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Orange Carpet Tour Announced



GOVERNOR PHIL BREDESEN, along with ECD Commissioner Matt Kisber, center, are pictured with Lauderdale County officials, from left, Felix Moore, Randy Harris, Trent McManus, Alonzo Beard, Susan Todd, Maurice Gaines, Rod Schuh, Lisa Hankins, Jon Pavletic, Jimmy Harrison, Terry Hightower, Bill Maxwell, Jennifer Moore, Rob Reviere, Keith Davidson, and David Jennings, Monday during the Orange Carpet tour announcement in Covington. Five tours will be held in the state, Lauderdale, Haywood and Tipton counties, are one of the five stops. The tours, patterned after traditional economic development red carpet tours employed by many urban chambers of commerce, were announced as part of the Governor's rural opportunity initiative during the annual Governor's Conference in September 2007. The strategy is a three-prong approach to increase economic development efforts in the state's more rural areas. In addition to the tours, it includes an enhanced series of tax incentives for companies investing in rural Tennessee and the rural opportunity fund, a new source of capital available to rural Tennessee businesses. "Each Orange Carpet Tour will be a valuable and unique opportunity for participants to receive critical feedback from some of the nation's leading site selection consultants," said Governor Bredesen. Communities were selected through a written applications review process. Selected counties will be required to create a comprehensive proposal on their region and commit the time and resources to managing the two-day tour. "The work will not end when the tour is over. Our department is ready to work with each of these communities to develop solid action plans based on the feedback they receive," said Commissioner Kisber.

Annual Convention Held At HHS



THE STUDENT COUNCIL, of Halls High School, hosted the 61st annual Tennessee Association of Student Councils (TASC) convention held Thursday, March 27th, through Sunday, March 29th, with approximately 450 delegates from 50 schools across the state attending. Using the theme, 'Sowing the Seeds of Leadership', the school was

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Drugs Seized



DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was sized from the home of Donte Sawyer, at 360 Cherrydale Apartments in Halls, last week by members of the Halls Police Department, and the K-9 unit, according to Chief Rod Ward. The search rendered 12 grams of crack cocaine, 2.5 grams of powder cocaine, and \$741 in cash. Sawyer admitted to ownership of the illegal narcotics. He is currently on parole for Schedule II/Cocaine charges from Lauderdale County in 2006.

Guest Speaker



J.C. DUPREE, JR., center, University of Tennessee Extension Agent, presented the UT Extension program to the membership of the Halls-Gates Rotary Club Monday, March 31st. He is pictured with Trent McManus, left, and James E. Smith, right, who was in charge of the program.

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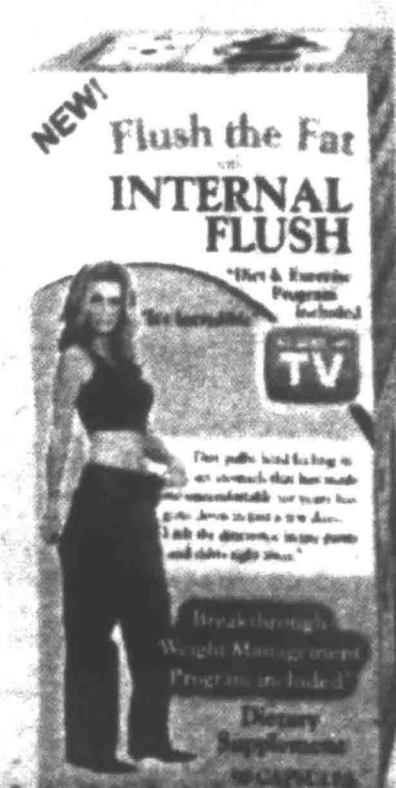
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HES Spring Book Fair Held



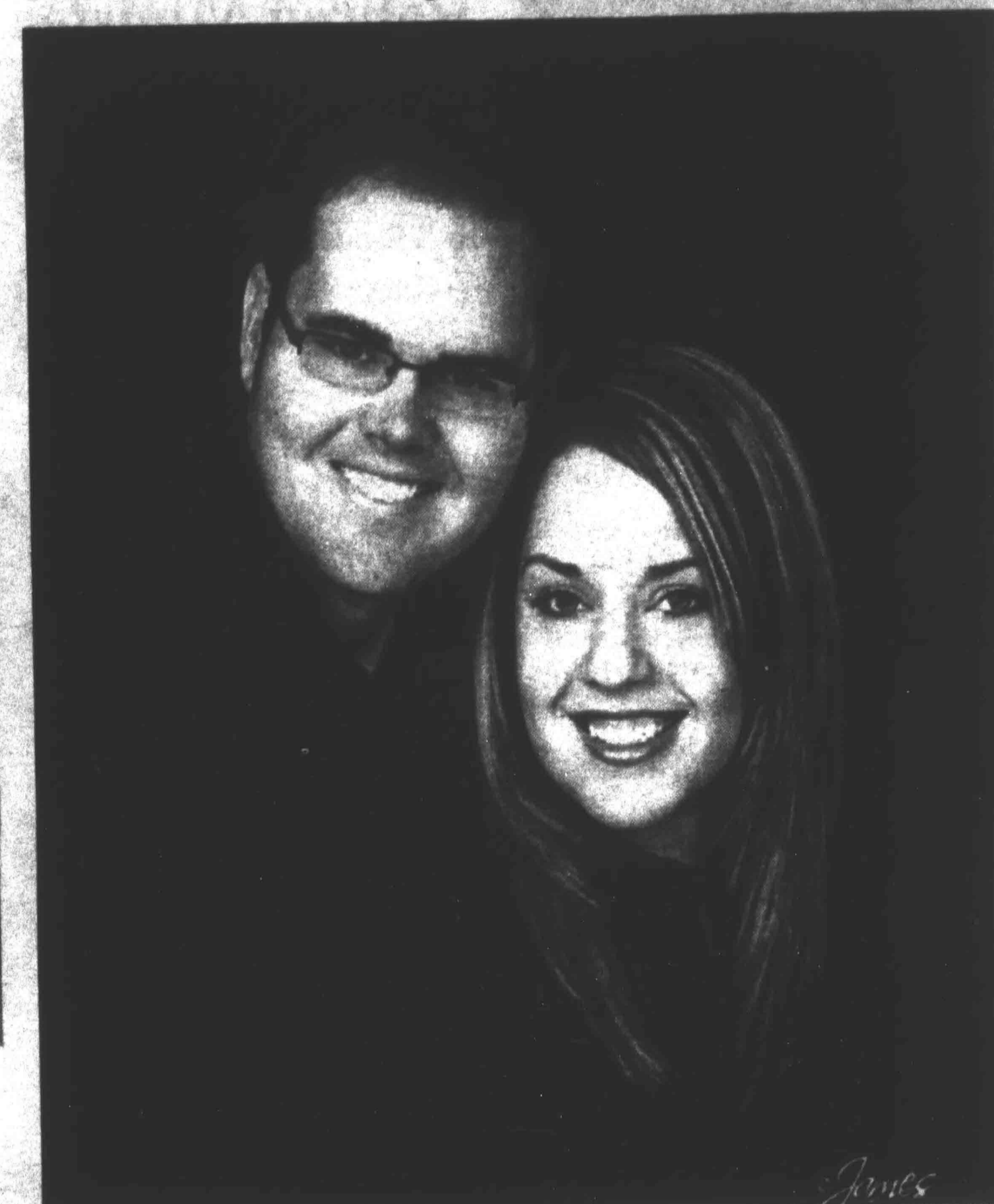
STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School held the spring book fair March 5th through 12th. Scholastic Book Fairs sponsored the event. Each class was given the chance to shop. Monday a family night event was held with \$9,305.76 collected, leaving a profit of \$3,591.62. The school plans to purchase books and accelerated reader tests, audio-visual materials, and other things for the library. Two new computers were purchased with book fair money. The theme was "Reading Road Trip" with one of the contests, guessing how many cars were in a jar and a game in which they guessed teachers' cars by looking at pictures. The contest winners are pictured.

HES One For Books Program



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School conducted the "One for Books" program February 25th through 29th, sponsored by the Scholastic Book Fairs. The program is designed to provide books for students by asking students to bring loose change. Monday, students were asked to bring pennies, Tuesday, nickels, Wednesday, dimes, Thursday, quarters, and Friday, dollars. Approximately \$1,780 was collected in loose change and \$1 bills. Approximately 350 books and 103 new Accelerated Reader tests were purchased. Sixth grade library helpers, Cody Hostetler, Madison Smith, Meredith Bullock, Shahia Rogers, Amanda McBroom, and Mallory Hardy, are pictured.

June Nuptials Slated



CASSITY LaRISA MURLEY, daughter of Bobby and Lisa Murley, of Mooreland, Okla., will marry Russell Scott Compston, son of Dave and Belinda Compston, of Bartlesville, Okla., at 5 p.m. June 14th in the Woodward First United Methodist Church in Oklahoma with The Rev. Jim Veal officiating the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Lester and Glenda Haskins, of Mooreland, and David and Karen Shepherd, of Woodward, and Robert L. and Dorothy Murley, of Gates, and the great-granddaughter of Wilma Shepherd, of Woodard.

She is a 2003 graduate of Mooreland High School and plans to graduate from Oklahoma State University in May 2008 with a degree in human development and family science and a minor in religious studies.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Eugene and Jo Morgan, of South Coffeyville, Okla., and Anita Compston and the late Richard Compston, of Coffeyville, Kan.

He is a 2000 graduate of Bartlesville High School and a 2005 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a degree in fire protection and safety technology engineering. He is employed by American Electric Power Service Company in Columbus, Ohio, as a fire protection engineer.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Fine

Dorothy Fine, 64, born to the late G. D. and Ruby Colvin at 194 Highland in Ripley, their fifth child and first daughter, died March 3rd, in her home in Cocoa, Fla., after a 2-year illness.

Rites were held March 8th in Grace Fellowship Church in Rockledge, Fla.

"Dottie" leaves her husband for 44 years, William Fine III; a son, William IV, of Rockledge; a sister, Jane Webb, of Knoxville; and brothers, Don Colvin, of Memphis, Van Colvin, of Morrison, Carl Colvin, of Louisville, Ky., and Joe Colvin, of Warner Robins, Ga.

Aubrey Evans

Aubrey Guy Evans, 68, of Newbern, brother of Ann Wilson, of Ripley, died Friday, in his home.

Rites were Monday in Pierce Cemetery at Trimble.

He was the son of the late Thomas Jefferson Evans and the late Willie Mae Evans.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Ann Combs Evans; sons, Keith and Kenneth, daughters, Kim Pugh and Kristi Deming, and sisters, Cindy McDonald and Dorothy Hartfield, of Newbern; other sisters, Frances McKnight, of Memphis, and Billie Byers, of Valparaiso, Ind.; a brother, Leslie, of Arlington; and five grandchildren.

Harry Jones

Rites Wednesday in Curry Funeral Home in Dyersburg mourned Harry Jones, 64, of Halls, retired insurance agent and Family Shoe Stores owner, who died in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

He was the son of the late Clyde and Flossie Parmenter Jones.

A member of Lenox Baptist Church, he attended Mary's Chapel Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, Nancy Hayes Jones, of 4062 Edith-Nankipoo Road; a son, Kevin, of Memphis; daughters, Carol Faulk, of Dyersburg, and Lisa Haycraft, of Newbern; a brother, Larry, and four step-children.

James W. Beard, Retired Minister

James William Beard, 88, retired minister, a member of Durhamville Baptist Church, died Sunday in Covington Care.

Rites were Wednesday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

He was born at Ripley, March 20, 1920, to the late Arch and Chrystine Miller Beard.

He was the widower of Margie Louise Beard. He leaves a son, James "Merle" Beard, and daughters, Charlotte Kay Jones and Daphne Weir, of Covington; another son, Glenn Allen Beard, of Munford; a sister, Patsy Fried, of Longview, Tex.; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Isabel Flagg

Evangelist Isabel Reed Flagg, 85, of Memphis, aunt of Deborah Baltimore, of Ripley, and cousin of Frank Currie, Johnnie Mae Currie, and Lillie B. Chaney, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were held Tuesday in Metropolitan Baptist Church in Memphis, with burial in Veterans Cemetery in Memphis, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include a son, James Keith Flagg, of Minneapolis, Minn.; a daughter, Vivian Annette Russell, of Memphis; and a grandchild.

John Kemper

Services Sunday in Halls Funeral Home mourned John William Kemper, 95, of 5211 Hwy. 118, Dresden, who died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Hospital. Burial was in Eureka Cemetery.

An Army veteran of World War II, he had been a restaurant operator.

Born at Murfreesboro, he was the son of the late Sam and Harriet Barrett Kemper.

He leaves his wife, Mary; step-children, Adam Moody and Pamela Youngs, of Dyersburg; another step-son, Richard Moody, of Dresden; seven step-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Lewis Byrd

Lewis Maury Byrd, 74, of Brighton, brother of L. W. Byrd, of 101 Willow Creek Drive, Ripley, died Monday of last week in Methodist LeBonheur Hospital in Germantown.

Rites were held Wednesday of last week in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Clopton Cemetery.

A Navy veteran, he had been a tax preparer for H&R Block.

He was a member of Clopton United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Wright Byrd, and a son, Brent Seay, of Brighton; another brother, Thomas, of Bartlett; a sister, Sandra (Mrs. Alex) Routson, of Piggott, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

Jerry Sellers

Jerry Wayne Sellers, 67, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

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

He had worked as a sales clerk for Berg & Schafer and later at Wal-Mart.

A member of Bethesda United Methodist Church, he leaves his mother, Mildred Sellers, his companion, Anita Rorie, and sisters, Jo Ann Nelson and Nadine Cannon, all of Ripley.

Readers Speak

Editor,
Litter, litter, everywhere! Everyday we see litter on our streets, playgrounds and parks. Some litter lasts a few weeks and some litter can hang out for one million years. Look at the lifespan of some commonly littered items.

A glass bottle takes approximately one million years and a plastic 6-pack cover takes 450 years to decompose. An aluminum can takes about 200 to 500 years. A rubber boot sole takes 50-80 years and leather takes up

Mr. Montgomery

Samuel Montgomery, 94, of Memphis, retired barber, died March 25th at his residence.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29th, at Vision Temple Church, with burial in Montgomery Cemetery in Henning.

The widower of Estella Montgomery, he leaves sons, Everette, of Racine, Wis., Curtis, Elton, and Raymond, Sr.; a daughter, Gwendolyn De-Juan Montgomery Gross; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

to 50 years. Nylon fabric decomposes in about 30-40 years and a plastic film container takes 20-30. A painted wood stake deteriorates in about 13 years and a plastic bag takes 10-20. Plastic coated paper takes 5 years. Wool clothing and a cigarette butt takes 1-5

Billy Ferrell

Billy Ferrell, 82, of Alamo, father of Brenda Belew, of Halls, died Thursday of last week in the Jackson Madison County General Hospital in Jackson.

Services were Saturday, March 29th, at Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Floyd's Chapel Cemetery in Maury City.

He leaves his wife, Virginia Louise Ferrell; two other daughters, Peggy Riggsbee, of Alamo, and Katie Scallions, of Friendship; a sister, Jettie B. Allan, of Humboldt; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

years. A cotton rag decomposes in 1-5 months and an orange or banana peel takes 2-5 weeks. The decomposition times came from the California Waste Management Bulletin.

Pamela Cherry-Kirby
Halls, TN

MedSouth Medical Records

Custody of the medical records of patients of MedSouth Healthcare's Dyersburg, Halls, and Newbern locations has been transferred to MedSouth Medical Center, an affiliate of West Tennessee Healthcare.

Upon written request by a patient, copies of the patient's medical record will be sent to the physician or entity of the patient's choice.

NOTICE

Town of Halls Property Owners
The price of yard & property maintenance will increase from \$40 per hour (plus expenses) to \$75 per hour (plus expenses). This notice is for owners and/or tenants who do not meet the 12 inch tall height requirement for yards & lots and also charges for cleaning up the property. 3-11

NOTICE

The Town of Halls regular Board Meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, April 7th, 2008, at City Hall. 3-11

Community Choir Held HES Top Accelerated Reader



FRANK RAY, minister of music at New Salem Baptist Church, Memphis, pictured with participants, devotes one week each year to Lauderdale County to conduct a community choir workshop. He is a member of the National Baptist Late Night Municipal Staff of 800,000. Their goal is to promote vocal instruction and spiritual growth. Several members of local churches participated in the week-long workshop. Halls First United Methodist Church hosted the live recording March 20th to top off the week's activities.



STUDENTS at Halls Elementary School named as the top accelerated reader for the third nine weeks include, from left, Julie Hill, 5th grade, first place, 202.2 points; Quenatassja Ellijah, 5th grade, second place, 137.2; Valerie Patrick, 5th grade, third place, 100.8; Chelsy Aitken, 6th grade, fourth place, 88.4; Courtney Gooch, 6th grade, fifth place, 88.3; and in rear, Logan Hurt, 2nd grade, sixth place, 84.6; Tyler Wiggins, 6th grade, eighth place, 58.4; Chase Ward, fourth grade, seventh place, 74.4; Hailee Wallace, 6th grade, tenth place, 55.8; and Evan Reaves, 4th grade, eleventh place, 55.6; plus, not pictured, Ally Cherry, 4th grade, ninth place, 55.9. The students were only required to have 15 points. The students were presented a gift bag, donated by Arnold's Healthmart and a Wal-Mart gift card.

School Lunches School Lunches

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

Monday, April 7th
Hot Dog
Tater Tots
Applesauce
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 8th
Chicken Fajitas w/Trimings
Corn Nibbles
Grapes
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 9th
Southern Fried Chicken
Whipped Potatoes
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 10th
Menu - School's Choice

Friday, April 11th
Grilled Chicken Sandwich
Corn On The Cob
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 7th
Hot Dog
Pizza
Tater Tots
Celery Sticks w/Dip
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 8th
Tacos w/Trimings
Chicken Fajitas w/Trimings
Corn Nibbles
Grapes
Banana
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 9th
Southern Fried Chicken
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 10th
Menu - School's Choice

Friday, April 11th

Grilled Chicken Sandwich
BBQ On Bun
Corn On The Cob
Baked Beans
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

vs. Donna Lynn Reaves.
Timothy George Whitehead vs. Patricia Kay McBroom Whitehead.
Anna Drumwright Harrison vs. Jimmy Nunn Harrison.

Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cohill.
April 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Norman Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Ward.
April 6 - Mr. and Mrs. James L. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stanley.
April 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gibbons.

Anniversaries

April 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burlison, Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards.
April 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Lewis.

