shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." (I Cor. 6:10).

The Bible says, "Woe

Wm. Phillip Cook

William Phillip Cook, 54, of Halls, employed by Burch Food Services, died Thursday of last week, in his home.

Rites were Saturday in Johnson-Williams Funeral Home in Newbern, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg.

He was born in Dyer County, Jan. 29, 1953, to Celesta May Fox Cook, of Dyersburg, and the late William Watson Cook.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Pierce Cook; a daughter, Becky (Mrs. Mike) Atchison, of Halls; a brother, Johnny, of Gates; sisters, Dale Peery, Jeannie Fitzgerald, and Joyce Ozmert, of Dyersburg, and Angie Bell, of Troy; a grandson; and a great-grandchild.

unto them that call evil good, and good evil." (Isa. 5:20). I was absolutely amazed that people in the meeting stood and testified that they saw nothing wrong with the drinking and selling of beer. Some were there who were involved in the selling of beer, professing they were "good" Christians. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Prov 20:1).

True, God fearing born again Christians KNOW the awful sin and destruction of the ungodly booze business, and want NOTHING to do with it! I hate the dirty liquor business! Don't try to convince me of the benefits or the goodness of booze. I was raised in a drunkard's home, and my mother and all of us children had to bear the hurt, humiliation, and the emotional scars of a dad "hooked" on booze. Yes, poverty, troubles, broken homes, and broken hearts are the result of booze.

I myself took up the "bottle", and became a drunkard, but I was gloriously saved by Jesus Christ and set free from the sin of drunkenness. I almost lost my family and my soul to alcohol. Don't try to fool me, I know better.

Why then did the three on

Methamphetamine Seminar To Be Held

A seminar, 'Methamphetamine: Facts You Should Know', will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31st, in the Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale cafeteria. Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale has partnered with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department to host the seminar to educate Ripley residents of the dangers associated with using methamphetamines, to help identify potential drug users in their neighborhood, its manufacture and its usage in the community. The program is suitable for all ages, and no reservations are needed.

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee has seen a 400 percent increase in secret methamphetamine production labs statewide since 2000. Labs present a great danger because hazardous and explosive chemicals are by-products of the production process that may cause explosions and release pollutants in the air.

For more information, call Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale at 731-221-2200 or 1-800-4-BAPTIST.

the board vote "yes" to the new beer ordinance? The answer is really simple. "The love of money is the root of all evil." (I Tim 6:10). This is why those in favor of the new beer ordinance kept wanting to talk about "other issues" at the meeting.

Pastor Jerry Hickson
Grace Bible Baptist Church

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Junior Auxiliary Attends Conference



MEMBERS of the Ripley Lauderdale County Junior Auxiliary, from left, Christina Stanley, Melanie Hardy, Tina Hartsfield, Rebecca Carmack-Summar, Dana Parmenter, Kristy Crihfield, Dawn Steelman, and Kristy Sondgeroth, attended

the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc. annual education conference April 27th through 29th in Memphis to learn about the national focus of healthy children and futures and attended sessions to strengthen the functioning of their local chapters and to help their service and finance projects be more effective. Speakers included David Coleman, the author of trendsetting relationship books and C.D.'s; Dr. David Katz, one of the nation's authorities on nutrition, weight control and the prevention of chronic disease; and Jud Laiply.

Junior Auxiliary represents a serious endeavor on the part of women to be active and constructive community participants and to assume leadership roles in meeting community needs.

Speak clearly, if you
speak at all; carve every
word before you let it fall.
—Oliver Wendell
Holmes



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.

Springhill Baptist Church will hold its annual homecoming service at 2 p.m. Sun., May 20th to celebrate 135 years. The Rev. Jerry Montgomery and the Greater Heights church, along with Bro. Ulus Dye and the Sensational, of Covington, and many more will be special guests. The public is invited.

Spiller Hill Baptist Church's youth department will host a Music-N-May Fest at J & J Detail on Cleveland St., Ripley, at 2 p.m. Sat., May 19th. Bring praise bands and dancers, and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. There will be a cake walk, silent auction, and games for everyone. The public is invited.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church will celebrate its homecoming service beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., May 20th with Sunday school, 11 a.m., worship, and a pot luck dinner afterwards. The Providence Quartet and the Calvary Echoes will deliver gospel selections following the meal. There will not be an evening service. The public is invited.

Hutcherson Chapel Church of God, on Dry Hill Rd., will hold a benefit gospel singing and spaghetti dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Sat., May 19th to aid Joe Taylor and Timmy Green, who were both injured in a motorcycle accident. The Frog Jump Quartet, David Smith, The Singing Fireman, Gospelettes, Morning Star, and more will perform gospel selections after the dinner. The public is invited.

Mt. Zion C. M. E. Church, at Orysa, will hold its building fund program at 2:15 p.m. Sun., May 20th. The theme is Women on the March, all women are urged to wear white and bring a Bible. Deborah Washington, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Full Gospel Lighthouse Church, 104 Fenton St., Halls, will welcome guest speaker, The Rev. Denny Broadway, for morning and evening services Sun., May 20th. 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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NOTICE

The Town of Halls Board of Mayor and Aldermen adopted the following Ordinances at their regular board meeting Monday, May 7th.

Ordinance No. 07-05 – Town of Halls, Tennessee. An ordinance to establish an ethics standards for the Town of Halls, Tennessee, as required by public acts of Tennessee of 2006, 1st Extraordinary Session, Chapter 1, Section 49 (Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 8-17-101 to 8-17-106).

Ordinance No. 07-04 – Town of Halls, Tennessee. An ordinance to establish hours for the sale of beer in the Town of Halls, Tennessee. Be it ordained by the Board of the Town of Halls, Tennessee.

Section 8-213 of the Code of the Town of Halls, Tennessee is hereby repealed effective upon the effective date of this ordinance, and is replaced with the following section:

- 8-213. Hours and days of sale regulated. It shall be unlawful and it is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor for any person, persons, firm, corporation, or association to sell or distribute any of beverages regulated under this Chapter within the corporate limits between the following hours:
1. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, each day from 3 a.m. – 8 a.m.
 2. Sunday at 3 a.m. – 10 a.m.

This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after final passage, the public welfare requiring it.
Date Published in Local Newspaper – April 26, 2007
Date of Public Hearing – May 7, 2007
Date Passed First Reading – April 2, 2007
Date Passed Second Reading – May 7, 2007.
Mayor – Trent McManus 5/07/07
Attest: Town Recorder – Vanda Shelton 5/07/07

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

He Was A Husky Fellow Because It Said So Right On His Pants

If you are following our state legislature, which I agree may not be the easiest thing to do, you know that this year's pieces of legislation presented before the elected officials have a lot of variety. There are your usual bills dealing with education, taxes and more regulations requested by people to make other people do things the requesters want them to do that they don't like other people to not do. But, over all, so far this year, our ladies and gentlemen on the hill have been somewhat reasonable in their law making.

We have had hog-dog discussions, bottled water fluoride labeling requests, girls going wild on TV debates, and resolutions honoring just about everyone in the state except me and Uncle Sid, but so far so good. However, further south from our state capitol down in Florida, the sunshine state's legislature is handling a request for a bill that would ban baggy pants.

The law would require young men to pull up their pants and would outlaw the sagging britches fashion from public schools in the state. In fact there is even a statewide campaign underway called "Pull up your pants! Need help? Here's a belt." The goal is to collect new or used belts and to distribute them to young men caught in public with droopy drawers. One thing for sure, those fellows can't run away very fast with their waistline at their knees.

The reason some folks are bringing legislation

against saggy britches is many believe that this fashion encourages delinquency. The fact is that there is no found link between the low boy jeans and delinquency. It's a fashion that most of us with some gray hair and a whole lot different upbringing just really don't like or understand.

I for one see them as something that has just got to be plain uncomfortable. I have reached the age where I spend most of my time trying to keep mine up from slipping below my stomach. If I'm not real careful I could end up being part of the crowd the legislation is intended for.

Having grown up in the 50s and 60s there hasn't been too many fashions of odd decor that I have not been a witness to. I remember the jeans I used to wear as a grade school student that had about three inches of cuff rolled up at the bottom. In the afternoon when I arrived home, you could pour a quart of dirt, grass and other items out of those cuffs.

Arriving in middle school, the jean look was the narrow legged stovepipe variety being worn by my friends. You notice that I say my friends because there was no way I could get a pair of those jeans over the calves of my legs. Maybe if they came in a smoke stack size I could get them to halfway fit.

I never liked those jeans that showed your waist and length size on the belt loop patch on the outside of your pants. Mine always read "husky" and that just doesn't help ones ego. I'll never forget meeting adults as a kid for the

first time and they would say, "Aren't you a husky fellow." They should have known that anyway because it was printed right there on my pants. I bet my tombstone will have printed on it when I leave this world, "He was a husky fellow because it said so right there on his jeans."

In later years, the bell bottom jeans came into fashion and once again I had to avoid those. On me you couldn't tell where the bell started and ended. The only good I got out of those things was that they protected my shoes and kept the floor swept.

Now a days we are seeing jeans that look dirty the day they are bought as well as worn out. I remember when I would get a hole in my jeans that I would wear to school and my mother would put a patch on them. That was the most embarrassing thing a kid would go through back during my school years. Today, those same jeans would cost you \$75 and everyone of your peers would have to have a pair.

The fashion statement of teenagers really hasn't changed much when you think about it. It will not be long before baggy pants will be out and something else will take their place. That law in Florida may be out dated real soon if fashion changes.

But as they say and it is written somewhere, "Those who get too big for their britches, will soon be exposed in the end."

To be a hero or a heroine,
one must give an order
to oneself.

—Simone Weil

ARMED FORCES DAY

The Veterans' Museum on the Halls Airbase will host the first annual Armed Forces Day Celebration Saturday, May 19th.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. The Ripley High School ROTC Color Guard and Drill Team will perform. WWII mili-

tary re-enactors will be on exhibition with re-enactments at noon and 2 p.m. The National Guard will also have an exhibit. The Halls Remote Control Club (RC Flyers), with other clubs, will be flying throughout the day. Major General Jimmy Welch will speak in the West Tennessee Healthcare Conference room. A fish fry will begin at 4 p.m., sponsored by the RC Flyers.

Crude Celebrities

By Rex M. Rogers

We've recently been treated to a spate of notables revealing their inner child by making unguarded comments. Don Imus managed to offend women, minorities, and moralists at the same time with his comments about the Rutgers University women's basketball team. Some people have said we should give Imus a break. But he's a pro, was speaking on his own talk radio and television program, and was merely illustrating a career-long pattern of low-life comments. So, when he lost his job I didn't feel too badly for him. Alec Baldwin is in another category - Dad goes ballistic with degrading comments aimed at his 11-year-old daughter. He's followed his angry tirade with mea culpas on Barbara Walters's program, *The View*, but who really believes the one time he was caught on tape is the one time he acted like a dead-beat Dad?

Comedian Michael Richards, famous for his portrayal of Kramer on the television hit, *Seinfeld*, apparently has an anger management problem, amply demonstrated in a comedy club gig when he shouted down hecklers, complete with racial slurs. Richards botched his "I'm sorry" attempt on Late Night with David Letterman. If he's not a racist, as he claimed, where did his incensed use of racist language originate? Richards tried to pass it off as an "Oops," but who believes him?

Mel Gibson got in the act with his drunken defamation of Jewish people. His public mea culpa was creative, in essence saying "I'm not an anti-Semitic, just an alcoholic." So he hopes we'll overlook his behavior because he substituted an "acceptable sin" for an unacceptable one.

We're going to see and hear more celebrity crudity, and for that matter, "Joe Average" and "Jane Doe's" meltdowns, lack of manners, sexual peccadilloes, too. Because there's nowhere you can go anymore that's out of the reach of video and/or audio technology. Video recorders are posted in businesses and everywhere they go people carry cell phones with multi-faceted recording capacities. Add YouTube and MySpace to this and you can see how rapidly a few moments of crude words or actions can make you a star in a universe where you don't want to be. And worse, once your indiscretions hit cyberspace, they live forever.

The lesson here is to avoid technology like a Luddite. The lesson is that one's character is on display every day in every way. Of course, Christians have always known this, for the Lord looks upon the heart. And if maybe Mom doesn't know everything after all, God does.

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Tipton Team Win Championship



CHISHOLM VAUGHAN, second from right, in front, son of Shawna Moore, of Halls, and Loren Vaughan, of Ripley, a member of the Tipton Cobras, celebrated with his team-mates after winning the championship, held May 4th through 6th in Horn Lake, Miss. The Cobras have placed second in two tournaments before, but this was their first win. Chisholm, 12, is a sixth grade student at Halls Elementary School.

King's Men Aid Wiley



MEMBERS of the King's Men Ministry, including Andy Cox, William Cowan,

and Leslie Newman plus, not pictured, Charlie Burks, Dale McCaslin, Dennis McCaslin, and Alvis Leggett, of Westside Baptist Church in Halls, assisted Wendell Wiley, of Halls, in lower photo, after his cancer surgery. When he returned home, his doctor advised him not to lift anything heavier than a gallon. The surgeon was also concerned about the surgery's complications. Mr. Wiley had been independent and now he could not lift anything heavier than a gallon

of milk. Dale, president of the King's Men ministry, contacted the members of the ministry, whose goal is to reach out to help their church family and local residents in the Halls area, that are struggling through life changing situations or illnesses. Its members have built approximately one dozen handicap ramps.

After observing the needs of the Wiley's, seven members of the ministry gave up their time to help over a three-day period. The Wiley's expressed their appreciation to the men for their kindness and caring spirit.

After returning from Vanderbilt Medical Center, Wendell was invited to speak during the April meeting of the American Cancer Society. He spoke to the men about the importance of a PSA test, the best way to fight cancer is in the early stages. Wendell will be monitored by the specialist to detect if the cancer returns. The last PSA test did not detect any cancer. The Wiley family has always trusted in God's promise and had held onto His hand; God has promised not to let go.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! I am feeling better than I have in the last six months. I have been running every day and after I get tired, Miss Pam walks me on the leash. She keeps saying "heel" to me and then she pulls on my collar until I walk next to her. As long as she keeps the Pup-peroni treats in her pocket, she has my undivided attention! I even will sit, shake hands, and rollover for one of those treats. I have never tasted any thing so good. Before I met Miss Pam, the best food I ever ate was two day old raw chicken, we found in a garbage can. It tasted good going down but the next day I had a case of the runs.

We had a large changeover of four-leggers at the Club. A couple of them made a big mistake. They growled at Miss Pam. Well this American Bull dog showed them no mercy. My buds now refer to me as the Godfather of Dry Hill.

We had a very busy week at the club. Some stupid two-legger dropped off eight baby four-leggers whose eyes weren't even open. Miss Pam got busy and found three heroes. Charlene Smith took home six puppies to bottle feed and Angel Scott and Moma Jane both took one. Mary Kiestler and Albert Cox are fostering Buck and Trixie. I sure hope those guys behave so they can win a good home. Prissy's new home is with Anita Houston and Curley is living with Katrina Lumley. We have a soft hearted two-legger who visits us every Saturday, his name is Fergie. He took home Rocky and I am trying to teach my Buds how to give him and other two-leggers our sorrowful look.

Gunner, our Chesapeake Retriever, has been selected to enter the Highway Patrol and will be taking training for the Drug Patrol. Thank you, Brad Simpson! Thanks also to Pat Crowder and Sherry Strawberry for your adoptions.

Mr. Buddy said we have five full-blooded Lab puppies, and if you want, they have the pedigree papers. Molly and Dolly are yellow and their brothers are black. We also have an adult Walker Coon hound with a good voice. Another good choice is Shadow, he looks like chocolate milk with marshmallow streaks. He is well built and can stay outside if you wish. I think however, he will win you and the kids over and would be a great couch potato. Jayla is a sweet gentle yellow lab mix who is about six months old. Another good-looker is Pammy, a Huskie-shepherd mix, with the beautiful markings of the Huskie. We also have some good rabbit dogs and a male basset-beagle mix that is gentle and well mannered.

I have been eyeing this tall, slender, black Great Dane. But the problem is she has three little ones and she is looking for a husband. I have tried not to be too friendly, but I sure like the look of those legs!

Zeek has a challenge to the Commissioners of Lauderdale County. We NEED some money for renovations. You give money to the schools for little two-leggers so why can't the little four-leggers have some building improvements. Mr. Jessie Edwards has started with a nice gift of \$100. Let's see if the other 23 commissioners will match his generous gift.

So long from Dry Hill the Puppy Mill. Hey, you can stop leaving us puppies. We have all we want. Just take your four-legger to Dr. "Smooth" English, or your favorite Vet, and he will wave his magic wand and fix the problem

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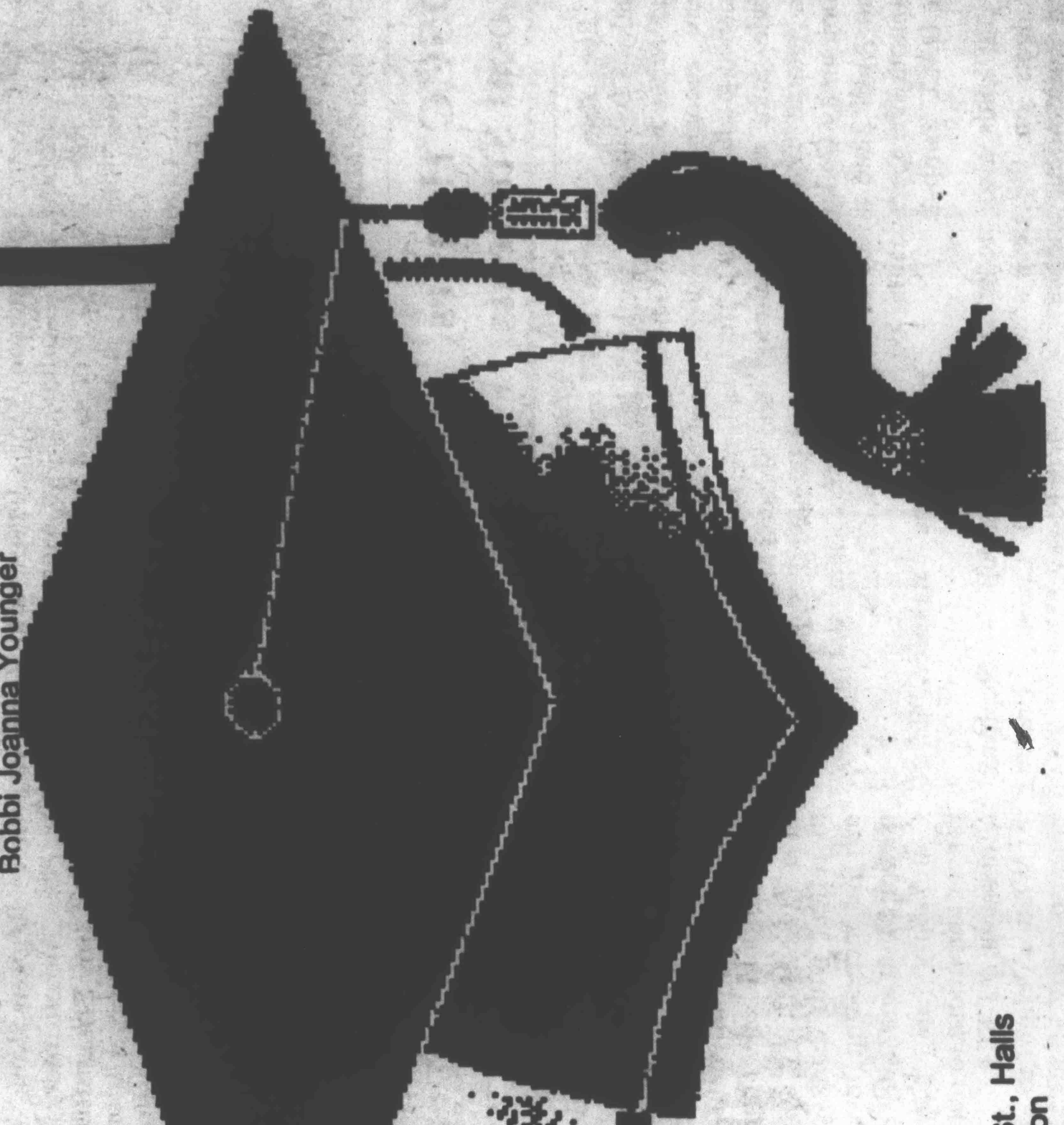
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Halls High Seniors Recognized



SENIORS, at Halls High School, receiving awards Wednesday of last week include, in front, from left, Christina Hutcherson, Michelle Meeks, Leamond Arthur, Nathan Crumley, Crystal Belew, Alex Aitken, and Troy Parish; in second row, Corbin Lee, Sara McBroom, Anna Claire Hartman, Tiffany McCloud, and Daniel King; in third row, Rachel Clark, Hailey Watts, Heather Fitzhugh, Rebecca Angotti, Steven Cowart, and Zach McBroom; in fourth row, Chad Hardy, Jessica Conder, Crystal Midkiff, Jessica Allen, Lotorya Patrick, and Lee Jackson; in fifth row, Jessica Washington, Shareta Foster, Antwanete Wells, Brittany Crawley, Quila Smith, and Justin Tate; and in rear, Kelley Crook, Sarah Hargett, Kristin Criffield, Calvin Steel, Kristene Sebourm, and Hillary Steelman. Awards presented included 25 Club, Alex Aitken, Bree Burns, Nathan Crumley, Logan Davis, Heather Fitzhugh, Anna Claire Hartman, and Corbin Lee; English Awards, Alex Aitken, Bree Burns, Rachel Clark, Kristin Criffield, Heather Fitzhugh, Anna Claire Hartman, Sara McBroom, Michelle Meeks, Lotorya Patrick, and Hailey Watts; FACS, Concheta Dennis; Information Technology, Crystal Belew and Jessica Conder; HHS Achievement, Daniel King; Mathematics, Kristin Criffield; Marketing, Hailey Watts; PAES, Crystal Midkiff, Jessica Allen, and Hillary Steelman; Science, Rachel Clark; Social Studies/Government, Kristin Criffield and Bree Burns; Spanish, Kristin Criffield; U. S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete, Kelley Crook and Steven Cowart; President's Award For Educational Excellence, Alex Aitken, Bree Burns, Rachel Clark, Kristin Criffield, Nathan Crumley, Heather Fitzhugh, Anna Claire Hartman, Sara McBroom, Lotorya Patrick, Quila Smith, and Hailey Watts; and Tennessee Scholars, Leamond Arthur, Alex Aitken, Rachel Clark, Kristin Criffield, Nathan Crumley, Heather Fitzhugh, Anna Claire Hartman, Rachel Isaak, Sara McBroom, Lotorya Patrick, Sara McBroom, Daniel Sanders, Kristene Sebourm, Quila Smith, Calvin Steel, and Hailey Watts.