Marriages

March 23 - Johnathan Charles Pounders, 24, to Shelly Marie Colburn Harrell, 22, by Calvin O. Ammons.
March 28 - Traveon Devon Thompson, Sr., 19, to Jennifer Lee Beckham Tate, 28, by Pam Deen.

Divorces

Felix Augusta Reaves, Jr.,

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Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! Miss Pam was looking out the window one evening last week and she noticed a politician walking toward our home. Within a few seconds, I heard a knock on the door. Normally Miss Pam makes me and my siblings be quiet, but that day she let us bark and go wild. I took off like lighting, but I couldn't get any traction on her slick floor. Eventually I got moving and by the time I covered the length of the living room I was in full gear. I was so excited I forgot about the wood floors and her throw rugs. As I set my brakes I hit the rug. I tried getting my rear end down but it was too late. I closed my eyes as the door got closer. After the sudden stop and a few bangs, clangs, deep barks, and my sisters yelping, the politician took off. Miss Pam said "good job" as she patted us on the head.

I have two sisters and one older brother. Rusty is a cocker spaniel who gives me sound advice. My sisters are Annie and Little Girl. I have to paw Annie, the Poodle, to get her attention because she is deaf. Rusty and Annie were here when Miss Pam let me move into the house. I like to wrestle and play tug of war, but my favorite game is hide and zeek. Rusty and Annie very seldom play, but Little Girl has lived here about three months and she loves to play. She is a young Wire Haired Terrier that Miss Pam found in a ditch. I always win the tug of war game, but I will admit she is persistent. I can pull her the length of the house and she won't let go of our toy. I can never find the toy because she is always hiding it, then when I am sleeping she jumps on me with the pull toy in her mouth. She always wins the hide and zeek game since she is so little. One day, Miss Pam was playing dress-up with the girls and the next thing I knew she was approaching me with something in her hands and a devious smile on her face. She told me to shake hands. I raised my paw, but this time she didn't let go. She had a little brush in her hand and believe it or not when she was done I had red toenails! She then asked for the left foot. I drew back a paw with pink toenails this time! You talk about humiliating! Rusty even got off his bed long enough to laugh at my predicament. Of course, when Mr. Pam got home there were a lot of chuckles. Finally I had a nature call and I immediately proceeded to the mud hole. I pawed around for three or four minutes and then headed to the house. Miss Pam opened the door, took one look at me and grabbed my collar. She marched me toward the shower. The whole time she was cackling and her hair was gotten frizzy. I think she used cold water on purpose. I barely got my breath from the shock and as I looked down the mud was washing away and the pink appeared. I thought all of that for nothing; what am I going to do? Can you see me at the Club looking like a girl! If anyone can help, call Scooter at 836-7387. He and I cover for each other.

The Ladies Auxiliary from Post 9673 of the VFW came through with a large donation of food this past week. Bill Hendrix and Sandra Laney also contributed food. Adoptions were initiated by Jennifer Sellers, who liked our Dachshund puppy. Curtis Merritt took home a German Shepherd named Gabriel and Loretta Thomas liked one of our Black and White Fiest named Freckles. Amanda Sellers agreed to foster

Deadline Nears For Candidates

Candidates have until noon Thursday, April 3rd to qualify for the August 7th election. Deadline to withdraw is noon April 10th. Petitions have been returned by Craig Fitzhugh for the Tennessee House of Representatives; Mark Norris, Tennessee Senate District 32; Jerry W. Buckner, Lauderdale County Assessor of Property; Cynthia H. Glenn and Sammy Grantland, School Board, District 2; Michael Ferguson, Bill Hendren, and Kevin Gunn, School Board, District 6; Robert Harris and Christopher A. Moellar, School Board, District 8; Delene W. Spray, Constable District 3; Tommy Hodge, Costable, District 6; and Jan Patton Moore, Constable District 7.

Candidates which have picked up petitions but had not turned them in by noon Tuesday include Austin Thompson, Jr., School Board, District 4; Brian Dew, School Board, District 8; Cecil Crowder, Sr., Constable, District 4; and James Fitzhugh, Constable, District 8.

two cats. Our Saturday give-away day was very wet but we still managed to bless four families with pets.

This week's picks include Jake, a beautiful Yellow Lab with rippling muscles and the look of a thor-bread. We also have a medium sized Golden Retriever named Reba, because of her red coat. A white four legger with a black, white and pink collar was found in the Ashport bottom fleeing from the water. Please pass the word so we can find his owner. We have a black and tan German Shepherd along with two beautiful Chocolate Labs, and a White Pyrenees. The line up also shows a beautiful Australian Shepherd puppy and a marbled puppy that is black, white and brown, My pick this week is a sweet



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.

Ripley First Assembly of God Church, 233 Church St., will hold revival services beginning at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 6th and continuing at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday with Evangelist Larry Howard as guest speaker. Gary Green, pastor, invites the public.

First Christian Church, in Dyersburg, will host the Right Choices Players as they present "So What", at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5th. The event is suitable for middle and high school students and parents and will feature music, testimonial, commercials, and giveaways. No admission, but donations will be accepted to sponsor the Right Choices Players' attendance at the National Teen Abstinence Conference in Colorado in June.

Ripley First United Methodist Church choir will join with Dyersburg First United Methodist Church choir to present "Blessed Assurance", a collection of well-known hymns at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13th in Dyersburg and at 6:30 p.m. in Ripley. The combined choirs of approximately 60 vocalists and 25 orchestra members will present hymns, solos, and narration. The cantata celebrates the love and contentment of being a part of the family of God, the choir directors of each church also share a family connection, Cooper Patterson, Dyersburg's director, is the brother of Harley Patterson, Ripley's choir director. 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.

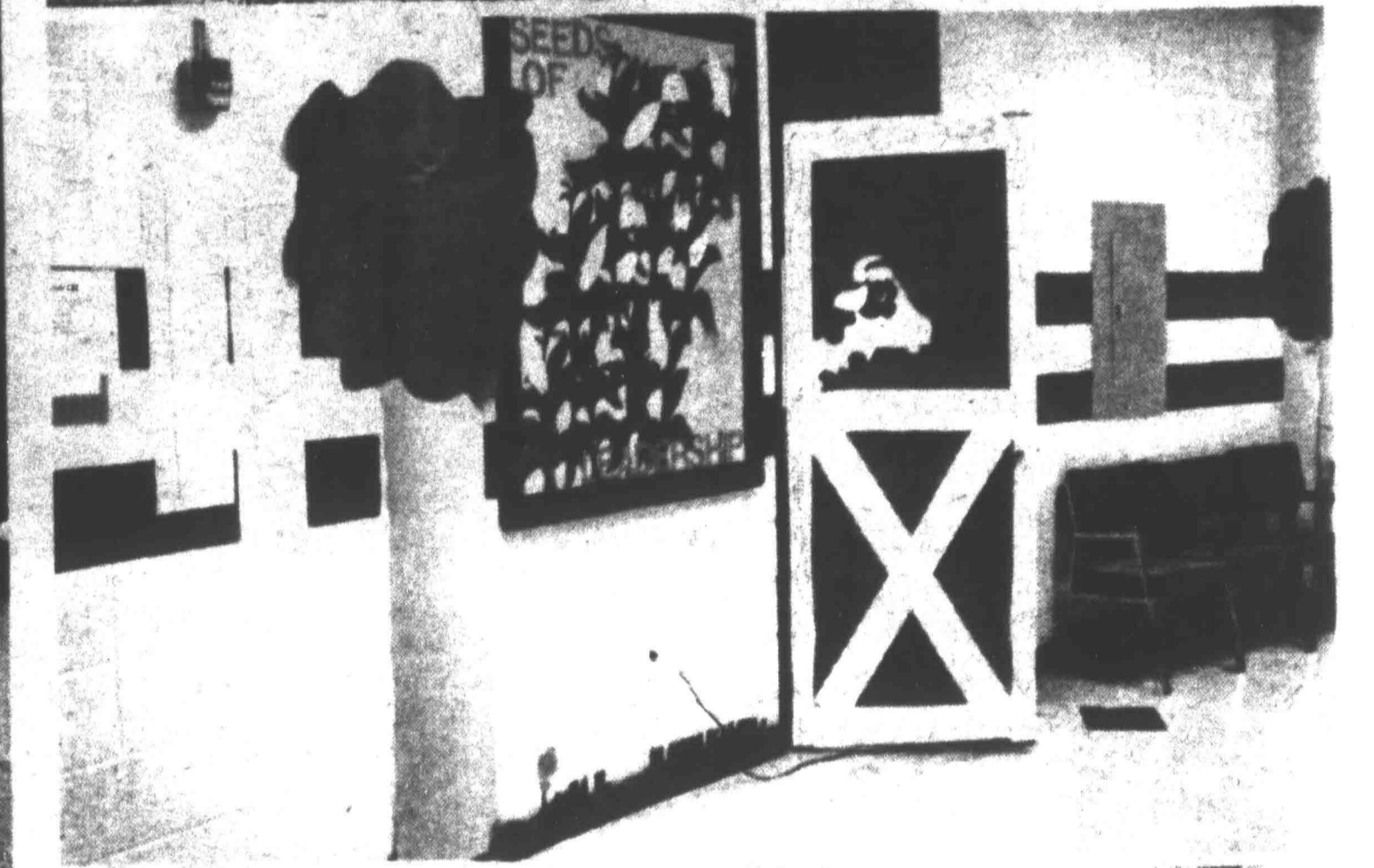
speckled white Fiest. He is small, loves attention, good with kids and controls his excitement. After three months, he is in need of a home and some good loven.

Have a good week and don't forget—help Zeek lower the population at the Club through a good spay and neuter program.

Zeek Out!

HJHS HONOR ROLL

Students named to the honor roll at Halls Junior High School third nine-week period include students with all A's, Amanda Wright, Hollie Wilson, Melissa Shapiro, Molly Green, Chelsea Hill, Lucas Younger, Hayden Hogue, Robert Hill, Haley Blackwood, Lindsey Bowie, Mandy McClellan, Codie Smith, and Kelsey Yarbrough. Honor roll include students with all A's and B's, Shamari Gooch, Robert Johnson, Vanessa Moore, Amber Ray, Collin Mann, Dwayne Sparks, Steven Casewell, Tyler Fitzpatrick, Cody Davis, Nathan Campbell, Katelyn Childress, Cameron Moore, Destiny Street, Chris Smith, Darius Alexander, Frank Bales, Cailon Barnes, Amy Bridges, Colton Dew, Adam Greer, Shelbie Hurt, Michael McCloud, Cole Nichols, Jovita Stark, Chase Street, Chisholm Vaughan, Dustin Smith, Destiny Harrell, Matt Clark, Chris Jenkins, Kathryn Binkley, Emilee Moore, Chelsea Vawter, Alex Stanley, Jayla Moore, Colton Harris, Austin Gunter, Giovanni Dewalt, Sara Bing, and Ryan Humphries.



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transformed into a barn with farm animals and equipment and had several displays showing different aspects of agriculture. This event offered attending delegates opportunities to meet new people and share ideas and leadership skills. Several keynote speakers were Ken Givens, commissioner, Craig Fitzhugh, state representative, Trent McManus, Halls mayor, Rod Schuh, Lauderdale County mayor, Mike Smith, of Difference Makers, Ltd., Erick Baker, a recording artist, Grace Gore, Miss Tennessee, Pamela Pitts, retired Naval officer and attorney, and Angela Hughes Hazelhurst, president of the National Autism Association of West Tennessee and former Mrs. Tennessee America. See more photos in this edition.

Birthdays

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

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

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

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

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

April 8 - Andrew Belton, Ouida Belton, Thomas Terry, Tyler Hyde, Cheryl Reynolds, Devona Temple Shaw, Greg

Study Island Students



STUDENTS at Halls Junior High School, including 7th and 8th graders, in front, Hali Conrad, Dennis Maupins, and Jamie Glenn, and in rear, Hayden Hogue, Darien Walsh, Trip Crews, and Thaniqua McKinney, plus, not pictured, Samantha Hayes, have excelled at Study Island, an online social studies program which uses practice questions to prepare for TCAP by answering at least 1,000 questions. Trip has surpassed even this accomplishment by achieving 95% correct on his questions.

D.A.R.E. Program



TROOPER MIKE BLACKWOOD, Tennessee Highway patrolman, spoke to seventh grade students at Halls Junior High School as part of the D.A.R.E. Program Monday. He spoke on how to make good life choices. The students listened to advice on how to stand up to peer pressure.

New County Relay Land Transfers For Life Website

The Relay for Life of Lauderdale County is currently registering teams and accepting donations at <http://events.cancer.org/rflauderdaletn>. The event's website also provides details about this year's Relay, which will take place May 2nd at Ripley City Park.

Teams who utilize the site can develop their own personal Relay page and can send e-mails to friends and family members inviting them to support the fight against cancer.

For more information about Relay for Life, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit <http://events.cancer.org/rflauderdaletn>.

Coughlan, William Massengill, Nancy Mooney, Joseph Henson, Ryan Reynolds, Milford Durham.

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

March 23rd-March 29th
Tommy Moore, Jr., to Jason Buckner, Dist. 16, 2 tracts.

Ronald N. Carmack and Barbara A. Carmack to Michael Sanders, Dist. 17, 5,0001 acres.

Jerry Bryant Hughes and Cathy L. Hughes to April Cates, Dist. 17, lot.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Sydney H. Wilson and Brad Simpson, Dist. 6, 0.634 acre.

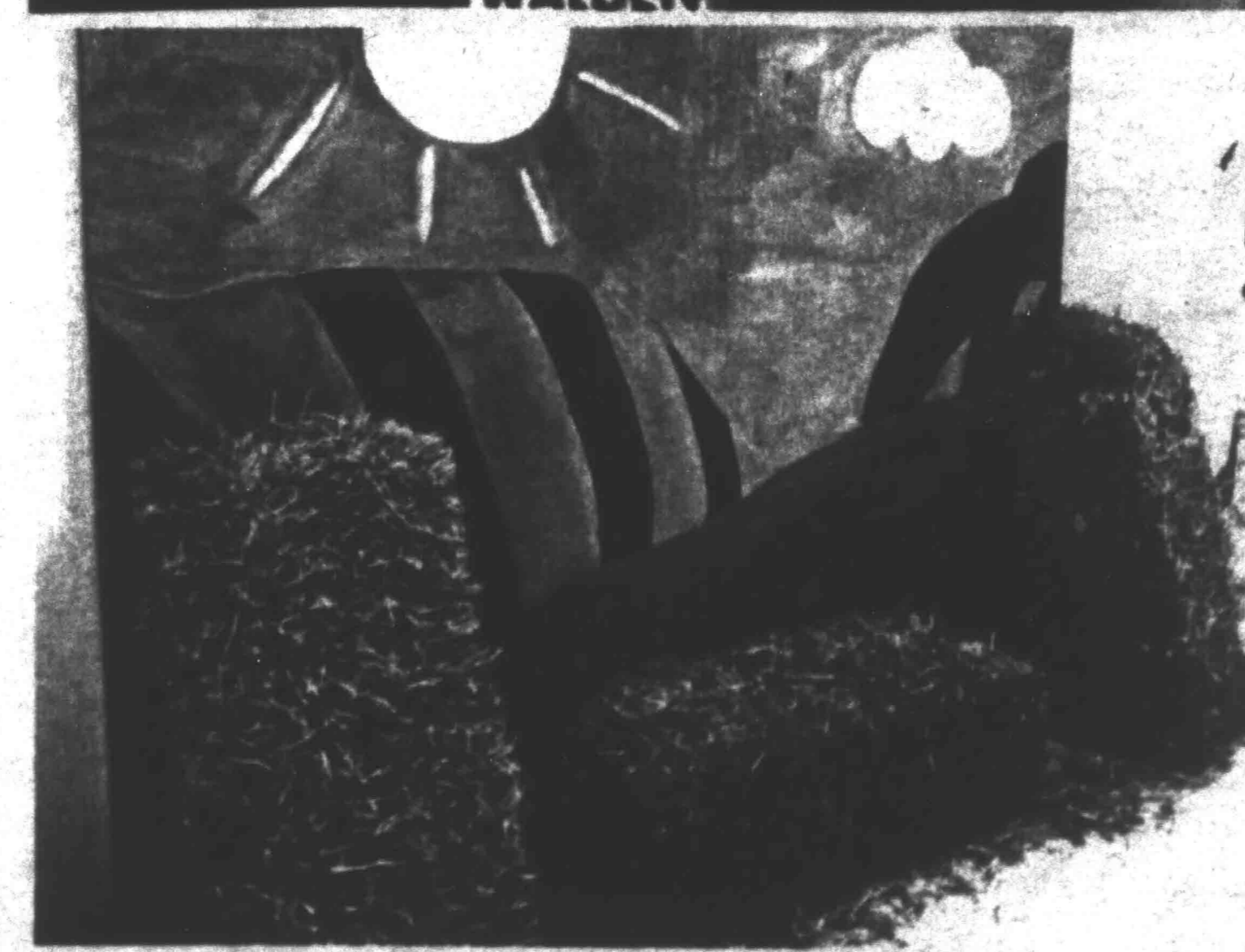
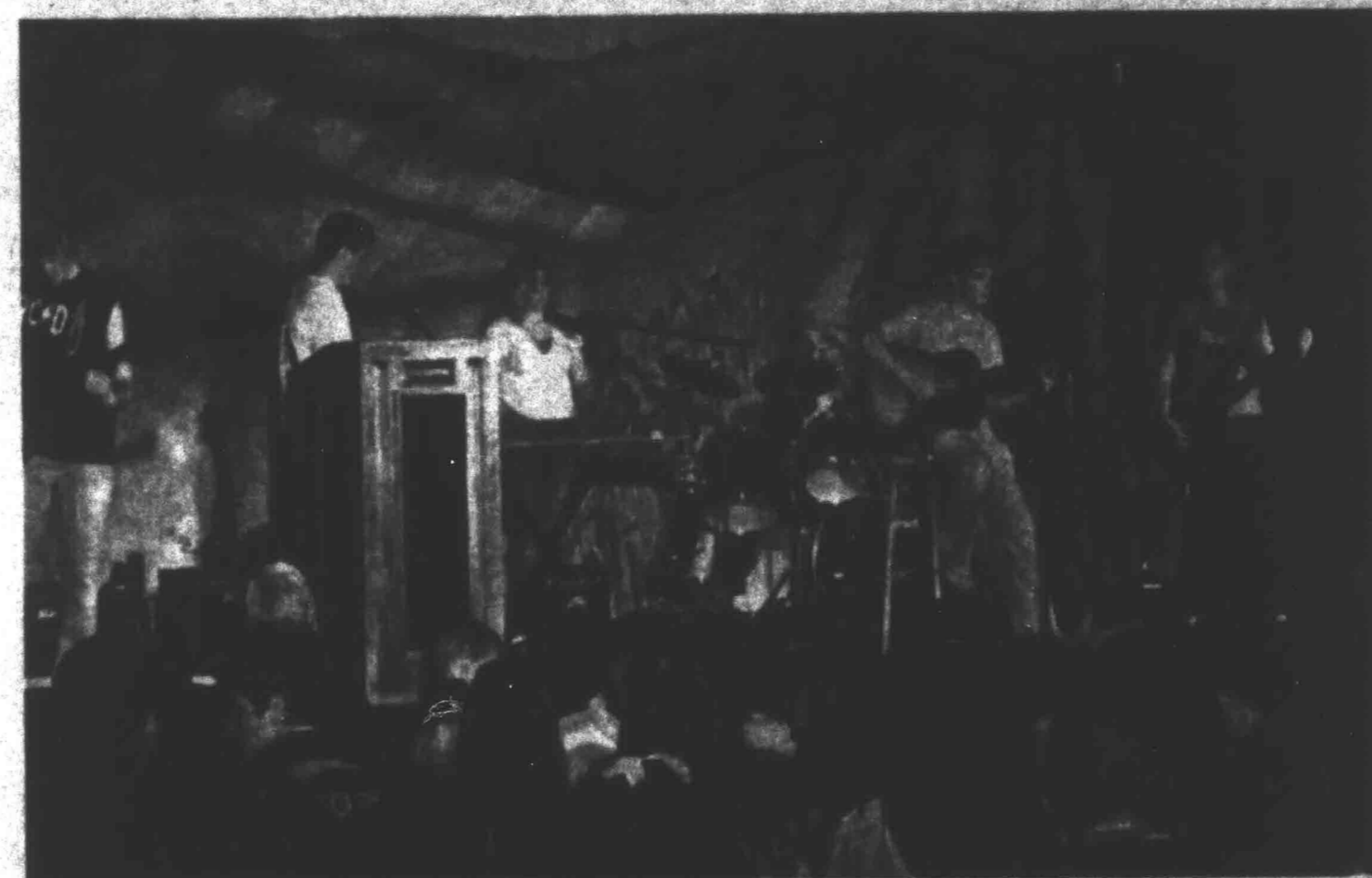
Daniel R. Beard and Joy E. Beard to J.C. White, Dist. 2, 1.778 acres.

Frances C. Hargett, TR, Frances C. Hargett, Revocable Living Trust, and Mary Ellen Hargett Carnell to James R. Carroll and John R. Carroll, Dist. 14, 16.853 acres.

Paul Jennings and Lynn Jennings to Keith Jennings, Paul Jennings and Lynn Jennings, Dist. 10, lot.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Jeremy Helton, Dist. 2, lot.

Beneficial Tennessee, Inc., to Island Advantage Realty, LLC., Dist. 2, 0.991



acre. IFS Properties, LLC., to Donnie Kirkpatrick and Belinda Kirkpatrick, Dist. 2, 0.991 acre. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company to Chris Fleming, lot.

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Five Seek County School Supt. Post

A search committee will offer to the Board of Education, in its meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Ripley Elementary School, five candidates (from nine applications) to succeed Phillip Jackson, of Ripley, as county school superintendent.

Jackson is retiring in December.

Candidates who have passed scrutiny by the search committee:

Susan Backman, 59, of Grosse Point, Mich., retired from a Suburban School District in Michigan, enrollment 2,900.

James Francis, 50, of London, Ky., with 27 years of experience as teacher, administrator, and superintendent of Jefferson

Candidate Selected



CRAIG FITZHUGH, D-Ripley, has announced his intention to seek re-election to the position of Representative of the 82nd District in the Tennessee House of Representatives. The district includes Crockett, Dyer, and Lauderdale counties. He has served West Tennessee since 1994 in this post.

Rep. Fitzhugh is currently the chairman of the House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee and chairman of the State Council on Pensions and Insurance. He is a committee member of the House Commerce and the House Rules; the Budget and Utilities and Banking Sub-committees; and the Joint Committee on Worker's Compensation. As a member of the Finance, Ways, and Means committee, he is tasked with making sure the state's annual budget is balanced.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Crockett, Dyer, and Lauderdale counties in the general Assembly. I would like to continue to work improving our communities. We have made great strides in education, healthcare, economic development, and other areas, but there is much left to do. Fiscal responsibility is the cornerstone for our working families and I work to make sure it is the focus of the legislature. Being the sponsor of the state's ba-



GAVIN HOPKINS, son of Harry (Bubba) and Amber Hopkins, of Halls, was selected as one of the honorary co-chairs of the annual Relay for Life event, scheduled for May 2nd at the City of Ripley Park. Coach C. M. Kelly, Bret Carmack, Wendell Wiley, and Pam Lake also serve as co-chairmen.

Gavin has a rare form of cancer called Angiocentric Glioma Tumor, one of only 16 cases worldwide. His father is a deputy with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and his mom stays home to take care of him. Gavin has an older brother, Justin, 7.

Last year, Gavin began having "focal seizures" and within two days had a full blown seizure. His parents carried him to Baptist Hospital Lauderdale where they were informed he had a large mass on his brain. They were immediately sent to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis for extensive tests, as his seizures were steadily progressing. They were given two diagnoses, the first was a stroke and the other was a brain tumor.

The family found both diagnoses hard to accept. They were sent home with the stroke diagnosis and later called back to the hospital by a Neuro-Surgeon. They were convinced Gavin had a large brain tumor. His parents

Royster Charged With Halls Theft

Halls police have charged Stacy Royster, 33, employed by Little General in Halls, with using her key to enter the store about 1 a.m. Sunday, March 30th, taking \$150 cash and 78 packs of cigarettes.

Halls Holds Six On Gang Raps

Halls police say Tony Reditt, 22, in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley, told them March 30th that he had been assaulted for failing to pay \$600 to leave a Halls gang, the Gangster Disciples.

Police Saturday charged Justin Dees, 18, Jovohn Johnson, 18, Michael McKinnis, 32, Kyrion Mack, 19, and Bradley Nance, 18, with aggravated assault and extortion. Homer Lee, Jr., 25, was charged with extortion.

Police say Nance fled on foot, and, when quickly captured, had on his person 10 packages of marijuana. Police added charges of resisting arrest and possession of drugs with intent to distribute.

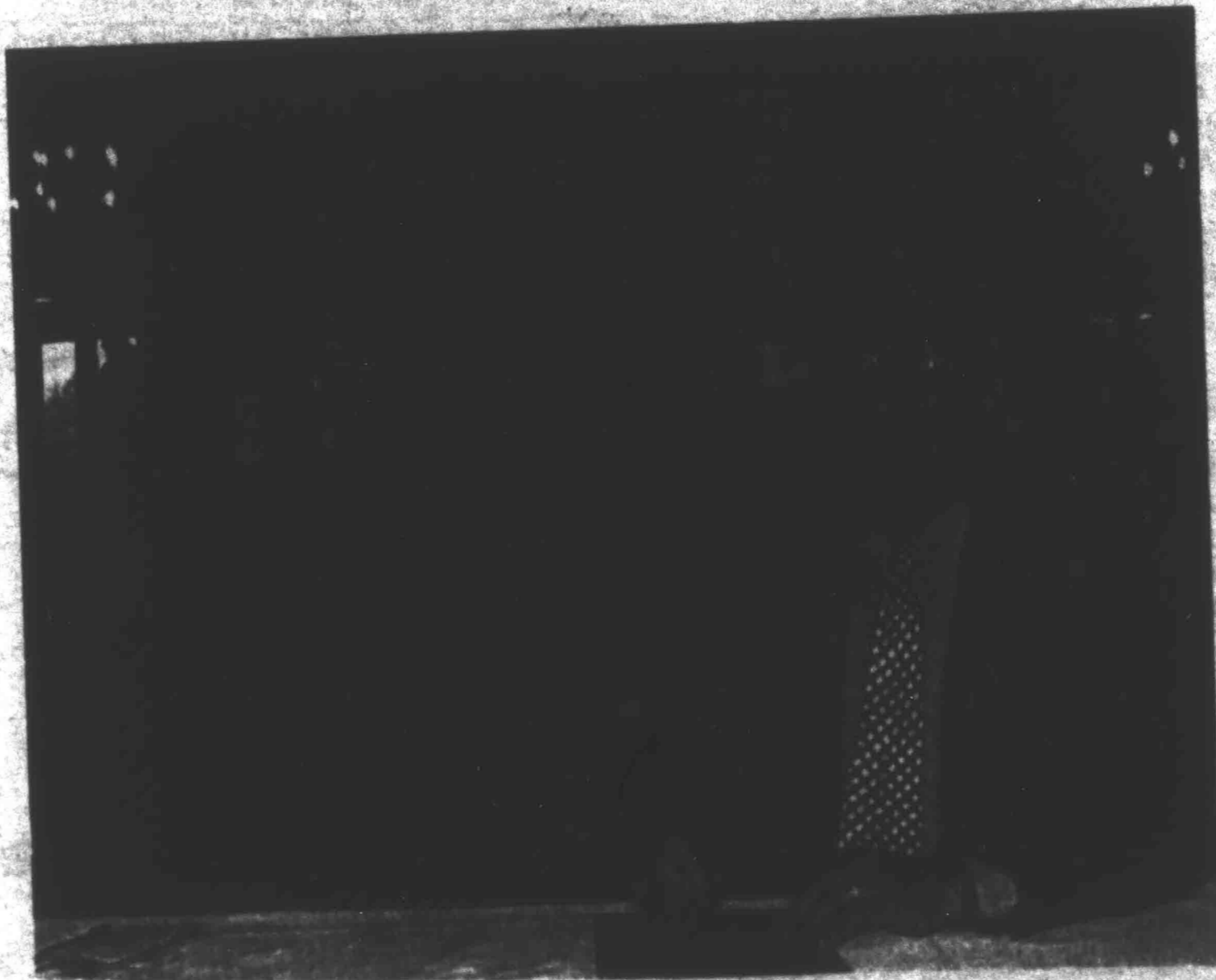
Nance is awaiting trial on previous charges of possession with intent to distribute and of introduction of contraband into the Lauderdale County jail last November.

15th Annual Health And Heritage Day

The 15th annual Health and Heritage Day is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, May 9th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging Senior Citizens Center, 605 Airport St., Halls. Activities will include demonstrations, screenings, entertainment, games, an auction, a country store and bake sale and more.

For more information, call 836-5444.

Proclamation Signed



LAUDERDALE COUNTY MAYOR ROD SCHUH, right, signed a proclamation April 3rd stating that the month of April shall be observed as Child Abuse Prevention in Lauderdale County. Terry Uselton, left, member of the Lauderdale County Exchange Club, witnessed the event.

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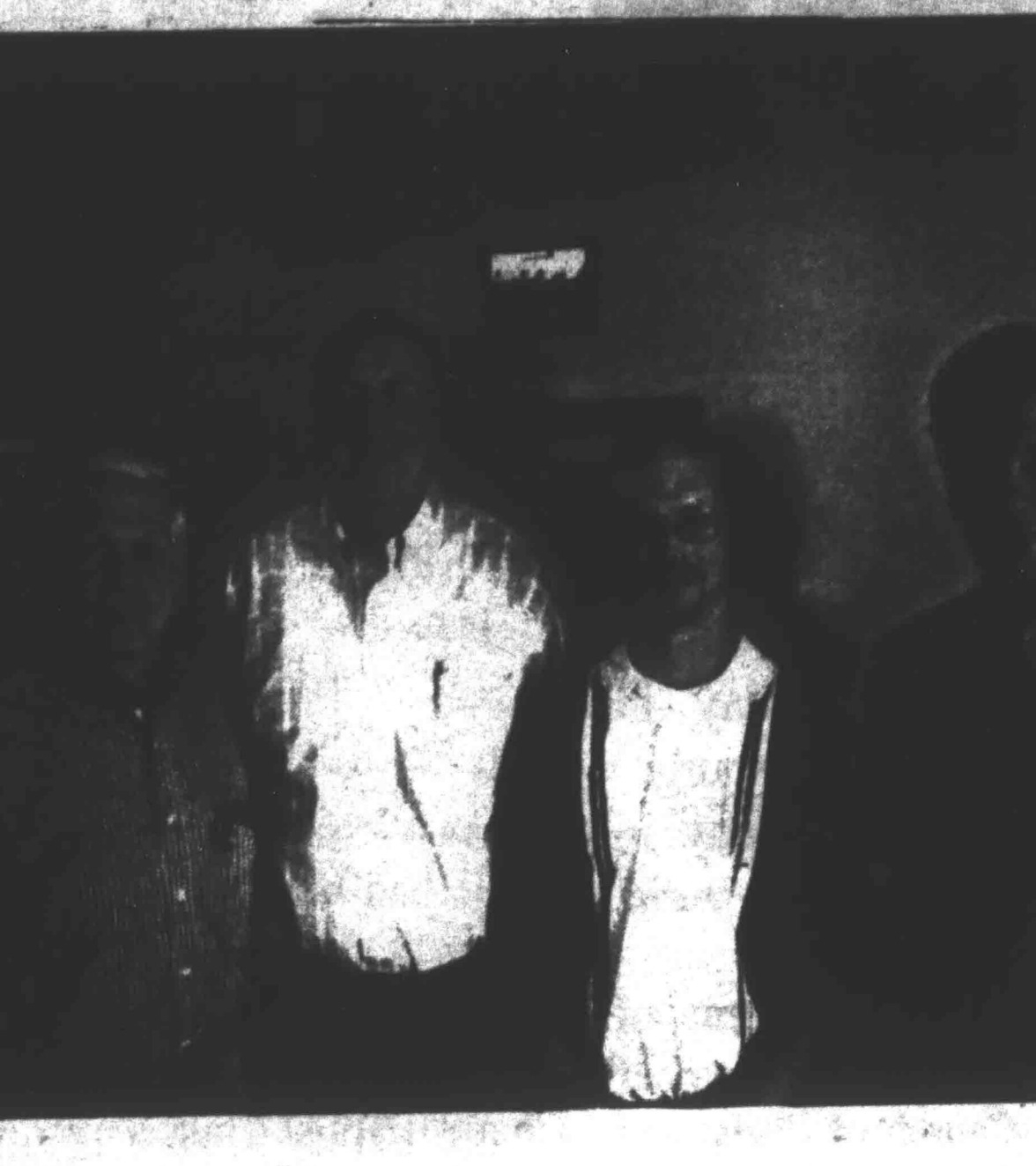
PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR CLASS were held from Monday, March 31st, until Friday, April 4th, to certify Lauderdale County dispatchers. Attending was Linda Turner, Rene' Quinn and Steve Baynes, of E-911, Lorraine Carroll and Tamri Todd, of Ripley Police Department, and Philip Kerlec and Dana Moore, of Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department. The 40-hour class was taught by Dan Bryan, a member of the Bartlett Police Department. The Public Safety Telecommunicator week is April 13th through 19th.

Visiting



MIKE PADGETT, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, visited the offices of The Lauderdale County Enterprise and The Halls Graphic Tuesday. He has been speaking to Tennessee citizens from all three grand divisions. He is seeking the seat, held by Senator Lamar Alexander. "We can't continue to give tax breaks to the richest of the rich while middle-class families in this country are fighting just to stay on their feet," said Padgett.

Halls-Gates Rotary



GUESTS, Jim Ewell and Greg Beam, center, spoke to members of the Halls Gates Rotary Club Monday, April 7th, Their Life Youth Center and New Life Youth Camp was the focus of the presentation along with notifying the membership of their 'New Retreat Center' that is under construction. They are pictured with Rotarian Jerry Stanley, left, who was in charge of the program, and Trent McManus, right, Rotary Club president.

TCAP Review Held



SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS, at Halls Elementary School, participated in a TCAP Review session Monday, March 31st. They were able to attend three sessions in math, reading, and social studies to use practice tests, laptops, and creative thinking skills to improve their TCAP test scores. The students were given tips as to what they can do the week of the test. Following the sessions, they were fed pizza, chips, and drinks. Another session was held Tuesday.

Land Transfers

March 30th-April 5th

Chris Fleming to Spirit of Deliverance Ministries, Trustees and pastor, Dist. 2, lot.

L. M. Kirkpatrick III to Maurice Gaines, Jr., and Memory Gaines, Dist. 2, tract.

Fisher Enterprises, LLC, to Tommy Currie, Dist. 3, lot.

Billy G. Chapman, TR, and Billy G. Chapman, Living Trust, to Kenneth Estes, Dist. 3, lot.

Ronald A. Fisher to R&P Properties, LLC, lot.

Elizabeth Anne Boe to Elizabeth Anne Boe, TR, Elizabeth Anne Boe, Revocable Trust, and Elizabeth Anne Boe Rizittu, TR, Dist. 5, 4 parcels and 72.0 acres.

Naomi Ray to Cynthia L.

Ray, Dist. 14, 10.66 acres and 0.076 acre.

Charles Edward Dixon, Dist. 12, lot.

Michael Stroeh to Prudential Relocation, Inc., Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Mattie Sue Robertson to Lasalle Bank National Association to Keith Webb and Robin Webb, Dist. 2, lot.

Obituaries

Moore, Halls Police Chief

Paul "Buddy" Moore, 84, who closed 39 years in the Halls Police Department as its chief, died Monday in Wesley Homes of Dyersburg. Rites were Wednesday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he was a member of Antioch Church of Christ and Fraternal Order of Police. He leaves a son, Paul Wayne Moore, and a daughter, Juanita Hardy, of Halls; other daughters, Barbara Blythe and Janet Moore, of Ripley, and Crystal Tittle, of Memphis; his brothers, Fred and Max Moore, and a sister, Colleen Sykes, of Memphis; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

'Jo' Cartwright

Josephine Moore Cartwright, 85, of Memphis, sister of Katherine Dennis, of Ripley, died Saturday, after brief illness. Burial Tuesday was private. She had retired in 1985 from the administrative staff of Bolton High School in Memphis. She had served for many years as secretary of the Richmond Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. She was the widow of Newton Ellis Cartwright. Survivors include a son, Charles "Mickey" Moore, of Bolton; one daughter, Beth (Mrs. Parks) Dixon, of Memphis; another sister, Virginia Redfern, of Somerville; and four grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to say how much we appreciate everyone that donated and helped with the fundraiser for Allen Ward and the family. A special thanks to Halls Fire Department for use of building. May God bless each of you. Allen Ward and family Adv.P.