SENIORS, at Halls High School, receiving scholarships include, in front, from left, Alex Aitken, Ben Woodley, Corbin Lee, Calvin Steel, Crystal Belew, Chris Littles, and Krystal Ward; in second row, Kelley Crook, Tiffany Gitchell, Quila Smith, Justin Tate, Nathan Crumley, and Leamond Arthur; in third row, Sarah Cherry, Hailey Watts, Michelle Meeks, Rachel Isaak, Heather Fitzhugh, and Chad Hardy; in fourth row, Rebecca Angotti, Bree Burns, Sara McBroom, Anna Claire Hartman, Kristin Criffield, Rachel Clark, and Lotorya Patrick; and in rear, Steven Cowart and Christina Hutcherson. Scholarships presented included Arnold Academic, Anna Claire Hartman and Chris Littles; Bank of Ripley, Alex Aitken; C. N. Armour, Chad Hardy; Cargill Community Scholarship, Kelley Crook; Carol Ann Douglas Fine Arts Scholarship, Logan Davis; Colonial DPP, Justin Tate; Dyersburg State, Rebecca Angotti, Rachel Clark, Tiffany Gitchell, Michelle Meeks, Lotorya Patrick, and Leamond Arthur; Earl West Memorial Scholarship, Kelley Crook; Freed Hardeman Academic, Hailey Watts; Gerald Box-Willie Stenson Memorial, Nathan Crumley; Give Back Community Scholarship, Heather Fitzhugh; Halls-Gates Rotary, Chad Hardy and Hailey Watts; Hospital League Volunteers of BMH-Lauderdale, Krystal Ward; Jackson State Athletic, Crystal Belew and Kelley Crook; Judi S. Keen Memorial, Anna Claire Hartman; Jon M. Moore FFA Memorial, Chad Hardy; Junior Auxiliary Scholarship, Anna Claire Hartman and Rachel Isaak; L.C.E.A., Rachel Clark; Lambuth University, Rachel Isaak; Lauderdale County Education Foundation, Rachel Clark; Lauderdale County Food Service, Heather Fitzhugh; Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, Concheta Dennis and Calvin Steel; Montgomery GI Bill Army College Fund, Steven Cowart, Lee Jackson, Chris Littles, and Zach McBroom; Regions Bank, Kristin Criffield; Robert and Charlene Ward Memorial Scholarship, Alex Aitken and Heather Fitzhugh; Ross W. Dyer Memorial Scholarship, Kristin Criffield; Sam Walton Community Scholarship, Adam Hayes; Siegel Robert Automotive, Tiffany Gitchell; Union-University, Kristin Criffield; University of Memphis, Alex Aitken, Bree Burns, Kristin Criffield, Anna Claire Hartman, and Sara McBroom; University of Tennessee at Martin, Kristin Criffield, Logan Davis, and Hailey Watts; U. S. Army National Guard, Kristina Hutcherson; and Hope Scholarship, Alex Aitken, Leamond Arthur, Bree Burns, Sarah Cherry, Rachel Clark, Brittany Crawley, Kristin Criffield, Kelley Crook, Nathan Crumley, Logan Davis, Tiffany Gitchell, Chad Hardy, Adam Hayes, Rachel Isaak, Corbin Lee, Chris Littles, Sara McBroom, Michelle Meeks, Lotorya Patrick, Kristene Sebourne, Quila Smith, Calvin Steel, Justin Tate, Hailey Watts, and Ben Woodley.

DSCC Honors Local Students

Lee Ann Compton and Kathy Cox, both of Ripley, and Mina Jenkins, of Gates, were recognized as distinguished graduates with perfect grade point averages, during the annual Dyersburg State Community College convocation April 22nd at the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the DSCC campus.

Officials also recognized students on the dean's list and outstanding students in

particular academic disciplines including:

Scholastic - Felicia Christholm, Rhonda Hale-Morgan, Adriem Bates, Shirley Johnson, Britany Bryson, Jessica N. McLemore, Kimberly S. Blackwood, Lori Jones, Lauren Neal and Stephanie Tims, all of Ripley, Lisa Dunham and Shantell Malone, of Gates, and Richard J. Schoepke, Rachel McCaslin, and Tammy O'Bryan, of Halls.

Service - Shontee Tate, of Henning.

Leadership - Stephanie Tims and Christy Braden, both of Ripley.

Readers Speak

Editor,

Citizens of Lauderdale County: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, (Phil. 1:3)". As Coordinators of the National Day of Prayer, held on Thursday, May 3rd, 2007, we continue to reflect with thanksgiving on the increasing levels of our participation and unity of our Community in corporate prayer and praise to our God. (Ephesians 4:1-6).

What a delight to experience so many young people

HHS Top Ten Students Named



TOP TEN FRESHMEN at Halls High School, recognized during awards day Wednesday of last week, include, in front, from left, Mickey Cherry, Josh Lents, Clarissa Stark, Victoria Moore, and Leslie Patrick, and in rear, Megan McBroom, Jessica Ellison, Cassidy Hardee, Melinda Meeks, and Casey Crockett.



TOP TEN SOPHOMORES at Halls High School include, in front, from left, Carley Cherry, Ashton Nolen, Kristen McCallister, Avonlea Brewster, and Heather Hill, and in rear, Bradley Belton, Craig Davis, Andy Gaines, Casey Hogue, and Nathan Smith.



TOP TEN JUNIORS at Halls High School include, in front, from left, Tania Steel, Phylica Richmond, Miriah Pahl, Britney Moore, and Christi Meeks, and in rear, Morgan Latham, Kayla Akin, Cody Dew, Chris Hardy, and Aaron Dannelly.

sharing with such enthusiasm a time of prayer and praise to our Great and Wonderful God. (Psalm 145:4). We appreciate the New Beginnings Child Development Center for their offerings of prayer and commendations are extended to the parents and teachers of these young people who prepared them so well for their special tasks of singing and their reading of selected scriptures.

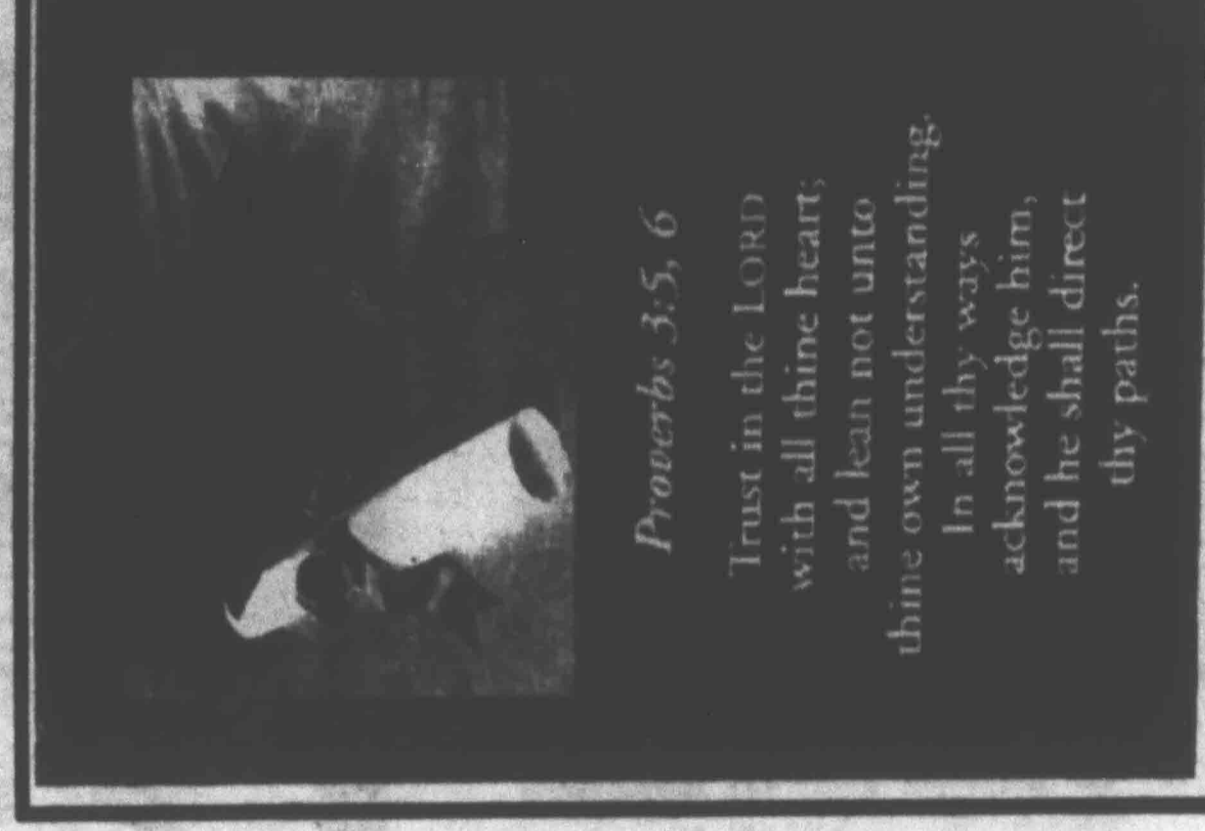
Also, special commendations are given to Pastor Lyle Larson and the First Baptist Church Family, Ripley, for such a timely display of graciousness in becoming an 'immediate' alternative site for housing the event. Thank God for the Gospel Group of First Baptist who brought us into His gates of thanksgiving with such heartfelt songs of praise and worship!

We acknowledge with gratitude Pastor W.L. Reid and the Women's Ministry of Holly Grove Baptist Church, Ripley, for preparing and serving the sack lunches to the youth attend-

ance (Sponsors). Thanks to Cathy's Flower Shop, (Ripley) for the special floral arrangement for the occasion.

We wish to extend to our Pastors and Elected Officials our highest commendations for the ongoing work of service that you give to us, the Citizens of Lauderdale County. We thank God for you and you are always in our prayers!

Ellena Gooch, Judy Groenke, Jackie Jones, Beaton Matthews, Linda Willis, and Sue Toles; the coordinating group for the Lauderdale County National Day of Prayer



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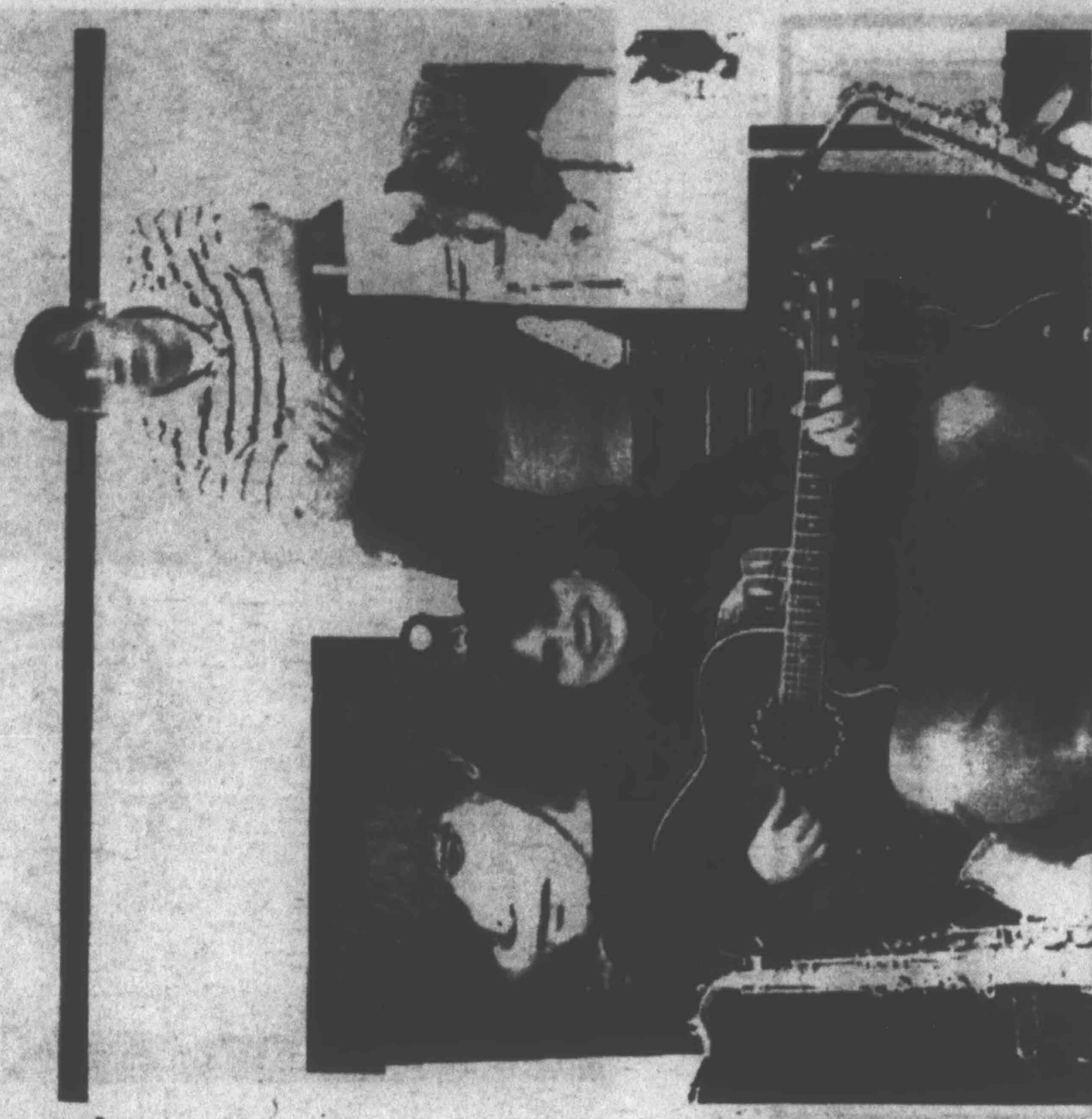
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Alex Aitken
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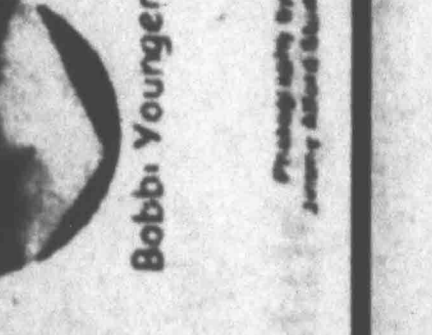
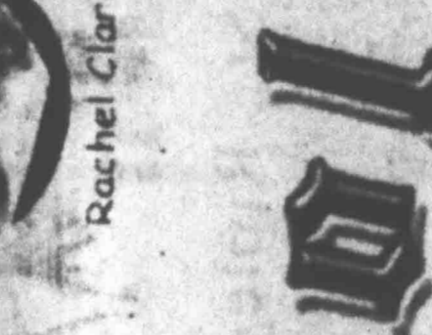
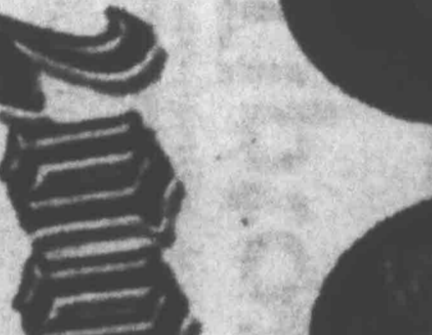
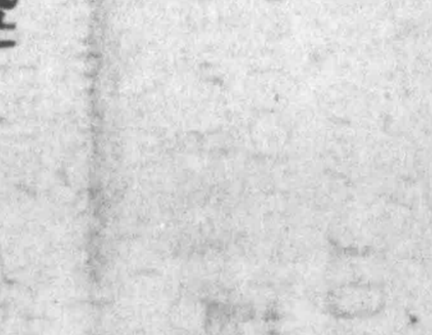
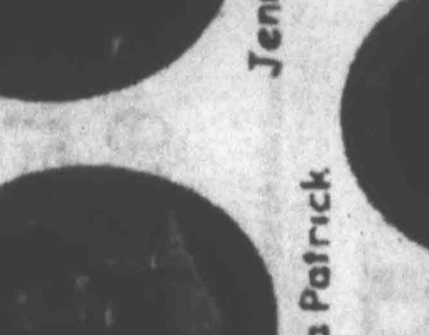
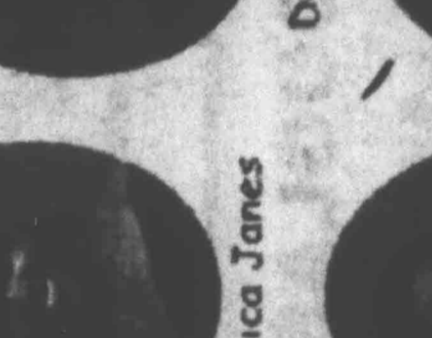
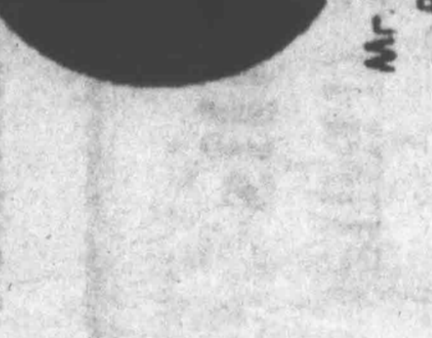
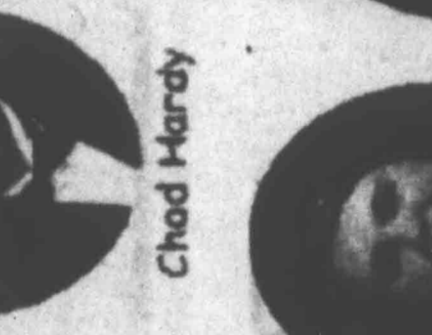
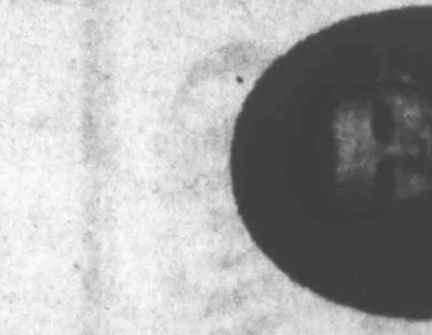
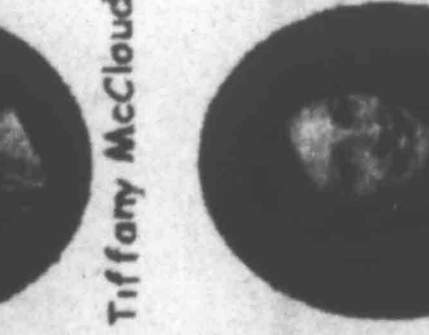
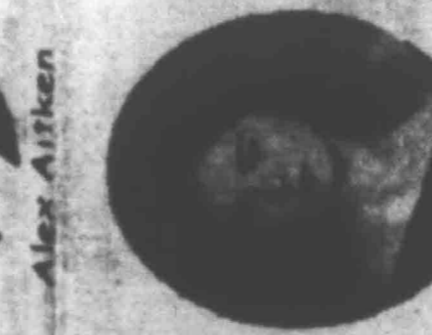