W. E. Sandlin

W. E. Sandlin, Jr., 81, died Tuesday of last week in Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley. Rites were Friday in Mary's Chapel Baptist Church east of Ripley, where he was a member, with burial in its cemetery, Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home, of Covington, in charge. He was born at Ripley, March 17, 1927, to the late William Ervin Sandlin and the late Queen Victoria Harris Sandlin. He had been a farmer and a salesman for ACC Rebuilders, of Memphis, and had driven school busses and the Mary's Chapel Baptist Church bus. He leaves his wife, Ruby Nellene Sandlin; a son, W. E. Sandlin III, of Ripley; daughters, Sandra Melton, of Toone, and Becky Vaughan, of Lorton, Va.; a sister, Margaret Chalfant, of Memphis; and two grandchildren.

Billy Pearson

Billy Gene Pearson, 78, of Dyersburg, father of Dana (Mrs. Hal) Pennington, of 1118 Pennington Rd., Halls, died March 29th, in his residence. Rites were Wednesday of last week in First United Methodist Church in Dyersburg, in whose choir and chorus he had sung, with burial in Fairview Cemetery. He had been an accountant for Payne Steel Erectors, Dement Construction, and Pioneer Construction. He had served as an alderman, had been active in the Dyersburg Orchestra, was a former Rotarian, and had served as state vice-president and international director of the Jaycees. He was the son of the late Bert and Helen Pearson. Survivors include his wife, Etta Caldwell Pearson; sons, Jack Pearson and Mark Caldwell, of Memphis, Mike McCullough, of Dyersburg, and Bob Pearson, of Portland, Ore.; other daughters, Kathi (Mrs. Tony) Burris, of Trenton, Kelly (Mrs. Mitch) Platz, of Stanton, Frances (Mrs. Stephen) Belcher, of Baltimore, Md., Janet Kratzberg and Sherry Caldwell, of New Orleans, La., and Marsha Borden, of Rossville, Ga.; 28 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

'Jim' Johnson

James Alexander Johnson, 82, Ripley-born and reared, died Thursday of last week in his home in Jackson, after extended illness. Rites were Sunday in Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home in Jackson, with burial in Trinity Cemetery at Nut Bush. He was the son of the late Ernest Marvin Johnson and Cora Bodine Summers Johnson. He fabricated coats for Ripley Mfg. Co. until he moved to Brownsville to work for Clear Vue Plastics. He moved to Jackson in 1965 and retired from Oakley Fashions as head machinist. He leaves his wife, the former Nell Chipman, of Ripley; a daughter, Linda Elaine Matthews, of Jackson, and two grandchildren. Three brothers, Edward, Ernest, and Robert, died before him.

Mr. Schaperkötter

Mitchell D. Schaperkötter, 71, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Rites were Saturday in Ripley Memorial Gardens, Garner Funeral Home in charge. He leaves his wife, Wanda Webster Schaperkötter, of Ripley, and sisters, Sue Comstock, of Dyer, and Judy Dombrowski, of Jenison, Mich.

Michael Green

Michael James Green, 60, brother of Paul E. Green, of 1544 Hwy. 371, Henning, and Cheryl Hyde, of Ripley, died Wednesday of last week in the Harlingen, Tex., Valley Baptist Medical Center. Rites were Monday in Garner Funeral Home in Ripley, with burial in Poplar Grove Cemetery. He was a welding supervisor for Bechtel Construction. Survivors include his wife, Donna Marie Sabol Green; a son, Barry, of Atoka; daughters, Michelle Lee, of Knoxville, and Cheryl Sanders, of Corinth, Miss.; a step-son, Jayson Miller, of Allentown, Pa.; a step-daughter, Jennifer Miller, of Nesquehoning, Pa.; another sister, Peggy Vesley, of Charleston, S.C.; and 10 grandchildren.

Mary Marvin

Mary Elizabeth Marvin, 79, of Ridgely, mother of Carolyn (Mrs. Robert) Jones, of Ripley, and sister of Lillian Ogden, of Ripley, died March 30th, in her residence. Rites were Tuesday of last week in Calvary Independent Baptist Church, with burial in New Haven Cemetery at Ridgely. She was born in Tennessee, July 26, 1928, to the late Hardy and Lettie Sager Burkett. A retired factory worker for Keneric, she was a member of the Ridgely Church of Christ. She was the widow of Joe Marvin. Survivors include sons, Joe, Jr., and Rodney Marvin, of Mooring, and Tony Marvin, of Union City; other daughters, Nona Marvin, of Bogota, Linda (Mrs. Kenneth) McClain and Mary (Mrs. Billy) Farmer, of Mooring, Sheila (Mrs. Carl) Southerland, of Wynnburg, and Vicky (Mrs. Bubba) Peery, of Miston; other sisters, Corinne Buchanan, of Troy, Elizabeth Parker, of Mooring, Lucille Thompson, of Union City, Sissy Story and Verlene Bray, of Tiptonville, and Fannie Nunnery, of Montana; brothers, Bert and Billy, of Ridgely, and Lynn Burkett, of Dresden; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert Jackson

Robert Ray Jackson, Jr., 57, of Ripley, employed by S-R of Tennessee in Ripley, died Friday at home. Rites were Sunday in Covington Funeral Home, burial in Magnolia Gardens Cemetery. He was born October 2, 1950, in Covington and was member of the Church of God. He leaves his son, Robert III, and a daughter, Missie Yarbrough, of Ripley; other daughters, Laura Ann Sanders, of Burlington, and Crystal Jackson, of Memphis; his parents, R. R. and Bessie Almeter Jackson, and a brother, James Lee Jackson, of Covington; sisters, Tribbean Pierce, of Henderson, and Bertha Mae Merriman, of Houston, Miss.; and seven grandchildren.

Divorces

Kenneth Edward Brudnicki vs. Ruthie Mae Brudnicki.

Jennie O'Dell

Jennie Faye O'Dell, 68, of Newbern, sister of Thomas Sanders and Margaret Gray, of Ripley, died Monday in Dyersburg Regional Medical Center. Rites were Wednesday in Johnson-Williams Funeral Home in Newbern, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Arp. She was born at Gold Dust, to the late William Henry Sanders and the late Gertrude Cowgill Sanders. She had been employed by Sylvania, Republic Builders, and Canterbury Place. A member of Fairview Baptist Church, she attended Harvest Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, Terry, of Newbern; a daughter, Deborah Murray, of Trenton; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

2008 Paris Memorial Scholarship Available

Residents, of at least five years, who are enrolled as fulltime students in an accredited college, university, or technical school, may be eligible to apply for the 2008 Paris Memorial Scholarship, provided by the late William M. and Hilda H. Paris, through the Bank of Ripley Trust Department. Applicants may be in any field of study. Other guidelines for eligibility are outlined on the application form. Current recipients of full scholarships are not eligible. Applications are available at any Bank of Ripley location, deadline is June 15th. The scholarship recipient is selected by a random drawing from the pool of qualified applications.

For more information, contact Katherine Meadows at the Bank of Ripley at 635-1230 or email service@bankofripley.com.

Halls Leads Lake, 9-5, After A Week Of 3-2

Halls High School's baseball team led Lake County, 9-5, Monday, after a 3-2 week. The Tigers lost at Humboldt, Wednesday of last week, 3-0, and Friday, in McCracken County, Ky., Wood Bat Tournament, to North County, Mo., 2-1. In that meet, they won Saturday at Lone Oak, Ky., 5-1, and St. Mary's, Ky., 10 innings, 2-1, and Sunday, vs. Malden, Mo., 13-0.

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. Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., Halls, will hold a southern gospel singing at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12th featuring Firm foundation Quartet and local artists. Vocal Union will be in concert at 7 p.m. May 15th at the church. The group's website is www.vocalunion.com. The public is invited. Gates Baptist Church, 85 Wardlow and 4th Street, Gates, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 13th featuring The New Testimonies, T-N-T, (Scott Nelson, Tracie Taylor, and Ronnie Nelson). For more information, call Tracie, 836-9928. Jerrell Dawson, pastor, invites the public. Word of Faith Baptist Church, pastor's aid committee, will present a spring fashion show and birth month tea at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26th in the fellowship hall, 515 Laird St., Dyersburg. Male and female models of all ages are welcome. For more information, call Eva Miller, 836-1101, or Teresa Conley Sangster, 836-1195.

2008 Tomato Festival



THE 2008 TOMATO FESTIVAL LOGO has been designed for the 25th annual event, which is scheduled for July 11th and 12th at the Ripley City Park. Established in 1983, the festival pays tribute to the tomato growers and their famous produce. A variety of events are slated for most any age including a carnival, arts and crafts, food, main stage entertainment, golf tournament, tomato tasting, baby crawling contest, petting zoo, Saturday Salad, action pistol shooting contest, 5K Run/Walk, and a chamber coffee, hosted by the City of Ripley. The headliner band for Saturday night is "Burning Las Vegas". The band is known around the south for their riveting and explosive performances. The festival will also showcase local talent at various times. The event is sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD. Pageants to select the Tomato Festival royalty will be held Saturday, April 19th at Ripley High School.

Native Honored



GAY GREGSON, right, daughter of former Halls pharmacist, Sammie Arnold, and his wife, Doris, was one of five selected to receive the 2008 Jefferson Awards for public service, sponsored by The Jackson Sun. The nominees were recognized at a luncheon April 1st at the Jackson Community Club. On behalf of each recipient, The Jackson Sun, through the Gannett Foundation, donated \$1,000 to a charity of the nominee's choice. Christi Crocker, left, and Jacque Hillman nominated Gregson for a Jefferson Award because of her commitment to helping the deaf learn to communicate. Gregson has worked for many years as a speech therapist at the West Tennessee School for the Deaf and at the Interpreting School for the Deaf at the Jackson Center for Independent Living. She later became a partner of Honey Baked Ham and hired many of her students, where they learn how to communicate in a business setting. For these efforts, Gregson was named Employer of the Year for the Deaf Community by the Interpreting Center for the Deaf. She also started the first Vacation Bible School for deaf children, which has been held in the summer at various Jackson area churches. Crocker said she is amazed how Gregson "personally and tirelessly gives her time to help anyone that she knows." She donated her award to the Jackson Center for Independent Living.

climate changes, we also see changes in our health. There is increased potential for extreme weather events that threaten our health and safety. The Lauderdale County Health Department is celebrating by releasing balloons, planting a tree, and having the crime dog come to the health department. For more information about activities, contact Kathy Robinson at 635-4661.

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

National Public Health Week began April 7th and ends the 13th. The theme this year is "Climate Change: Our Health is in the Balance." The Tennessee Department of Health joined the American Public Health Association to celebrate. This year's theme highlights the connection between the climate change and human health. As our

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Halls DI Team Is State Bound



MEMBERS of the Destination Imagination team of Richard Dawson and Mandy Bushart at Halls Elementary School are headed to the state competition, April 12th in Nashville. The team, including Katelyn Cherry, Mallory Hardy, Katie Hardy, Amanda McBroom, Elizabeth Gunter, Zach Harris, Alexa Ray Jordan, and Meredith Bullock, competed in the Region Tournament March 1st and won first place in their category. They had several challenges to choose from, selecting Choritic, a challenge where the students had to form a skit around a chore. After choosing the challenge, they formed the skit using materials such as a water hose, milk crate, umbrella, etc. During the challenge, they were presented an obstacle that they had to overcome, create multiple sounds, and incorporate improv techniques as part of the requirements. After creating the skit, the team presented it to the judges and the audience.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! I have spent all week dragging my toe nails when I walked. The rest of the time, I was licking them but nothing I tried removed Miss Pam's pink nail polish. The guys at the Club ragged me all week and Mr. Buddy asked me if I wanted to tip toe through the tulips. I can certainly tip toe, but what is a tulip? My savior was the mud; it helped me reduce my frustration. I was yelled at, but at least I looked like a tough four legger. My buds also want to apologize to the two leggers for their ragged appearance during all the rain. We got acquainted with the worms last week. All the rain had run them out of the ground. Mr. Buddy brought a duck to the Club. Did you know all that rain just rolled off his back? His name was Daffy and he kept saying, "I don't belong here," and then he would quack. He got so upset he started stuttering and talking to a mouse he called Mickey. As you can see, rain makes us all do crazy things.

I have a special friend named Lucy. She is a black and tan German Shepherd and lives on Caldwell Road. She has a blue collar and weighs close to 70 pounds. Young Lance and

Jordan came to the Club in search of their four legger. When she wasn't there, they left with tears in their eyes. Would everyone please keep their eyes peeled for Lucy and call the club at 826-7387 (pets) if you see my friend.

My "thank yous" this week go out to Linda Mitchell and Betty Alley for their donations. A very, very special at-a-boy is reserved for Bobby Graves. He helped Mr. Buddy unstop the septic system. Mr. Buddy said that was his job security, whatever that means. Last Saturday, an entire family volunteered at the Club. Kelly and Daniel Willis along with their children, Aaron, Hanna, and Knox, took my buds out for walks which made them feel special. Thanks for teaching your children good values. We only had two adoptions this past week; a Dachshund mix to Danny Stephens and a Fiest to Dustin Brady. Thank you for caring.

We have some beautiful puppies if you are in the market for one. In addition, there are some handsome Labs in all three colors. The German Shepherds are friendly and our little Fiest four leggers are fierce.

It is springtime and that means puppies! Mr. Buddy says that we must kill the germs to keep my little buddies healthy. Do you think you could kindly bring us some bleach? Mr. Buddy sprays down the rooms daily and the inventory is dwindling. Better yet, talk up spay and neuter programs to everyone you know; and remember to be as good as your four legger thinks you are.

Zeek Out!

School Lunches School Lunches

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| <p>Ripley Primary School
Halls Elementary School
Pre-K to 3rd</p> <p>Monday, April 14th
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Fruit Sherbet Cup
Cookie
Choice Of Milk</p> <p>Tuesday, April 15th
Baked Ham
Green Beans
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk</p> <p>Wednesday, April 16th
Turkey Roast w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Banana
Roll
Choice Of Milk</p> <p>Thursday, April 17th
Chili Pie
Corn Nibbles
Pear Halves
Choice Of Milk</p> <p>Friday, April 18th
Corn Dog
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Celery Sticks w/Dip
Tater Triangles
Peaches
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk</p> |
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Anniversaries

- April 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fragale.
- April 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Brian Apperson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Edwards, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Vance Brewster, Jr.
- April 13 - Mr. and Mrs. David Ream, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Terry, Mr. and Mrs. David Hamlet.
- April 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott.
- April 15 - Mr. and Mrs. James Sylvester.
- April 16 - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Demeris, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jenkins.

Dining With Diabetes



PARTICIPANTS in the Dining with Diabetes seminar held a follow-up session March 28th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging center in Halls. Rachel Erwin, Lauderdale County Extension Agent, presented them with a cookbook, "The Right Bite" and valuable information. A free health screening was provided. Christie Jones and Kay Kelly, representing Le Bonheur Outreach Specialists, performed the screenings. Le Bonheur was a co-sponsor of the event.

Cake Decorating Class



ROSIE LEMONS, of Halls, demonstrated the art of cake decorating to seniors March 25th at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging center in Halls. Techniques included the star, the shell, and a swirl. The class was divided into three segments. They will learn how to create flowers in the next class. For more information, call the center, 731-836-5444.

TCAP TEST WEEK

Lauderdale County student in grade 3 through 8 will take the TCAP

Achievement Test during the week of April 14th through 18th. Each spring Tennessee students take an Achievement Test as part of the Ten-

nessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP). The TCAP is a multiple choice test designed to measure student achievement by certain skills in five subject areas: Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The questions test student performance in State and National content areas. Parents can help children during test time by seeing that your child arrives at school on time, your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test day, and do not remove your child from school on test days for appointments.

William Richard Turner, MD

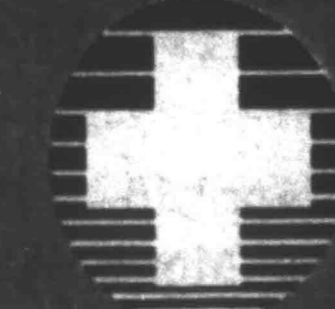


William Richard (Rick) Turner, MD received his medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He also holds a Master of Science degree in biomedical sciences from Barry University in Miami, Florida and a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California in San Diego, California. He completed an internship in internal medicine at Cabrini Medical Center in New York.

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lanced budget for our State is humbling but something I've been fortunate enough to be part of for the past few years. New pre-k classrooms, increased state funding for education, and improved teacher compensation are my priorities. I think college ought to be reachable by everyone who wants to go. I will do everything I can to make our district and our State a great place to live, not only for ourselves, but for our children and grandchildren," said Fitzhugh.

He supported much needed new construction at Dyersburg State Community College, a new higher education facility in Crockett County, and the UT Martin Center in Ripley.

Fitzhugh is chairman and CEO of the Bank of Ripley, a locally owned community bank, and a deacon at Ripley's First Baptist Church. He is a United States Air Force veteran and University of Tennessee graduate. He and his wife, Pam, have been married for 34 years and have two children, Elizabeth, who is married to Chaz Molder, of Columbia, and a first grade teacher, and Tom, a senior at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

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agreed to let the surgeons implant strips into Gavin's brain so they could map out the tumor and find out where the seizures were coming from.

Three days after a successful operation, in May, 2007, Gavin was ready to undergo a second surgery. It was thought to be successful, but when Gavin woke up, he was completely paralyzed on his left side. Within a few days, he was showing signs of improvement. The doctors are certain that with lots of occupational and physical therapy, Gavin will walk again soon.

At the last appointment at St. Jude, the family learned that Gavin's tumor was malignant and there are still

Youth Leadership Members Tour Museum



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Youth Leadership Lauderdale Class held their annual session focusing on Education, Finance & Tourism in Lauderdale County on Thursday, March 27th. The class began at the Tennessee Technology Center with an overview of the day's session. The first stop on the tour was at the Veterans' Museum, where the group met with Pat and Sonny Higdon. They spoke to the group about upcoming events at the Airbase and where the group met with Youlanda Jones, of the UT Martin Ripley Center, and Amy Morris, with traveled back to the Tech Center and met with Youlanda Jones, of the UT Martin Ripley Center, and Amy Morris, with the Tennessee Technology Center. After a tour of the Tech Center, they group traveled to BankTennessee, where they were served lunch, hosted by BankTennessee. Regina Fleming and Keith Davidson spoke to the group regarding credit scores, checking accounts, student loans, credit cards, etc. Participants were also given a tour of the institution. The last-stop of the day included a tour of the Alex Haley Home and Museum and Bethlehem Cemetery. Participants were given a tour of the Museum and were told personal anecdotes of Alex's life growing up in Henning. They traveled to Bethlehem Cemetery where they visited the final resting place of Chicken George and other relatives of Alex Haley. For more information on Youth Leadership Lauderdale, contact the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD at (731) 635-9541.

some abnormalities on his brain. Gavin's tumor was extremely rare and there have only been 18 reported cases in the world. Almost all of the tumors have grown back. He will need to be monitored for any changes.