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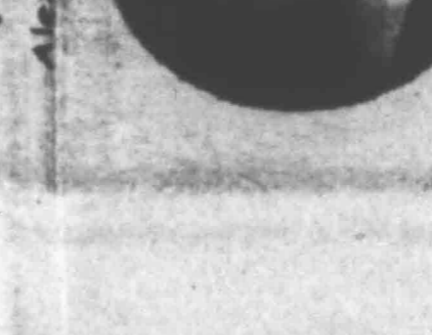
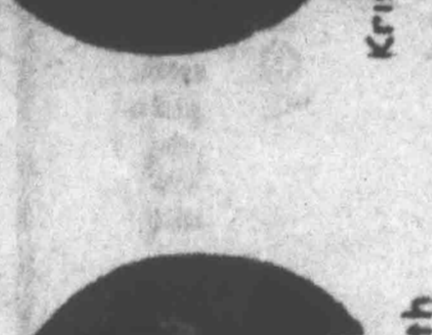
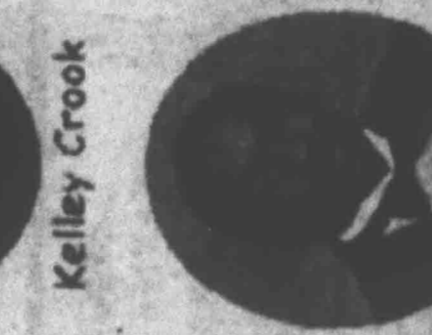


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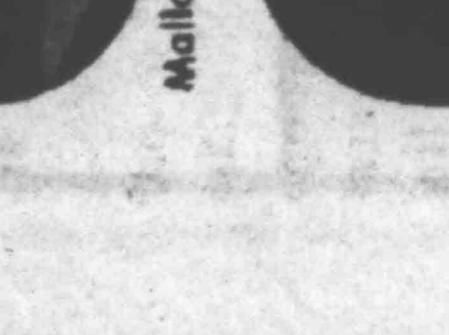
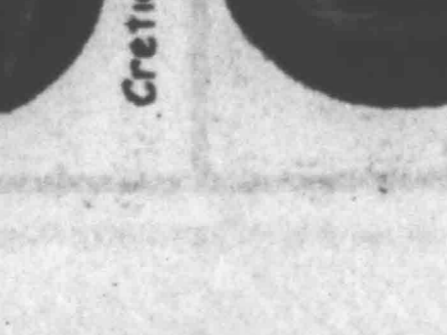
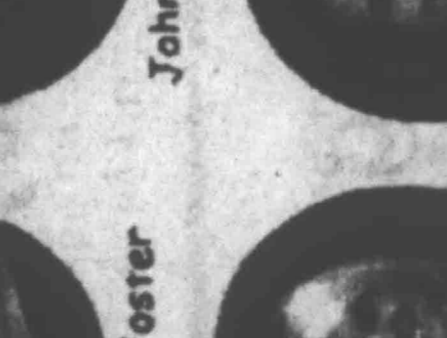
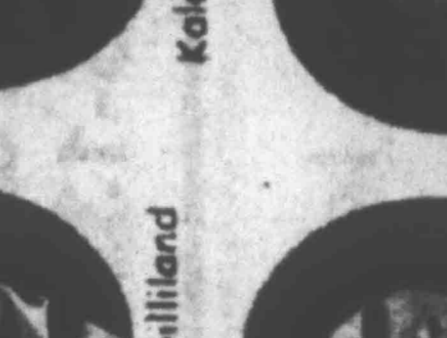
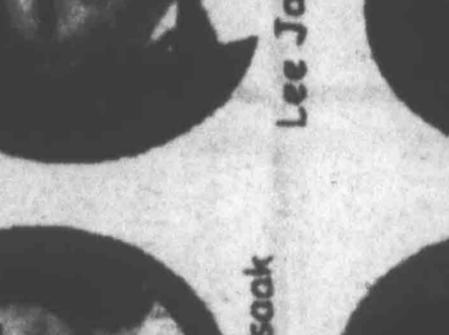
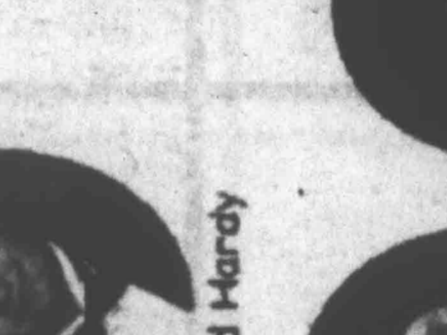
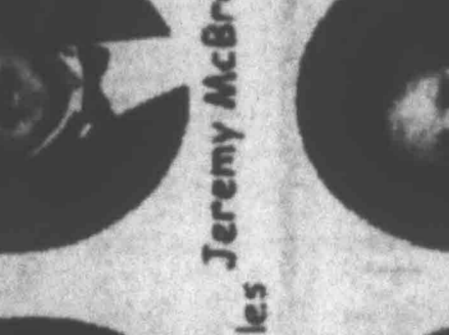
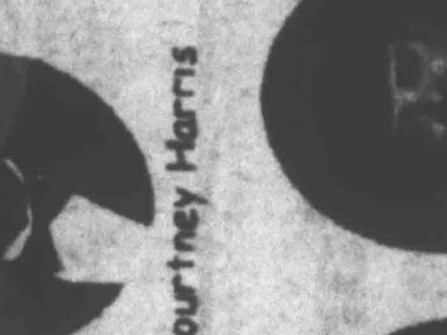
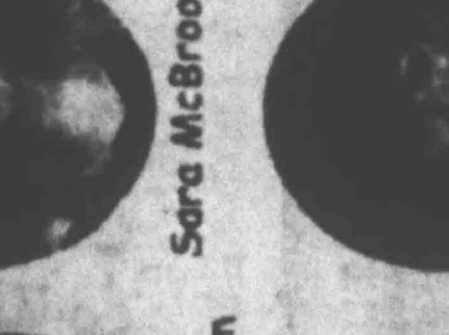
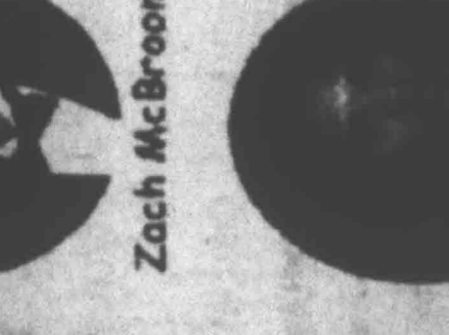
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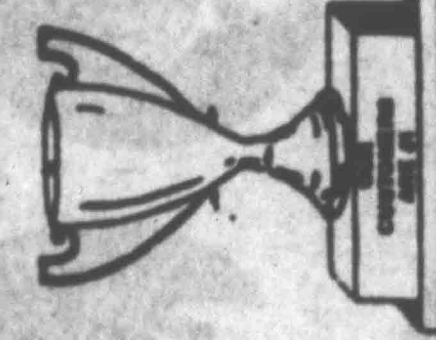


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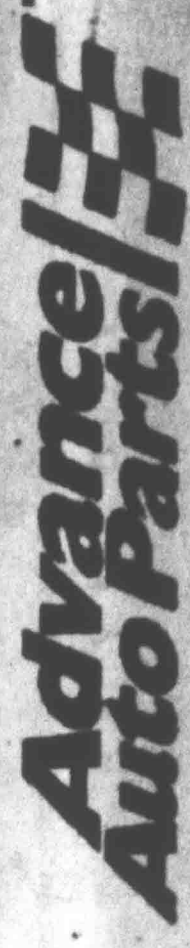
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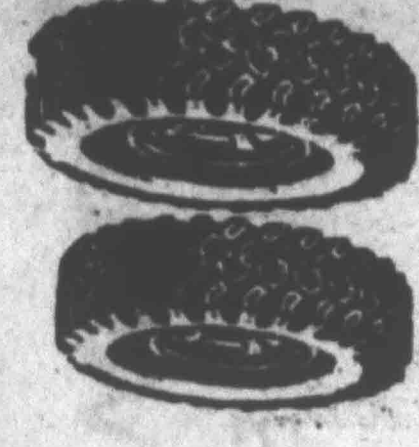
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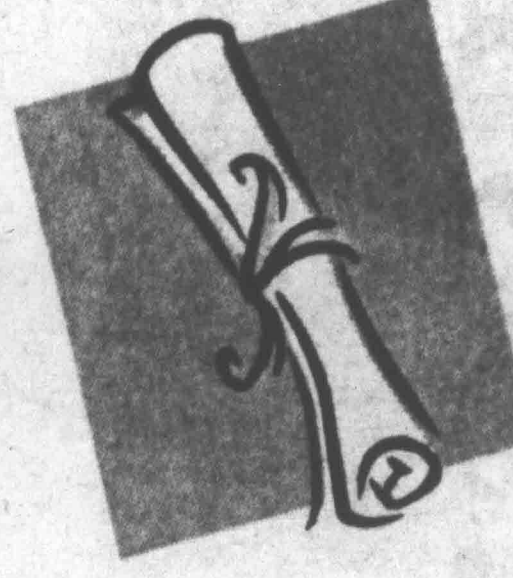
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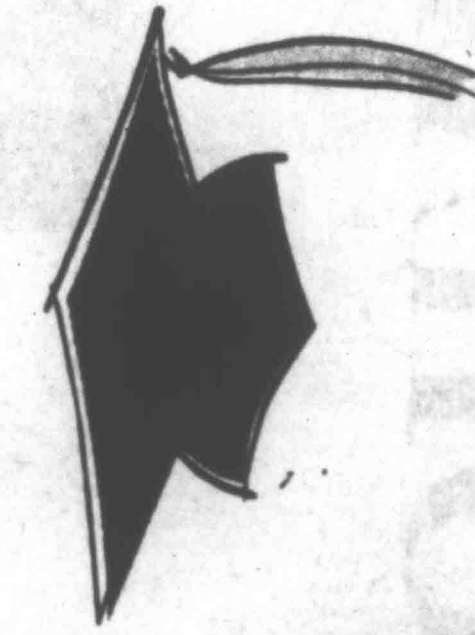


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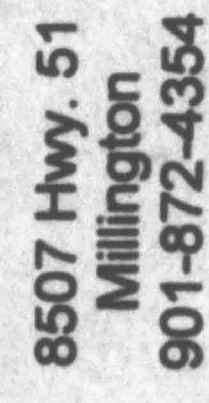
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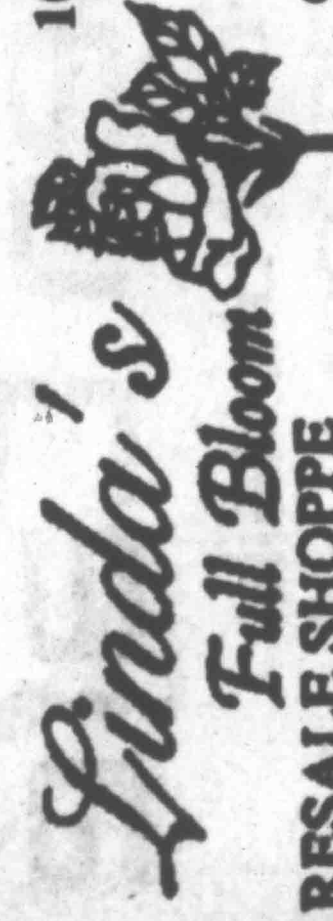
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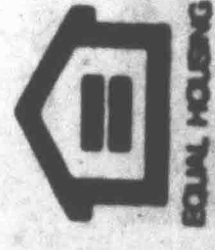
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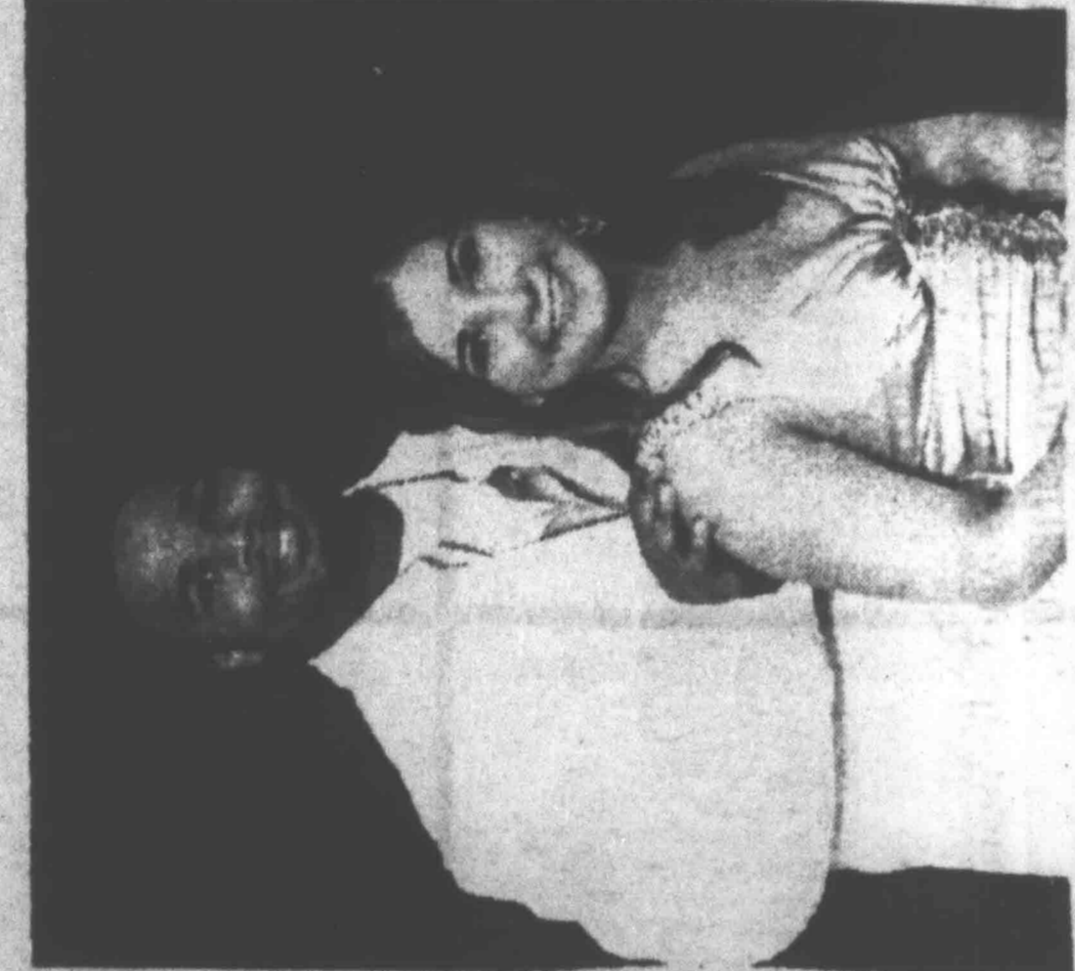
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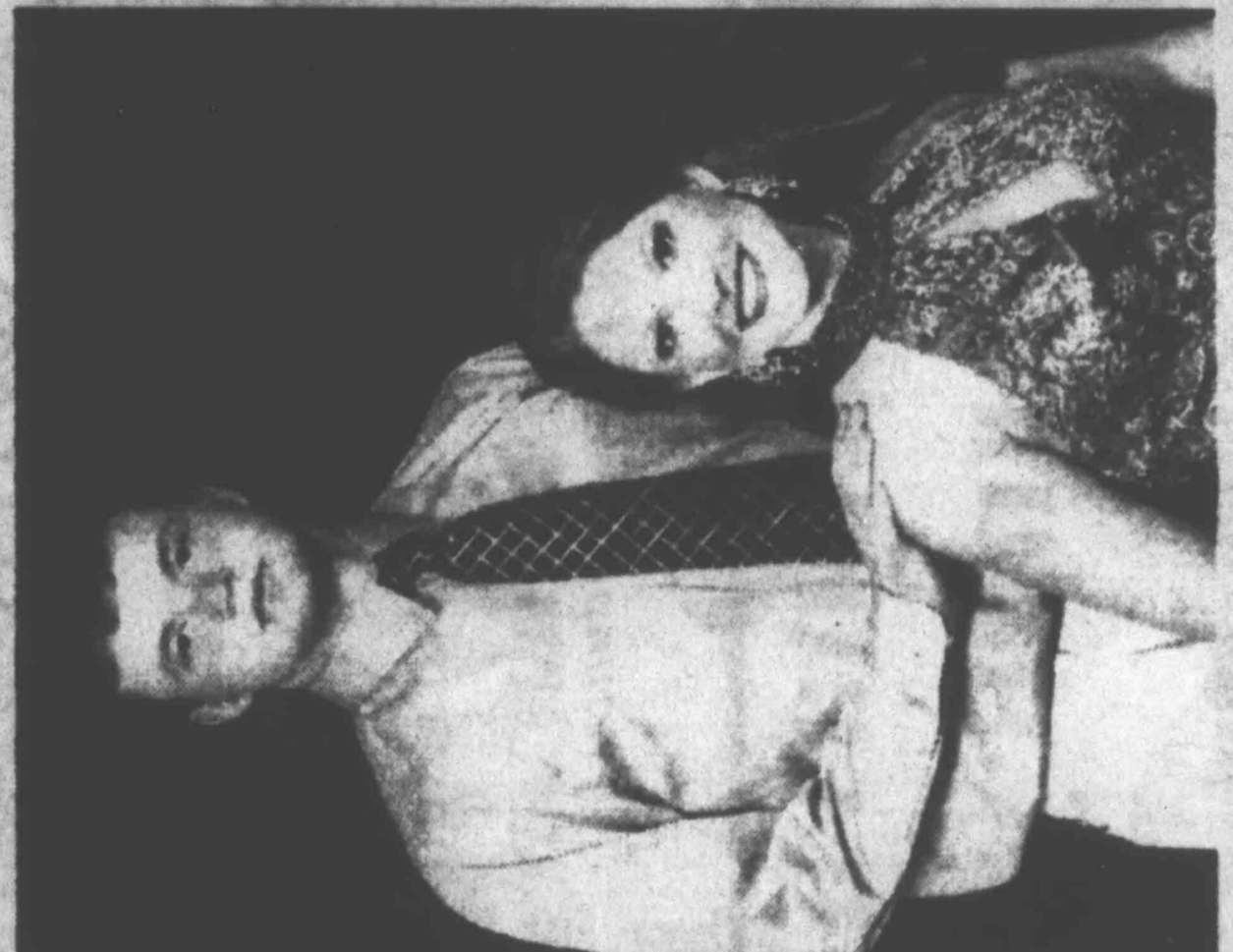
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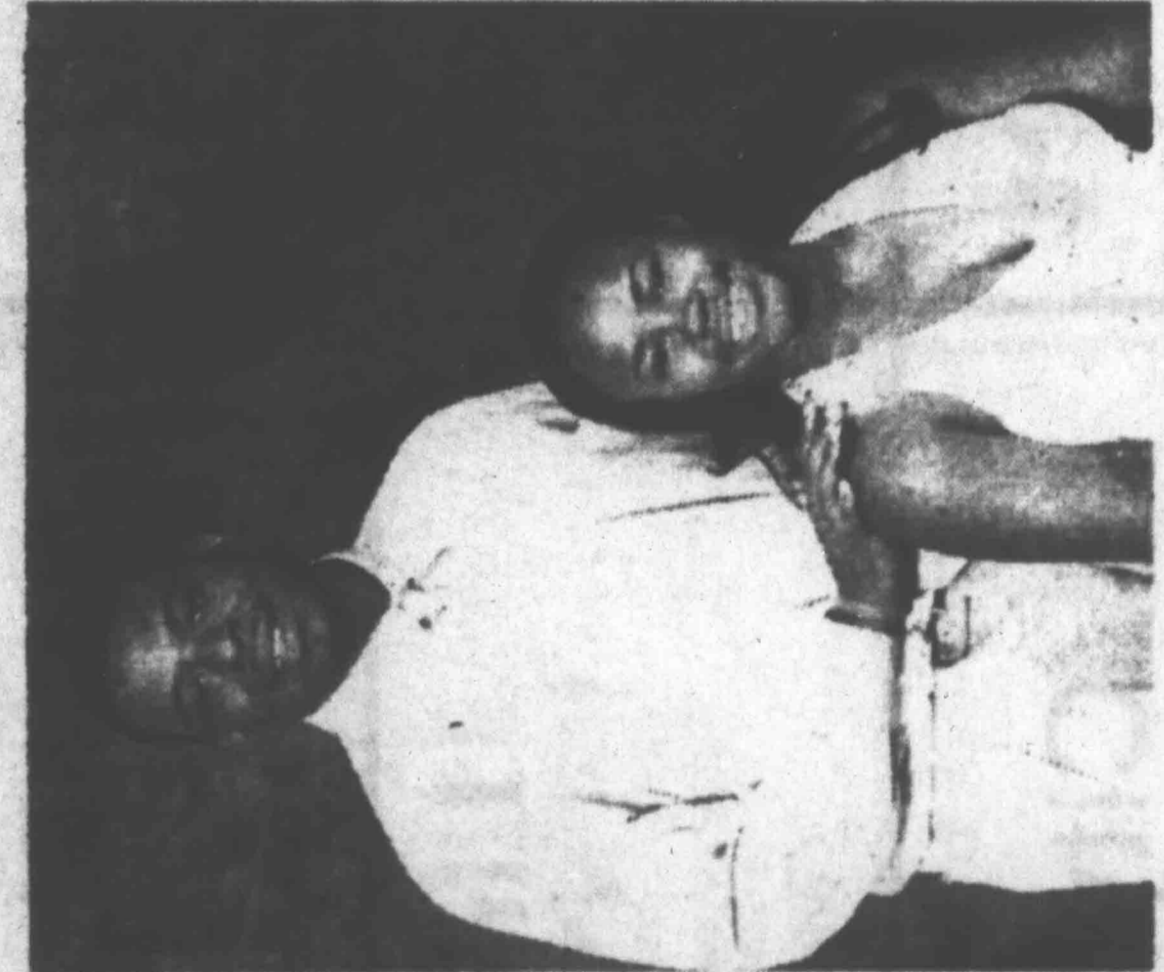
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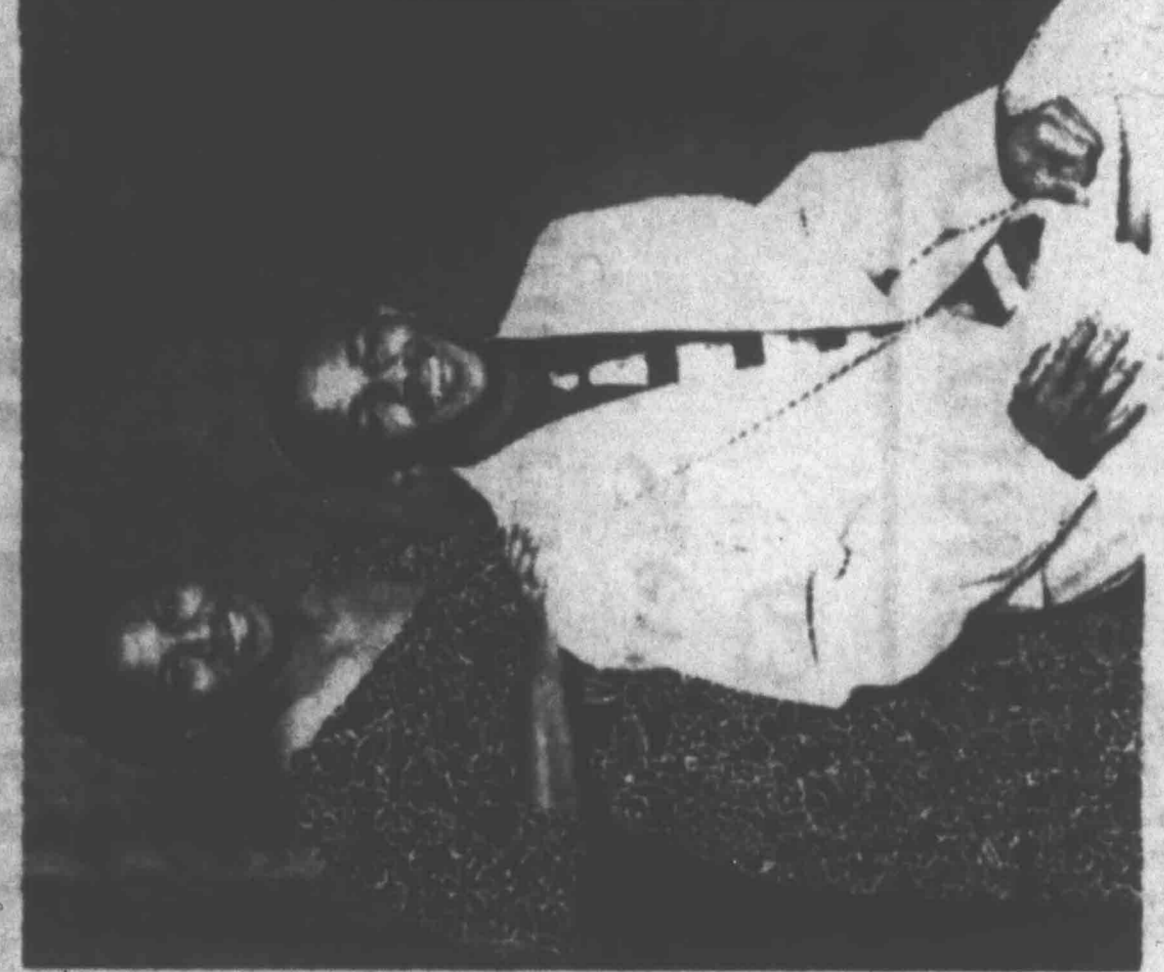
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KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS at Ripley Primary School toured the City of Ripley Fire Department last week. Firefighters spoke on fire safety and demonstrated some of their equipment, even enlisting a teacher to model a turn-out suit.

Ripley's Seniors Receive Awards

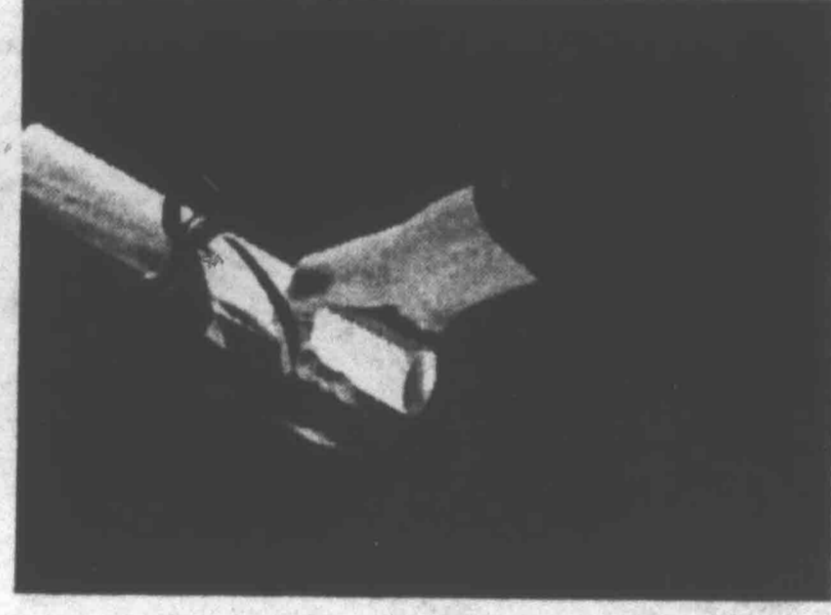
Ripley High School held its recognition night Monday to present scholarships and honors. Receiving scholarships and honors were Terrance Hemming, Bank of Ripley Valedictorian; Christy Simpson and Courtney Worlds, Bank of Ripley DSCC; Allen Hargett, Catherine Carpenter, and Caitlyn Harrison, Jerry Coleman Scholarship; Kate Harris, Exchange Club Student of the Year; Jereme Yancy, Exchange Club A.C.E. Award; Ginna Cherry, Bank/Tennessee Salutatorian; Brittany Cooper, Tarnisha Fisher, Carrese Ward, Terrance Henning, Joni Dewalt, and Brittany Hudson, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Heather Dew, Hayden Ferguson Memorial; Tabitha Starnes and Caitlyn Harrison, Junior Auxiliary; Jereme Yancy, Aaron Schuh Memorial; Emily Herron, Kate Harris, and Ginna Cherry, Carol Ann Douglas Fine Arts Scholarship, Lauderdale County Council of Arts; Cameryn Gaines, Jim Alford Sunday School Class; Cameryn Gaines, Lauderdale County Education Foundation; Kelley Jones, Lauderdale County Food Services; Kenyatta Stowe, Michael Dowell, Matthew Medford, and Koralee Langley, Whitefield Assembly of God; Cameryn Gaines and Chris Maners, Earl West Soil Conservation; Koralee Langley, Sabrina Edwards, and Anna Sanders, DSCC; Alex Baker, LCEA; Caitlyn Harrison, Clistry Buie, Ginna Cherry, Cameryn Gaines, and Caitlyn Meadows, University of Tennessee at Martin; Terrance Hemming, Ginna Cherry, Matthew Medford, Kate Harris, Tarneshia Fisher, Sylvette Lake, Tabitha Starnes, Emily Herron, Caitlyn Meadows, Caitlyn Harrison,

Jereme Yancy, Catherine Carpenter, Allen Hargett, Alex Baker, and Anna Kennedy, TOLLIE CHEEK Memorial; Christy Simpson, TOLLIE CHEEK Full Fees to Dyersburg State; Cameryn Gaines, TOLLIE CHEEK to University of Tennessee at Martin; Robin Greaves and Caitlyn Harrison, Crain's Pharmacy; Sylvette Lake and Kierra Reed, Siegel Robert North; Christy Simpson, Sabrina Edwards, and Anna Sanders, Siegel Roberts South; Houston Davis, Robert and Charlene Ward Memorial - Business; Cameryn Gaines, Robert and Charlene Ward Memorial - Medical; Catherine Carpenter, C. M. Kelly Scholarship; Emily Herron and Ginna Cherry, Thursday Evening Musicale; Kelley Jones, Margaret Ann Wright Williams - Scholarship; Cameryn Gaines, First United Methodist Church; Terrance Henning and Kate Harris, Criner-Hargett Leadership; Kate Harris, Castle Heights Military Academy Alumni Award; Chris Maners, Estes Express Lines; Skye Hickey, Howard University Grant; Janel Coleman, Sullivan University; December Bonds, MTSU Raider Scholarship; Anna Kennedy, MTSU Academic Service; Matthew Medford, Bethel College Music and other; Emily Herron, Bethel College Renaissance Performing Arts Scholarship; Kate Harris, Belmont University Academic/Leadership; Joni Dewalt, Brittany Cooper, and Ashley Roark, University of Memphis Advantage Scholarship-Band; Alex Baker, Lambuth University; Caitlyn Meadows, Wal-Mart Scholarship; Adam Bell, University of Oklahoma Full Scholarship; Caitlyn Harrison, TVA Power Distributors Scholarship; and Whitley

Teachers Of The Year Recognized



LAUDERDALE COUNTY TEACHERS, in front, from left, Alexis Hurt, Halls Elementary; Shirley Robinson, Lauderdale Middle School; Deanna Pavletic, Ripley Primary School; Kamala Kissell, Ripley Elementary School; and in rear, Shelley Murphy, Halls Elementary; Amanda Lane, Halls High School; Chasity Joyce, RES; along with Leslie Sigman, left, in rear, president of Bank of Ripley; and Phillip Jackson, right, Superintendent of Schools; plus, not pictured, Harley Patterson, Ripley High School, were recognized at a dinner at Olympic Steak House April 28th in their honor by the Bank of Ripley. They were presented certificates and a crystal apple.



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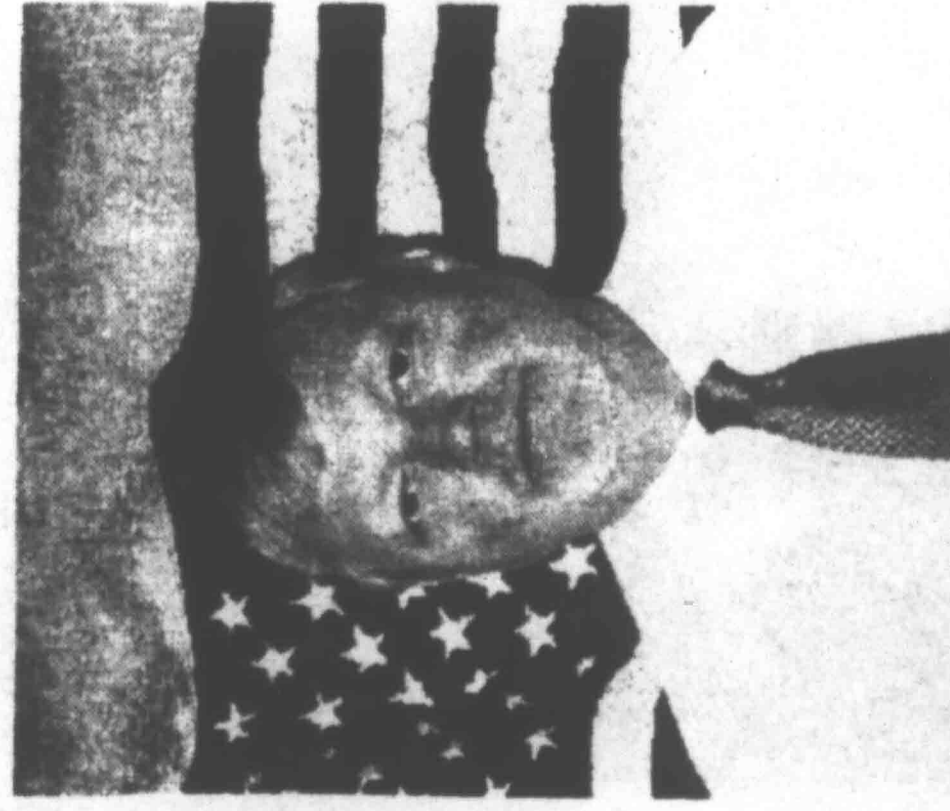
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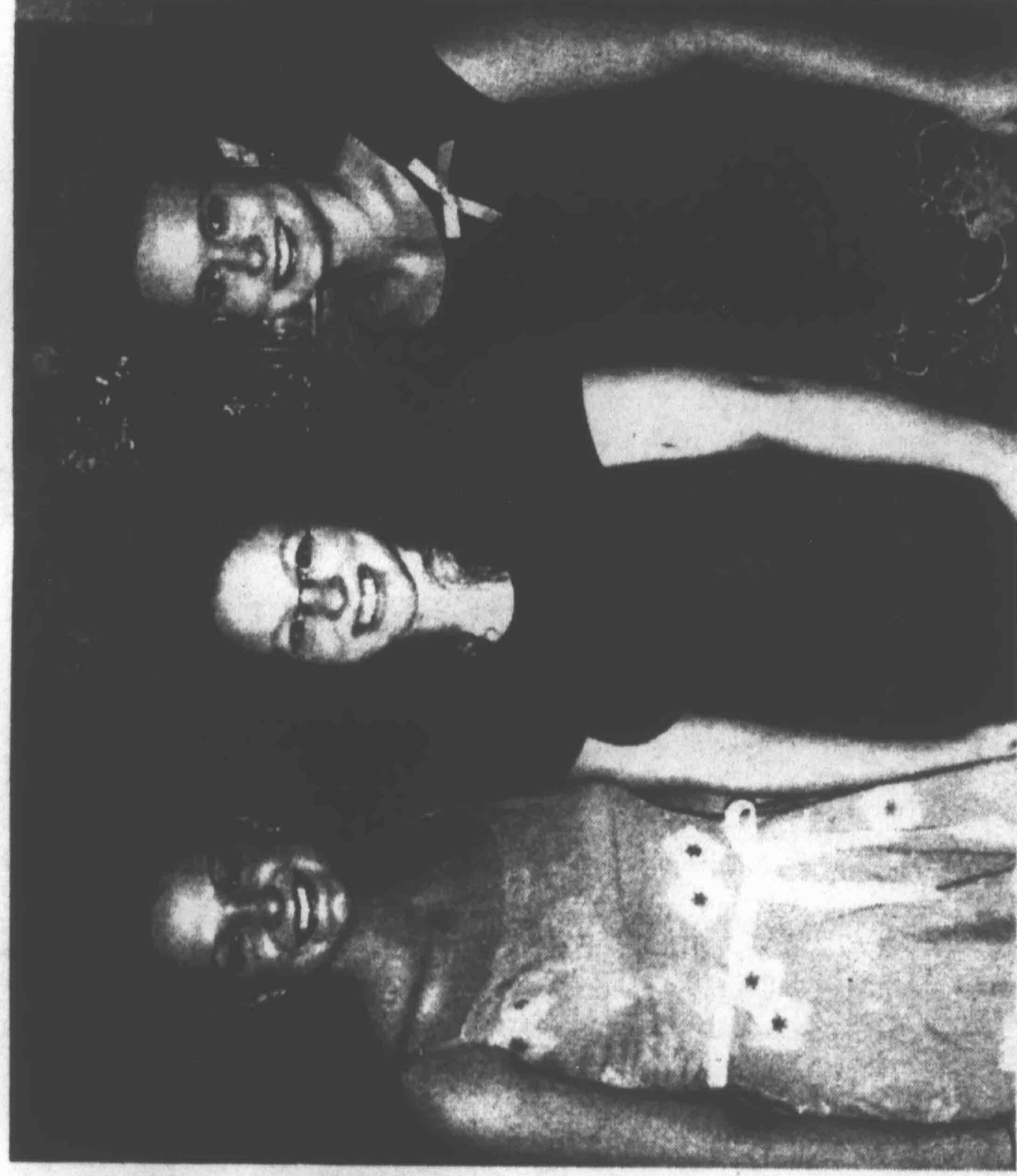
New School Leaders



RON BALES, left, and **Ned Lewis**, right, were appointed Friday by Lauderdale County School Superintendent, Phillip Jackson, to assume the duties of principals for the 2007 to 2008 school year at Lauderdale Middle School and Halls Junior High School, respectively. Ron has served as teacher and assistant principal at LMS. He served as interim principal during the medical leave and retirement of Bob England. Ned has been a teacher and assistant principal at Covington High School for several years. He and his wife reside in the Nankipoo community.



All-State Honor Choir



CHOIR MEMBERS; from left, Ginna Cherry, Crystal Jones, and Emily Herron, choir students at Ripley High School, participated April 21st in the All-State Honor Choir, held in Nashville, at the Laura Turner Concert Hall, Schermerhorn Symphony Center. The choir is sponsored by the Tennessee Music Education Association and is chosen by audition. This was Ginna and Emily's second consecutive year as a member.