He started having pain in his right foot and a spinal MRI showed something growing inside his spinal cord. The family hoped it was only a cyst. It was removed in August 2007, because it was compromising his right side, pinching nerves and compressing his spinal cord flat.

He is the grandson of Paul King, of Hornbeak, and Harry and June Hopkins, of Ripley.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation granted a wish in October, 2007 of a trackless

train. He loves trains and was given his very own.

He was the Grand Marshal of the Ripley Christmas Parade in December and led the parade in his train, "Gavin's Express".

"The vital research and programs of the American Cancer Society are leading the way to eliminating cancer as a major health problem," said County Mayor Rod Schuh, who is chairman of the 2008 event.

Birthdays

April 10 - Dr. Joe Hunt, Deborah Morris, Katherine Anthony, Mackenzie Haislip, Joe Mason McDowell, II, Kim McDams, Linda Lewis, Tracie Tay-

lor, Penne Pickard, Scotty Holcomb, Cathy Hughes.

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

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

April 13 - Kathy Spoon, Jerry Temple, Jr., Deana Gammon, Dennis King, Jean Belton, Jonathan Scarce, Nancy Brewster, Julie Pickard, James Beasley, Luke Caldwell, Phyllis Schwinn.

April 14 - Doug Nelson, Kathy Sills, Jan Holder, Jessie Belton, Lila Waninger, Hunter Raotliffe, Cyndi McFall, Steve Sanders, Donna Galloway,

Brandon Harrison, Kamryn Pennington, Dee Wright, Michael Johnston, Terisa Holcomb, Meg Fullen.

April 15 - Syble Moore, Jeremy Maxwell, Chris Pitts, Craig Tucker, Tommye Fisher, Adrian Taylor Terry, Dan Ungerecht, Rebecca Cain, Loretta Thurmond, Mary Yanders, Miriam Box, Chelsi White, Chelsey Odom, Lynn Vickery.

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

OMISSION

The Halls Junior High School 3rd nine-week honor roll omitted Shelbi Fowler.

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Groundbreaking Held At HHS Selected Earth Day



COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS, pictured, from left, Halls Mayor Trent McManus, Halls High School Principal Andy Pugh, Ken Givens, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture, Tennessee State Representative Craig Fitzhugh, Lauderdale County School Superintendent Philip Jackson, and Lauderdale County Mayor Rod Schuh, gathered week before last for the groundbreaking of the Agricultural Learning Center at Halls High School. The Center will contain space for classrooms and a laboratory and can be utilized by several different organizations. Approximately 160 students are enrolled in the Future Farmers of America program at HHS. Lauderdale County Commissioners discussed the project at the meeting Monday night, approving the measure. The county school system will be responsible for the facility with donations from several organizations and state grants funding it.

In other business, commissioners discussed the budget amendments to the Lauderdale County Volunteer fire departments, Juvenile Court security grant reimbursement, truancy state approved budget amendments and the sheriff's department radar equipment grant reimbursement. Norman Hendren resigned his position on the E-911 board due to his election as city alderman, Cecil Crowder has replaced Hendren on the E-911 board by acclamation. Building permits added \$2,119.10 into revenue. The Central community has been granted use of the property beside the fire department to build a community center if they can get financial backing.



WENDELL WILEY, of Halls, was selected as one of the honorary co-chairs of the annual Relay for Life event, scheduled for May 2nd at the City of Ripley Park. Gavin Hopkins, Coach C. M. Kelly, Bret Carmack, and Pam Lake also serve as co-chairmen.



EARTH DAY has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd according to Vernon McBride, III, Chair- Continue on page 3.

Candidates For August Election

Candidates qualified for the August 7th election include Mark Norris, Republican, for Tennessee Senate, District 32; Craig Fitzhugh and Brian Black, Democrat, for House of Representative, District 82; Jerry Buckner, Lauderdale County Assessor of Property; Cynthia H. Glenn and Sammy Grantland, School Board, District 2; Austin Thompson, Jr., School Board, District 4; Bill Hendren and Kevin Gunn, School Board, District 6; and Robert Harris and Christopher A. Moellar, School Board, District 8.

The position of Constable for District 1 will offer a write-in candidate, Ronald Ruff. Other constable candidates include David Richmond, District 2; Deleene W. Spray, District 3; Cecil Crowder, Sr., District 4; Tommy Hodge, District 6; Jan Patton Moore, District 7; and James Fitzhugh, District 8. No one qualified for District 5.

Brian Dew did not return his petition in time to qualify and Michael Ferguson withdrew his name. Continue on page 7.

Halls DUI Mock Crash



A MOCK DUI CRASH was held at the Halls High School for juniors and seniors before the prom informing them of the dangers of drinking and driving. Officials with the Halls Police, Lauderdale County Sheriff, Tennessee State Highway Patrol, and Halls Fire Departments, along with the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority, sponsors the event each year. "If one life can be saved, we have succeeded," stated officials.

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On that date, the Tennessee General Assembly passed an act changing the northern boundary. This act, signed by the Governor two days later, would, with some qualifications, place Porter's Gap, Double Bridges, Key Corner, and the neighborhood that would become Poplar Grove, in Dyer County. The area proposed was about 15 to 20 square miles and had 130 qualified voters. The act stipulated that the change was not to reduce Lauderdale County below the constitutional limit of 500 square miles, and two-thirds of the qualified voters in the affected area had to approve the move at an election to be held within six months.

Dyer County appointed three commissioners to survey Lauderdale County to assure that it would still have 500 square miles, and the commissioners reported that it would. They had appointed Edgar G. Sugg, an excellent surveyor, they said, to survey and mark the new line between the counties. Lauderdale County government, of course, opposed the move, and declared that Dyer County's commissioners could not possibly have surveyed Lauderdale County, for it could not have been done—even clandestinely, they said—without its being known. Lauderdale County Court appointed A. H. Dunavant and B. T. Porter to confer with the Dyer County commissioners, but when they attempted to take the matter up with them, they were ignored.

Thomas D. Cobb, then the Lauderdale County sheriff, declined to hold the election required by the Act of March 1877 because he knew the county had not been surveyed, and he did not believe it was his duty to do so until that had been done. At the encouragement of F. G. Sampson, an attorney and a Dyer County Justice of the Peace, citizens of the affected area took the responsibility themselves of advertising, opening, and holding the election which would be necessary. Two polling places were set. Those who voted at Double Bridges on September 20, 1877, were:

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| J. D. Hafford | David Ford | James M. Rucker |
| James Parr (b) | Z. Quinn | M. E. Nearn |
| W. P. Pillow | James A. Thurmond | J.W.H. Oakley |
| J. M. Nearn | C. C. Nearn | Kneeland Eison |
| F. W. Eison | G. W. Hurt | A. L. Ryan |
| L. J. Robertson | G. F. Fogg | Henry Jordan |
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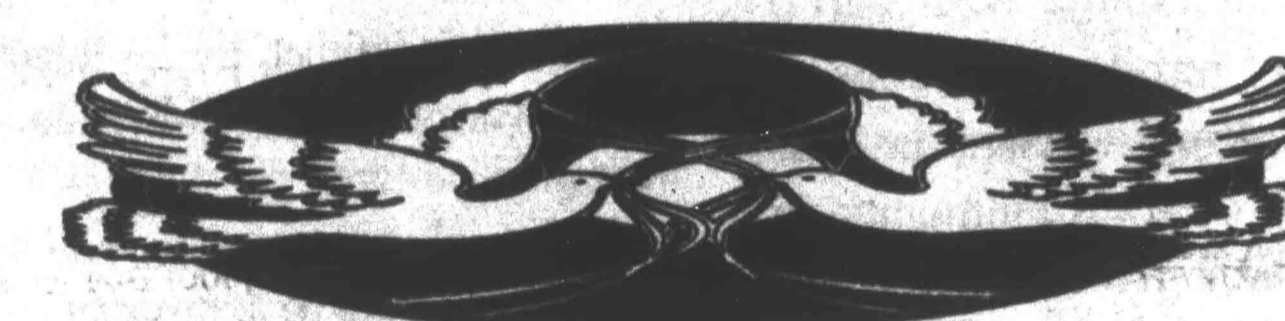
The second polling place was Forked Deer Academy, a school about 100 yards north of the intersection of present-day Salisbury Road and Doctor Hall Road. Voters there, as recorded by the clerk, were:

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| J. W. Carnell | N. E. Reynold(s) | J. N. Carnell |
| J. Zinaman | J. F. Poll | C. M. Young |
| N. K. Fosset | H. P. Roland | J. T. Fosset |
| W. F. Hooper | J. S. Beard | R. S. Thisman |

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| S. D. Pillow | C. H. Bryant | W. R. Moore |
| R. H. Burks | C. B. Denton | A. A. Macon |
| G. W. Carnell | A. H. Hooper | N. B. Salisbury |
| A. B. Chambers | A. Conklin | E. O. Slaughter |
| July Parr | L. C. Smith | C. S. Chambers |
| J. W. Chambers | G. W. Chambers | J. M. Chambers |
| J. P. Smith | B. F. Burks | A. A. Denton |
| S. C. Meter | S. G. Fox | N. B. Rucker |
| W. C. Chambers | W. H. Gibson | E. P. Carnell |
| J. W. Sanders | W. T. Winn | D. J. Meeter |
| G. W. Lucy | A. P. Parr | D. M. Porter |
| F. M. Lucas | W. H. Macon | B. F. Meeter |
| J. L. Gibson | L. B. Bond | D. Redit |
| T. R. Kenley | S. P. Goble | W. R. Jennings |
| W. E. McDearman | C. P. Gilman | R. A. Carnell |
| S. B. Burks | J. H. Jones | W. E. Burks |
| C. T. McDearman | Robert Carnell | T. R. Burgie |
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The 102 voters of the 130 that were eligible voted unanimously to become part of Dyer County. The Dyer County Court announced that the new area would be the 17th Civil District of Dyer County and named Double Bridges as the polling place. (To be continued)

Bettie B. Davis
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Church Happenings

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

Mellville United Methodist Church, Curve-Nankipoo Rd., at Nankipoo, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. May 4th featuring the Frog Jump Quartet. Tom Perkins, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sumrow St., Halls, will host vocal Union in Concert at 7 p.m. May 15th. The public is invited. For more information, call the church office, 836-5193, or visit the group's website, www.vocalunion.com.

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.

GARDENING

Beauton Matthews, Intern Tipton County Master Gardener 2008, will share various garden techniques at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 24th, at the Lauderdale Commission on Aging, located at 605 Airport St. in Halls. Everyone is encouraged to bring garden photos, stories and plants to exchange. Gardening handouts from U.T. Extension Service, door prizes and free seeds will be available.

Earth Day xxx

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man of the Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District. McBride stated that the first Earth Day was established on April 22nd, 1970 to make the citizens of the United States aware of the importance of protecting the natural resources for today and for future generations. Each year since 1970, the country has proclaimed this day as "Earth Day" in an effort to make people more aware of how the environment is adversely affected by soil erosion, impaired water quality, diminished wildlife habitat, and poor air quality. The Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District works cooperatively with the people of Lauderdale County to eliminate excessive soil erosion, improve water quality, enhance wildlife habitat, and protect clean air for the citizens. McBride urges every citizen to carefully consider how the things that they do where they live, work, and play impacts the environment of the county. The Lauderdale County Soil Conservation District pledges its support to the people of Lauderdale County to continue to work, continue to strive, and to promote soil and water conservation activities that will have a positive impact on protecting the natural resources of our county. McBride concluded by commending the farmers of Lauderdale County for the excellent job that they do to protect the natural resource base of the county.

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Obituaries

Drusilla Allen

Drusilla Allen, 67, aunt of Kenneth Allen, of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Maplewood Health Care Center in Jackson.

Rites were Saturday in the North Chapel of Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, with burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

She was born at Humboldt, June 27, 1940, to the late Arthur and Bernice Smith Allen.

A retired school teacher, she was a Methodist.

Survivors include a brother, Arthur, of Newbern; a sister, Janell Allen, of Jackson; and another nephew, Kevin Allen, and a niece, Kim (Mrs. Joey) Hardin, of Dyersburg.

William Holt

William Eugene Holt, 69, of Paris, retired truck driver, died Thursday of last week in the Henry County Medical Center in Paris.

Rites were held Saturday in Whitefield Cemetery near Ripley, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He leaves his wife, Goldie Blount Holt; a daughter, Patsy Harris, of Paris; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Dennis Willis

Dennis Ray Willis, 59, of Ripley, roofer, died Tuesday of last week in the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

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

He leaves his wife, Linda Blankenship Willis; a son, Tracy, of Memphis; a daughter, Sonia Willis, of Collierville; a brother, Roy, of Kuwait; sisters, Jeanette Hamby, of Ripley, Diane White, of Covington, Linda Kmice, of Chicago, Ill., and Carolyn Ehresman, of New Jersey; and a grandchild.

Mollie Barnes

Mollie B. Barnes, 53, of 275 Gay, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Friday in the cemetery of Lightfoot United Methodist Church, where she was a member, Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

She had worked in county schools food service.

She leaves a son, Charles Barbee, of Dyersburg; a daughter, Melissa Isaacs, of Memphis; brothers, Hank and Tommy Barnes, and a sister, Eva Jane Mayfield, of Ripley; and three grandchildren.

James A. Best

James Allen Best, 75, of Ripley, retired from Chilton Power Equipment, died Thursday of last week, in his home.

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

An Army veteran, he was a member of the Community of Christ Church in Memphis.

He leaves his wife, Louise Caldwell Best; sons, Gerald A. Best, of Ripley, and James R. Best, of Memphis; a daughter, Beverly Smith, of Jackson; sisters, Vivian Hendren, of Ripley, Martha Barham, of Covington, and Kay Regis, of Brighton; and three grandchildren.

Leon Etheridge

Leon Etheridge, 66, of 9543 Hwy. 51 south of Mason, father of Dorothy and Ronnie Etheridge, of Ripley, and of Terry Etheridge, of Gates, died Sunday in Baptist Hospital in Ripley.

Rites were held Wednesday in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

He was born at Covington, Dec. 19, 1941, to the late James Bob Etheridge and the late Lilly Irene Hudson Etheridge.

He had worked at S-R of Tennessee in Ripley.

He was Pentecostal in belief. Other survivors include his wife, Mary Cross Etheridge; another son, Randy, of Mason; a brother, James Earl Etheridge, of Midwest City, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Baskin

Dorothy Marie Baskin, 60, of Brighton, sister of Norris and Quentin Roach and Martha Bowers, all of Ripley, died Thursday of last week in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were held Sunday in Munford Funeral Home, with burial in Crigger Cemetery in Munford.

She collected photos of George Jones and Hank Williams, Jr.

Survivors include her husband, William Baskin; a son, Billy Wayne Baskin, of Brighton; daughters, Becky Bridges, of Munford, Anita McKnight and Sheila Stevens, of Mason, and Dorothy Denise Wavra, of Arlington; other sisters, Dessie Fike, of Covington, Susan Shelley, of Drummonds, Brenda Newman, of Brighton, and Charlotte Hammonds, of West Virginia; another brother, Leslie Roach, of Michigan; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial gifts to the Kidney Foundation would be appropriate.

Lavelle Fortner

Lavelle P. Fortner, 81, of 734 Garland-Detroit Road, Burlison, great-aunt of Angela Hunter, of 1376 Wade Hunter Road, Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in Methodist Hospital in Germantown.

Rites were Thursday of last week in Maley-Yarbrough Funeral Home in Covington, with burial in Munford Cemetery in Covington.

She was born at Covington, March 1, 1927, to the late Lawrence Luther Pannell and the late Suzie George Pannell.

She was a member of Kelly's Chapel Church of God and the Helping Hands Cancer Group.

Widow of Edward G. Fortner, who died in 1993, she leaves a step-brother, Hugh Clark Hanson, of Burlison.

Ethel M. Clay

Rites Saturday in Fountain of Life Church in Halls mourned Ethel M. Clay, 86, who died Monday of last week

Halls High's Nine Zips Trenton, 6-0

Halls High School's baseball team blanked Trenton Monday, 6-0, after wins last week from

Lake County, 9-3 and 9-0.

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Winning pitcher was

Cody Dew, Halls got 2-base hits from Jacob Clark, Michael Cooley, and Chris Hardy (all 2-4)

Preparatory Workshop



HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS from Ripley and Halls High schools met April 5th at the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center to participate in an ACT preparatory workshop. The one-day workshop allowed students to become more familiar with the ACT, identify strengths, and areas to "bone-up" on, and give some practical advice and strategies for coping with problems one might have taking the test. The instructor for the day was Ron Rampage, Obion County Central High School, in Troy.

Scholarships Presented



HALLS HIGH STUDENTS, Cody Dew and Tania Steel, center, were presented \$250 checks as winners of the Will R. Manier, Jr. Scholarship, presented by the Halls/Gates Rotary Club. They were recognized at the meeting Monday, April 14th. Rotarian Paul Stout, left, and club president, Trent McManus, right, presented the checks to the students, whose names will be sent to the district level for further selections for scholarships amounting to \$1,500.

in Ridgely Care Home.

Survivors include daughters, Emma (Mrs. Bobby) McMullin, Lillie (Mrs. Joe) Blue, and Naomi Clay, of Dyersburg; two brothers, George

Abernathy, of Toledo, Ohio, and William Tucker, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; sisters, Dolly Abernathy and Emma Jean Chambers, of Milwaukee; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Participate In Walk Across Tennessee

Walk Across Tennessee is an imaginary walk across Tennessee beginning in Memphis and walking to Bristol, a 500 mile journey using Interstate 40. Lauderdale County has 27 teams in competition. Participants reporting mileage of their teams, include, Lauderdale Commission on Aging, with three teams totaling 99.5 miles; Hal Williams team, 164.5 miles; Tennessee Trotters, 126 miles; Elite 8, 92 miles; Dukes and Divas, 133.5 miles; Eye Walk, 262.12 miles; Hen Party, 90.1 miles; Sharp Shooters, 70.5 miles; Bristol Bound, 166 miles; Trail Blazers, 123 miles; Marvin Marchers, 90.2 miles; and Marvin Sliders, Lauderdale Finest, Care All and Ripley Trotters, not reporting. The school system reports include, Ripley Primary School, Lewis, 242.6 miles and Johnston, 91.25 miles; Lauderdale Middle School, Parham, 90.5 miles, Norfolk, 21.5 miles, and Halliburton, 212.5 miles; Taylor, 120 miles, Porter, 88.5 miles, and Dawson, 120.3 miles; Halls High School, Smith 91 miles; and Optional High School, Sweat, 33 miles; and in a separate contest, Halls Elementary School classrooms, Taylor, 455, and Elmore, 228.

To sign up your team, call 635-9551. Mileage is due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. of the following Wednesday for the previous week.