Student Honored



ELIZABETH HUGUELEY, Halls Junior High School 7th grade student and St. Jude patient, was honored at a "Best Wishes, Beth" assembly at the school May 4th. She was presented a \$2,500 check and a \$450 gas card to help in transportation expenses. The money was raised by "Beth Backers" at the "Footsteps for Friendship" walk-a-thon. Attending the presentation was Barb Shepherd, of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to announce that Elizabeth's wish for a clubhouse was granted and delivery was scheduled.

UT Martin Graduates



Graduate



JASON R. BREWSTER, son of Randy and Debbie Brewster, of Ripley, graduated May 5th with a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Mississippi State University at the Humphrey Coliseum in Starkville, Miss. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and has held the offices of historian and community service chair, a member of college republicans, A.I.A.A., and Psi Chi Honor Society. He made research presentations at the S.P.S.P. conference in Memphis, and S.E.P.A. conference in New Orleans, La. He also worked as a volunteer fireman for Oktibbeha County in Mississippi and resident hall security for Mississippi State University campus police. Jason is the grandson of Don and Anne Paris, of Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Brewster, of Halls.

Life is a play! 'Tis not the length, but its performance that counts.

—Seneca

Remember that happiness is a way of travel, not a destination.

—Roy Goodman

Every path has its puddle.

—English Proverb

Scholar



KIMBERLY HESS-WARE, of Martin, daughter of Linda Gaines, of Ripley, and Donnell Hess, of Jackson, and granddaughter of the late Ruby Rouser, of Ripley, graduated May 12th from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a master's degree in education achieving a 4.0 grade point average. She expressed her appreciation to all of the teachers in the Ripley School system and Mrs. Tamara Harrold.

Top Student



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

Graduate



VALERIE CULLUM, wife of Jeremy Cullum, of Jackson, and daughter-in-law of Buddy and Anita Cullum, of Ripley, graduated May 5th from Lee University in Cleveland, with a bachelor of science degree in Christian ministry.

It is a happy talent to know how to play.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Leadership Award



JOSH GONZALEZ, right, Lauderdale Middle School student, was presented Beta Club's J. W. Harris Leadership Award last week in recognition for outstanding leadership and work in Beta. He was selected from hundred's of other members from Beta Clubs throughout the entire State of Tennessee. Ron Bales, left, LMS principal, presented a medal and certificate to Josh, who will further his leadership skills by attending Leadership Beta Club during the summer in Charlotte, N.C. as part of the award.



**NEWS FROM
Congressman John Tanner**
TENNESSEE'S 8TH DISTRICT | WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Congress Working To Improve Education

As students, parents and teachers look toward the summer break, Congress has been working on some matters that will affect schools in Tennessee and across our country for future school years. I hope to take this chance to tell you about the education issues we have been working on in Washington.

Education Budget. The House version of the 2008 budget, still pending, will restore funding for cuts President Bush had recommended to education programs, including Head Start and job training. We will continue to push for full support of the programs that help our students prepare for college and the workforce.

Head Start. The Improving Head Start Act of 2007, which recently passed the House with my support, reauthorizes this important, pre-K program and expands the criteria to help even more children. The bill calls for grants to be awarded to the highest performing Head Start institutions, including faith-based and community-based organizations.

Teacher Tax Relief. I am a lead sponsor of this bill, which will help teachers make up for the costs they often have to spend out of their own pockets to buy supplies and educational tools for their classrooms. Teachers can currently deduct up to \$250 they pay for such items as books, flash cards and crayons, but that provision expires at the end of this year. We want to restore that tax credit but expand it to help our students be successful.

Student Loans. As one of its first actions this year, the House of Representatives, with my support, voted to cut student loan interest rates in half over the next four years. We also approved the Student Loan Sunshine Act, which will clean up the relationship between student lenders and colleges, after recent reports that some lenders may be taking advantage of students and parents.

Math and Science Education. Two bills passed by the House will offer scholarships to encourage more students to become math and science teachers. With these bills, we also voted to recruit and train science, math and engineering professionals who want to move their skills into their classrooms to become teachers.

Music Education. I co-sponsored a bipartisan resolution that passed the House unanimously, affirming the importance of music education in a well-rounded school curriculum. The resolution notes that learning music helps develop 21st century workplace skills like critical thinking, creative problem-solving, effective communication and teamwork; keeps students involved in school and more likely to graduate; and helps students excel in other subjects, like math, science and reading.

Residential Education. I was very honored and humbled to be named Policymaker of the Year by C.O.R.E., the Coalition for Residential Education, which includes Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. We had worked together recently to ensure residential education facilities can serve as foster homes for children who are between homes.

Congratulating Student Athletes. I co-sponsored a resolution from the House Education and Labor Committee that congratulates the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers on their NCAA championship, which passed the House of Representatives unanimously. As I stated in The Congressional Record, we were all proud to watch these outstanding student athletes earn their victory over the Rutgers Scarlet Knights to win their 7th NCAA championship in 20 years. The resolution also congratulated Head Coach Pat Summitt, her coaching staff and all UT's student athletes for their dedication and teamwork.

We want to thank all the students, teachers and parents who helped make 2006-2007 a successful school year, and I hope everyone will have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Congressman Tanner represents Tennessee's 8th Congressional District in west and middle Tennessee. He serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and as chairman of the U.S. delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

CHRISTOPHER R. DAVIS, of Ripley, in upper photo, was among spring graduates at the University of Tennessee at Martin Saturday during commencement ceremonies. Davis is pictured with, from left, Tim Davis, of Perryville, Mo., Becky Sanders, of Ripley, and Tiffany Hudson, of Brownsville.

In lower photo, LoEva Jackson, right, of Ripley, was presented a Swafford Public Relations Scholarship May 16th. The award was presented at the annual communications career day to honor the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of communications students. The event consisted of a banquet, keynote speaker, award presentation, and career fair. She is pictured with Jeanna Swafford.

Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president, congratulated a record number of graduates and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor, who will retire June 30th, conferred degrees.

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Of course, you may still know them later on When you are someone else and years have run; And you may love them dearly, and they you, But time must make their friendship something new.

Meanwhile, flourishing within your heart There is a whole, of which you were a part: A group of friends, In whom your longing comes alive again.

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May 28th

Hutcherson Metals Ablaze Thru Night

Confiscated Items Destroyed

Fire originating about 8 p.m. Wednesday of last week in a stack of wrecked vehicles at Hutcherson Metals, Inc., north of Halls, was fought until dawn by eight fire departments.

By 10 p.m., when the blaze had spread to 15,000 sq. ft., with fuel tanks exploding, sending chunks of metal as large as basketballs into boiling clouds visible for two miles, Tenn. Emergency Management officials arrived to test air quality and consider evacuating some homes in Halls.

The closest fire hydrant was half a mile away. It was manned by Gates firemen, filling tanks of fire-fighter units often waiting in line.

Halls and Gates firemen were joined by units from the Ripley, East and Northwest Lauderdale, Bruceville, Bonicord, and Frog Jump fire departments.

Gates Will Hold \$1.85 Tax Rate

Gates plans to hold its real estate tax of \$1.85 per \$100 assessment for another budget year, beginning July 1st.

City workers will get \$10 per week pay increases.

Gates aldermen have altered the distance from Gates where firemen may live from five to 10 miles, since some valued firemen have moved into the 10-mile zone.

Aldermen have prohibited firemen from serving in any other fire department.

The rate for citizens to hire a city back-hoe, which for 10 years has been \$20 per

Halls Buys Now Gas For Winter

To avoid natural gas rate surprises next winter, Halls is buying, now, 25% of its usual needs, at \$9.56-\$9.66.

The 2007-08 budget will include purchases for which bids have been accepted;

A water-gun/vacuum to clean sewers, \$120,000.

A hook hoist ladder for the fire department, \$30,943.

Without warning, Homeland Security delivered a Polaris Ranger. Mayor McManus is seeking a grant to equip it to fight brush-fires.

Shooting At Night Club Injures Five

According to Lauderdale County Sheriff Steve Sanders, after shots were fired in the parking lot early Sunday morning, at the DaBoombotic Club, located in the Lauderdale County Truck Stop, on Highway 51, five persons were injured with two transported to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale and three to Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. The matter is still under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, 635-1311.

hour, has increased to \$50.

Gates continues to set aside funds for paving Concord Road.



LAUDERDALE COUNTY SHERIFF STEVE SANDERS, along with members of the Drug Task Force, Bubba Thompson, left, Brian Kelley, right, and District Attorney General Mike Dunavant, destroyed confiscated items, including marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, prescription pills, and slot machines, Fri., May 18th at the Lauderdale County Landfill. In lower photo, Sheriff Sanders drove the bulldozer to destroy the slot machines.

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May 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne

Leek, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling McAister, Mr. and Mrs. Larry White, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Abernathy.

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Lauderdale County Cleans-Up



COUNTIANS were out in force Sat., May 5th for the Great American Clean-Up in Lauderdale County. Approximately 12,000 pounds of garbage was picked up during the effort. The event runs from March 1st through May 31st each year. Free dumping was provided May 5th at the county landfill with almost 14,000 pounds of garbage collected and again Sat., May 19th with 134,008 pounds of garbage. Projects for the Great American Clean-Up include litter pickup, flower or tree planting, paint projects, or anything to "Beautify" the community. The Litter Committee of Keep Lauderdale County Beautiful will meet regularly to continue educating the community on the pitfalls of the growing problems of litter and illegal dumpsites. If anyone is interested, please call Pamela Cherry Kerby, 836-0637, or Lynn Harmon, 635-3791.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here. I am posted under my favorite tree watching the birds with a nice breeze in my face and catching forty winks every now and then. I have been thinking about the old days when I used to be hungry all the time and smelled of garbage. I roamed with some pretty rough company. Butch was my best bud and he taught me how to fight, hunt for food, and avoid the two leggers. I found myself alone and desperate after Butch was poisoned by a two legger.

After that I avoided the two leggers, until one day I met some young two leggers and they played with me and we had a great time. I followed them around on their bikes and played chase with their rubber ball. I followed them to their house and Jimmy, the youngest, brought me some leftovers after supper. I slept there that night, but the next day his Mother took the broom after me--so I left.

I scrounged about for a while, and then last November Mr. Sammy lured me over to his truck with a piece of meat. My life turned around when I was taken to the Club at Dry Hill. There you receive a daily meal, kind words, and a daily pat on the head. I also learned that there are some awesome two leggers working at the Club who really care about critters. I have never been hungry since I came to the Club. However, this past week Christy told Miss Pam that there was no more food. Those words brought back all these memories.

Miss Pam and I worried all night about our little four leggers and friends. The next morning Miss Pam started begging and some wonderful two leggers came to our aid. They deserve three big yelps and a two paw salute, so here goes: Andrea Tims and Gateway School, 240 lbs, The Farm Store and Mr. Sonny, 250 lbs, E. W. James, 50 lbs, Halls Co-Op,

40 lbs, Fred's, 17 lbs, Paul Wolf, 60 lbs, Kristi Wilkes, 40 lbs, and money donations from Shannon Leek and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilliland. THANKS AGAIN!! But folks, this will only last about 10 days. Our big source of food in the past has been the Wal-Mart of Ripley and the Wal-Mart of Millington. They have been giving us torn bags of food, so if you don't mind, how about all you Zeek fans going to the store and dropping a bag of food on the floor. My buds are worth the gamble! Do you think I could pose as a seeing eye four legger so they would let me in the stores?

Seriously, Miss Pam is still working on the food problem. She went to the top and called the Mayor. She said "We need action, not red tape", whatever that means.

I received a wonderful gift from Brenda MacIin. I now own a blanket with "Zeek" monogrammed on this beautiful orange and white UT blanket. I told you my life has changed. I am not bragging, but three female two leggers came to the

Club just to see yours truly. We had a rough week, but it ended well with five of my buds finding new homes. The big problem is the thirty head count gain this week. We have three nursing mothers with puppies at the club and two leggers keep dropping off puppies left and right. Christy and Misty, our caretakers, said to talk about "Baby" an 18 month old Cocker Spaniel who is good natured and easy to handle. They also like a little three month old Beagle called "Pretty". We have "Booger", a male Dachshund mix, that is very loveable and about one year old. They also like "Susie", a two year old Feist, and "Makyla", a one year old female Malamute, who is good with children and is easy to handle. They said to mention our German Shepherds, "Shelia" and "Cooke". If you like Golden Retrievers take home "Goldie", a male adult, who has a great personality. If you are partial to Blue Heelers, we have six pups that are seven weeks old and ready to go.

Countian Receives University Degree

Jerry Keith Young, of Halls, graduated May 19th from Union University in Jackson. He was among 392 graduates at the university's 182nd annual spring commencement ceremony.

Jerry earned a bachelor of science degree in digital media studies with an emphasis on communication arts. A graduate of Halls High School, he is the son of Paula Young and Jerry Young.

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Land Transfers

May 13th-May 19th

Richard Douglas to William F. McWherter, Jr., and Carol McWherter, Dist. 2, lot.

Health Care Property Investors Inc. to Kindred Nursing Centers East LLC, Dist. 2, lot.

Kindred Nursing Centers East LLC to CSE Ripley LLC, Dist. 2, lot.

William M. Harmon III and Brenda L. Harmon to Phillip McConnell and Rhonda McConnell, Dist. 10, tract.

Homesales Inc. to Ryan Whiteside, Dist. 2, lot.

Gary D. Turner to Mary Mitchell, Dist. 2, 0.25 acres.

Betty J. Henderson and Roland C. Henderson to Mary Elizabeth Ables, Dist. 11, 1.538 acres.

James Carroll and John Carroll to Johnny Dyson and Tina Dyson, Dist. 2, 8.4155 acres.

Frances E. Paige to Robert M. Lewis and Tracy D. Lewis, Dist. 12, lot.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC to William Griffin and Cynthia Griffin, Dist. 2, lot.

J.W. Robison to Stephen Todd Taylor and Tracie Taylor, Dist. 12, 2 tracts.

Cold Creek Conservancy LLC to Scotty Holcomb and Terisa Holcomb, Dist. 4, lot.

Homesales Inc. to Steve Cherry, Dist. 2, lot.

Ronnie White and Susan White to Brad Alley, Dist. 2, lot.

Margaret M. Hargett to Thomas H. Williams and Donna D. Williams, Dist. 6, 1.28 acres.

U.S. Bank NA and Wachovia Bank to Mary Mitchell, 1.90 acres.

Misty D. Wright to James D. Breen and Wendy H. Breen, lot.

Angela S. Smith, Angela S. Schneider, and Kenney Smith to William H. Davis, Jr., lot.

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.
-Robert Frost

Obituaries

John Yanders

John "Man Man" Yanders, Jr., 18, of Dyersburg, brother of Brittany Dennis, of Halls, died May 8th in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center.

Rites were Wednesday of last week in Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Dyersburg, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery in Dyersburg. Cosmopolitan Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include his father, his mother and step-father, Patricia and Chris Dennis, and three other sisters, Ashley and Patricia Yanders and Felicia Henning, all of Dyersburg, and a step-brother, Christopher Dennis, of Germany.

Alvira Grady

Alvira Grady, 84, sister of Earlean Halliburton, of 159 East End, Ripley, died Sunday in Norton's Hospice in Louisville, Ky.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Williams Funeral Home in Louisville, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, assisting here.

She leaves another sister, Laverne Mobley, of Louisville.

Sarah Arnett

Sarah Elizabeth Arnett, 88, of Memphis, mother of Charlie Arnett, of 182 Creekwood Road, Halls, died Saturday.

Rites were Wednesday in Roller-Citizens Funeral Home, with burial in Potter Cemetery at Lepanto, Ark.

She was the widow of Bennie Arnett. Survivors include another son, Bruce, of St. Charles, Mo.; daughters, Joyce Pannell, of Memphis, and Gayle St. Claire, of Southaven, Miss.; a brother, James Andrew Blair, Jr., of Byhalia, Miss.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to Prescott Baptist Church, 961 Getwell Road, Memphis, would be appropriate.

Micheal Dale

Micheal Ray Dale, Sr., 56, of Chicago, Ill., a utility worker for City of Chicago, nephew of Frank Currie and Johnnie Mae Currie, of Ripley, died May 20th at University of Chicago Hospital.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 26th, at Wallace Broadview Funeral Home in Chicago, with burial in Burr Oaks Cemetery in Alsip, Ill., with Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

He leaves his wife, Patricia Dale, and son, Derrick Dale, both of Matteson, Ill.; another son, Micheal Dale, Jr., of Memphis; brothers, Lee, Alvin, and Christopher Dale, all of Chicago, Hughston Dale, of Lancaster, Calif., and John Dale, of Tyler, Tex.; a sister, Bernice Thomas, of Chicago; and a grandchild.

Charles Kiestler

Charles Calvin Kiestler, 75, of Jackson, who was born in this county, died Monday of last week.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Highland Memorial Gardens in Jackson.

He had retired as a service station manager.

He leaves his wife, Brenda; sons, Charles and Jimmy; daughters, Linda Laird, Pam (Mrs. Tommy) Webb, and Tina (Mrs. Gary) Dodd; one step-daughter, Molly Reinmann; one sister, Lola (Mrs. Cah) Lutrell; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Martha Webb

Martha Ann Webb, 71, of 2992 Edith-Nankipoo Road, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Widow of S. J. Webb, she leaves sons, David and Mike, daughters, Judy Heinrich and Mary Maietta, and a brother, Terry Hightower, of Ripley; another brother, Bill, of Dyersburg; sisters, Katie Hutcherson, of Halls, and Carolyn Lewis, of Knoxville; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Coy Crihfield, Jr.

Coy B. Crihfield, Jr., 54, of Ripley, truck driver, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

He has been a member of New Life Fellowship Church and of the National Guard.

He leaves his wife, Deborah Jean Johnson Crihfield; sons, Sonny B. Crihfield, of Ripley, and Brad Thomas Crihfield, of Henning; a daughter, Shelly Ellwood, of Atoka; his parents, Coy Crihfield, of Dyersburg, and Betty Crihfield, of Henning; a sister, Mitzi Burr, of Henning; and four grandchildren.

Deeta June Via

Deeta June Via, 57, of Obion, formerly employed by S-R of Tennessee in Ripley, died May 7th in Baptist Hospital in Union City.

Rites were held May 10th in the Johnson-Williams Funeral Home in Newbern, with burial in Zion Cemetery at Elbridge.

She had also been a quality auditor at Poly-One in Dyersburg and an employee in a Wal-Mart photo lab.

She was born in Dyersburg, Jan. 14, 1950, to Clyde Craig, of Newbern, and the late Nancy Watson Craig.

Survivors include her husband, J. J. Via; one son, Scott Hall, of Dyersburg; a brother, Kim Craig, of Newbern; and a grandchild.

Academically Talented



STUDENTS, in front, from left, Logan Buckner, Chase Wood, Haleigh Hurt, and in rear, Shania Rogers and Rachel Meyer, Halls Elementary School, were selected for the Duke University Talent Identification Program. The program identifies and supports academically talented students in the fourth and fifth grades.

CLASS REUNION

The Halls High School Class of 1957 will hold its 50th year reunion May 26th at the

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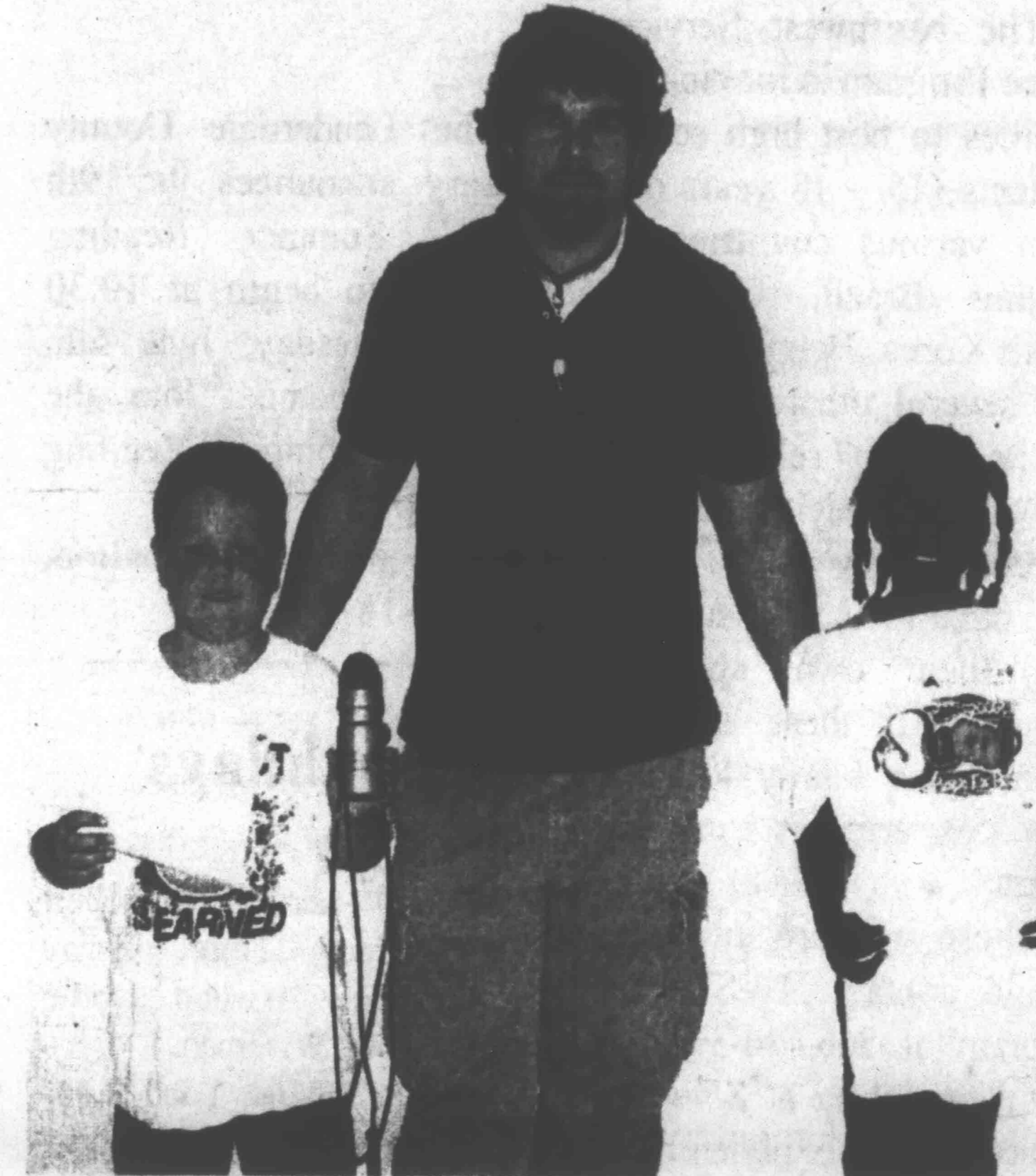
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The Lauderdale County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize county assessments June 1, 2007. THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT APPEALS FOR TAX YEAR 2007 ONLY UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF ITS 2007 REGULAR SESSION WHICH WILL BE JUNE 30, 2007. The Board will meet from 1 to 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday in the office of the Assessor of Property, located in the Lauderdale County Courthouse. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization must appear before said board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right of appeal.

Assessor Of Property

Jump Rope For Heart



STUDENTS, Logan Hurt, left, and TeAsha Glenn, at Halls Elementary School, competed in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart program the last of April. The school collected a total of \$3,102.35. Logan, first grade, and TeAsha, second grade, were the top collectors with \$316 each. They are pictured with Robert Huffstutter, physical education teacher.

Donation Presented



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Retired Teachers Association donated money Friday to the Halls Elementary School Library to be used for purchasing book or other library supplies to Beth Keen, center, librarian. Presenting the check were, from left, Carol Phillips, retired Ripley High School librarian, and Jean Jackson, retired RHS teacher.

GITCHELL REUNION

The Harvey Gitchell family reunion will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 26th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Allmon, formerly the home of Harvey and Lillie Mae Gitchell, located at 2967 Edith Nankipoo Rd., near Ripley. All family and friends are invited to attend. Anyone wishing to bring a dessert plate may do so.

STREET BASKETBALL

A street basketball tournament is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 16th, on the streets of downtown Halls. Each team must have four players.

For more information, call Halls Mayor Trent McManus at 836-9653.

Divorces

Melissa Hoffman vs. Christopher Dean Hoffman.

Marriages

May 12 - Mark Allen Langley, Sr., 43, to Pamela Diane Wilson, 40, by Eulas David Childers.

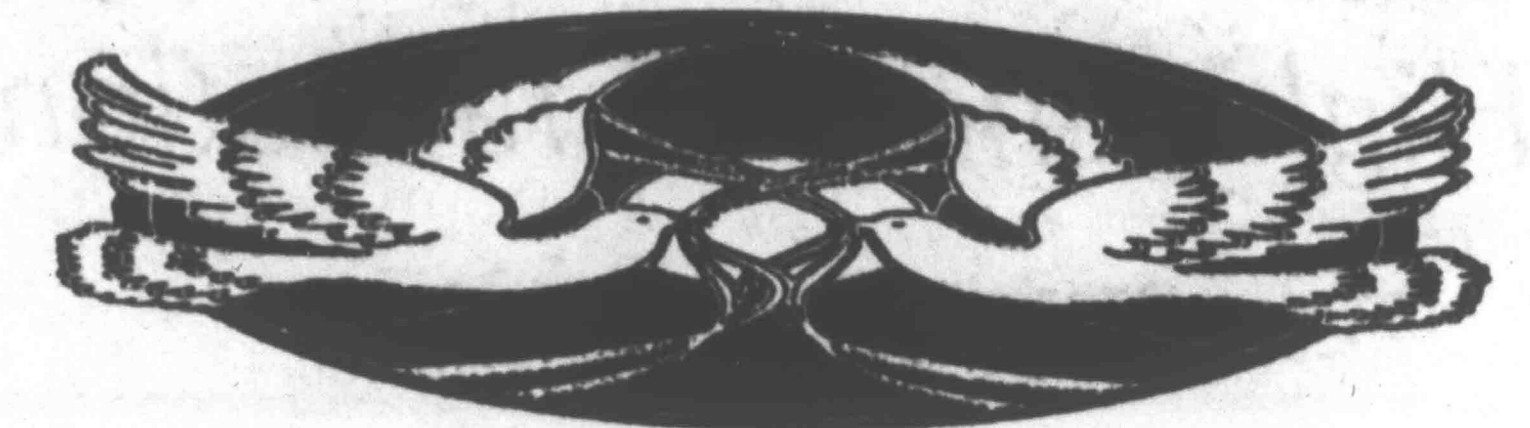
Wilson Leslie Manges, 55, to Joyleen Marie Ketelsen, 50, by Guy Merryman.

Edward Melvin Pike, Jr., 44, to Carol Marie Church Harris, 36, by Tracy Henson.

Rodney Hall Thurmond, 40, to Dorothy Fay Henson Barton, 41, by Rocky Gilliam.

James Joseph Rainey, 27, to Shawnta Nicole Buckner Dunaway, 26, by Owen D. Lilly.

May 18 - Donald Thomas Paschall, Jr., 29, to Star Desiree Sollis, 18, by Janice C. Craig.



Church Happenings

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

The Brotherhood class of Spirit Filled Baptist Church, located on Hwy 19 West, will sponsor a free breakfast with sausage and biscuits and God's word from 6 to 10 a.m. May 26th. Bro. Rocky Gilliam, pastor, invites the public.

Bethlehem Goddust Baptist Church, located on Highway 19 West, will hold a "Women Ministering To Women" at 2:30 p.m. Sun., May 27th with Missionary Gloria Webster, of St. Matthew, delivering the message. James T. Byars, pastor, invites the public.

The Ripley Church of God will hold a special service at 7 p.m. Thurs., May 24th entitled "Break Strong Holds". Tracy Henson, pastor, invites the public.

Curve Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School, for ages 2 to 12, from 9 a.m. to noon June 4th through 8th. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church, 102 E. Tigrett St., will hold its Vacation Bible School, for children age 3 through 6th grade, from 9 a.m. to noon, June 4th through 8th. Songs, friends, Bible stories, games, snacks, and more will be offered. For more information, call 836-7116. The public is invited.

Lighthouse Church, 104 Fenton St., Halls, will welcome The Rev. Randy Lainhart, who will minister during both services Sun., May 27th and on Wed., May 30th. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life Ministries Church of God In Christ, Halls, will host the Ripley District AIM 2007 event at 6:30 p.m. Fri., May 25th with Linwood Dillard, pastor of Germantown Community COGIC, as guest speaker. Activities include praise, worship, inspirational messages, pantomime, spotlighting youth talents, and more. The public is invited.

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High Schools Graduation Celebrated



HALLS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS received diplomas Friday at the H. G. Conley Memorial Stadium. Members of the National Honor Society wore blue collars, and honor students, gold cords.

Readers Speak

Editor:

On Friday, May 4, 2007, a mile wide, slow moving tornado destroyed the town of Greensburg, Kansas. The news reports said that the citizens only got about 20 minutes warning, but even that short time allowed most of them to take cover, and loss of life was about 11. Halls can identify with that small farming community. Over the years, Halls has been touched by tornadoes

several times, destroying much of the old Methodist Church, some homes and businesses. Recently, my husband and I bought a home in Halls, hoping to spend some time in my home town. Although I have read the Graphic most of my life since my mother, Mary Al-sobrook, always gave me a subscription, I have never read a story describing a plan for warning, shelters, evacuation, and rescue. That doesn't mean that there isn't such a plan or that the

Graphic hasn't covered it. I may have just missed it. I do think it would be a good idea if the outline of such a plan were published each year as tornado season starts. Shelter locations should be identified and marked. I'm assuming that the city fathers have such a plan and are organized for rescue. If not, perhaps the Graphic could do some prodding. When in Halls last summer, I contemplated buying a weather warning radio, but realized that our house there, not having a basement, we

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Northwest Services Peace Program is looking for families to host high school students (15 - 18 years old) from various countries including Brazil, Germany, South Korea, Belgium, Italy, and several other countries, for the 2006-07 school year.

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Those who are interested should contact NWS Peace Program at 866-634-3977 or visit their website at www.nw-services.com. Experience is not necessary, as an orientation and support will be provided.

REGISTRATION

Registration for swim lessons for boys and girls ages three and up is accepted at the YMCA, of Dyer County, to be held at Dyersburg Country Club at the Farms and Newbern Oakview Recreation Center. Lessons will be taught in one week sessions Monday through Friday, June 4th through July 20th.

For more information, call 731-288-9622.

Annual Summer Reading Program

The Lauderdale County Library announces its 19th annual Summer Reading Program to begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 6th, with the theme, 'Join the Rompin' Stompin' Reading Roundup'.

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Birthdays

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

May 25 - Mike Land, Lauren Cherry, Caroline Walker, David Kesler, Ashley Blakley, Nix Crawford, Bill Sweat, Sara Armstrong, Carrie Glenn, Kristen Mitchell, Anita Chrestman, Steve Smith, Darius Hughes.

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

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

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

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

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—Sydney Smith

Thank you, Lucinda A. Coulter-Burbach Apopka, Fla.

Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Deer And Farmers Have Coming To Understanding Meeting In Henry County

A very common sight these days along Tennessee's rural roadways is the sudden image of flickering bright white tails of deer as they spring across farm fences and the almost chorus line formation of large numbers of wild turkeys stopping traffic to cross roads as if they were in a parade. These sights are something that wildlife enthusiasts view as beauty and Tennessee's farmers and property owners see as problems.

For several years now damage to field crops, home gardens, landscaping, and farm livestock has continued to increase. The reported amounts of damage have varied across the board depending on who or what agency was doing the reporting.

A report compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service issued a few years ago, reported that crop and livestock losses from wildlife in the United States totaled over \$900 million. Much of that loss occurred in the area of field crops with deer being the number one violator.

Farmers have been seeking a solution for several years to the number of deer making their annual harvest less each fall and the most possible solution to their

problem is one that is very simple. Reduce the number of deer.

The economics of predation management in agriculture and wildlife has been around a long time. When it was the occasional raccoon in the cornfield or even the two deer in the soybeans only a few years ago, the problem could be solved with a good dog. That was a starting point for predation management on our Tennessee farms.

However, today there are hundreds of deer in the soybean fields and the dog is no longer the solution, but the principles of predation management are still the same. That is, reduce the number of deer.

Up in Henry County, where the deer seem to hold an annual convention each year and the delegates never go home, farmers with the help of the University of Tennessee Extension Service are experiencing positive impact from predation management. Henry County UT Extension Agent and County Director Ken Goddard has seen much success from a deer census and harvest program begun a few years ago.

Goddard reports that one of his farmers has seen a major impact in using a predation management program suggested by UT.

In 2003 and 2005 he planted 96 acres of soybeans on his farm. In 2004 and 2006 he planted 78 acres of soybeans due to field rotations. In the five years he averaged 55 bushels of beans per acre

from the acres harvested. His beans sold for an average of \$6.00 per bushel. In 2003 the farmer lost 10 acres of soybeans from deer feeding totaling 550 bushels at \$6 or \$3300.

During the year of 2004 with the issuing of depredation permits to hunters, 2 bucks and 33 does were taken off the farm. During seasonal hunts that same year, 3 bucks and 19 does were taken. That year he lost 3.5 acres of soybeans from deer feeding totaling 193 bushels. At \$6 per bushel his deer damage amounted to \$1155 compared to \$3300 the year before.

In 2005 depredation permitted hunts netted 4 bucks and 23 does, with seasonal hunting harvesting an additional 2 bucks and 26 does.

Last year depredation hunts removed 2 bucks and 8 does, with seasonal hunt harvests of 2 bucks and 8 more does.

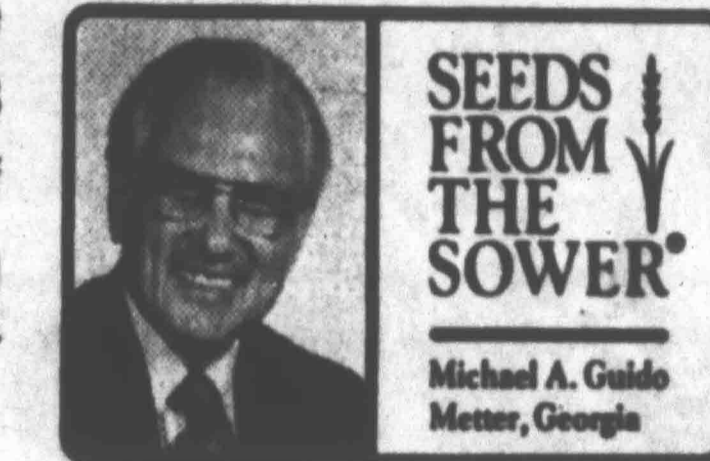
With predation management in place on the farmer's farm, in 2005 he lost 2.5 acres of soybeans from deer feeding totaling 138 bushels at \$6 a bushel or \$828 in deer damage to the soybean harvest.

Just like in the other years, the farmer in 2006 saw his loss drop to one half of an acre of soybeans damaged from deer feeding totaling 27.5 bushels of soybeans consumed. At \$6 a bushel the farmer had a damage cost of \$165 in 2006 compared to \$3300 back in 2003. Plus, hunters have realized the

deer taken from the farm in recent years have increased in size and have a much more healthy condition than deer they hunted only a few years ago.

As Goddard continues to hear reports from other farmers in the area, the results are

the same. By using depredation permits and reducing the number of does in an area, simple annual deer number management results in crop damage reduction and the deer seem to be healthier for the hunters to harvest and the public to enjoy.



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Metz, Georgia

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Skin SENSE facts from the experts

Skin Care And Cosmetic Surgery: Myth Vs. Reality

(NAPS)—Knowing the truth about skin care now can help you avoid cosmetic surgery later. Here are a few myths and the facts explained by A.F. Kalil, M.D., an internist, beauty guru and well-respected advocate of modern medical aesthetics, who has trained thousands of doctors in the common sense of skin care.

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HES Students Visit Halls Locations



PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS in the classes of Mrs. Anne Delashmit and Mrs. Janet Baker at Halls Elementary School visited the Halls Post Office to see how mail is processed. While at the Bank of Halls, they received a John Adams gold dollar. They also toured the Halls Public Library before enjoying Happy Meals and playtime at the Dyersburg Park. Riding the bus for the first time was the highlight of the day.

Halls JH Learns Valuable Lessons



STUDENTS at Halls Junior High School have learned the valuable lessons of civic responsibility and compassion for others this year. When they became aware of the life-threatening diseases of two of their fellow classmates, Elizabeth Huguely and Pete Cleek, they decided to do something in their honor. With efforts spearheaded by Mrs. Jennifer Smith's homeroom, they have held various fundraisers throughout the year including a silent auction. Because of the students' hard work and the support received from the community and fellow students, they were able to present checks of \$1,000 each to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and LeBonheur Children's Hospital where Elizabeth and Pete receive treatment. "My homeroom is glad they were able to make a contribution and would like to thank everyone for supporting their efforts. I am very proud of the diligent efforts these students have made but I am even prouder of the compassion they have shown for others," said Mrs. Smith.

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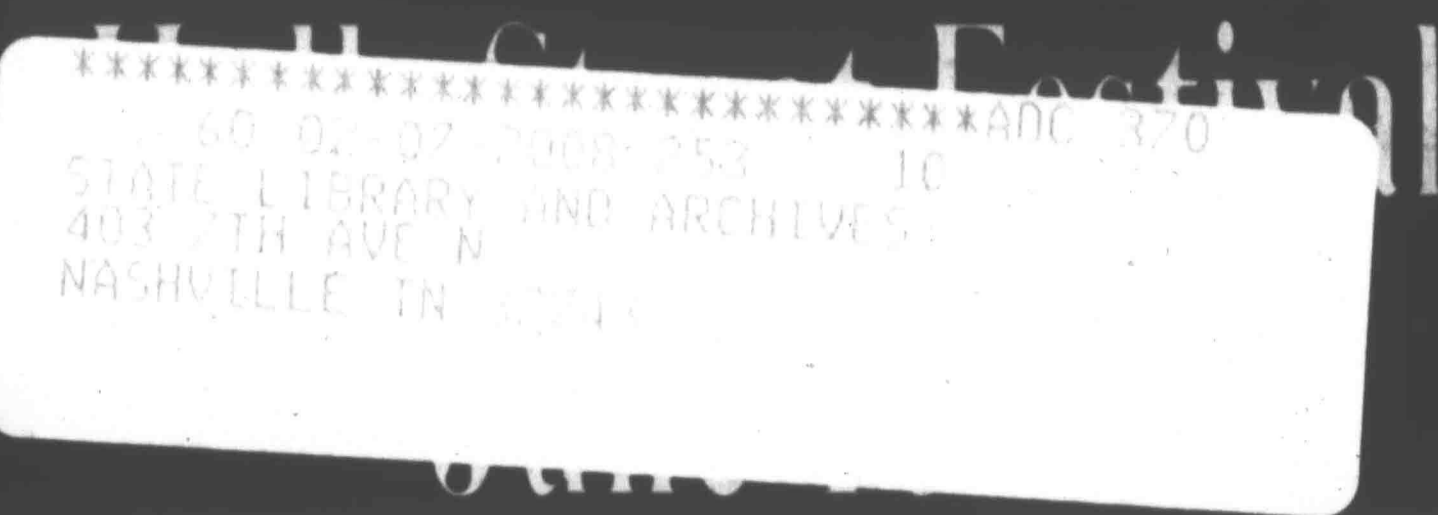
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Industrial Appreciation



MATTHEW KISBER, fourth from left, Commissioner of Tennessee Economic and Community Development, was the keynote speaker during the Lauderdale County Industrial Appreciation luncheon Wednesday of last week at Rolling Hills Country Club. The event was sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, City of Ripley, Town of Halls, Town of Henning, and Lauderdale County, and was co-sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Authority and the West Tennessee Industrial Association. Attending were, from left, Halls Mayor, Trent McManus, Maurice Gaines, Henning Mayor, Baris Douglas, Lisa Hankins, County Mayor, Rod Schuh, and in rear, Ripley Mayor, Jon Pavletic.