Birthdays

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

April 18 - Jean McDearman, Rickie Kerley, Laura Jennings, Latricia Turner, Brian Bailey, Jo

Marriages

April 12 - Richard Lynn Hines, 44, to Cynthia Yvonne Palmer Moore, 48, by Kenneth Dixon.

Anniversaries

April 17 - Dr. and Mrs. Roy Crowder, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn.

April 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Smith.

April 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drumwright.

April 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Ron Feakins, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Caldwell.

April 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thebeau, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Ing.

April 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Stan Matras.

Divorces

William E. Mooney vs. Judy Gail Mooney.

Jennifer Dianne Conrad vs. Timothy Lee Conrad.

Turner, Beth Poyner, Linda Turner, Shelbi Stewart, Scotty Oates, Patience Correll, Blaine Smith, Tommy Adkins, Ginna Lee Cherry, Camdyn McLemore.

April 19 - Celeste Kiestler, Hannah Kelly, Lisa Dunham, Houston Haynes, Martha Land, Laura Layne, Beverly Taylor, Dennis Jones, David King, Jack Oates, Sam Cannon, Jamie Jones, Alex Dunaway, Jane Burnett, Mark Hargett, Beck Pipkin, Helen Tackett, Shelby Drumwright, Brian Bain, Amy Stanton, Randy Schwinn.

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

April 21 - Shannon Ray Walker, Paul Meadows, Lee Smalley, Bill Caldwell, Paige Murray,

Keith Jackson, Jean Ward, Jeff Lawrence, Heath Elmer.

Elise Frost.
April 23 - Christie Woodard, Bill Lemons, Alene Boyd, Carmon Durham, Mike Robison, Paul Thomas Newman, Brenda Osburn, Robert Echols, Dr. Robert Magee.

Hutcherson, Danny Belton, Natalie Hart, Madison Mountjoy, Elizabeth Burgess, Tammy Vaughan, Paul Thomas Newman, Brenda Osburn, Robert Echols, Dr. Robert Magee.



Boxers In Jr. Golden Gloves Match



MEMBERS of the Lauderdale County Boxing Team, kneeling, from left, Jacob Sprayberry, Blake Maynard, 'Chuckie' Driver, Wyatt Braden, and Brandon Smith, and in rear, Coach Heath Conrad, Dustin Wright, Keith McCallister, and Coach Eddie Maynard, along with Coach Clay Conrad, not pictured, traveled to Little Rock, Ark. to compete in the Mid-South Golden Gloves tournament Thursday of last week through Saturday. Blake, 8, opened the tournament with an explosive first round with the referee stopping the round on his Arkansas opponent. Maynard went straight to Skylar Weidman with combinations and aggression. When landing a big left hand lead to the body followed by a fast combination to the head, it was all over for his razorback opponent. Maynard was crowned the 55 lb. Mid-South Jr. Golden Glove Champion. This brings his record to 3-0 with 2 outstanding boxer awards.

Brandon, 10, is the 70 lb. unopposed champ. Several boxers competed, getting much needed competitive experience. Wyatt showed tremendous improvement with his ruthless straightforward southpaw attack, but lost a close decision to Dustin Hawkins, of Arkansas.

Damerius (Chuckie), 11, performed well against his taller opponent, catching him with several body shots. He was not used to boxing against anyone as tall and illusive and lost a close decision to Jake Ross, of Arkansas.

Jacob, 12, fared well against his much more experienced opponent showing tremendous improvement, despite losing to Daniel Rodriquez, of Fort Smith, Ark.

Keith, 14, the most experienced members of the team, went to war against Kyom Washington, of Little Rock, and came up a little short, losing by decision.

Dustin, 15, super-heavyweight, got his 'first fight butterflies' behind him in his debut going well, just coming up short, losing to his Arkansas opponent.

Elvis Roy, 23, not pictured, open heavyweight, came out strong in the first two rounds but couldn't keep up with the pace for two more. He lost a very close decision to Robert Alexander, of Little Rock.

The group are training hard for the Junior Olympics, scheduled for later this month.

Land Transfers

April 6th-April 12th

Cressie Ann Lake to Clifton Lake and Debra Jones, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Emma J. Truvillion to Samuel Fleming, Dist. 3, 2.69 acres.

Margaret Thornburg and

Louise Dyer to Carter C. Ballinger III, Dist. 2, lot.

Jimmy N. Harrison, Jr., to Jermila Deberry, Dist. 2, 0.413 acre.

Ann Hudson to Jennifer Lynn Moore, Dist. 12, lot.

Robert Edward Ward III and Lisa Ward to Edward Anderson, Dist. 6, 4.249 acres.

Stephen Floyd and Man-son

Younger to Patsy Walton and Charles Walton, Dist. 17, lot.

Herman L. Reviere and Peggy S. Reviere to Kenneth A. Jones and Ethel B. Jones, Dist. 2, 0.264 acre.

Roy L. Bonds, Sr., and Bobby J. Bonds, Sr., to Ste-vie Bonds and Heather Bonds, Dist. 2, tract.

Doris Munsch to Noah Land,

Employee Honored



GARY MASON, center, of Ripley, was selected as employee of the month for his outstanding attendance and job performance at Hamilton-Ryker. He was presented a company T-shirt and certificate. Gary is pictured with Stacy Drew, left, of Ripley, and Heather London, right, of Halls.

LLC, Dist. 2, lot.

Noah Land LLC to Sher-rill Gene Wells and Karen Michelle Wells, Dist. 2, lot.

Bettye Fisher Bagley to Roger Fisher, Janis Fisher, Zane Fisher and Cheryl Fisher, Dist. 1, 25, 1084 acres.

James E. Simpson and Brenda E. Simpson to Mark Olds, Tommy Olds, Bryan Olds and Jerry Olds, Dist. 11, 0.4597 acre.

Jerry W. Buckner and Donna H. Buckner to Martha Jackson Drumwright, Dist. 2, tract.

Chris Fleming to Melvin Goff, Dist. 6, lot.

School Lunches

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

Monday, April 21st

Pizza

French Fries
Grapes
Cookie

Choice Of Milk
Tuesday, April 22nd
Fish Fillet

Black Eyed Peas
Banana
Roll

Choice Of Milk
Wednesday, April 23rd
Spaghetti

Green Beans
Peaches
Roll

Choice Of Milk
Thursday, April 24th
Chicken Nuggets

Whipped Potatoes
Pear Halves
Roll

Choice Of Milk
Friday, April 25th
Deli Sandwich

Carrot Sticks
Orange Sections
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

BID NOTICE

The Town of Halls is receiving bids on a new rear mount, pto drive, ditch bank mower. Specifications are available at Halls Public Works, 940 Industrial Road.

The Town of Halls is also receiving bids on the following surplus equipment:

1. 1989 Super Products Skid mount sewer jetter
2. 1990 Tiger mid-mount, 5 ft., shoulder mower
3. 1994 Tiger mid-mount rotary ditcher

Bid opening is at 2 p.m. May 1, 2008, at Halls City Hall. Anyone with questions can call Alan Cherry at 836-7379. The Town of Halls reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Town of Halls

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Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! I had a long, lonely week. Miss Pam said she had enough, and she packed her clothes. While we were outside taking care of business, she made us a special treat and then left a note on the table. She gave Rusty, Annie, Little Girl, and me a big hug and a kiss and told us to be good. I started to the door, but she told me to stay. I have heard her car leave the drive many times, but for some reason it just wasn't the same. It sure was quiet; the only noise in the house was the clock ticking. After a couple of hours, Little Girl nuzzled up next to me and said she was ready for Miss Pam to come home. I had the same feeling, but I couldn't let Little Girl know I was concerned. Then, I wrestled with her a few minutes to get her mind off of her loneliness. We had a very long day and finally I heard Mr. Pam's car. I can tell which car it is when they turn the corner. We waited with anticipation as we heard the door close and the foot-steps hit the porch. Finally a friendly smell and face appeared through the door. He kneeled down and we all gave him a good lick and got a few pats. We had to make the reunion short because mother nature was calling. As I pawed the screen door open, the gang beat me to the yard. As the night proceeded, all the familiar sounds returned. I never thought I would miss hearing a Yankee ballgame, but that night it was good noise. The next noise was Mr. Pam snoring on the couch. Little Girl and I jumped on the couch so we could keep his feet warm. All we got for this good deed was some smelly feet.

Miss Pam never came home and the next morning my brother and sisters were very upset. We stayed outside the second day and were entertained by the various critters in the yard. By the end of the second day we were desperate to see Miss Pam. Now I know what it feels like to loose your owner. If I ever get to go to Dry Hill again, I will be a lot more understanding of my friends.

It's been four days and we still haven't seen Miss Pam. We understand a lot more than you think. If Miss Pam would have said "I will be back" I wouldn't be so worried. We may be pets, but we do have feelings. Mr. Pam is good, but he is only here at night and then he is asleep most of the time. I sure do miss her attention and I wonder how Mr. Buddy is doing at the Club.

The good news from early in the week was that Bay Leigh gave her birthday money to the Club for food. I wanted to send three or four of my buds home with her but she said that her four leggers Charlie, the Lab, and Abby, her Retriever, would be jealous. I tried to send Daffy the Duck home with her, but she said that her horse, Milkshake, didn't like all the blabber from Daffy.

I would love for one of my buds to share a home with a short, blond haired, blue-eyed girl that rides horses, her name is Brooke Allred. Last year, she raised \$175 for the Club and because of her warm and kind letter, she gets ten at-a-girls. Thanks Brooke!

We had a good week with eight adoptions. Thanks you Anna Peters, Lynda Glenn, Shawn Hosse, Rodney Neal, Robert Ray, Steve Fike, and Robert Potter.

Since I have been stuck at the house all week I don't have any information on the Club. I know there is a bunch of good four leggers anxious to have a family. Please don't forget us and remember—be as good as your four legger thinks you are. Be a concerned owner and spay or neuter your pet.

Zeek Out!

Wiley xxx

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cancer was spreading. His wife's injuries were so severe that Wendell was told that she may never walk again. He believed in God's promise...and God said if we hold onto His hand.. He would not let go. Wendell had to change his wife's bandages, bath, dress, and help feed her while he was recovering from his own injuries. A few months after the accident, their son, and only child, Brad, suffered a near fatal cerebral hemorrhage. While his son was in intensive care, he was blind, could not speak, feed himself, or walk. Brad was only 35 years old.

Wendell drove back and forth from the family farm to Methodist Central Hospital in Memphis. He did everything he could to provide for the care of his son and wife. Jane never left their son and lived during this entire time in the Critical Care Waiting Room.

During this time, Wendell knew it was time for his yearly checkup and made the appointment. As part of the examination, his doctor ordered a PSA test. He did not think much about the test and continued going to the hospital to help Jane care for Brad. Then came the phone call that informed him the test results were too high and he was to go see a specialist and have more tests. The day after his son was released from the hospital, Wendell was diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer.

Doctors informed him that surgery was needed to prevent the cancer from spreading any further. Wendell did not see any way he could have the surgery. He had to drive his wife to the doctor and his son had to have intensive physical therapy. He was exhausted and could not believe this was happening. Wendell would need

to make a choice and decide on how he would battle the cancer. After reading the literature, given to him by the specialist, Wendell decided to try radiation seed implants. He thought it would be least invasive and allow him to care for his family. One morning, Wendell drove Brad to the physical therapist and asked Jane to inform the doctor that he had decided on radiation seed implants. Jane stated she would never forget when the nurse called her to say the doctor said, "The radiation seed implants would not do Wendell any good. The cancer was too advanced."

He would have to select another treatment plan. Jane was devastated...How would she tell him. She knew Wendell was quiet and did not talk about his problems to others. But she knew that he needed to talk to other men that had been through the same type of cancer. She started making phone calls and a cancer survivor was more than glad to talk to him. Because of the concern and support, Wendell decided on "robot surgery" at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.

He remained at Vanderbilt for three weeks. The cancer had spread more than was expected. He continues to see the surgeon relating to complications from the cancer and surgery. The cancer left him with severe anemia and other issues. Once he is released, he will have to be closely monitored and tested for another additional seven years.

"The best way to fight cancer is early prevention and detection. I recommend that all men ask their doctor about have a PSA test. Our son has been told that since my cancer was so aggressive, he should have a test at the age of 40," said Wendell. Jane and Brad know how Wendell has endured the storm and fought the battle. Jane said, "While Wendell was fighting the cancer, he cared for us, when we could not care for ourselves."

Wendell will always be grateful to the American Cancer Society. He knows that he could never have received the treatments that he needed without the help of the American Cancer

society's Hope Lodge. Every member of the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society have reached out to others fighting the battle and with kindness and compassion they have provided encouragement and hope.

School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 21st

Hamburger
Pizza
French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Grapes
Applesauce
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 22nd

Steak Fingers
Fish Fillet
Broccoli Bites
Black Eyed Peas
Banana
Orange Sections
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Wednesday, April 23rd

Spaghetti
Entrée - School's Choice
Green Beans
Corn Nibbles
Peaches
Pineapple Tidbits
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Thursday, April 24th

Chicken Nuggets
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Green Peas
Pear Halves
Applesauce
Roll
Choice Of Milk

Friday, April 25th

Deli Wrap
BBQ Pork Riblet On Bun
Corn On The Cob
Carrot Sticks
Fruit Mix
Peaches
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

T-Shirts Given



FRANK CURRIE, left, E-911 chairman, pictured with **Brenda Sutton**, right, E-911 supervisor and dispatcher of 9 years, gave T-Shirt's to all of the E-911 dispatchers to show appreciation of their hard work in celebration of Public Safety Tele-communicator Week held April 13th through 19th. The T-Shirts are black with insignias of different departments, a picture of a headset that dispatchers use daily and states, "When the tough get going, Tennessee dispatchers lead the way".

Tele-communicators, also known as dispatchers, answer the calls for assistance and dispatch local police, sheriff, ambulance, fire and rescue departments. They serve as vital links within cities, towns and counties, although rarely appreciated because they are not physically on the scene. The county relies on their knowledge and professionalism as they make critical decisions, obtain information and quickly dispatch needed aid. Many people don't consider the seemingly faceless individuals who answer the 9-1-1 calls until they experience actual emergencies themselves.

Town of Halls Fire Hydrant Colors

There is a natural inclination for the general public to assume that where hydrants have been provided, the water needed for fire protection will be available. This is not necessarily true. Portions of Halls water system are old, and cannot supply the amount of water needed for modern fire engines. When the original system was constructed in 1928, it was designed to protect buildings much smaller. Aggravating the problem is that the aging steel and cast iron water supply lines have deteriorated inside the pipes, significantly reducing the available flow. The original

pipe had an inside diameter of six inches and through the years of inside corrosion is now possibly a pipe with an inside diameter of four inches.

The first fire engine Halls had would pump around 250 gallons per minute. In 1971 the Tupperware plant purchased the town a fire engine that could deliver 750 gallons per minute. The original fire pump and body are still in service today but on a new cab and chassis. The new pumper/tanker the Town is receiving through a Community Development Block Grant will be equipped with a 1,250 gallon per minute pump. It is easy to see how modern fire equipment has out paced supply in some of the distribution lines.

Difference in ground eleva-

tion, friction loss, pipe sizes and distances from the elevated storage tanks are primarily what limits water flow at various points. If the local fire department or one providing mutual aid assistance were to connect to a low-capacity hydrant and begin to pump, it could inadvertently create a negative pressure in the water and create a backflow that could possibly contaminate the water supply. To prevent such a situation from occurring, steps have been put in action. The Halls Fire Department has received training on why every fire hydrant is being color coded and the significance of each color. Recent changes in the "Rules for Public Water Systems" from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) requires each water system to use a specific standard.

Blue hydrants can pump 1,500 gallons per minute or more, green can pump 1,000 gallons per minute to 1,499 gallons, orange can pump 500 to 999 gallons per minute, red can pump below 500 gallons per minute but water can only be used for tank filling, yellow is a private fire hydrant, and black hydrants are out of service or for water quality purposes such as line flushing.

The majority of the system inside the Halls city limits meets the flow requirements. However, Halls does have some weak areas. In the very near future Halls will be using engineering consultants for recommendations and cost estimates to improve flows in weak areas.

Town of Halls rural water customers have often asked about fire hydrants being installed. TDEC rules state that a hydrant must be installed on a water main six inches or larger and maintain a 20 psi residual when flowing 500 gallons per minute to be classified as a Class B hydrant. This means that in order to prevent a possible backflow or an extreme drop in water pressure, a hydrant has to be capable of supplying a minimum of 500 gallons per minute. There are not a lot of locations in the three county area Halls serves that meet this requirement. Customer density and friction loss would be some major obstacles to overcome. Water quality would suffer in areas with large pipe and low usage. In recent improvements

Donation Presented



YOULANDA JONES, left, director of the University of Tennessee at Martin Ripley Center, accepted a \$500 donation from the Halls/Gates Rotary Club, presented by **Trent McManus**, right, Halls Mayor and president of the Halls/Gates Rotary Club.

in the rural system, Halls has installed hydrants in strategic locations where requirements can be met. The original rural water was designed for drinking water purposes only and not fire protection.

H.Y.P.E. NIGHT 2008

Fountain of Life Ministries, 748 East Tigrett Street

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MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE
Did You Know?

Did you know that stroke is often called the silent killer? This is because it can strike with very little warning. Although it is the third leading cause of death in the United States, did you know that if you are an African-American, you are twice as likely to die from this disease? High blood pressure is the leading cause of stroke. Other factors that may increase your chance of stroke are diabetes, being overweight, high cholesterol, smoking and a history of heart attack.

What can you do to prevent this from happening to you? By lowering your blood pressure, you can decrease your chance of stroke by 30 percent. You can do this by eating healthier and exercising regularly. If you smoke, you should quit. Knowledge is your best defense against stroke. Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale offers free blood pressure screenings every Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

By **Trudy Davis**,
Chief Nursing Officer,
Baptist Memorial Hospital-Lauderdale

There will be praise dancers, choirs, and pantomime.

The public is invited.

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Thursday, May 1st

Teachers Of The Year Recognized



LAUDERDALE COUNTY EDUCATORS, named as Teachers of the Year, were recognized as a dinner Thursday of last week at the Olympic Steak House. The event was hosted by the Bank of Ripley. Teachers were presented certificates and a crystal apple in congratulations of a job well done. Those attending were, Lauderdale County Superintendent of Schools Phillip Jackson, Leslie Sigman, Bank of Ripley president; Ronnie Joe Clendenin, Halls High School; Beth Keen, Halls Elementary School; Paul Climer, Halls Junior High School; April Oliver, Frances Young, and Lory Markowski, all Ripley Elementary School; Joe Baker, Lauderdale Middle School; Kelly McCannless, Halls Elementary School; Lisa Massongill, Ripley High School, and Craig Fitzhugh, Bank of Ripley chairman.