May was designated as Industry Appreciation month. Lisa Hankins, second from right, executive director, cited that 80% of all job growth and investment in a community comes from existing industry. Lauderdale County experienced major cutbacks in 2003 from A. O. Smith and First Source Furniture, a total loss of 439 jobs. In 2004, both of the plants closed as well as a few other small plants leading job losses to escalate to 622. Thanks to existing industry, in 2006, things took an upward swing due in part to the addition of 166 jobs; Solid Rock, a new industry opened; certified two Deal Ready Sites; and the existing industry invested an additional \$12 million in equipment and improvements. So far this year, industry has added 287 jobs; certified the third Deal Ready Site (the only community in Tennessee to have three) and several plants are currently installing new equipment and making more improvements in their facilities.

Kisber spoke on the reform to Worker's Compensation, efforts on successful recruiting, and programs available to existing industry.

Animal Shelter's Family Fun Day

Officials with the Lauderdale County Animal Shelter, 3265 Curve Nankipoo Rd., will hold a family fun day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., June 9th with free balloons and face painting for the kids. Pictures with Zeke will be available for a donation to the shelter. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available. "Bring a bag of dog food for my Buds and we will feed your Buds," said Zeke. For more information, call 836-PETS (7387).

Curve School Reunion Held



FORMER STUDENTS and teachers, in upper and lower photos, of Curve Elementary School, celebrated with a reunion Saturday at the Curve Community Center, built on the grounds of the former school. A huge crowd gathered to reminisce and look at old photographs. The former school building burned in 1996 and was torn down. A fire station, park, walking track, and community center facility have been built on the grounds.

River Corridor Plans Advance

Beauton (Mrs. Ollie) Matthews, of 1260 West Dry Hill Road, Ripley, Bank of Ripley officer, is this county's representative on the board of directors of the newly incorporated Mississippi River Corridor-Tennessee.

OPEN HOUSE

The non-profit corporation seeks to establish a "river community center" in each of the six Tennessee counties adjoining the river, to feature natural, historical, and recreational sites in each county.

Forked Deer Electric will hold an open house Tuesday, June 5th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at their new building next door to the old one on Hwy. 210 (Old Hwy. 51). The public is invited.

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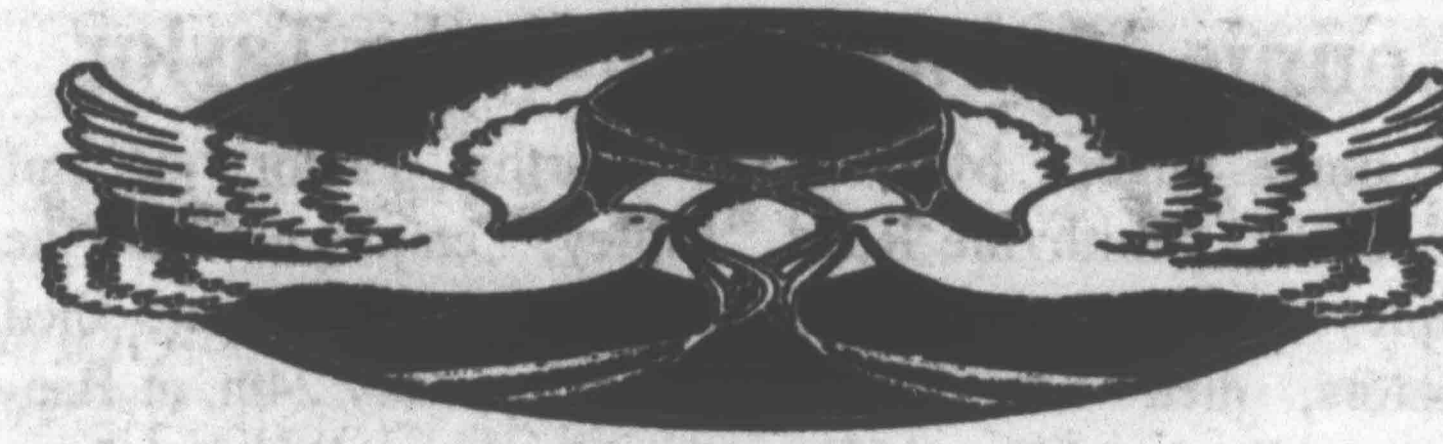
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Victory Temple Church of Abundant Life, 185 Spring St., Ripley, will hold leadership camp beginning June 4th at the Victory Temple Activity Center on Spring Street. Free registration will be held until June 3rd. Scheduled activities include volleyball, baseball, soccer, intermediate basketball, and praise dancing teams; food, hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, snacks, and pizza; and academics, educational curriculum, computer lab, confidence motivation, managing conflict, credibility, and listening.

The Rev. Randy Lainhart will deliver the message in both Sunday services June 3rd at the Lighthouse Church, 104 Fenton St., Halls. The public is invited.

Covington First United Methodist Church's music department will present a concert at 6 p.m. Sat., June 2nd to benefit the music ministry at the church. Rachel Young Harrell, formerly of Ripley, the church's director of music, will lead the choirs and instrumentalists of the church including Chancel and Praise Choirs and the children's handbell group, as well as guest performers from all over West Tennessee, Nashville, and North Mississippi. The group will perform music by John Rutter, Moses Hogan, Dottie Rambo, Mark Schultz, and many more in the styles of traditional, contemporary, folk, and gospel music. No admission, but donations will be accepted. The public is invited.

Curve Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School, for ages 2 to 12, from 9 a.m. to noon June 4th through 8th. The public is invited.

Halls First Baptist Church, 102 E. Tigrett St., will hold its Vacation Bible School, for children age 3 through 6th grade, from 9 a.m. to noon, June 4th through 8th. Songs, friends, Bible stories, games, snacks, and more will be offered. For more information, call 836-7116. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 East Tigrett, Halls, will celebrate its annual Men and Women's Day at 2:30 p.m. Sun., June 10th with Elder Kenneth Taylor, of New Beginnings Ministries, Dyersburg, delivering the message. The New Beginnings Ministries church members will be special guests. Elder Alonza F. Green, Jr., pastor, invites the public.

Ripley Church of Christ will hold its Family Vacation Bible School from 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 4th through 6th with the theme, *Neighbors for Jesus*. Classes will be available for all ages. Adult speakers include Wade Hunt, Monday; Garland Elkins, Tuesday; and Billy Ringgold, Wednesday. The public is invited.

Please remember that these listings can only contain church events 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.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello, Zeek here! We had a nice week at the club. Mr. Buddy found some food so I won't have to worry about my Buds for at least a week. However, I am feeling a bit guilty. I get to move around as the shade of the tree moves, but my Buds are stuck in the sun with very little shade. Miss Pam called the Mayor for help. She wanted some plastic tarps to put over the outside pens. The Mayor told her that the money for our care was used up and that she had to wait for the new budget some time in July. What is a budget and what is July? All I know is that my Buds get very hot during the day, but none of them want to go back inside the four walls. Do two leggers know what tarps are? If so, Miss Pam says we need some.

Miss Pam took me to her house for the Holiday and we drove around for a couple of hours. I got to stick my head out of the window and see "stuff". "Stuff" looks different when you are up high. I am use to looking up most of the time. Two leggers even look better when you are up high!

The Club of Dry Hill wants to commend the Halls two leggers. We have had four classes from the school and the FFA gang visit us. Three paws to the FFA gang, they came back a-second time and brought us stuff. They must have talked to the Mayor about money because they loaded us up with bleach, food bowls, washing powder, shampoo, scrub pads, towels, cat litter, leashes, and collars. THANKS! Also thanks to Stewart Stephenson for his donation of money and food and another thank you to Nerna Elmore for her donation.

There is a Family Day scheduled at the Club on Saturday June 9th. The volunteers will feed two leggers hot dogs and hamburgers. You get to eat free if you bring the four leggers some food. If you don't have any four legger food, you can eat for two dollars but you have to take a walk with one of my Buds. Bring some shade chairs and the kids and let's have some good old fashion fun. Miss Pam says we will be playing washers, horseshoes, and retriever.

The good news is that three Yellow Labs, one Black Lab, one Husky and one Dactshund puppy found homes this week. Mary Bockhold took home Buddy, a yellow lab and he was swimming in her gold fish pond within two hours. He had a great personality and he actually picked her grandson to be his owner. A beautiful Husky, who spent six hours at the Club, picked Jerry Ennis for her home. Crystal Scott adopted for the third time, she's my kind of country girl!!

Our select group this week includes seven puppies-- 4 miniature Dachs-hund tri-color puppies and 3 registered black Lab pups (1 male, 2 females). We also have Pam, a young beautiful black and tan Shepard-Husky mix; Goldie, a friendly, full blooded adult Golden Retriever, and four Beagle hounds, with orange collars

and good voices that some one has been hunting. We have Sally, a beautiful black female Great Dane that is friendly. Diko and Major are cute and friendly Wire Haired Terriers. We have a small Terrier that is called New Penny. She is the exact color of a new penny and very unusual. I am partial to Gunner, the adult Chesapeake Retriever, and Shadow, the most affectionate, large four legger at the club. We also have two very special housebroken, "tutored", black Cocker Spaniels that have been pampered.

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Obituaries

Harriet Smith, Trinity Leader

Harriet Dezem Smith, 98, who had served as president of the Trinity Cemetery Assn. for 20 years, was buried Saturday in that cemetery at Nut Bush, after rites in Brownsville Funeral Home.

She died Thursday of last week in her home at Tibbs.

A 1926 graduate of Haywood High School, she took a master's degree in education in Memphis and taught in Tibbs, Nut Bush, and Woodville schools before 20 years as a Haywood County schools supervisor, retiring in 1974.

She leaves a son, Jimmy, and a daughter, Patricia (Mrs. Larry) Baggett, of Brownsville; another daughter, Dr. Deborah Smith, of Vicksburg, Miss.; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mike Patterson

Mike Patterson, 57, of 227 Collins, Ripley, an optician, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

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

He leaves his wife, Diane Alston Patterson; a son, Tom, of Atlanta, Ga.; step-children, Ben Barcroft, Jr., of Loudon, and Tracy Pannell, of Pleasant View; a brother, Joe, of Collier-ville; and five grandchildren.

David Mitchell

David Henry Mitchell, 71, of Ripley, retired electrician, died Saturday, in his home.

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

An Air Force veteran, he had retired from the National Guard.

He leaves sons, Glenn and Steve, a brother, Wayne, and a sister, Gloria Crook, of Ripley; daughters, Becky Uselton, of Henning, and Lisa Ragle, of Memphis; other sisters, Brenda Hubbard, of St. Francisville, La., and Doris Hollenshead, of Houma, La.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Patrick

Robert Lee Patrick, 64, of 4009 Steelman Rd., Halls, a farmer, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis.

Rites were Saturday in Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Halls, with burial there, Thompson's Mortuary, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves sons, Robert, Jr., of Halls, and Cornelius and Rickey, of Dyersburg; daughters, Pamela Patrick, of Halls, Carolyn Parish, of Jackson, and Tawanna Patrick, of Chicago, Ill.; brothers, Olgie, of Halls, Willie Patrick, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo.; and David L. Patrick, of Milwaukee, Wis.; a sister, Floria Mae Patrick, of Milwaukee; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Janie Perry

Janie Bernice Perry, 74, of Brownsville, a sister of Ruby Jean Latham, of Ripley, died May 19th in Jackson-Madison County Hospital.

Rites were Monday of last week in Holly Grove Baptist Church at Bells, with burial in its cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Joe Perry, her mother, Leatha Lorene Qualls, her sons, Bobby, Jr., David, and Michael, daughters, Kathy and Sherry Vanstory, Letha Adkinson, and Phyllis Presley, a brother, Richard Allen Qualls, and sisters, Brenda Stanley, Carolyn Essary, Linda Tillman, and Pauline Simpson, all of Brownsville; other sisters, Aileen Burns and JoAnn McBroom, of Bells, and Emilee Church, of Jackson; 19 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

George Stafford

George Raymond Stafford, 80, of Henning, a machine shop supervisor and a Mason, died Wednesday, May 23rd, at the Veterans Administration Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

He was cremated.

He leaves his wife, Kitty Stafford, and son Joe Michael Stafford, of Henning; daughters, Judith Ann Fernandez, of Carlsbad, Calif., and Joyce Don Tucker, of Wallace, Calif.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

J. D. Alley

J. D. Alley, 86, of 13557 Edith-Nankipoo Rd., who had been self-employed in construction, died Wednesday of last week in Dyersburg.

Rites were Saturday in Halls Church of Christ, with burial in Antioch Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was the widower of Zera Mai Hastings Alley.

He leaves a son, Frank, of 422 Cedar Grove Road Ext., Ripley, a Bank of Ripley officer; daughters, Brenda Belton and Lydia Thurmond, of Halls, and Val Crook, of Memphis; sisters, Helen Holifield, of Blytheville, Ark., and Inez Green, of Chicago, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Jean M. Russell

Jean M. Russell, 58, of Ripley, died Monday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in Bartlett Funeral Home, with burial in Memphis Memory Gardens.

A former employee of Walgreen Co., she was a member of East Acres Baptist Church in Millington.

She leaves daughters, Tina Reynolds, of Ripley, and Serena Barnett and Wendy Gairhan, of Brighton; her father, Cletys Younger, of Millington; a brother, Randy Younger, of Sugar Tree; sisters, Joyce Smith, of Millington, and Wanda Pritchard, of Memphis; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

James Phillips

James Phillips, 83, of Halls, a press operator for Thomas Industries in Dyersburg, died Tuesday at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery, Halls Funeral Home in charge.

He was a member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church.

The widower of Hazel Hilliard Phillips, he leaves a son, Tansil Phillips, of Halls; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Lonnie Maxwell

Lonnie Eugene Maxwell, 71, of 542 Smithville Road, Ripley, retired from General Motors, died Saturday in Jackson Regional Hospital.

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

He was a member of Poplar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church near Halls.

He leaves his wife, Willa Dean Maxwell; sons, Donald and Robert, a daughter, Diane Burns, a brother, James, and a sister, Mildred Meacham, all of Ripley; step-children, Penny Davis, of Halls, and Jeff Burroughs, of Bolingbrook, Ill.; other sisters, Clara Hamilton, of Bemis, and Ruth Goodwin, of Arizona; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

June Binford

June Binford, 71, of Ripley, wife of Wilbert Binford and sister of Brantley and Sam Morris, of Ripley, died Saturday in Methodist Hospital North in Memphis.

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

She was a member of Leewood Baptist Church in Memphis.

Survivors include sons, Robert, of Memphis, and William, of Los Angeles, Calif.; daughters, Michelle Richardson, of Franklin, and Elizabeth Brown, of Ripley, Miss.; other brothers, Dan Morris, of Jackson, Charles Morris, of Houston, Tex., and Lee Morris, of Portland, Oregon; a sister, Cora Nieuwboer, of Kenneth, Minn.; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

CORRECTION

The obituary of Coy Cribfield, Jr., should have listed his surviving wife as Deborah Jean Jackson Cribfield, not Deborah Jean Johnson Cribfield, as was published in last week's issue.

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Martha Taylor

Martha Taylor, 46, of Ripley, employed at the Helen Tucker Center, died Thursday, May 24th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Friday, June 1st, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Ripley, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery in Henning, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves her daughters, Monica Mills and Lakeitha Flagg, of Ripley, and LaChina Scott and Kenneshia Wells, of Romulus, Mich.; father, James 'Buddy' Lee Barnes, brothers, Paul and Lloyd Barnes, and sisters, Georgia Horton, Glays Dean Henning, and Linda Fay Reditt, all of Ripley; and seven grandchildren.

Ethel Howell

Ethel Louise Howell, 75, of Southaven, Miss., central support operator at Baptist Hospital East in Memphis, cousin of Frank Currie and Mrs. Johnnie Mae Currie, of Ripley, died Friday of last week at Baptist Memorial Hospital DeSoto, in Southaven, Miss.

Services are set for 4 p.m. Friday, June 1st, at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Memphis, with burial in Elam Cemetery near Ripley, Currie's Funeral Home in charge.

She leaves her son, Tommy Ross, Jr., of Southaven; and sisters, Earline Richmond, Alvernia Crutcher, Chrisling Cowan, and Jackie Cowan-Kum, all of Memphis, and Pearl Lenton, of Detroit, Mich.

Stella Shaw

Stella Louise Shaw, 54, of Ripley, a homemaker, died Sunday, May 27th, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Lauderdale.

Services are set for 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2nd, at Truth and Faith Baptist Church in Ripley, with burial in Morrow Cemetery in Henning, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves her son, Steven Shaw, daughter, Tina Shaw, and brother, Donald Capers, all of Ripley; her father, Lutrell Phillips, of Chicago, Ill.; other brothers, James Lee, of Henning, Randy Miller and Johnny Phillips, both of Decatur, Ill., Henry Phillips, Kenry Phillips, and Lee Phillips, all of Chicago; sisters, Alice Graves, of Decatur, and Debra, Shirley, Katie, and Carolyn Phillips, all of Chicago; and four grandchildren.

Anniversaries

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

June 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Langley, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Chris Scott.

June 2 - Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Steelman, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brown, Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Harmon, III.

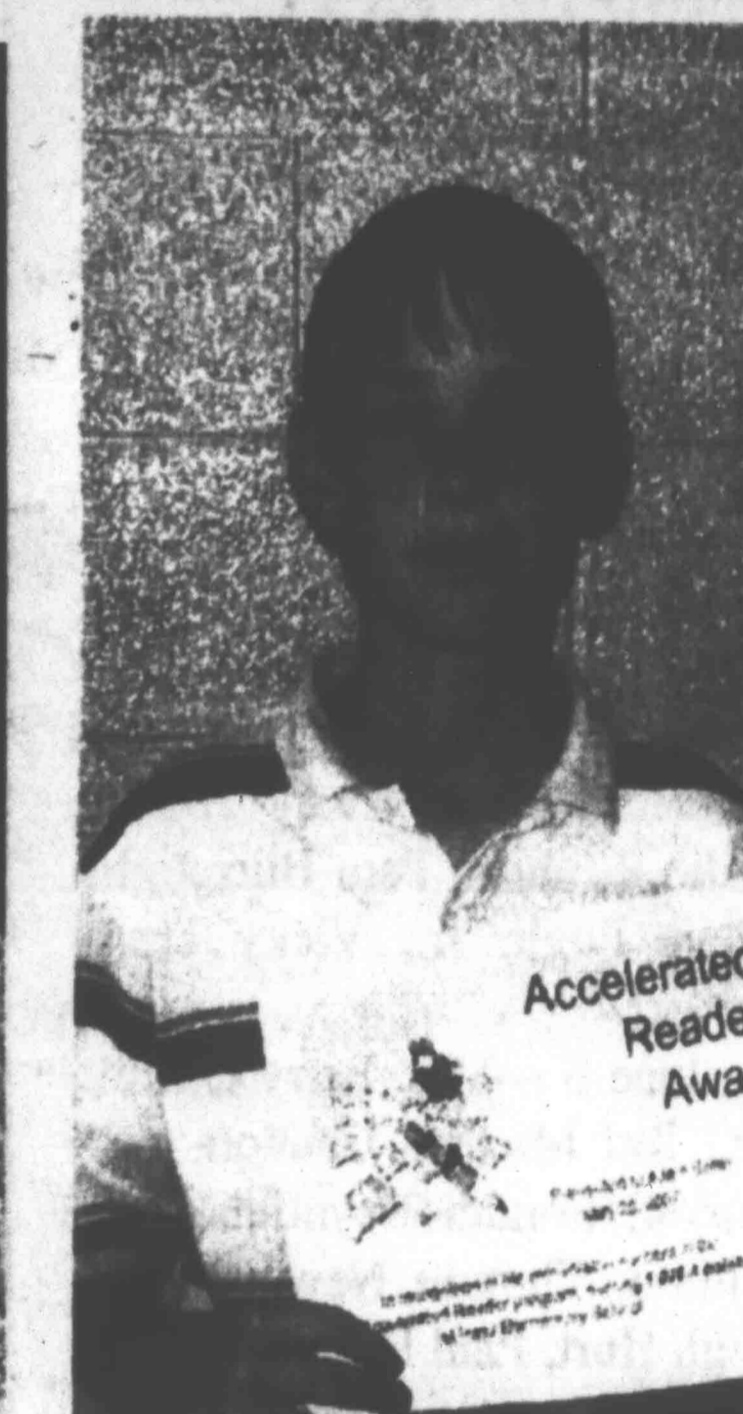
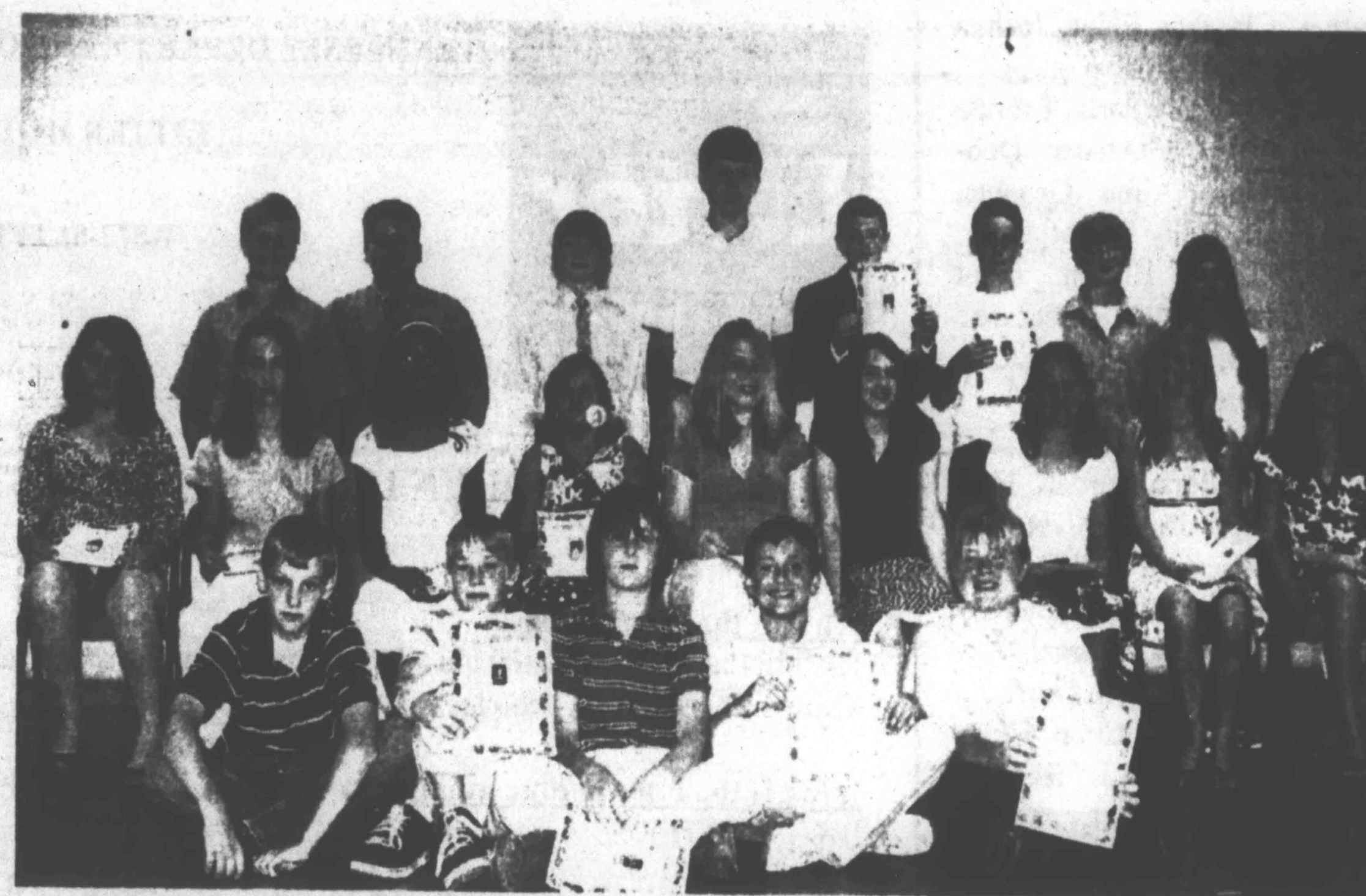
June 3 - Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Grugett.

June 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Meeks, Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Paige.

June 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Pilcher, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Winford Buffalo.

June 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnie Ford, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Allen, Mr. and Mrs. David Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Don Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Lin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Crumpler, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Kimble.

Halls Elementary Honors Students



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School were recognized Thursday of last week for academic excellence, determined by no C's on permanent record since third grade, Frank Bales, Haley Blackwood, Lindsay Bowie, Libby Butterworth, Nathan Campbell, Gared Colvin, Trip Crews, Colton Dew, Lindsey Elmore, Adam Greer, Shelbie Hurt, Aaron Lumley, Mandy McClellan, Cameron Moore, Cole Nicholas, Kevin Ray, Codie Smith, Jovita Stark, Chase Street, Destiny Street, Chisholm Vaughn, Emily Wright, and Kelsey Yarbrough; and honor roll, three or more times this school year, Frank Bales, Haley Blackwood, Lindsey Bowie, Amy Bridges, Libby Butterworth, Nathan Campbell, Gared Colvin, Trip Crews, Colton Dew, Adam Greer, Kaneisha Hurt, Shelbie Hurt, Summer Kizziah, Aaron Lumley, Mandy McClellan, Cameron Moore, Cole Nichols, Kevin Ray, Codie Smith, Jovita Stark, Chase Street, Emily Wright, and Kelsey Yarbrough.

In middle left photo, Frank Bales, right, and Haley Blackwood, left, were recognized by Mrs. Gara Strong, Halls High School. They were presented the H. G. McCorkle Award honoring students who have made outstanding grades in English/Language Arts. Frank is the son of Ron and Paula Bales. Haley is the daughter of Mike and Shannon Blackwood. Each student was presented a \$50 savings bond.

In middle right photo, Adam Greer, son of Clint and Cindy Greer, won the award for the most accelerated reading points at Halls Elementary School, earning a total of 1,076 points. From the second through the sixth grade, he would only have been required to obtain 252 points. He earned over 400 points just this school year. For his efforts, he received a certificate of achievement and a \$50 gift card to Hastings.

Rompin, Stompin Reading Roundup

The Halls Public Library will begin their summer reading program Wednesday, June 13th featuring Brenda Roberts. On Wednesday, June 20th, Dave Stewart will entertain and the puppet show is Monday, June 25th. Join the Rompin, Stompin Reading Roundup.

For more information, call 836-5302.

COLLEGE FOR KIDS

Dyersburg State Community College will give kids home from school for the summer an opportunity to have a learning adventure as the Division of Continuing Education offers its annual College for Kids program June 18th - 22nd on the Dyersburg campus.

The theme this year is "Kicking Back with College for Kids." Courses range from karate to basketball to dance as well as Spanish, science and computers and will be held from 9 a.m. - noon. The program is open to children age 4 through sixth grade.

"Summertime Fun!" is for ages 4 and 5 and those finishing kindergarten. It offers a tiny tot and exercise class, crafting sessions and daily summertime story times.

Students in older grades choose three classes and two alternate classes. The classes are divided by ages with separate classes for students in first through third grades and fourth through sixth grades.

The deadline for registering for classes is June 13th. Parents or guardians must complete and sign an application form available through DSCC's Division of Continuing Education.

For more information, call Birgit Northcutt at 731-286-3265 or Teresa Evans at 731-286-3267 or email bnorthcutt@dsc.edu or tevans@dsc.edu.

Local Students Receive Degrees

Lauderdale County students at the University of Tennessee at Martin receiving undergraduate degrees during the spring commencement include Rachel Jayne Hammond, Stuart G. McLemore, and Courtney Durell Smith, all of Halls; and Patti Marie Cagle, Christopher Ray Davis, Sandra Sonderman Dennis, William Calvin Elder, Jeremy Ray Hubbard, Suzette C. Stanley, and Lori Lee Woodard, all of Ripley.

Students receiving graduate degrees at UT-M included Kelly K. Mitchell, of Gates, and Kimberly Antoinette Ware, of Ripley.

Lauderdale County students at the University of Memphis receiving degrees during the May 5th commencement include Neena Elmore, of Halls, receiving a bachelor of science degree in education and graduating *cum laude*. The daughter of John and Glynda Fowler, of Bells, and Pete and LaVanche Hand, of Friendship, she was a member of the National Education Association while at the university.

Anna McBride graduated *cum laude* and received a bachelor of professional studies in biomedical sales. The daughter of Kathy Jackson, of Lakeland, and the granddaughter of Geneva and Talmage Carihfield, of Ripley, she was a member of the National Scholars Honors Society.

Kristen Selzer, of Ripley, received a bachelor of liberal studies in interdisciplinary studies. She is married to Matthew and is the daughter of Merri Beth Pike, of Nashville, and Ruth and Frank Mitchell, Jr., of Mullica Hill, N. J.

Birthdays

May 31 - Tyler Thurmond, Dana McLemore, Elizabeth Burks, Alex Pipkin, Rose Rhodes, Brandon Williams, Bruce Ward, Doris Henderson, Kristen

Beasley, Sandy J. Ward, Phil Morris, Danielle Oswald, Diane Lane, Lana Carney, Cheryl Newman, Lynn Bain, Lillie Garner, Claudine Elder, Joshua McKinnie.

June 1 - Kelly Paris, Tabitha Brown, Mary McAlister, Deborah Sorrell, Alma Grooms, John Wade, Kelly Schrotberger, Jennifer Lewis Hinton, Trent Alton Terry, June Reece, Joe Barnes, III, Justin Williams, Terry Elmore.

June 2 - Donald Young, Elroy Meyer, Gloria Norvell, Judy Kelly, Leigh Douglas, Robert Cherry, Brandon Wakefield, Beth Anne Simpson, Roy Prince, Paul Betz, Morgan Andrew Trosper, Wilbern Dorris.

June 3 - Floyd Crain, Clayton White, Betty J. Rhoads, Paige Hendren, Vicky Smith, Dr. John English, Jo Ann Elder, Alice Ward, Debbie Fitzhugh Smith, Shane Belton, Hannah Hutcherson, Phillip Goodman, Mariah Carmack.

June 4 - Bryan Hyde, Ricky Tucker, John E. Braden, Pat Scheiblein, Lillian Sylvester, Renee Stanley, Wilma Patrick, Eric Mumford.

June 5 - Roy Bonds, Jr., Dorothy Allen, Jeanne Dunavant, Cassie Burnham, Sam Schuh, Sam LeMar, Anna Sanders, John Curry Burks, Jodie Robbins, Pam Burroughs, Steve Pugh, Jr., Vicky Lankford.

June 6 - Mrs. Perry Garrett, Sr., Jon Michael Cannon, Ally Pipkin, Sondra Reynolds, Pam Gillion, Thomas Newman, Haileigh Hurt, Paul Briggs, Frances Jean Stewart, Amanda Mills, Janet Harris, Curt Swope, LouAnne Little, John E. Braden.

Marriages

May 19 - James Isaac Sorrell, 24, to Emily Ann Langley, 20, by Charles Medford.

Michael Edward Roberts, 29, to Shelia Ann Paris, 20, by John T. Watson, Sr.

May 25 - Jacoby Lenard Jelks, 27, to Carla Denise Graves, 27, by Louis Sanders.



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Do I need to give my name?

No. We do not ask for names or phone numbers of callers. All calls remain anonymous.

What information do I need to provide?

- License plate number of the vehicle
- Description of vehicle such as color, make, and model
- Location where littering occurred such as name of road, direction the vehicle was traveling, and nearest cross street, exit or mile marker
- Location or area of the vehicle from which the litter was released

What happens after I make a report to the litter hotline?

TDOT will obtain the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle. A friendly reminder letter along with educational information and a car litter bag or pocket ash tray will be mailed to them. Only Tennessee license tag numbers are obtained.

Will the litterer be sent a ticket based on a litter hotline report?

No. Litterers who are reported through the litter hotline are not issued citations and the report does not go on their driving records.

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Read all about it...

By Pettus L. Read
Tennessee Farm Bureau

Cool Temperatures, Crows and Rabbits Slow Mater Grow'n Time Down

Got your "maters" planted yet?

That five-word question is a larger than life statement this time of the year in the countryside and backyards of our state. Its ramifications are as important in this part of the country as "Gentlemen start your engines" is in the automobile racing world. Homegrown tomatoes are a passage from spring into summer and are the result of hopes we have had while drooling over seed catalogs all of those cold winter nights.

Cool temperatures, a stray rabbit and an over abundance of crows this year have slowed my planting of the "Love Fruit" somewhat. But, my extremely strong determination for a juicy "mater" sandwich come hot weather time will not allow any varmint or any weather related circumstance the opportunity to stop my determination to enjoy a gardener's dream creation.

"Mater" season is just around the corner and the annual pilgrimage of going to the local Coop to find the right tomato plant is now a thing of the past. We have all selected our Whoppers,

Big Boys, Jet Stars, Bradleys, Bonnie Selects, Early Girls and whatever you think is the best variety for your family's summer eating pleasure.

They have been lovingly placed in the ground with only the best of fine nutrients added to their surroundings. Each has been enthroned inside a heavy duty cage or placed next to a stake that emphasizes by its size the hopes of an abundant crop.

To those who are not schooled on the correct terminology of what to call those beautiful red juicy fruits, there is a difference between a tomato and a "mater." A "tomato" by some standards is a fruit grown hundreds of miles away in sandy soil and has the consistency of a wet baseball. That is unless it is grown in Tennessee. Local grown tomatoes are fresh and gives the consumer a tomato close to the taste of a homegrown fruit. Tennessee tomato production ranks number 6 nationally and more than 1,248,000 pounds are produced annually.

A "mater" is a bright red, juicy fruit that has had our love and care for several months and is most certainly what you would call a real "homebody." That love and care has involved our nurturing those tiny seeds in our window sills or in a plastic tray already planted in peat pots from the Coop, to plant-

ing the plant in the garden, putting aluminum foil around the stem to keep cutworms away, wrapping that plant with quilts during cold snaps, feeding the plant with only the best fertilizers, watching it grow daily, suckering it, dusting it for bugs, and finally picking a ripe "mater."

Home grown "maters" are what summer is all about. My summer wouldn't be complete without a fresh "mater" sandwich every day or so. There are many ways to make one, but there is only one true country way to serve up your garden delights. A few years back, I gave out my "mater" sandwich recipe to help the "mater" novice create the perfect sandwich. Just in case there is another generation of those who have failed to perfect their own "mater" sandwich, here it is again.

A country "mater" sandwich has to be made in an orderly routine using mayonnaise, white bread (or lite bread as it is called in the country), and a fresh ripe "mater" from the garden.

You place two slices of fresh lite bread on a plate. Next, take a kitchen knife and spread a good amount of mayonnaise on both slices of bread. Make sure the knife hits the sides of the mayonnaise jar so a click can be heard sounding from the jar. This doesn't help the taste of the sandwich, but it reminds

you to buy more mayonnaise the next time you are at the store. We are all hoping for a good "mater" season this year and we wouldn't want to run low on mayonnaise.

Next, slice your home grown "mater", avoiding the temptation to swipe a slice for now, into several thick slices. You should not be able to read a newspaper through any of the slices. This helps hold in the juice, and besides, if you wanted thin slices you could have gotten a "tomato" at a restaurant in town.

Add pepper and salt as desired. Place the slices on the lite bread and gently put the pieces of bread together. Ladies may want to cut the sandwich in a triangle, but real "Tennessee mater eaters" like their sandwiches whole to avoid the losing of any juice. Bite into your sandwich and enjoy what summer is all about.

Happy "mater" growing and I hope none of your "mater" sandwiches drip down your arm.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE COLUMN

Confidentiality

By Rex M. Rogers

Have you ever told someone a secret only to hear it repeated later from another source? What happened? It leaked. That's what happened. Somebody forgot that "Loose lips sink ships."

Maybe you told the secret to the wrong person, the kind of person that never met a secret he could keep. So if the secret's out, in this case it's probably your poor judge of personality or even character.

But have you ever shared a secret with someone you trusted and still the secret got out? You told the secret only to your confidante and were later chagrined to learn that your confidence was apparently misplaced. That one can hurt, because confidentiality involves trust and integrity, and when those valuable conditions are broken, it does hurt.

I have this theory—one of many I can't prove—that "Everyone has a confidante." In other words, you communicate a secret to your confidante and he later tells his confidante, and then she tells hers and so it goes. No one shared the secret in a manner considered risky. But still the secret leaked.

The secret leaked because someone in the chain made a human error and let it slip (I can remember making this mistake). Or maybe they just trusted a person who proved untrustworthy.

No matter how you slice it confidentiality is a tenuous thing. It has been since the Garden of Eden. People love to talk, to be in the know with new info, or maybe just to gossip.

But still, we all need someone with whom we can discuss matters not yet ready for primetime. So what do we do? We could take Harry Truman's advice. He said, "If you need a friend in Washington, buy a dog." Better yet, remember this: The juicier the secret the less likely it will remain a secret. Trust the Lord, and after that, double-check whether your dog has a confidante.

Rex M. Rogers, Ph.D. in political science from the University of Cincinnati, is a syndicated newspaper columnist in almost 90 newspapers in 31 states, and is president of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich. (www.rexmrogers.com)

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Land Transfers

May 20th-May 26th

Samuel N. Laxton and Mary S. Laxton to Shelia K. Harris and Thomas R. Harris, Dist. 3, lot.

Margaret W. Gilliland, Janie G. Cogbill, and Holice O. Gilliland, Jr., to Malcolm E. Porter and Ruth A. Porter, Dist. 12, lot.

Harrison Dewayne Weaver and Nancy M. Weaver to Sharon Bernard, Dist. 7, lot.

Jerry D. Olds and Melinda

Olds to James E. Long and Beverly K. Long, Dist. 16, 3.0 acres.

Joe Morris and Billie Morris to Ivalene Jennings, Dist. 2, lot.

W.G. Hendren and Shirley W. Hendren to Donald J. Ammons and Charlotte R. Ammons, Dist. 2, lot.

Bank of Ripley to Joyce L. Cotton, Dist. 2, tract.

Mary E. Jones to H.E. Jordan and Family Farm Partnership, and H.E. Jordan, Dist. 12, 97.0 acres.

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Harris Receives Service Award

Roger Harris has received the Service Award from Houston High School in Germantown for 2006-2007. This award is given for dedication and commitment to the school. Presented by the school administration, it is in recognition of outstanding teaching, helping in extracurricular events, and attending and taking up tickets at all Houston High home football, basketball, softball, and baseball games. In addition, attending all concerts and plays at the school.

It is estimated that 10,000 people attend the Friday night football games at Houston, which is located near Collierville but within Germantown city limits.

Mr. Harris returned to teaching last year after having taught in Orlando, Fla., Memphis, and Halls High School in the late 1960's to mid-1970's. He renewed his Tennessee Teachers' Certificate at the University of Tennessee through the UT Martin Ripley Center in 2006. He was hired by the Shelby County School system.

tia Jones to Gwendolyn C. Blackman, Dist. 2, tract.

Federal National Mortgage Association and Mae Fannie to Charles S. Cherry, Sr., Dist. 2, lot.

Raymond Proctor to Maria Myers, lot.

Amy G. Ward to Clifton Clyde King, Dist. 2, lot.

Mary Frances Johnson and Leigh Ann Emmons to Faith Angie Gitchell, Dist. 17, 2 tracts.

Williard E. Bohannon and Janice R. Bohannon to Kathleen O'Connor, Dist. 6, lot.

Randy Lankford to Timothy Rogers and Stacy Rogers, Dist. 2, lot.

Russell Lloyd Gregory III to Gregory Investment Group

LLC, Dist. 2, 2 lots.

Jeremy Helton to Audra Leek, Dist. 6, 1.0528 acres.

Tom Gaston Douglas, Jr., to Linda Theus, Dist. 6, 3.24 acres.

Jeffery I. Hampton and Kimberly N. Hampton to David Owen III, Dist. 2, lot.

Aaron D. Sondgeroth and Kristy M. Sondgeroth to Shelia Conrad, Dist. 14, 43.86 acres.

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