Powered Parachute



MEMBERS of a group of powered parachute enthusiasts, that take two to three weeks a year and travel to different regions to fly their powered parachutes, will be flying in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana this year. The ultimate goal for these sportsmen is to eventually

fly in every state. The caravan, originating in Kansas, is scheduled to arrive at the Dyersburg Army Air Base, in Halls, Monday, April 28th and leave the morning of Wednesday, April 30th. They hope to fly in the morning and late afternoon hours. There are 12 machines expected and could actually be more. The group in the caravan will be staying in recreational vehicles staged near the Veterans Museum. Interested people are invited, and there may be an opportunity to get a ride in one of the aircraft for a small donation. All of the pilots flying the powered parachutes hold FAA Sport Pilot Certificates.

2008 National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 1st. Citizens of Halls and the surrounding communities are

Many Charges Vs. Halls Man

A Dyer County grand jury has held for Circuit Court trial **Daniel Leon McCaig**, 22, of 985 Moore Rd., Halls, charged with --

Two counts of driving on a revoked license.

Shop-lifting from Wal-Mart a toy, boys' briefs, and two infant sleepers.

Violating the sexual offender law prohibiting any contact with children.

Dyersburg police say that when they stopped the car he was driving, Nov. 15th, he had in the car a 2-year-old child which he said resided with him.

McCaig was convicted in 2005, the Dyersburg State-Gazette reports, of attempted aggravated sexual battery on a minor.

Student Injured In Crash



KARL B. HANSON, 22, a University of Tennessee at Martin student, was severely injured Saturday when his gold 2006 Chevrolet Malibu crashed into a line of trees, north of Poplar Grove Road in Lauderdale County, near the Dyer County Line, according to an article in Dyersburg's State Gazette. Members of the Halls Fire Department and police were assisted by the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and Ambulance Authority with the extraction. A 2003 graduate of Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis, he is a mechanical engineering student. Tennessee Highway Patrolman James Smith is investigating the accident.

invited to participate at 12:15 churches, and families. The in the board room of the Halls National Day of Prayer will be City Hall. The theme is "Prayer! held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May America's Strength and Shield" 1st at the Lauderdale County and is based on Psalm 28:7. The Courthouse. In case of rain, the day is set aside each year as a meeting will be held at the First time to pray for national, state, Baptist Church's Family Life and local leaders, communities, Center. The public is invited.

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Upward Bound Team First In State



MEMBERS of the Dyersburg State Community College Upward Bound program, including, in front, from left, Jeremy Bratcher, Hakeem Eskew, and Wyatt Turner, all of Peabody High School; Demetrius Pierce, Lake County High School; and Tommy Isaak, of Halls High School; in middle, Teresa Adams, Upward Bound staff; Marilyn Armstrong, UB staff/coach; Samantha Miller, Peabody HS; Miranda Diebel, Peabody HS, team captain; Miah Pahl, Halls HS; Zach McCoy, Peabody HS; Andy Gaines, Halls HS; and Lori Smith, Lake County High School; and in rear, Jeremy Fuller, Peabody; Sarah Gooch, Lake County HS; Josh Hankins, Peabody HS; Johna Likins, Dyer County High School; Heather Carbajal, Lake County HS; and Jerry Patrick, Halls HS, placed first in the Tennessee Association of Special Program Scholars Bowl competition in Franklin, the weekend of March 29th and 30th. The "A" Team competed against seven other schools across the state including East Tennessee State University, two teams from Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority, Tusculum College, Austin Peay State University, Lane Community College and Lincoln Memorial University. They have maintained a perfect winning record with a 7-0 score. This win qualified the team for the Regional competition in Atlanta, Ga. April 18th through 20th. Upward Bound is a pre-college program for students who have shown academic potential to do college-level work, but who are at risk of not meeting that potential for a variety of reasons, including family income levels and lack of previous family experience with the college admissions process.

Brownies Enjoy S'mores Cookout

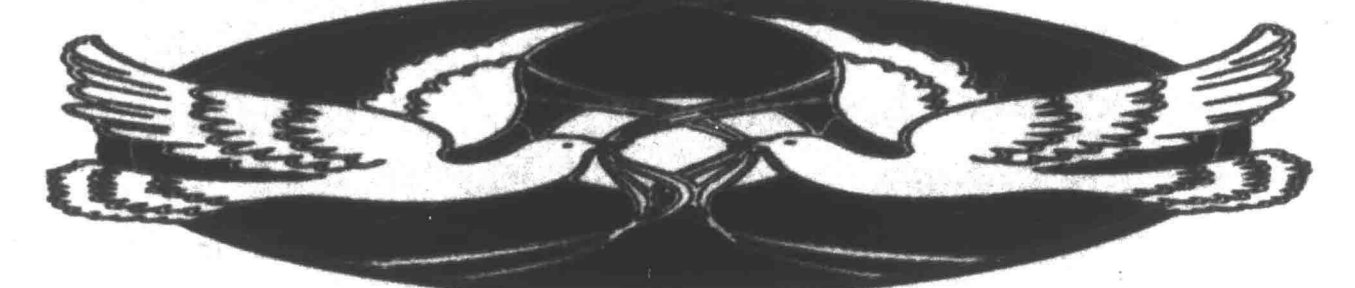


MEMBERS of the Halls Brownie Troop #184, including, in front, from left, Emily Tillman, Lexi Ward, Alyssa Mudd, Arianna Wooden, Addie Hurt, and Alex Hurt, in middle, Sara Pruitt, Brooklyn Mayfield, Cayla Fisher, Aleigha Mudd, Maggie Sanders, and Molly Clark, and in rear, Ashlie Pruitt and Kyra Driver, met Thursday of last week in the home of Alex, daughter of Chris and Michelle Hurt, for a S'mores cookout. They also roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. They meet every two weeks to work on projects.

Halls High's Nine On A Win Streak

Halls High School's baseball team crushed Tipton-Rosemark, 16-2, Monday, after wins last week from Trenton, 6-0 and 16-5, and at Obion County, 4-1.

After hosting Union City and Humboldt (scores too late for this issue), the Tigers have only four more games on their schedule- hosting Greenfield Friday and Ripley Saturday, playing in Ripley Monday, and hosting Tipton-Rosemark Tuesday.



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.

Melville United Methodist Church, at Nankipoo, will hold a gospel singing at 6 p.m. May 4th featuring the Frog Jump Quartet. Tom Perkins, pastor, invites the public.

Halls Westside Baptist Church, 705 Sunrow St., Halls, will host Vocal Union in Concert at 7 p.m. May 17th. The public is invited. For more information, call the church office, 836-5193, or visit the group's website, www.vocalunion.com.

The National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 1st. Citizens of Halls and the surrounding communities are invited to participate at 12:15 in the board room of the Halls City Hall. The theme is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield" and is based on Psalm 28:7. The day is set aside each year as a time to pray for national, state, and local leaders, communities, churches, and families. The National Day of Prayer will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 1st at the Lauderdale County Courthouse. In case of rain, the meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center. The public is invited.

Word of Faith fashion show, which was scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday in Dyersburg, has been canceled due to the death of a church member. Please pray for the family.

A night of prayer will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1st at Crihfield Park in Halls. The event is sponsored by the Lauderdale County Youth Revival Mission Team. Singing and prayer will be offered. The public is invited.

First Apostolic Church, near Ripley, will hold a Community revival service at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26th in the Ripley City Park with The Rev. Larry Burkett, of Halls, as guest speaker. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ youth choir will deliver special music. The Rev. W. T. Welch, pastor, invites the public.

Halls First United Methodist Church will celebrate the heritage of the church beginning at 10 a.m. Sun., April 28th with Sunday school and continuing at 11 a.m. for the morning worship. A lunch will be served at noon in the fellowship hall. Exhibits will also be on display in the fellowship hall. The public is invited.

Ripley Church of God will hold a gospel singing at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26th featuring the Finchers, of Frog Jump. For more information, call Tracy Henson, pastor, 635-4484. The public is invited.

Obituaries

James Ray Ran Firms In Ripley

James Edward Ray, 70, of 220 Lake Drive, Ripley, retired from operation of Ray's Furniture and Ray & Sons Service Station in Ripley, died Saturday in Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Rites were Tuesday in Memorial Park Cemetery in Memphis, with Garner Funeral Home, of Ripley, in charge.

He had retired from the Army, after service in Viet Nam.

A member of the Cornerstone Full Gospel Church, he was a Mason and Shriner.

A shrewd flea market shopper, he was an expert coin collector and dealer.

He was the widower of Victoria Smith Ray. He leaves sons, Michael Lynn Ray and Thomas Edward Ray, a daughter, Angelia Ray Escue, and a sister, Martha Hunt, of Ripley; another sister, Edna Earl Hardy, of Halls; and three grandchildren.

Eva Chipman

Eva Geraldine Chipman, 101, widow of Odell Chipman, died Monday in Union City Manor.

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

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

She leaves nieces and nephews, of Ripley.

Von Taylor

Von Taylor, 29, of 307 Eastland, Ripley, was found by his girl friend, about 9 a.m. Thursday of last week, on his back on the ground in the rear of his home, to which he had left her about 20 minutes earlier. He was unresponsive and dead on arrival at Baptist Hospital Lauderdale. Though there were no signs of physical injury, an autopsy has been ordered.

Troy Byrd

Troy Byrd, 63, of Memphis, brother of Carolyn (Mrs. Tommy) Dew and Linda (Mrs. Jim) Jarrett, of Ripley, died Tuesday, in his home.

Rites were set at 2 p.m. Thursday in Covington Funeral Home, with burial in Magnolia Gardens in Covington.

He was the son of the late Woodrow and Mayburn Shelley Byrd.

A graduate of Byars-Hall High School in Covington, he had retired after 36 years with the Chrysler Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Judy; a son, Michael, of Memphis; a brother, Bobby, of Gardendale, Ala.; and a grandson.

Memorial gifts to the Mid-South Cancer Center would be appropriate.

Belinda Smith

Belinda Smith, 61, of 322 Elementary Road, Halls, a nurse, died Sunday, at home.

Rites were set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Halls Funeral Home, with burial in Halls Cemetery.

She was born at Milan, to the late Parker Lee and the late Helen West Hay.

She leaves her husband, Roy F. Smith; daughters, Theresa Green, of Hornbeak, and Danielle Smith, of Milan; a son, Robert K. Walden, of Virginia; a sister, Phyllis Throckmorton, of Pine Mountain, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Sarah Stafford

Sarah Woods Stafford, 82, of Mt. Pleasant, Miss., a native of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week.

Rites were Friday in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with burial in Memory Gardens in Memphis.

She had retired as a Collier-ville mail carrier.

Widow of James Robert Stafford, she leaves sons, Larry, of Mount Pleasant, Danny, of Red Banks, Miss., and Darrell, of San Antonio, Tex.; a daughter, Elaine, wife of The Rev. Larry "Dock" Dollar, of Walnut, Miss.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Walter Manns

Walter Manns, 67, formerly of Henning, died Tuesday of last week, of cancer, in the Lauderdale Community Living Center in Ripley.

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

He leaves brothers, Hiram Manns, Jr., G.W. Manns, and John L. Manns, of Henning, Calvin Manns, of So. Bend, Ind., and Julius Manns, of Pontiac, Mich.

Robin Brooks

Robin "Ra-Ra" Brooks, 50, of Covington, brother of William Brooks, of Ripley, died Tuesday of last week in his residence.

Rites were held Friday in the Covington Funeral Home.

Survivors include his mother, Lea Rutherford, of Covington, and sisters, Nora O'Hara, of Brighton, and Tia Lord, of Burlington.

Elmer Currin

Elmer Currin, 84, a cook, wife of Neal Currin, of Halls, died Thursday of last week in Dyersburg Regional Hospital.

Rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Matthew Zion Baptist Church in Halls, with burial in Old Chapel Cemetery, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

She leaves a sister, Ruby Bowles, of Ripley, and a brother, W.C. Peeples, of Harvey, Ill.

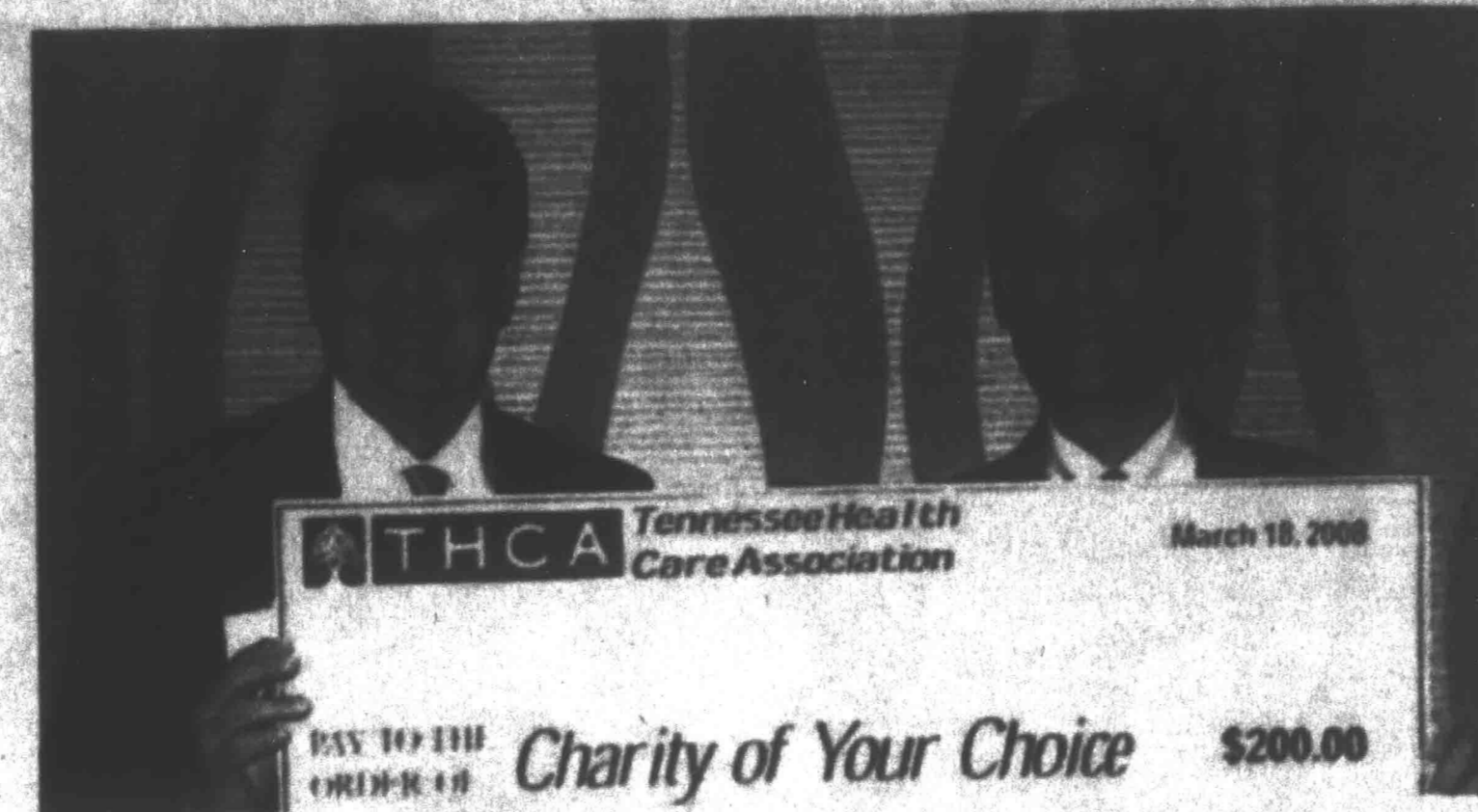
Jack Brown

Jack Gudger Brown, 50, of Ripley, motorcycle mechanic, died Tuesday of last week in Baptist Hospital Lauderdale in Ripley.

Rites were Friday in First United Methodist Church in Ripley, where he was a member.

He leaves his parents, George and Doris Brown, a daughter, Nikki Goodman, and a sister, Lisa Pennington, of Ripley; a son, Danny, of Tennessee; and three grandchildren.

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STATE REP. CRAIG FITZHUGH, left, spun the "wheel of fortune" for Boy Scouts of America, West Tennessee Area Council, when he landed on \$200 during the Tennessee Health Care Association's annual "Partnering for Charity" event. Fitzhugh was one of 62 legislators whose winning ways brought in \$9,900 in donations to charities throughout the state. Each year, the charity giveaway is a highlight of the legislative conference, an event that brings long-term care professionals together with state lawmakers to discuss what it takes to provide quality service for the state's elderly and disabled.

Herman Dean

Herman Edward Dean, Jr., 64, of St. Louis, Mo., son of Ella V. Henning, of Ripley, and father of Anthony Gooch and Sanford Halliburton, of Halls, and Virginia Napper, of Ripley, died Monday, in his residence.

Rites will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Gates, with burial in the Strayhorn Cemetery near Gates, Currie's Funeral Home, of Henning, in charge.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Lee Dean and another daughter, Harriet Dean, of St. Louis; brothers, Michael Bradford, of Halls, and Lonnie Tapler, of Brownsville; sisters, Pamela James, of Ripley, Angela Bradford and Lena Wassior, of Decatur, Ala., and Ardie Pearl, Doris Parker, Martha Woodall, and Vivian Tappler, of Anderson, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Paul "Bud-dy" Moore would like to take this time to say thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls, food and especially your prayers during the recent death of our loved one. A special thank you to Bro. Jerrell Dawson for your message at

the funeral. Your words about Daddy being a peacemaker rang so true as he truly wanted everyone to get along and he tried his best to make sure that happened. Thank you to the pallbearers and to Ty and his staff at Halls Funeral Home. You did an exceptional job, and the love and care you gave to our family will never be forgotten. To the staff at Wesley Nursing Care, thank you for your care and concern while Daddy was in your keeping. To everyone at Arnold's Drug Store, thank you for thinking enough of Daddy that you closed your business long enough to attend Daddy's funeral. I know for a fact that Daddy thought the world of all of you and would ask about you often even after he was no longer able to get out and go. We ask that you continue to keep all of us in your prayers, for even though we know that he is at peace in God's loving arms, we will still miss him dearly.

Juanita Moore Hardy & family
Janet Moore & family
Barbara Blythe & family
Crystal Tittle & family
Paul W. Moore & family

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School Lunches

Lauderdale County Schools

Monday, April 28th

Hot Dog
Pizza
Tater Tots
Celery Sticks w/Dip
Applesauce
Fruit Mix
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Tuesday, April 29th

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

Wednesday, April 30th

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

Thursday, May 1st

Menu - School's Choice

Friday, May 2nd

Grilled Chicken Sandwich
BBQ On Bun
Corn On The Cob
Baked Beans
Peaches
Pear Halves
Cookie
Choice Of Milk

Readers Speak

Editor:

McDonald's, the golden-arch folks, and the world's largest fast food chain, has recently given their support to the homosexual agenda by joining the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC). They have a member of

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Tennessee Bottle Bill Advances

Pride of Place (POP) is a comprehensive litter and recycling solution based on a Tennessee container deposit law or bottle bill. The bill went before the Senate Government Operations Committee Wednesday, April 16th. It went before the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee Wednesday, April 23rd. The Tennessee Association of County Mayors voted to endorse the container deposit bill.

The bottle bill requires a minimum refundable deposit on beer, soft drink and other beverage containers in order to insure a high rate of recycling or reuse. A 5¢ deposit will cover glass, plastic and aluminum/metal containers 2 liters and under. It includes all beverages except dairy, straight wine and liquor.

Redemption centers are entirely voluntary under the bill, and must meet certification requirements for such things as location, hours of operation, access, safety and hygiene. Distributors are not involved in the post-redemption process. Instead, a network of private recycling firms will provide pickup, verification, processing and brokering services in return for all or some of the scrap value. The state handles the money, collecting the initial 5-cent deposits and 3-cent handling fees from the distributors, and disbursing payments to the redemption centers. Un-claimed deposits remain with the program and must be used exclusively for purposes related to the bill. A portion of the unclaimed deposits (\$10 million) will be used to continue to fund the popular "county litter grants" program, which uses county prisoners to pick up litter and also supports litter education by counties as well as Keep Tennessee Beautiful. Existing "litter taxes" on beer and soft drinks, which have funded the program since 1981, will be eliminated.

its executive team on the board of directors. "I'm thrilled to join the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce team and ready to get to work," said Jim Ellis, the chief spokesperson for the fast food restaurants, in a chamber press release recently. Why would McDonald's take such a prominent role in promoting an organization that lobbies Congress to enact laws that curb religious freedoms and undermines sanctity of marriage between man and woman as God intended? "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman-kind: it is abomination." Lev. 18:22

Anyone who advocates, condones, supports or excuses the

by, neither will he let America. If it was wrong then, it is wrong now!

The next time my family and I feel the need for a burger and fries, we will be eating elsewhere. We refuse to give them our money so they can then promote the homosexual agenda.

Sincerely,
Jerry Hickson, pastor
Grace Bible Baptist Church

Editor:

I wanted to make the public aware of a proposed new law being discussed within our county. It is being proposed that a County Building Inspector be hired for Lauderdale County. I think this is a great idea. This new position will be funded by cost of a building permit. Permits will be full price for all citizens and builders. Senior citizens will be half price, that is great, they deserve a break on the cost. Farmers will also be half price. Yes, farmers who are in business to make a profit just like all other business owners will be given a discount. I personally do not agree with the discount for farmers, they are already given government assistance and tax breaks that no other business owner is entitled to. I urge you to contact

your commissioner and voice your opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,
Danny Hartsfield
County Commissioner

Divorces

Kristen Nicole Jackson vs. Jason Allen Jackson.
Tiffany Andrea Dixon vs. Joseph Dixon.

Birthdays

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

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

April 26 - Mary Meadows, Emily Elkins, Alfred Brassfield, Susan Pipkin, Billie Belton, Lewis Vaden, David Booker, Caroline Snell, Margaret Cep-parulo, Laverne Dunavant, Brian Macflin, Emma Crawley, Rebecca

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning The Adoption Of Ordinances To Amend The Halls Zoning Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Mayor & Aldermen on consideration of the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

An Ordinance amending the text of the Halls Municipal Zoning Ordinance to change Chapter VIII, provisions governing Flood Hazard (F-H) Districts, Article III General Provisions, Section B. Basis for establishing the areas of Special Flood Hazard as adopted in Ordinances 06-49 and 07-10 in order to maintain eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 13-7-203 Tennessee Code Annotated. Said hearing will be held at the meeting of the Mayor & Aldermen on May 5th, 2008, beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the Halls City Hall. Any interested party is invited to appear before the Halls Board of Mayor & 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 regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

Dry Hill Dog News



by Zeek

Hello! Zeek here! If you recall, I was cooped up last week because Miss Pam had left the house. I heard Mr. Pam on the phone every night making a lot of promises. I don't think he can keep every promise he made, but the good news is that Miss Pam is home! We gave her a bundle of licks and we got a bunch of kisses. Miss Pam made up for her absence with some great belly rubs. Annie, my sister, took a trip to the barber. She got one of those cuts they call a burr. She complained all week about her hair cut and being cold. That's typical for a female. She had the gall to ask if she could share my crate. I just smiled at her and said "you're not sleeping with me."

We finally went to visit Dry Hill and it was a very sad place. I was told that my pal, Lucky, had been hit by a car. He was the one who was always in the easy chair if you have been to the office. They called him lucky because he was adopted by Mr. Buddy. The accident happened at their new home. Maggie, Lucky's special friend, was really upset. Everything I have tried to make the hurt go away has not worked. She is one sad four legger. We went outside and laid in the grass. As our eyes filled with tears I noticed a shiny object in the blue sky with a long white tail. The object was moving and I asked Maggie if she knew what it was called. She said they are called airplanes and they carry two leggers different places. She said that she had ridden in one when she was a puppy. She didn't like it because it was cold and noisy. In a few minutes, the plane disappeared and the sadness overwhelmed her. The plane was just like her owner and Lucky, they had gone and left her alone. I was not capable of mending her heart. The only thing I know to do is turn her over to Mr. Buddy and Miss Pam, because they can fix anything.

Finally, I get some good news. The two leggers didn't forget us and our food pantry got a big boost. Little Scooter, the three year old son of Big Scooter, gave us 100 pounds of food and Derek Chipman added 150 pounds. Ed Greaves, the owner of two brown labs that like to swim in Mayor Schuh's pool late at night, gave food. My special two leggers at the Halls Co-op came to our aid again and Mr. Buddy and Judy made a huge donation of food in memory of Lucky. We have even touched two leggers in Jackson, Tennessee. The Hermitage Apartment residents donated 500 lbs. of food. Thank You in Jackson and all Lauderdale citizens that have assisted the Club. Amy Caldwell dropped off a four legger house and Jennifer Braden left the cats some food. A special thank you goes to Mike Pike, of Mechanical Connections. He did a lot of work on stuff at the Club. Don't ask me what stuff; remember I don't know the difference between a plane and a UFO.

We have a new very energetic young volunteer named Hailey Harbor. Thank you for helping. Dixie, a great German Shepherd, went home with Calvin and Jennifer Lane. Denise Richardson did a good deed by adopting a mother cat and her three kittens.

I invite everyone to the Club of Dry Hill. It is three miles north of Ripley on Curve Nankipoo Road. We live in a big white block house and the address is 3265 Curve Nankipoo Road. We have young and adult four leggers of all colors and sizes. Open your heart to my buds; and remember a thoughtful owner spays and neuters their pet. We have a huge over population problem in the county. Please be a part of the solution and spay and neuter.

Zeek Out!

4-H Members Of The Month Named



4-H MEMBERS OF THE MONTH at Halls Elementary School include, in front, from left, Matthew Greer, Dominique Toomers, and Adrian Haley; in middle, Haley Jackson and Maddie Hutcherson, and in rear, Ketavia King, Micheal Lilly, and William Lynch, plus, not pictured, Blake Savley and Michael Hunt. They were selected from the March's 4-H club meeting at their schools. The award is presented to 4-H students that show outstanding participating and attitudes during their meetings.

Educational Field Trip



FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS, of Halls Elementary School, along with Phillip Jackson, school superintendent, Don Fisher, Dist. 8 Commissioner, and Pamela Cherry-Kerby, coordinator, visited illegal dumpsites in both Halls and Ripley areas as part of the educational campaign, Making and Keeping Lauderdale County Beautiful.

Birthdays xxx

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Lovelace.

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

April 28 - Lauryn Emilee Caldwell, Frankie Bostic, Chris Shoemaker, George Grugett, Emily Anthony, Kevin Hoggard, William Belton, Jim Jarrett, Ken Long, Brooke Mays.

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

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

AARP Safe Driver



BILL BURCH, right, in middle row, AARP Safe Driving instructor, provided valuable information and tips for mature drivers at the Lauderdale County Commission on Aging Safe Driving Program for Seniors April 16th and 17th. A certificate honored by their insurance companies for a driver's discount was given to each participant. Lunch was provided by S. N. Anthony Insurance and David Snell with Farm Bureau Insurance. Participants included, in front, from left, Ruth Hopper, Dewey Arwood, Reba Arwood, and Rosie Lemons; in middle, Phillip Hurt, Jean Taylor, Jean Garrison, Joy Ward, and Dianne Martin; and in rear, Beaton Matthews, Laqunita Stanley, Lois Beard, and Syvelia Winbush, plus, not pictured, Camille Sester.

Rotary Club Speaker



JAMES SMITH, left, vice president of the Halls/Gates Rotary Club, is pictured with Rotarian Martha Crites, right. She presented the program Monday on the Old Washington Historic State Park, located in Washington County, Ark.

Land Transfers

April 13th-April 19th

James W. Sanders and Lisa Gail Sanders to Anna R. Garrett, lot.

Angela Cates Hudson, Michael Eric Cates, Jennie Patricia Cates, Mary Ann Cates Fultz, Robert Louis Cates, Willie Mae Cates Brantley, Maggie Lue Halliburton Whirl and Mary Taylor to Charles Rogers and Mary Rogers, Dist. 12, tract.

Federal National Mortgage Association and Mae Fannie to Richard A. Whitehorn and Vir-

ginia H. Whitehorn, 2 tracts.

Charles S. Cherry, Sr., to Regina King, Dist. 2, lot.

Maxine K. Forsythe to Chris Fleming, Dist. 2, 4.466 acres.

William D. Douglas and Billie Joy Douglas to Neal Crain and Martha Crain, Dist. 2, lot.

James Royce Littles to Jennifer Casey Littles, Dist. 3, lot.

Federal National Mortgage Association and Mae Fannie to Anisha Baldon, Dist. 2, lot.

Presidential Relocation, Inc., to Jerry Vanderpool, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Sandra Larson and Sandra Hunt to Robert L. Bricco and

Spring Sales Tax Holiday

The Department of Revenue is reminding Tennesseans of the Sales Tax Holiday that begins at 12:01 a.m., Friday, April 25th and ends at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, April 27th. Items of sales tax exempt include clothing, school supplies, art supplies, and computers.

To learn more about what items are exempt from sales tax, visit the Sales Tax Holiday website at www.tntaxholiday.com.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Halls Elementary School teachers will share information you can use to help prepare your child for kindergarten from 5 until 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 29th.

HEALTH AND HERITAGE

The Lauderdale County Commission on Aging will host the 15th annual "Health and Heritage Day" from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Friday, May 9th at the Senior Center at 605 Airport Street in Halls. Attendees will experience days-gone-by, vintage music and entertainment, heritage demonstrations, food, classic cars, old-time games, flower exchange, quilts, yard sale, dancing, as well as many healthcare sessions. A barbecue plate lunch and desserts will be available to purchase.

For more information, call 836-5444.

Leann Bricco, Dist. 6, lot.

Henry G. Webb and Frances J. Webb to Matt Bates, Sr., Dist. 3, 0.75 acre.

William Byron Rochelle to Walter T. Durham, Dist. 2, 2 tracts.

Caroline Hanson to Dennis R. Lee and Lynne Lee, Dist. 3, tract.

Lynnwood Shoemaker and Margaret Elder Shoemaker to Larry Braden, Dist. 2, 0.64 acre.

Harbert M. Lee and Rebecca Lee to Summer L. Nichols and

May Nuptials Slated



MARY LEE BALES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bales, of Dyersburg, will marry Troy Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Day, of Coldwater, Miss., at 6 p.m. May 24th in the Magnolia Room, in Memphis, with formal invitations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bales and the late Hazel Bales, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunaway and the late Rowena Dunaway, of Halls.

A 2003 graduate of Halls High School, she is a graduate of the University of Memphis with a bachelor's degree in English and is a graduate student in the College of Education at the U of M.

She is employed by the Memphis Public Library as a staff writer.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harv Kauffman and the late Patricia Bergman, of Birmingham, Ala., and the late Troy W. Day and the late Mary Brown, of Memphis.

A 1994 graduate of Southaven High School, he is a graduate of the Methodist School of Nursing with a registered nursing degree.

Johnny Nichols, Dist. 17, 4.25 acres.

Marriages

April 11 - Larry Hall Jackson, Jr., 42, to Betsy-Laura McAllister Paris, 41, by William D. Cox.

April 15 - Michael Charles Dowell, 18, to Kimberly Ann Goodwin, 18, by Paul Duncan.

April 17 - Samuel Dewayne Johnson, 34, to Ashley Cole Gay Terry, 27, by Noah Gene Spain.

Anniversaries

April 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garrett, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurt.

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

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

April 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kitts.

Yesteryear

In 1899 Curve was atwitter; it was expected that the railroad was about to change the route to miss the town and move the depot. The residents, said to number 500, feared the value of their property would be affected and they would be sorely inconvenienced. To protect themselves, they filed suit in the Chancery Court, asking that the railroad be stopped from carrying out the proposed changes.

Forty-one interested citizens of Curve joined in the suit: John G. Thompson, Sr. and Jr., A. S. Thompson, J. L. Mitchell, G. F. Hendren, Abner Dunavant, W. S. Hendren, F. F. Puryear, J. W. Turner, Mrs. Josie Nixon, N. J. Harward, J. M. Langley, G. A. Nagle, Z. S. Voss, Mary Goodwin, W. F. Keltner, F. M. Sutton, Robert Newman, J. B. Knight, R. F. Harris, T. W. Covington, J. W. Rainey, Anna Haynes, G. O. Keltner, M. B. Henry, Bettie Arnold, R. J. Greaves, R. S. Irwin, T. S. Anderson, J. K. Gains, J. M. Ball, W. J. Goodwin, Mrs. Jennie Deloach, Nancy Partee, E. Chandler, Albert Irwin, Isaac and Slayton Johns, T. B. Latham, all of Lauderdale County; Martha J. Smith of Madison County, and B. A. Craddock of Gibson County.

The original bill of the suit recounted the history of the railroad through the county. The Tennessee General Assembly, it said, granted a charter to the Mississippi River Railroad Company in the session of 1857-8. Then about 1859 or 1860, the route was surveyed, but nothing more was done until Tipton County subscribed \$250,000 in stock in it and Lauderdale County voters approved a bond issue of \$150,000 for it in 1868 or 1869. Lauderdale County had paid over \$400,000 for bonds and interest, and lacked only \$8,000 when the suit was filed.

It was further stated in the bill that in 1872 or 1873 the railroad was built from Memphis to Covington, and on the northern end from Fulton, Kentucky, down to Trimble and was operated at both ends, first under the name of the Mississippi River Railroad Company, next under the name of the Paducah & Memphis Railroad Company, and later under the name of the Memphis, Paducah, and Northern Railroad Company. The heavily-mortgaged railroad defaulted and the U. S. Circuit court foreclosed; in 1881 it became the property of Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern Railroad Company (CO&SW RR Co.). The new owners began working at once to finish the gap between Trimble and Covington, and in June of 1882, the bill said, the railroad was completed through the county.

However, the railroad fell on hard times again, and in 1894 went into receivership. Two years later it was sold to E. H. Harriman, who soon sold it to Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Co., who leased it to the Illinois Central Railroad Company. And that was the state of things in 1899 when the citizens of Curve became concerned.

The CO&SW Railroad Company had established four depots in Lauderdale County when they built the railroad through the county in 1882—one at Henning, Ripley, Flippin and Gates—and some time afterward they built one at Halls. In 1883 they established one at Curve and removed their agent from the Flippin Depot although they still took on and put off passengers and freight there. The litigants maintained that when the railroad established the Curve Depot, it was an invitation to the public to buy property there, build on it, and invest there, and all of them had done so. Now, however, the railroad was preparing to tear up the main track from about a half mile north of Flippin and "as fast as men and money can do it," they were re-routing it to the north and east of Curve. The new road would rejoin the present track about a half mile north of Curve and the railroad company proposed to move the depot from the middle of town to that northward point. That move, the Curve citizens said, would destroy the value of their property and force them to haul their freight and walk a half-mile to take a train while the present location of the depot was close to every business house and residence in the town. Moreover, it would cause a new town to be built near the depot.

The litigants contended that the railroad was obligated to remain on the route first laid out, but the Chancellor thought differently and

Clean Up Day Planned Again

Clean Up Day in Lauderdale County has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26th from 9 a.m. until noon as part of the Keep America Beautiful campaign. The event has been rained out twice earlier. Ripley residents are asked to meet at the court house square in Ripley, and Halls and Henning residents will meet at their city halls. Church or school groups, ball teams, or friends are asked to help clean up the towns and county. Trash will be picked up off the streets, road-sides, and parks. Gar-bage bags will be provided.

YOUTH FISHING RODEO

National Fishing and Boating Week, June 1st - 8th, is designed to introduce people of all ages to the sport of fishing. To celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge is hosting the 18th Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo, Saturday, June 7th. The fishing rodeo will be held at ponds near the refuge headquarters at Walnut Log on Highway 157, one mile off of Highway 22 and is open to kids 12 years old and younger. Registration will begin at 7:15 a.m. with fishing starting at 8 a.m. until noon. Only live bait will be allowed. Hundreds of door prizes, donated by local sponsors, will be given away during the rodeo. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided at no cost while supplies last.

For additional information concerning the fishing rodeo, contact Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge at (731) 538-2481.

dismissed the bill.

Van Griffin's article about Curve in "Lauderdale County from Earliest Times" says a new town did, indeed, grow up around the new track to the east, and that, still later, a third town sprang up with the construction of the Jeff Davis Highway (old U. S. Highway 51). He quoted a lady who reportedly said, "Curve will be a pistol if they ever find out where they want to build it."

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Congressman Honored



CONGRESSMAN JOHN TANNER, right, was presented the "Wise Men and Women" award April 16th from Rachel Klienfeld, left, executive director, of the Truman National Security Project, for his lifetime achievement in building a safer, smarter, and stronger America. A veteran of the United States Navy and the Tennessee National Guard, Tanner serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and a chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. The Truman National Security Project is America's only institute dedicated to developing a new generation of progressive leaders steeped in national security. The award takes its name from President Harry Truman's foreign policy advisors, who were known as the "wise men" of post-war America. Congressman Tanner served as a lieutenant in the Navy from 1968 until 1972. He then entered the Tennessee Army National Guard and retired in 2000 with the rank of colonel. He was elected to Congress in 1988.

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